

Taking note of the importance accorded to the question of aging in the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future,²¹ adopted by the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes, held at Vienna from 7 to 15 September 1987,

Convinced that the United Nations Trust Fund for Aging is a valuable mechanism for promoting activities in the implementation of the Plan of Action, and concerned that the resources of the Trust Fund are being depleted without adequate replenishment,

Acknowledging with appreciation the invaluable role played by non-governmental organizations in promoting greater awareness of issues that involve the aging and in advocating measures to implement the Plan of Action,

1. *Reaffirms once again* its endorsement of the International Plan of Action on Aging, and requests the Secretary-General, through the Commission for Social Development, to continue to monitor progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action, particularly through the review and appraisal process requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 37/51;

2. *Invites* Member States to participate actively in the second review and appraisal of the implementation of the Plan of Action;

3. *Welcomes* the establishment in Malta of the International Institute on Aging in pursuance of recommendation 57 of the Plan of Action and of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/41 of 28 May 1987;

4. *Supports* the recommendation made to the Secretary-General by the Commission for Social Development in its resolution 30/1 that, in preparing the medium-term plan for the period 1990-1995, he should give priority to the careful elaboration of practical strategies to implement the Plan of Action by providing fuller co-ordination of aging activities in the United Nations system and maintaining adequate programme budget allocations;

5. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the recommendation made by the Commission for Social Development in its resolution 30/1 that the Secretary-General, in preparing the medium-term plan for the period 1990-1995, should propose a phased implementation of research and policy analysis activities in the field of aging, bearing in mind the work of the specialized agencies;

6. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to convene an informal open-ended *ad hoc* working group at its thirty-first session in order to consider adequately the report of the Secretary-General on the second review and appraisal of the implementation of the Plan of Action and propose to the Commission at its thirty-first session appropriate measures to advance further the cause of the aging;

7. *Considers* that the tenth anniversary of the 1982 World Assembly on Aging should be marked by appropriate follow-up activities in order to maintain awareness on a global level of issues affecting the aging;

8. *Calls upon* those Governments which have not already done so to establish and strengthen national mechanisms in order to promote policies and programmes in the field of aging;

9. *Once again requests* the Secretary-General to respond favourably to the request of the African Regional Conference on Aging, held at Dakar in December 1984,

for assistance in establishing an African gerontological society;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the existing programmes on aging, as well as the United Nations system-wide co-ordination in this field, with the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat serving as the focal point in the United Nations system for activities in the field of aging;

11. *Strongly appeals* to Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute generously to the United Nations Trust Fund for Aging;

12. *Calls upon* the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other funding organizations concerned to continue to support activities relating to the question of aging, in particular by providing assistance for projects that fall within their mandate;

13. *Welcomes* initiatives by non-governmental organizations that encourage the private sector to support the work of the United Nations system in the field of aging by mobilizing resources for implementing the Plan of Action, and in this respect takes note of a proposal for the creation of a world foundation on aging;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session the item entitled "Question of aging".

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30 November 1987

42/52. Efforts and measures for securing the implementation by States and the enjoyment by youth of human rights in conditions of peace, particularly the right to education and to work

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 36/29 of 13 November 1981, 37/49 of 3 December 1982, 38/23 of 22 November 1983, 39/23 of 23 November 1984, 40/15 of 18 November 1985 and 41/98 of 4 December 1986, in which it, *inter alia*, recognized the need to adopt appropriate measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work,

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

Recognizing that in many countries the majority of young people, under prevailing critical social and economic conditions, are facing serious problems in the exercise of their right to education and to work,

Convinced that it is necessary to ensure full enjoyment by youth of the rights stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,² the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights¹³ and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,¹³ with special regard to the right to education and to work,

Aware of the fact that insufficient education and the unemployment of young people limit their ability to participate in the development process, and, in this regard, emphasizing the importance of secondary and higher education for young people, as well as access for them to appropriate technical and vocational guidance and training programmes,

²¹ See E/CONF.80/10, chap. III.

Expressing its serious interest in systematically consolidating and building further on the results of the International Youth Year in order to contribute, *inter alia*, to the increasing active participation of young people in the socio-economic life of their countries,

1. *Calls upon* all States, all governmental and non-governmental organizations, interested United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies to continue to give priority to the formulation and implementation of effective measures for securing the exercise by youth of the right to education and to work, in conditions of peace, with a view to resolving the problem of unemployment among youth;

2. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development, the Economic and Social Council and all other relevant United Nations bodies to give adequate consideration on a regular basis to the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when preparing his interim report on the stage of implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth²² to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-first session, to take account of the implementation by States and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work, so that the Commission may adopt recommendations aimed at a solution to youth unemployment;

4. *Invites* national co-ordinating bodies and bodies implementing policies and programmes in the field of youth to give appropriate priority in the follow-up activities to the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace to the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work.

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42/53. Opportunities for youth

The General Assembly,

Recalling the achievements of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace, in particular the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth,²²

Recalling also its resolution 40/16 of 18 November 1985 on opportunities for youth,

Aware that insufficient education and unemployment of young people limit their ability to participate effectively in the development process, and emphasizing the importance of adequate education of young people and access for them to appropriate technical and vocational guidance and training programmes,

Recognizing that greater awareness should be brought about by Member States in the various sectors of the economy in order to accord the highest priority to the elimination of youth unemployment,

Noting with serious concern the existence of a rapidly growing number of young people in the world, many of whom have never had work, and that with growing unemployment it is becoming increasingly difficult to meet the basic social and economic aspirations of young people,

Noting with appreciation the results of the international competition for youth employment projects, "HOPE '87",

held at Vienna from 28 April to 2 May 1987, referred to in the report of the Secretary-General,²³

Taking note of the establishment at Vienna, with the assistance of the Government of Austria, of an Institute of HOPE '87, for the purpose of promoting the participation of youth in development through income-generating activities, particularly in developing countries, through, *inter alia*, comprehensive data-collection and analyses, the organization of competitions and the provision of technical and financial assistance in the implementation of youth employment projects,

1. *Calls upon* Member States to pay increased attention to the promotion of youth employment through pragmatic measures in all sectors of the economy in order to enable more young people to obtain appropriate education and vocational training, thereby facilitating their integration into social and professional life;

2. *Urges* Member States and governmental and non-governmental organizations to increase, wherever possible, technical co-operation activities with a view to narrowing the gap between the demand for and supply of educational and training opportunities at all levels in developing countries, particularly in the least developed ones, and thus to contribute to the achievement of greater equality of employment opportunities for young people in those countries;

3. *Calls upon* Member States to promote greater awareness of the need to preserve and increase work opportunities for young people, whenever possible, with particular emphasis on equal opportunities for girls and young women;

4. *Further calls upon* Member States to pay increased attention to conditions that will create work opportunities for young people, *inter alia*, by facilitating the realization of income-generating projects for young people;

5. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General explore the possibilities for the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat to support, within the framework of its activities, the work of the Institute of HOPE '87, including, if appropriate, the question of affiliating, on the basis of the relevant regulations of the United Nations, the Institute of HOPE '87 to the Centre, on the understanding that the financial resources for the Institute would be raised exclusively from special voluntary contributions;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his report on youth, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-third session, an account of the work undertaken by the Institute of HOPE '87.

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42/54. Implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolution 40/14 entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace", adopted on 18 November 1985 by the General Assembly acting as United Nations World Conference for the International Youth Year, and its resolution 41/97 of 4 December 1986,

²² See A/40/256, annex.

²³ See A/42/595, paras. 77-80.