

Noting the views of the Economic and Social Council, contained in its resolution 1984/57 A of 26 July 1984, particularly paragraph 6 thereof,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning the co-ordination of human settlements programmes within the United Nations system,<sup>41</sup> prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 38/167 B,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. Takes note, in particular, of resolution 7/5 of 9 May 1984 of the Commission on Human Settlements,<sup>42</sup> on the question of a biennial cycle of sessions for the Commission, and again requests the Commission, pursuant to General Assembly decision 38/429 of 19 December 1983 and Economic and Social Council decision 1984/104 of 10 February 1984, to consider adopting a biennial cycle of sessions;
3. Welcomes, in particular, the intention of the Secretary-General to review in the near future the existing arrangements regarding the participation of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) in the work of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in the light of the Centre's mandate and responsibilities and the relevant General Assembly resolutions;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the implementation of its resolutions on this question, taking into account the pertinent comments of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-fourth session.<sup>43</sup>

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### 39/171. International Year of Shelter for the Homeless

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 37/221 of 20 December 1982 and 38/168 of 19 December 1983 on the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980,

Noting with appreciation that over one hundred countries have established national focal points for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless and that national programmes and projects for the Year are already under way in many countries,

Noting also that most of the voluntary contributions pledged to date have been pledged by developing countries and that further voluntary contributions are needed in order to carry out effectively the overall plans endorsed by the General Assembly for the activities before and during the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless,<sup>44</sup>

Bearing in mind the need for Governments to integrate the objectives of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless into their current and future national development plans,

Having considered the conclusions and recommendations of the Commission on Human Settlements contained in its resolution 7/1 of 10 May 1984,<sup>45</sup> and Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/57 B of 26 July 1984 on the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless,

1. Urges all Governments to intensify their activities related to the International Year of Shelter for the Home-

less and in particular to undertake or designate as soon as possible suitable human settlements projects that can serve as demonstration projects in accordance with the guidelines established under the programme for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;

2. Further urges all Governments to initiate a comprehensive assessment of prospects, priorities and resources regarding shelter and settlements, leading to the formulation of national shelter strategies applicable until the year 2000;
3. Expresses its appreciation to those Governments that have already made voluntary contributions and pledges to the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;
4. Appeals to all Governments that have not yet announced voluntary contributions to do so, and to international financial institutions, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide adequate financial and other support for the programme for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;
5. Invites the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, to review their policies and programmes with a view to incorporating and promoting therein activities which serve the objectives of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fortieth session a report on progress achieved in the implementation of the approved programme of measures and activities to be undertaken before and during the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;
7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fortieth session the item entitled "International Year of Shelter for the Homeless".

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### 39/172. World survey on the role of women in development

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 35/78 of 5 December 1980 on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development, in which it, *inter alia*, called for the preparation of a comprehensive and detailed outline for an interdisciplinary and multisectoral world survey on the role of women in overall development,

Recalling also its resolution 36/74 of 4 December 1981, in which it requested the Secretary-General to prepare the survey in close collaboration with the appropriate United Nations organs, organizations and bodies, as well as the relevant national institutions, and to submit the survey in its final form to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session,

Bearing in mind the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the preparation of the survey submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session,<sup>46</sup>

Noting that the survey in its final form will be one of the basic documents at the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade

<sup>41</sup> A/39/547.

<sup>42</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/39/8)*, annex I, sect. A.2.

<sup>43</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 38 (A/39/38), chap. V, sect. A.

<sup>44</sup> See A/38/233-E/1983/74 and Corr.1.

<sup>45</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/39/8)*, annex I, sect. A.1.

<sup>46</sup> A/37/381.