

Recalling also its resolution 3201 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and its resolution 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

Recognizing the need for an adequate machinery which, through the effective planning and programming of the activities of the organs of the United Nations system, will ensure a higher degree of coherence and co-ordination and thus respond to changing and emerging needs in the field of economic and social development,

Reaffirming the conviction expressed by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 that both short-term and long-term measures for rationalization are required to strengthen the role of the United Nations in international economic and social co-operation,

Recognizing the extraordinarily heavy programme of work facing the Economic and Social Council in general in the years to come and in 1975 in particular, taking into account the follow-up action on the sixth special session of the General Assembly, the World Population Conference, the World Food Conference as well as the forthcoming mid-term review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation and the responsibilities of the Council in connexion with the International Women's Year and the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, as well as with regard to other human rights questions,

Noting that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1907 (LVII) of 2 August 1974, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its organizational session in January 1975 a report containing recommendations for an improvement in the arrangements for meetings of the Council, taking into account the need for a better distribution throughout the year of questions included in the Council's programme of work each year, together with an assessment of the possible financial implications of such measures,

1. *Expresses its conviction* that the Economic and Social Council, in order to discharge all its responsibilities, particularly those of co-ordination, in a satisfactory manner, should reorganize its work in such a way as to enable the Council to face up to the new emerging challenges which require urgent, efficient and well-co-ordinated attention and action on the part of the United Nations system;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the report requested by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1907 (LVII), to make specific recommendations as regards the logistical support that the Council requires in the light of its current workload, including, in addition to the regular sessions of the Council, the possibility of arrangements for meetings of the Council to be convened as necessary throughout the year, together with an analysis of the administrative and financial implications of such arrangements;

3. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, taking fully into account the report of the Secretary-

General referred to in paragraph 2 above, to take at its organizational session for 1975 the necessary action allowing the Council to carry out its work in 1975 in the most efficient way possible, if necessary by convening intersessional meetings;

4. *Further requests* the Economic and Social Council, taking due account of the provisions contained in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1622 (LI) of 30 July 1971, to examine new alternatives for organizing its work, including new approaches to the formulation of its agenda, the consideration of the reports of the subsidiary organs as well as such modifications as may be necessary in the existing pattern of interagency co-operation, and to make provisions for the gradual adaptation of its subsidiary organs to such a new system and to submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session;

5. *Urges* the Economic and Social Council, when undertaking the review referred to in paragraph 12 of Council resolution 1768 (LIV), to streamline its subsidiary machinery, with a view to furthering the achievement of the goals set forth in paragraphs 1 and 4 above.

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3342 (XXIX). Women and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the central theme of the International Women's Year, proclaimed by the General Assembly in resolution 3010 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, is "Equality, development and peace",⁷³

Recalling also the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women set out in its resolution 2263 (XXII) of 7 November 1967,

Recalling further that its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, setting forth the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, is the first instrument to ask for the full integration of women in development and that the International Women's Year in 1975 is the mid-point of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Noting that the programme of concerted international action for the advancement of women set forth in General Assembly resolution 2716 (XXV) of 15 December 1970 initiated policy measures to be taken towards the integration of women in development, setting clear targets to be achieved during the Second United Nations Development Decade in women's education, training, employment, health and maternity protection, and administration and public life,

Noting also that the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific have adopted plans of action addressed to all Governments in their regions requesting the establishment of region-wide programmes to integrate women fully into all phases of development,

Considering that the development process would be enhanced by the fuller participation of women,

Believing that the full and productive use of human resources is a key factor in the promotion of economic and social development,

⁷³ See Economic and Social Council resolution 1849 (LVI), annex, para. 2.

Noting with appreciation that the Conference of the International Women's Year has been scheduled to be held in Mexico City in June 1975,

Considering that further progress towards the full integration of women in development should be assisted by positive action from the United Nations system of organizations,

1. *Calls upon* the United Nations system to provide increased assistance to those programmes, projects and activities which will encourage and promote the further integration of women into national, regional and inter-regional economic development activities;

2. *Recommends* to all organizations concerned within the United Nations system to review their work and personnel programmes in order to assess their impact on the further participation of women in development and their integration in professional and policy-making positions, taking fully into account equitable geographic distribution;

3. *Invites* the United Nations system to lend all necessary co-operation for the preparation and conduct of the Conference of the International Women's Year;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the Conference of the International Women's Year information on the extent to which women participate in programmes sponsored by the United Nations system of organizations;

5. *Invites* Governments which have not already done so to include in their national development programmes those concepts contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women which bear on the full integration of women in the development process;

6. *Invites* Governments and specialized agencies and all other organs and agencies within the United Nations system to co-operate in implementing the objectives set by the present resolution.

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3343 (XXIX). Special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3172 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, by which it decided to convene in 1975 a special session devoted to development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing, respectively, the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, in which the States Members of the United Nations solemnly proclaimed their united determination to work urgently for the establishment of a new international economic order based on equity, sovereign equality, interdependence, common interest and co-operation among all States irrespective of their economic and social systems,

Recalling its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, in which it stated that policy measures should be

viewed in a dynamic context, involving continuing review to ensure their effective implementation and adaptation in the light of new developments,

Further recalling that the results of the World Population Conference, the World Food Conference, the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, other conferences and instruments scheduled or in preparation within the United Nations system, the findings of the multilateral trade negotiations and the results of the reform of the international monetary system as well as the comprehensive draft review of the implementation of the International Development Strategy, the Declaration and the Programme of Action and the results of the preparatory process of the special session itself should contribute to the achievement of the aims of that session,

Endorsing the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1911 (LVII) of 2 August 1974 that the special session should discuss the major themes and problems of the development process and in this context decide on measures designed to bring about the necessary and appropriate changes required in the existing structures and institutions within the United Nations system and consider appropriate changes in the over-all pattern of international economic relations, and taking note that the Council established to this end a preparatory committee,

Recalling that economic and social progress is a responsibility that the whole international community shares and recognizing that the current economic situation of the world calls for renewed dedication to the cause of development,

Stressing the need for early and careful preparation of its special session devoted to development and international economic co-operation,

1. *Urges* Member States to be represented in the special session at a high political level to ensure satisfactory completion of the specific tasks assigned to the special session through successful and concrete results;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, in discharging its over-all responsibilities for the preparation of the special session:

(a) To convene the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Development and International Economic Co-operation, the first session of which shall be short and essentially organizational in nature, not later than March 1975, the second session in June, at which as much as possible of the work should be completed, and a third session thereafter, as required, at an appropriate date;

(b) To organize its work programme so as to ensure final action on the recommendations of the Preparatory Committee;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General as a matter of priority to ensure that the necessary arrangements and facilities are made available to enable the Preparatory Committee to discharge its mandate fully;

4. *Requests further* that the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the executive heads of the other organizations of the United Nations system including, as appropriate, the President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Managing Director of the International