

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.

85th plenary meeting
30 November 1987

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.

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General submitted on the basis of its resolution 41/97,²⁴

1. Takes note of the conclusions contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth;²²

2. Calls once again upon all States, all United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, in particular youth organizations, to continue to exert all possible efforts for the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth, in accordance with their experience, conditions and priorities, and to submit to the Secretary-General their views and proposals on the specific ways and means to implement fully the guidelines;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to promote intensively the inclusion of youth-related projects and activities in the programmes of the United Nations bodies and of the specialized agencies, specifically on such themes as communication, health, housing, culture, youth employment and education, and to monitor closely their implementation by using the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs as a focal point;

4. Urges, in this context, all Member States to take the necessary measures, in co-operation with United Nations agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, in particular youth organizations, to strengthen their focus on youth programmes and policies;

5. Stresses again the importance of the active and direct participation, in accordance with the right to freedom of association, of youth and youth organizations at all stages of implementation of the projects and activities organized at the local, national, regional and international levels in the field of youth;

6. Invites Governments again to consider the regular inclusion of youth representatives in their national delegations to the General Assembly and other relevant United Nations meetings;

7. Emphasizes the importance of improving the active use of the channels of communication between the United Nations system and youth organizations, at both the national and international levels;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth on the basis of the deliberations of the Commission for Social Development in February 1989 and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session under the item entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth";

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session the item entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth" and to review, in this framework, the implementation of the present resolution, on the basis of a substantive report of the Secretary-General, paying particular attention to paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

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42/55. Channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/135 of 16 December 1977 and 36/17 of 9 November 1981, in which it adopted guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, as well as its resolution 41/99 of 4 December 1986,

Bearing in mind the importance of the existence of effective channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations as a necessary instrument for the information of young people and their participation in the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies at the national, regional and international levels, and also for informing the United Nations of the problems facing youth with a view to finding solutions to such problems,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Policies and programmes involving young people: Participation, Development, Peace", in particular the section dealing with the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations,²⁵

Convinced that the effective and efficient functioning of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations at the national, regional and international levels forms a basic prerequisite for the adequate information of young people and their active involvement in the work of the United Nations,

Convinced also of the importance for youth and youth organizations of freedom of association, in accordance with the relevant national legislation, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights² and other international human rights instruments, so as to enable them to participate in the United Nations system and to act effectively as channels of communication,

Convinced further that the participation of youth representatives from Member States in international conferences and meetings dealing with youth-related issues, wherever appropriate, can enhance and strengthen the channels of communication through the discussion of such issues, with a view to finding solutions to problems confronting youth in the contemporary world,

Recognizing that the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth²² provide a constructive framework for a long-term strategy in the field of youth,

Bearing in mind the important role that non-governmental youth organizations can play in co-operation with United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies in solving the problems of young people,

1. Calls upon Member States, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other governmental and intergovernmental organizations to implement fully the guidelines relating to the channels of communication adopted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 32/135 and 36/17, not only in general terms but also by concrete measures that take into account the issues of importance to young people;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue in this respect to make use at the national, regional and international levels of the already existing structures of co-operation between youth and the United Nations system in accordance with the additional guidelines for the im-

²⁴ A/42/595.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, sect. VII.