

Noting that the Secretary-General will appoint an Executive Secretary for the International Year of Disabled Persons,⁶⁹

Noting also the relevant parts of the 1978 Report on the World Social Situation,⁷⁰

Taking note of the report of the Advisory Committee for the International Year of Disabled Persons on its first session, held from 19 to 23 March 1979,⁷¹

1. *Decides* to expand the theme of the International Year of Disabled Persons to "Full participation and equality";

2. *Approves* the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee for the International Year of Disabled Persons at its first session, contained in the report of the Secretary-General,⁷² and adopts them as the Plan of Action for the International Year of Disabled Persons;⁷³

3. *Stresses* the pragmatic orientation of the activities of the International Year of Disabled Persons;

4. *Affirms* that the major focus of the International Year of Disabled Persons is at the national level, with supporting activities at the regional and international levels;

5. *Invites* Member States to consider activities at the national level along the lines of the Plan of Action and in ways that are in conformity with the culture, customs and traditions of each country;

6. *Also invites* the relevant specialized agencies and the concerned United Nations bodies to devote special attention to the implementation of the Plan of Action;

7. *Affirms further* that, in the implementation of the Plan of Action, special attention should be given to the disabled in developing countries through the provision of technical assistance, both multilateral and bilateral, for the prevention of disabilities and for rehabilitation;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in this regard, to accord priority to the organization of an action-oriented international symposium of experts on technical assistance in the field of disability and technical co-operation among developing countries, as recommended by the Advisory Committee;⁷⁴

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore the possibilities of continuing the activities of the International Institute for the Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons in Developing Countries and to submit a report in this respect to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

10. *Invites* the Chairman of the Advisory Committee to participate in promoting the observance of the International Year of Disabled Persons, and requests the Secretary-General to provide every means to assist him in this regard, including liaison functions at Headquarters;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the secretariat of the International Year of Disabled Persons with all the resources necessary to follow up the implementation of the Plan of Action, including the public information activities;

⁶⁹ See A/34/158/Add.1, para. 27.

⁷⁰ E/CN.5/557/Add.2 and 3.

⁷¹ A/34/158 and Corr.1, annex.

⁷² *Ibid.*, sect. III.

⁷³ The Plan of Action for the International Year of Disabled Persons adopted by the General Assembly consists of the text appearing in paragraphs 57 to 76 of the annex to document A/34/158 and Corr.1, with the deletion of the phrase following the words "(see subpara. (i) below)" in paragraph 74 (c), of paragraph 74 (u) and of the words following the word "nationally" in paragraph 75 (b).

⁷⁴ See A/34/158 and Corr.1, annex, para. 74 (b).

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to convene a meeting of the Advisory Committee in 1980 to examine the implementation of the Plan of Action and to begin the consideration of a long-term programme of action;

13. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take urgent steps to publicize fully the International Year of Disabled Persons and, in this connexion, to choose an emblem for the Year at the end of 1979;

14. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies concerned to prepare concrete and co-ordinated plans for the International Year of Disabled Persons, to be submitted to the Advisory Committee at its session in 1980;

15. *Invites* the regional commissions of the United Nations and other regional intergovernmental organizations to formulate, as early as possible, their contributions to the activities of the International Year of Disabled Persons;

16. *Stresses* the importance of the active participation of non-governmental organizations, especially organizations of disabled persons themselves, at both the national and international levels, in support of the International Year of Disabled Persons;

17. *Welcomes* the voluntary contributions already made by some Governments to the International Year of Disabled Persons and appeals for further voluntary contributions for the Year;

18. *Invites* Member States to submit national reports to the Secretary-General on their implementation of the Plan of Action and, in particular, to consider elaborating, on the basis of their experiences, national long-term programmes of action in the field of disability;

19. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session an item entitled "International Year of Disabled Persons" and requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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17 December 1979*

34/155. United Nations Decade for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Convention on the Political Rights of Women,⁷⁵ particularly article III thereof, as well as article 3 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,⁷⁶ article 3 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights⁷⁶ and article 5 (c) of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,⁷⁷

Recalling also its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it decided to convene a world conference in 1980, at the mid-term of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, as well as its resolution 33/189 of 29 January 1979 establishing the agenda for the Conference and relating to the organization of its work,

Considering that there can be no genuine and full participation of women in economic and social development unless they are fully involved in the political decision-making process,

⁷⁵ Resolution 640 (VII), annex.

⁷⁶ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁷⁷ Resolution 2542 (XXIV).

Conscious of the inadequacy of the information available from Member States concerning the participation of women in local and national political institutions,

Bearing in mind the importance of equal access to all forms of education and training for men and women to the achievement of a balanced distribution of positions of political and economic responsibility in society,

1. *Calls upon* Member States to ensure, as regards both education and access to public functions of a social, economic, administrative or political character, conditions of equality between men and women and promotion without discrimination;

2. *Requests* the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace to consider, under the general theme "Development", appropriate means of ensuring the more effective participation of women in the planning and policy processes of their Governments and more adequate reflection of their needs and concerns in those processes;

3. *Further requests* the Conference to consider, under the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education", the conditions necessary for ensuring equal access of women and men to positions of responsibility which will enable them to participate in the formulation of national policies in those fields;

4. *Calls upon* Governments to take steps to ensure effective participation of women in the decision-making process with respect to foreign policy and international economic and political co-operation, including steps to ensure that they have equal access to diplomatic functions and that they are represented in the United Nations and other international organizations.

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34/156. Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision of 15 December 1975 that the activities of the voluntary fund for the International Women's Year should be extended to cover the period of the United Nations Decade for Women,⁷⁸

Recalling also its resolution 31/133 of 16 December 1976, containing the criteria and arrangements for the management of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women,

Noting with satisfaction the valuable programme policy developed by the Fund, in accordance with the criteria and arrangements for the management of the Fund, to assist projects in developing countries,

Bearing in mind that in its resolution 31/133 it, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to consult the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the use of the Fund for technical co-operation activities,

Noting with appreciation the new procedures for submission and review of project proposals at the country level, through the resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme,

Noting also with appreciation the expansion of the activities supported by the Fund and the increased co-

operation with the organizations within the United Nations system,

Conscious that the Fund was designed to supplement, through financial and technical support, development activities involving women at the national, regional and global levels, in co-operation with relevant organizations of the United Nations system,

Recognizing the need for all operational activities and regional commissions within the United Nations system to pay increasing attention to including projects for women in their regular programmes,

Recognizing also the necessity of continuing financial and technical support for development activities which respond to the specific needs of women in developing countries and the importance of incorporating, in national and international development planning, policies and programmes aimed at the mobilization and integration of women in development,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women,⁷⁹

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the decisions of the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women during its fifth and sixth sessions;⁸⁰

2. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 3 of resolution 31/133 and with due regard for continuity, to select five Member States, each of which will appoint a representative to serve on the Consultative Committee;⁸¹

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the relevant organs of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Children's Fund, for their invaluable assistance to the ongoing work of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women;

4. *Expresses its desire* to see the activities developed by the Fund continued beyond the United Nations Decade for Women and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to study this question in consultation with the Consultative Committee and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, as well as with other relevant United Nations agencies, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

5. *Decides* that the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women shall continue to be situated at Headquarters;

6. *Decides also* to review its decision at its thirty-sixth session, on the basis of the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General on his consultations with the Consultative Committee, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and other United Nations agencies directly concerned, as well as on the views to be submitted by Member States by 1 June 1981;

7. *Expresses its appreciation* for the voluntary contributions pledged by Member States at the 1979 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities⁸² and appeals to Member States to consider giving or increasing their support to the Fund in order to ensure the availability of resources sufficient to meet rapidly multiplying demands in developing countries;

⁷⁸ A/34/612.

⁸⁰ *Ibid.*, sect. II.

⁸¹ See sect. X.A, decision 34/323.

⁸² See A/CONF.98/SR.1 and 2 and corrigendum.

⁷⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/10034)*, p. 100, items 75 and 76, para. (a).