

4. *Considers* that such co-operation should continue to be a major focus of activities of the United Nations in accordance with the principles of the Charter;

5. *Calls upon* Member States, in elaborating their national policy in the field of social development, to take into consideration the importance of achieving social justice for all.

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42/50. National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress

The General Assembly,

Guided by the desire to promote a higher standard of life, full employment and conditions for economic and social progress and development,

Recalling its resolutions 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, as well as its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling also its resolutions 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, 31/38 of 30 November 1976, 36/19 of 9 November 1981, 38/25 of 22 November 1983 and 40/23 of 29 November 1985, in which it reaffirmed the importance for every State to carry out fundamental social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress and the necessity of studying national experience in this field,

Taking note with concern of the findings on the economic and social situation in many parts of the world, contained in the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Highlights of the world social situation 1987: recent developments and current issues",¹⁶

Desirous of securing the speedy and complete removal of major obstacles to the economic and social progress of peoples, as defined in the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,¹⁴

Taking note of the proposal of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to act as host to an interregional seminar on the national experience of developing and developed countries in carrying out far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress, as called for in paragraph 3 of resolution 38/25,

1. *Reaffirms* that further exchange of national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress would contribute to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress;¹⁷

3. *Appreciates* that the Secretary-General is making arrangements to hold, in 1988, the interregional seminar called for in paragraph 3 of resolution 38/25, within the resources allotted to the programme for sectoral and regional advisory services;

4. *Invites* Member States to submit to the Secretary-General reports on their national experience in carrying

out far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with Member States, a report on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress, taking into account the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 36/19, 38/25 and 40/23, and to submit it to the Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council;

6. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council to consider at their next sessions the question of national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fourth session the item entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress".

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42/51. Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging and related activities

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/51 of 3 December 1982, by which it endorsed the International Plan of Action on Aging, adopted by consensus by the World Assembly on Aging,¹⁸

Reaffirming its resolution 40/29 of 29 November 1985, in which it stressed the importance of the United Nations Trust Fund for Aging in assisting Member States, in particular developing countries, in formulating and implementing policies and programmes on aging,

Reaffirming further its resolution 40/30 of 29 November 1985, in which it expressed its conviction that the elderly must be considered an important and necessary element in the development process at all levels within a given society, and reaffirming also that developing countries, in particular, need assistance in order to implement the Plan of Action,

Reaffirming its resolution 41/96 of 4 December 1986, in which it urged Governments to intensify their efforts, within the context of their own national priorities, cultures and traditions, to implement the recommendations contained in the Plan of Action,

Taking note of Commission for Social Development resolution 30/1 of 4 March 1987¹⁹ relating to the preparation by the Secretary-General of the medium-term plan for the period 1990-1995,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the question of aging,²⁰

Recognizing the importance of the second review and appraisal of the implementation of the Plan of Action, which will be undertaken by the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-first session, in 1989,

¹⁸ See *Report of the World Assembly on Aging, Vienna, 26 July-6 August 1982* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.16), chap. VI, sect. A.

¹⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 7 (E/1987/20)*, chap. I, sect. D.

²⁰ A/42/567.

¹⁶ See E/CN.5/1987/2.

¹⁷ A/42/57-E/1987/8.

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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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.