

**44/66. Monitoring of information on effective measures and alternative methods of implementing the plans, strategies and programmes of action in the social field at the national level**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered the 1989 Report on the World Social Situation,<sup>30</sup>*

*Recalling its resolutions 37/51 of 3 December 1982, in which it endorsed the International Plan of Action on Aging,<sup>49</sup> 37/52 of 3 December 1982, in which it adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,<sup>50</sup> 40/14 of 18 November 1985, in which it endorsed the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth,<sup>34</sup> 40/32 of 29 November 1985, in which it approved the Milan Plan of Action,<sup>51</sup> and 40/108 of 13 December 1985, in which it endorsed the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>52</sup>*

*Recalling also its resolution 42/125 of 7 December 1987, in which it endorsed the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future,<sup>29</sup>*

*Aware that much remains to be done at the national level to achieve the full realization of the principles and objectives contained in those major documents adopted at the international level,*

*Convinced of the need to study effective measures and alternative methods of implementing the above-mentioned plans, strategies and programmes of action,*

*Recognizing that, in addition to material and technical assistance, both committed leadership and self-reliance of people for effective popular participation are required for mobilization to action in the social field,*

*Considering that sustained co-operation and regular dialogue are necessary between leaders and people and among citizens themselves in order to foster social change,*

1. *Recognizes* the need for Member States to select their own specific social priorities;

2. *Emphasizes* that national leaders need commitment and political will in order to realize in concrete terms, at the national, local and grass-roots levels, the provisions of the plans, strategies and programmes of action approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 37/51, 37/52, 40/14, 40/32 and 40/108;

3. *Reaffirms* that non-governmental organizations and individual citizens require the qualities of self-reliance and initiative in order to undertake their own programmes and projects;

4. *Recognizes* the need for Governments, non-governmental organizations and citizens to co-operate effectively with each other in undertaking social development programmes, notably with regard to social welfare policies, youth, the elderly, the advancement of women

and disabled persons, as well as crime prevention and criminal justice;

5. *Stresses* the need to formulate at the national level innovative, effective and viable measures for social development in the face of limited budgetary allocations for social issues and diminishing natural resources;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, in particular, to include on a regular basis in their reports on social issues more information on ways and means of fully implementing the above-mentioned plans, strategies and programmes of action at the national, local and grass-roots levels, stressing, *inter alia*, the attitudes and values that leaders and citizens need to adopt in order to achieve social goals despite limited resources, effective methods that can be used on a larger scale at the national level and adopted in other countries, and methods of co-operation and networking at the international level aimed at assistance in the implementation of plans of action at the national level.

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**44/67. Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging and related activities**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling its resolution 43/93 of 8 December 1988,*

*Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the second review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging conducted by the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-first session,<sup>53</sup>*

*Taking note with interest of the priorities identified and recommendations made in the second review and appraisal of the implementation of the Plan of Action,*

*Noting with appreciation the renewed momentum of the United Nations programme on aging but deeply regretting the proposed cut in the resources under section 8, subprogramme 7 (Aging), of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991,<sup>54</sup>*

*Aware of the need of the developing countries for technical assistance and expert advice in the field of aging,*

*Reiterating the appeal made to the Secretary-General in its resolution 43/93 to maintain and strengthen the existing programmes on aging and to strengthen the United Nations system-wide co-ordination of policies and programmes on aging, with the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat continuing in its role as focal point in the United Nations system for activities relating to aging,*

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the question of aging;<sup>55</sup>

2. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/50 of 24 May 1989;

3. *Also endorses* the draft programme of United Nations activities relating to the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Aging, in 1992, as contained in annex II to Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/50;

<sup>49</sup> 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.

<sup>50</sup> A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr. 1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).

<sup>51</sup> See *Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Milan, 26 August-6 September 1985: report prepared by the Secretariat* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.1), chap. I, sect. A.

<sup>52</sup> *Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

<sup>53</sup> E/1989/13.

<sup>54</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1)*, vol. I.

<sup>55</sup> A/44/420 and Add.1.