

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the information activities and to provide the secretariat of the International Year of Disabled Persons with all the resources and personnel necessary for carrying out its work;

10. *Welcomes* the progress already made in the drafting of a long-term world plan of action and approves the procedure and time-scale for its adoption proposed by the Advisory Committee for the International Year of Disabled Persons at its second session;<sup>66</sup>

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene a session of the Advisory Committee in 1981;

12. *Requests* the Advisory Committee to examine the possibilities of continuing the activities of the International Institute for the Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons in Developing Countries in the light of the experience of the International Year of Disabled Persons;

13. *Invites* all heads of State or Government, the President of the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General to issue special messages at the beginning of the International Year of Disabled Persons;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session the item entitled "International Year of Disabled Persons" and, in view of its importance, recommends that this item should be considered by the General Assembly in plenary meeting, in observance of the Year;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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### 35/134. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 34/157 of 17 December 1979, in which it expressed the desire that the consultations concerning the agreement with the Government of the host country would be expeditiously concluded and requested the Secretary-General to consult Member States with a view to nominating the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women as soon as possible,

*Having received* the report of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on its session held at Geneva from 22 to 26 October 1979,<sup>67</sup>

*Having also received* the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>68</sup>

1. *Urges* the Secretary-General to appoint the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, taking fully into account the consultations held with Member States to that end;

2. *Expresses its desire* that the necessary consultations concerning the agreement with the Government of the Dominican Republic will be expeditiously concluded;

<sup>66</sup> A/35/444, annex.

<sup>67</sup> E/1980/23.

<sup>68</sup> A/35/94.

3. *Expresses also its desire* that the Institute will start to function in the Dominican Republic and that its installation in the host country will not be unduly delayed;

4. *Reiterates* the guidelines set out in Economic and Social Council resolution 1998 (LX) of 12 May 1976 regarding the activities of the Institute, in particular the need for close collaboration with the regional institutes which have similar objectives;

5. *Invites* Governments to contribute to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, both financially and in kind;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1981 on the implementation of the present resolution.

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### 35/135. Refugee and displaced women

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the resolutions adopted by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women and the recommendations contained in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace relating to refugee and displaced women,<sup>69</sup> which are of concern to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

*Recognizing* that the problems of refugees and displaced persons affect every continent and place special burdens on developing countries,

*Aware* that the increasingly serious situations of refugees and displaced persons place heavy social and economic burdens on those countries which provide asylum, relief or rehabilitation,

*Noting with great concern* that women and children constitute the majority of refugees and displaced persons in most areas,

*Recognizing* that the needs of refugee and displaced women as mothers and as women who have sole responsibility for the support of their families require constructive recognition by all parties to their relief and rehabilitation,

*Recognizing also* the particular vulnerability of refugee and displaced women to intimidation, exploitation and physical and sexual abuse,

*Aware* that the special problems of refugee and displaced women have to date not been fully studied,

*Strongly emphasizing* the need for increased support from the international community for the large number of refugees and displaced persons,

1. *Requests* all States to co-operate with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in order to assure full protection of the well-being of women and children in particular, in accordance with their fundamental rights under international law and national legislation;

2. *Calls upon* all States and donors providing immediate relief to refugees and displaced persons to en-

<sup>69</sup> See Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I.