

9. *Invites* the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to continue to provide financial support in the field of aging, particularly for the implementation of the plan of action that would result from the World Assembly on Aging;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-seventh session the item entitled "Question of the elderly and the aged".

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36/21. Crime prevention and criminal justice and development

The General Assembly,

Concerned at the escalation of crime and violence in many parts of the world,

Conscious of the forms and dimensions crime has assumed in the context of socio-economic development, and the increasing difficulties encountered,

Stressing the vital contribution that the United Nations Congresses on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders make to improving the quality of life,

Recalling its resolution 35/171 of 15 December 1980, in which it endorsed the Caracas Declaration, annexed to that resolution, and recommendations relating to the new perspectives for international co-operation in crime prevention in the context of development, adopted by the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, which is one of the principal guarantees for the creation of better conditions so that all peoples may attain a decent life,

Mindful that in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the Assembly declared that the ultimate aim of development was the constant improvement of the well-being of the entire population on the basis of its full participation in the process of development and the fair distribution of the benefits therefrom,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on crime prevention and criminal justice and development;⁴⁵

2. *Reaffirms* that crime prevention and criminal justice should be considered in the context of economic development, political, social and cultural systems and social values and changes, as well as in the context of the new international economic order;

3. *Invites* Member States to intensify efforts to make their criminal justice systems more responsive to changing socio-economic conditions, also through the appropriate development of national forms of social control;

4. *Urges* the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the Secretariat and the United Nations Development Programme to increase their level of support to programmes of technical assistance in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, and to encourage technical co-operation among developing countries;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures for the fullest implementation of the Caracas Declaration and for the appropriate preparation of the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and

the Treatment of Offenders, in close co-operation with all the relevant United Nations bodies, in particular with the regional commissions and the United Nations training and research institutes in crime prevention;

6. *Calls upon* the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, entrusted with the preparation of the United Nations Congresses on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, to give particular attention, in the formulation of the agenda of the Seventh Congress, to current and emerging trends in crime prevention and criminal justice, with a view to defining new guiding principles for the future course of crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of development needs and the goals of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade and a new international economic order, taking into account the political, economic, social and cultural circumstances and traditions of each country and the need for crime prevention and criminal justice systems to be consonant with the principles of social justice;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in reporting to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1982 on the preparatory work for the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, also to take into account the relevant recommendations made by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its seventh session, without prejudice to the existing reporting procedures.

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36/22. Arbitrary or summary executions

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the provisions bearing on capital punishment in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁴⁶ particularly its articles 6, 14 and 15,

Recalling its resolution 2393 (XXIII) of 26 November 1968, in which it invited Governments of Member States, *inter alia*, to ensure the most careful legal procedures and the greatest possible safeguards for the accused in capital cases in countries where the death penalty obtained,

Recalling also its resolution 35/172 of 15 December 1980 on arbitrary or summary executions,

Bearing in mind its resolution 35/171 of 15 December 1980, in which it, *inter alia*, endorsed the Caracas Declaration, adopted by consensus at the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, annexed to that resolution,

1. *Condemns* the practice of summary executions and arbitrary executions;

2. *Strongly deplores* the increasing number of summary executions as well as the continued incidence of arbitrary executions in different parts of the world;

3. *Notes with concern* the occurrence of executions that are widely regarded as being politically motivated;

4. *Urges* all States concerned to respect the minimum standard of legal safeguards referred to in paragraph 1 (a) of General Assembly resolution 35/172;

5. *Again requests* the Secretary-General to use his best endeavours in cases where this minimum standard of legal safeguards appears not to be respected;

6. *Invites* Member States, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and relevant non-

⁴⁵ A/36/442.

⁴⁶ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to answer the Secretary-General's request for their views and observations concerning the problem of arbitrary executions and summary executions;

7. *Requests* the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control to examine the problem of arbitrary executions and summary executions at its seventh session with a view to making recommendations.

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36/28. International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 34/151 of 17 December 1979 and 35/126 of 11 December 1980, by which it decided to designate and observe 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

Recalling also its decision 35/318 of 11 December 1980 on the appointment of the members of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year,

Recognizing the profound importance of the direct participation of youth in shaping the future of mankind and the valuable contribution that youth can make in the implementation of the new international economic order based on equity and justice,

Considering it necessary to disseminate among youth the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, human solidarity and dedication to the objectives of progress and development,

Convinced of the imperative need to harness the energies, enthusiasms and creative abilities of youth to the tasks of nation-building, the struggle for self-determination and national independence, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and against foreign domination and occupation, for the economic, social and cultural advancement of peoples, the implementation of the new international economic order, the preservation of world peace and the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

Emphasizing again that the United Nations should give more attention to the role of young people in the world of today and to their demands for the world of tomorrow,

Recalling the topicality of assessing the needs and aspirations of youth, and reaffirming the importance of current and projected United Nations activities designed to increase the opportunities for youth and for its active participation in national development activities,

Believing that it is urgently desirable to consolidate the efforts of all States in carrying out specific programmes concerning youth and to improve the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the field of youth, including youth exchanges in the cultural, sporting and other fields,

Reaffirming the necessity for better co-ordination of efforts in dealing with specific problems confronting young people and in examining the manner in which those problems are being treated by the specialized agencies and by various United Nations bodies,

Convinced that the preparation and observance in 1985 of the International Youth Year under the motto "Participation, Development, Peace" will offer a useful and significant opportunity for drawing attention to the situation and specific needs and aspirations of youth, for increasing co-operation at all levels in dealing with youth issues, for undertaking concerted action programmes in favour of youth and for involving young people in the study and resolution of major national, regional and international problems,

Confident that the International Youth Year will serve to mobilize efforts at the local, national, regional and international levels in order to promote the best educational, professional and living conditions for young people, to ensure their active participation in the over-all development of society and to encourage the preparation of new national and local policies and programmes in accordance with each country's experience, conditions and priorities.

Recognizing that the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year will contribute to the reaffirmation of the goals of the new international economic order and to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,⁴⁷

Recalling also in this connection its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on the question of guidelines for international years and anniversaries,

Aware that, for the International Youth Year to be successful and to maximize its impact and practical efficiency, adequate preparation and the widespread support of Governments, all specialized agencies, international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the public will be required,

Noting with great satisfaction the interest of Member States, various United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, as well as youth organizations, in the decision to designate and observe 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

Taking note of the report of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year on its first session, held at Vienna from 30 March to 7 April 1981,⁴⁸

1. *Endorses* the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year, as adopted by the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year and contained in the report of the Secretary-General,⁴⁹ bearing in mind that continued review and revision of the Programme should be carried out in the coming years;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to all States, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and regional commissions as well as to the international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with a view to its early implementation;

3. *Invites* all States, all United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, regional commissions and the international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, as well as youth organizations, to exert all possible efforts for the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities, in accordance with their experience, conditions and priorities;

4. *Stresses* the importance of active and direct participation of youth organizations in the activities organized at the local, national, regional and international levels for the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to ensure the proper co-ordination of the implementation and follow-up of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities, including the provision of information;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with Governments of Member States, specialized agencies and all the international bodies and organizations concerned, to prepare for submission to the General Assembly at its thirty-

⁴⁷ Resolution 35/56, annex.

⁴⁸ A/36/215, annex.

⁴⁹ *Ibid.*, sect. IV, decision I (1).