Nations Children’s Fund, for their invaluable assistance to the ongoing work of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women;

4. Urges the regional commissions concerned that have not already done so to strengthen their programmes for women from within regular budget resources;

5. Requests all relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to review their financial and technical support activities to assess both the involvement of and the impact on women, and to report to the General Assembly every second year, beginning at the thirty-sixth session, on the results of the reviews and, as appropriate, corrective actions taken;

6. Expresses its appreciation for the voluntary contributions pledged by Member States and appeals to Member States that are in a position to do so 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;

7. Requests the Secretary-General:
   (a) To continue to report annually on the management of the Fund as well as on the progress in the implementation of its activities;
   (b) To continue to include the Fund on an annual basis as one of the programmes of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

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35/138. Expression of appreciation to the Government and people of Denmark on the occasion of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women

The General Assembly,

Taking into account the significance and the results of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, held at Copenhagen from 14 to 30 July 1980,

Expresses its deep appreciation to the Government and people of Denmark for acting as host to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women.

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35/139. Channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/135 of 16 December 1977, in which it adopted guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations,

Recalling its resolutions 33/6 of 3 November 1978 and 34/163 of 17 December 1979, in which it invited Member States, the regional commissions and regional and international youth organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to comment on the guidelines and to offer additional suggestions regarding the further development of those guidelines,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/25 of 2 May 1980 concerning co-ordination and information in the field of youth,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General, 82

Convinced of the need to improve the efforts of the United Nations and the specialized agencies with regard to the participation of youth in achieving the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations,

Equally convinced of the valuable contribution that youth can make in promoting co-operation among States and in implementing the new international economic order and the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 83

Bearing in mind the importance of the existence of channels of communication for the proper information of youth and youth organizations and their effective participation in the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies at the national, regional and international levels,

Convinced that the existence and the proper functioning of channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations form a basic prerequisite for the successful preparation, celebration and follow-up of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

1. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to implement fully, at the world-wide level, the adopted guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth Organizations;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to assist Governments and the regional commissions in the implementation of the adopted guidelines and to promote that implementation at the national and regional levels;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the relevant bodies of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the adopted guidelines at the international, regional and national levels;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General, taking into account the views expressed by Governments either in their replies or in their statements before the General Assembly, to submit to the Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, for adoption, proposals for additional guidelines, consistent with the guidelines already adopted by the Assembly in its resolution 32/135, and on the basis of the draft additional guidelines contained in the annex to its resolution 34/163, as well as the suggestions of the Secretary-General in his reports to the Assembly at its thirty-third, 84 thirty-fourth 85 and thirty-fifth 86 sessions.

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35/140. Status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

The General Assembly,

Considering that one of the purposes of the United Nations, as stated in Articles 1 and 55 of the Charter, is to promote universal respect for human rights and fun-
damental freedoms without distinction of any kind, including any distinction as to sex.

Affirming that women and men should, on a basis of equality, participate in and contribute to the social, economic and political processes of development and should share equally in improved conditions of life,

Recalling its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, by which it adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Recalling also resolution 28 adopted on 30 July 1980 by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women,85

Having noted the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,85

1. Expresses its great satisfaction that, since the adoption by the General Assembly in December 1979 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, seventy-nine Member States have signed the Convention;

2. Notes with appreciation, in particular, that nine Member States have acceded to or ratified the Convention;

3. Invites all States which have not yet done so to become parties to the Convention by signing and ratifying or acceding to it;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session a report on the status of the Convention.

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35/170. Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials

The General Assembly,

Aware of the prominent role that law enforcement officials have to play in the protection of human rights, in particular the right to life, liberty and security of person, and in the prevention and suppression of torture or cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, laid down in articles 3 and 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,87

Recalling its resolution 34/169 of 17 December 1979, in which it adopted the Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials,


Noting the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,89 which in article 5 provides, inter alia, for the duty of States to include the prohibition against torture in the training of competent officials,

Noting with interest the conclusions and recommendations of the Symposium on the Role of the Police in the Protection of Human Rights, organized by the United Nations and held at The Hague from 14 to 25 April 1980,90

Recognizing that a number of Member States already have legal provisions and safeguards which reflect the principles of the Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials,

1. Calls upon all States:

(a) To consider favourably the use of the Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials within the framework of national legislation and practice or directives governing law enforcement agencies;

(b) To make the text of the Code of Conduct available to all law enforcement officials in their own language;

(c) To instruct, in basic training programmes and in all subsequent training and refresher courses, law enforcement officials in the provisions of the national legislations which are connected with the Code of Conduct and other basic texts on human rights;

2. Invites Governments in all regions of the world to consider measures to promote the application of the Code of Conduct, including the organization of symposia on the role of law enforcement officials in the protection of human rights;

3. Invites the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control to study the application of the Code of Conduct on the basis of the information received from Member States, taking into account the recommendations of the national symposia on the role of law enforcement officials in the protection of human rights, and to include the outcome of its considerations in its regular report to the Economic and Social Council.

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The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the importance to all nations of making rapid progress in the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, in view of the significant increase in crime, including new forms of crime, in various parts of the world,

Considering that the phenomenon of crime, through its impact on society, impairs the over-all development of nations, undermines people’s spiritual and material well-being, compromises human dignity and creates a climate of fear and violence that endangers personal security and erodes the quality of life,

Considering that the international community should make concerted, systematic efforts to co-ordinate and stimulate technical and scientific co-operation and policies directed towards crime prevention in the context of political, economic, social and cultural development,

Recalling the responsibility assumed by the United Nations in crime prevention under General Assembly resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950, which was affirmed in Economic and Social Council resolutions 731 F (XXVIII) of 30 July 1959 and 830 D (XXXII) of 2 August 1961, and in the promotion and strengthening

86 A/35/428.
87 Resolution 217 A (III).
88 See A/CONF.87/14/Rev.1, part one. chap. I, sect. B.
89 Resolution 3452 (XXX), annex.
90 ST/HR/SER.A/6, chap. III.