

development for review on a cross-organizational basis at its first regular session of 1985,

*Aware* that greater co-ordination and knowledge of activities in this area within the specialized agencies and the regional commissions and by Member States and non-governmental organizations would facilitate an exchange of experience and concepts and be beneficial to all,

*Reaffirming* that within the United Nations system the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat remains the focal point for co-ordination, consultation, promotion and advice on questions concerning women,

*Deeply concerned* that international efforts on behalf of women should keep pace with the increasing efforts towards establishing effective national machineries and mobilizing resources to ensure the integration of women into all stages of planning, monitoring and development activities,

*Noting* that the progress report of the Secretary-General<sup>155</sup> requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 37/57 was submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirtieth session,

1. *Urges* the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other organs, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system which have not yet done so to develop and implement comprehensive policies regarding the concerns of women, both as agents and as beneficiaries, in technical co-operation and development activities and to establish effective review measures to ensure that women are an integral part of these policies and activities;

2. *Requests* the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other organs, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system to ensure continued co-operation and co-ordination with the Commission on the Status of Women beyond the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, in order fully to achieve the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

3. *Endorses* the request of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1984/12 that the Secretary-General should report to the Commission on the Status of Women at each session on all significant developments pertaining to the advancement of women within the United Nations system that have occurred since the preceding session;

4. *Invites* the Commission on the Status of Women to give greater attention at its future sessions to the reports of the Secretary-General pertaining to the integration of women in development, by continuing to include in its agenda a specific item for that purpose, and to submit its comments on his reports to the Economic and Social Council and, as appropriate, through the Council to the General Assembly;

5. *Reaffirms* its resolution 36/127 of 14 December 1981, which provides for the consideration of issues relating to the integration of women in development in all the relevant organs of the General Assembly.

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<sup>155</sup> E/CN.6/1984/4.

<sup>156</sup> See also sect. X.B.1, decision 39/459.

<sup>157</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).

### 39/129. Preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace<sup>156</sup>

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it endorsed, *inter alia*, the action proposals contained in the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,<sup>153</sup>

*Recalling* also its resolution 3490 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, in which it expressed its conviction that a comprehensive and thorough review and appraisal of progress made in meeting the goals of the World Plan of Action was of crucial importance for the success of the Plan and recognized that the results of the implementation of the Plan would contribute to the consideration of the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade<sup>157</sup> and would consequently promote the role of women in the development process,

*Recalling further* that the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade<sup>154</sup> stressed that the important set of measures to improve the status of women contained in the World Plan of Action adopted at Mexico City in 1975, and the important agreed measures relating to the International Development Strategy in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,<sup>158</sup> should be implemented,

*Recalling* its resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, in which it decided to convene in 1985, at the conclusion of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, a World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women,

*Reaffirming* the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, with the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education",

*Recalling also* its resolution 37/60 of 3 December 1982, in which it welcomed the decision of the Economic and Social Council that the Commission on the Status of Women should act as the preparatory body for the Conference,

*Recalling further* its resolution 38/108 of 16 December 1983,

*Having considered* the report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory body for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace on its second session,<sup>159</sup>

*Taking into consideration* Economic and Social Council decision 1984/125 of 24 May 1984,

*Bearing in mind* the request of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1983/28 of 26 May 1983 that the Secretary-General should invite interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council to submit information to the preparatory body for the Conference, including their views on the progress made and the obstacles still to be overcome towards the attainment of the goals of the Decade, as well as their views on priorities and strategies looking to the year 2000,

<sup>158</sup> 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. 1, sect. A.

<sup>159</sup> A/CONF.116/PC/19 and Corr.1.

*Stressing* the importance of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women,

*Bearing in mind* the important role of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory body for the Conference, as well as the need for ensuring the high quality of the documents to be submitted to the Conference,

1. *Reiterates its appreciation* to the Government of Kenya for its offer to act as host to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985;
2. *Urges* all Member States to make all efforts to ensure the success of the Conference;
3. *Takes note* of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory body for the Conference on its second session and endorses the recommendations contained therein, as approved by the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1984;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the preparatory body for the Conference at its third session all the recommendations contained in the reports of each of the regional preparatory meetings;
5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the preparatory body for the Conference at its third session a report containing information from interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with Council resolution 1983/28;
6. *Requests* that the preparatory body for the Conference ensure the high quality of the documents to be submitted to the Conference, which should be distributed at least six weeks before the opening of the Conference;
7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fortieth session the item entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace".

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### 39/130. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* 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 for all without distinction of any kind, including distinction as to sex,

*Affirming* that women and men should participate equally in social, economic and political development, should contribute equally to such 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 resolutions 35/140 of 11 December 1980, 36/131 of 14 December 1981, 37/64 of 3 December 1982 and 38/109 of 16 December 1983,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention,<sup>160</sup>

*Having considered* the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its second and third sessions,<sup>161</sup>

*Noting* that the Committee, in its rules of procedure,<sup>162</sup> decided that it would have summary records and would include Arabic among its official languages and that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1984/8 of 22 May 1984, recommended that the General Assembly should take the necessary steps to ensure the provision and distribution in all official languages of such records,

*Recognizing* the importance of the summary records of bodies established to monitor the implementation of international human rights instruments,

*Noting* that the Committee decided to consider the achievements and obstacles experienced by States parties in the implementation of the Convention as a contribution to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985, and that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1984/8, requested the Secretary-General to assist the Committee therein,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the increasing number of Member States that have ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;
2. *Invites* States that have not yet done so to become parties to the Convention by ratifying or acceding to it;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit annually to the General Assembly a report on the status of the Convention;
4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its second and third sessions and commends the Committee for its work;
5. *Emphasizes* the importance of the strictest compliance by States parties with their obligations under the Convention;
6. *Requests* States parties to make all possible efforts to submit their initial implementation reports in accordance with article 18 of the Convention, bearing in mind the Committee's general guidelines regarding the form and contents of such reports;
7. *Requests* the Committee, in organizing its work, to ensure that the reports of States parties are adequately reviewed within the quadrennial cycle envisaged in the Convention;
8. *Takes note* of the discussion in the Committee concerning the inclusion in the agenda of a future session of an item on the discussion of article 21 of the Convention, specifically the provision that the Committee may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports;<sup>163</sup>
9. *Authorizes* the provision and distribution in all official languages of the United Nations of summary records of the meetings of the Committee and requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to that end;
10. *Invites* the Committee to consider, in the light of this authorization of the provision and distribution of summary records of its meetings on a regular basis, the format and content of its future reports, bearing in mind

<sup>160</sup> A/39/486.

<sup>161</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/39/45), vols. I and II.*

<sup>162</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/38/45), annex III.*  
<sup>163</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/39/45), vol. II, para. 360.*