

cluding the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and are not always exempt from discrimination when they are recruited,

Invites Governments in host countries to consider granting, when appropriate and to the extent possible, working permits for spouses accompanying members of diplomatic missions or consular posts and staff members of intergovernmental organizations.

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36/131. 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 fundamental 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 its resolution 35/140 of 11 December 1980,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention,¹⁰⁶

1. *Notes with appreciation* that a significant number of Member States have already ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;
2. *Welcomes with great satisfaction* the fact that, as a result, the Convention entered into force on 3 September 1981;
3. *Notes further* that an important number of Member States have signed the Convention;
4. *Invites* all States that have not yet done so to become parties to the Convention by ratifying or acceding to it;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session a report on the status of the Convention.

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36/132. International campaign against traffic in drugs

The General Assembly,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,¹⁰⁷ and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971,¹⁰⁸

Concerned that, despite national, regional and international efforts, the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances is increasing in many parts of the world,

Recognizing that many States, including those that are not producers or significant consumers of illicit narcotics, are increasingly affected by the international drug traffic,

Bearing in mind that the extensive and increasing abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in many countries is directly linked to the volume of the traffic in illicit drugs into or through such countries,

Convinced that greater control over the production and distribution of narcotic raw materials and the reduction of the demand for illicit narcotics are necessary prerequisites for reducing the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Aware of the links between drug trafficking and organized crime, illegal acquisition of firearms, exchange control violations, customs offences, various forms of criminality and other serious problems of a socio-economic nature,

Affirming the need for increased surveillance and stronger penalties regarding the use of boats, aircraft and other means of transport of any type for illicit traffic in drugs,

Acknowledging that constraints of an economic and technical nature are obstacles in many developing countries to their fight against drug trafficking,

Convinced that any liberalization of national legislation with regard to the illegal possession of and traffic in narcotics will have a negative effect on international efforts to control the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs,

Conscious of the fact that drug abuse and the related trafficking present a threat to the health and social well-being of peoples, particularly youth, and endanger the national security, resilience and future of many countries,

Mindful of the important role of an informed public opinion in the struggle against drug trafficking,

Bearing in mind United Nations programmes related to combating the problem of drug trafficking, in particular the International Drug Abuse Control Strategy,¹⁰⁹

Acknowledging the need for a comprehensive international campaign against traffic in drugs,

1. *Recognizes* the need for an effective international campaign against traffic in drugs in the context of the International Drug Abuse Control Strategy, which would involve activities at the national, regional and international levels, with particular emphasis on, *inter alia*:

(a) The enactment of effective national legislation and the strengthening of existing legislation against drug abuse, wherever necessary;

(b) The strengthening of regional efforts, with due regard to the specific problems and needs of each region;

(c) A review of the situation and needs of those States that are primarily transit States;

(d) The provision of technical and financial assistance to countries, particularly developing countries, whose limited resources are strained by their efforts to implement drug abuse control programmes;

(e) The strengthening of law enforcement efforts and increasing co-operation at the regional and international levels;

(f) A comprehensive information campaign on the hazardous effects of the abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and the dangers of drug trafficking, and on the positive achievements in this regard;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to Member States, relevant bodies of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations for comments and proposals on an effective international campaign against traffic in drugs and to report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

¹⁰⁶ A/36/295 and Add.1.

¹⁰⁷ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.XI.3, p. 13.

¹⁰⁸ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.XI.3, p. 7.

¹⁰⁹ See resolution 36/168 below.