

*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 youth<sup>22</sup> 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,<sup>22</sup>

*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,<sup>23</sup>

*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,

<sup>22</sup> See A/40/256, annex.

<sup>23</sup> See A/42/595, paras. 77-80.