

seventh session, through the Advisory Committee, a progress report on the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene the second session of the Advisory Committee during the second half of 1982, prior to the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly, to provide it with all necessary assistance and to submit to it a progress report on the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities;

8. *Invites* the Advisory Committee to pay particular attention to the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities and, to this end, to submit adequate recommendations to the General Assembly;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take concrete measures, through all the communications media at his disposal, to give widespread publicity to the activities of the United Nations system in the field of youth and to increase the dissemination of information on youth;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures in order to enable the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat to perform its tasks and responsibilities for the adequate preparation and observance of the International Youth Year;

11. *Again appeals* to all States, to international governmental and non-governmental organizations and to the public to make in due time generous voluntary contributions to supplement funds provided under the regular budget of the United Nations for the costs of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities and requests the Secretary-General to take all appropriate measures for obtaining such voluntary contributions;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-seventh session the item entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace" and to grant it high priority.

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36/29. Efforts and measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work

The General Assembly,

Mindful of the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁵⁰ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,⁵¹ and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁵¹

Recalling its resolution 34/151 of 17 December 1979, by which it decided to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

Recognizing the profound importance of the role of youth for the all-round development of each country,

Convinced of the need for further action aimed at the codification and implementation, whenever possible, of the rights of youth with special regard for the right to work, stipulated in article 6 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as one of the fundamental human rights,

Aware of the fact that the unemployment of youth is a hindrance to the full participation of young people in the socio-economic life of their country, limits their ability to participate in the development process and is, furthermore, a source of increased social ills, and in this regard empha-

sizing the importance of secondary and higher education of youth as well as of its access to appropriate technical, vocational guidance and training programmes,

Considering it necessary that States and also international organizations and their bodies should examine in a more comprehensive, systematic and effective manner ways and means to secure the implementation of human rights and their enjoyment by youth, particularly the right to education and to work, aimed at solving the problem of youth unemployment,

1. *Calls upon* all States, in view of the forthcoming International Youth Year, to adopt appropriate legislative, administrative and other measures, for the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work, aimed at solving the problem of youth unemployment;

2. *Appeals* to the respective governmental and non-governmental organizations to pay, during the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year, increased attention to the securing and realization of the basic right of young people to education and vocational training and to work;

3. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, the Commission for Social Development and the Commission on Human Rights, as well as other relevant bodies of the United Nations and specialized agencies, to give continuous attention to the problems of the unemployment of youth and to resolving them;

4. *Requests* the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year to ensure that, in the context of the preparations for the Year, systematic and continuous attention is given to the efforts aimed at the promotion of human rights and their enjoyment by youth, particularly the right to education and vocational training and to work, with a view to resolving the problem of youth unemployment.

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36/30. World Assembly on Aging

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 33/52 of 14 December 1978, in which it decided to convene a World Assembly on Aging in 1982, and 35/129 of 11 December 1980,

Bearing in mind that the number of older people in the world, in both the developed and developing countries, will increase dramatically during the next two decades,

Recognizing that the aging are a valuable human resource as much in the economic and social fields as in the transmission of the cultural heritage,

Emphasizing the great importance of the World Assembly on Aging in addressing the broad spectrum of questions concerning the aging and in helping to formulate policies to deal with these questions,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Advisory Committee for the World Assembly on Aging on its first session, held at Vienna from 17 to 21 August 1981,⁵²

1. *Welcomes* the offer of the Government of Austria to act as host to the World Assembly on Aging;⁵³

2. *Decides* that the World Assembly on Aging will be held at Vienna from 26 July to 6 August 1982;

3. *Decides further* that, subject to the conditions in paragraph 8 below, two days of pre-conference meetings should be held at Vienna immediately before the World Assembly

⁵⁰ Resolution 217 A (III).

⁵¹ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁵² A/36/472, annex.

⁵³ See A/36/357.

on Aging in order to reach agreement on all procedural and organizational matters to be dealt with on the opening day of the Assembly;

4. *Approves*, subject to the conditions in paragraph 8 below, the holding of three simultaneous meetings—plenary meetings and meetings of two Main Committees—for the whole duration of the World Assembly on Aging;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, subject to the conditions in paragraph 8 below, to convene at Vienna two sessions of the Advisory Committee for the World Assembly on Aging, if possible from 1 to 5 February and from 3 to 7 May 1982, in order to finalize the preparations and documentation for the Assembly;

6. *Urges* those countries in a position to do so to make generous voluntary contributions to the Fund for the World Assembly on Aging;

7. *Invites* the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to continue to provide financial support to the preparatory work for the World Assembly on Aging;

8. *Notes* that paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 above will be implemented only to the extent that they can be financed by economies within the direct and apportioned resources requested by the Secretary-General, in section 4 B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983,⁵⁴ or by voluntary contributions which may be or may become available from the Fund for the World Assembly on Aging.

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36/55. Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief⁵⁵

The General Assembly,

Considering that one of the basic principles of the Charter of the United Nations is that of the dignity and equality inherent in all human beings, and that all Member States have pledged themselves to take joint and separate action in co-operation with the United Nations to promote and encourage universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Considering that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights⁵⁶ and the International Covenants on Human Rights⁵⁷ proclaim the principles of non-discrimination and equality before the law and the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief,

Considering that the disregard and infringement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, in particular of the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion or whatever belief, have brought, directly or indirectly, wars and great suffering to mankind, especially where they serve as a means of foreign interference in the internal affairs of other States and amount to kindling hatred between peoples and nations,

Considering that religion or belief, for anyone who professes either, is one of the fundamental elements in his conception of life and that freedom of religion or belief should be fully respected and guaranteed,

Considering that it is essential to promote understanding, tolerance and respect in matters relating to freedom of re-

ligion or belief and to ensure that the use of religion or belief for ends inconsistent with the Charter, other relevant instruments of the United Nations and the purposes and principles of the present Declaration is inadmissible,

Convinced that freedom of religion or belief should also contribute to the attainment of the goals of world peace, social justice and friendship among peoples and to the elimination of ideologies or practices of colonialism and racial discrimination,

Noting with satisfaction the adoption of several, and the coming into force of some, conventions, under the aegis of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies, for the elimination of various forms of discrimination,

Concerned by manifestations of intolerance and by the existence of discrimination in matters of religion or belief still in evidence in some areas of the world,

Resolved to adopt all necessary measures for the speedy elimination of such intolerance in all its forms and manifestations and to prevent and combat discrimination on the grounds of religion or belief,

Proclaims this Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief:

Article 1

1. Everyone shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. This right shall include freedom to have a religion or whatever belief of his choice, and freedom, either individually or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in worship, observance, practice and teaching.

2. No one shall be subject to coercion which would impair his freedom to have a religion or belief of his choice.

3. Freedom to manifest one's religion or belief may be subject only to such limitations as are prescribed by law and are necessary to protect public safety, order, health or morals or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others.

Article 2

1. No one shall be subject to discrimination by any State, institution, group of persons or person on the grounds of religion or belief.

2. For the purposes of the present Declaration, the expression "intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief" means any distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on religion or belief and having as its purpose or as its effect nullification or impairment of the recognition, enjoyment or exercise of human rights and fundamental freedoms on an equal basis.

Article 3

Discrimination between human beings on the grounds of religion or belief constitutes an affront to human dignity and a disavowal of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and shall be condemned as a violation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and enunciated in detail in the International Covenants on Human Rights, and as an obstacle to friendly and peaceful relations between nations.

Article 4

1. All States shall take effective measures to prevent and eliminate discrimination on the grounds of religion or belief in the recognition, exercise and enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms in all fields of civil, economic, political, social and cultural life.

⁵⁴ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session. Supplement No. 6 (A/36/6 and Corr.1).

⁵⁵ See also sect. X.B.4, decision 36/412.

⁵⁶ Resolution 217 A (III).

⁵⁷ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.