

2. *Recommends* that the Declaration be taken into account in the formulation of the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade and in the implementation of programmes of international action to be carried out during the decade;

3. *Recommends also* that the international organizations concerned with development continue to use the provisions of the Declaration, which is an important United Nations document, in formulating strategies, programmes and international instruments aimed at social progress and development;

4. *Urges* the Secretary-General to carry out the activities indicated in the annex to its resolution 42/48 in order to ensure the successful observance of the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration;

5. *Reiterates its invitation* to all States that have not yet done so to transmit to the Secretary-General their views and comments pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 5 of its resolution 42/48;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the next report on the world social situation a special section dealing with the activities carried out in pursuance of the present resolution;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session an item entitled "Twenty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development".

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#### 44/58. National experience in promoting the co-operative movement

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2459 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, 31/37 of 30 November 1976, 33/47 of 14 December 1978 and 36/18 of 9 November 1981, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 1983/15 of 26 May 1983, 1985/22 of 29 May 1985 and 1987/47 of 28 May 1987,

*Aware* of the ongoing work to elaborate the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade,

*Bearing in mind* that co-operatives in their different forms are becoming an indispensable factor of economic and social development in all countries, especially the developing countries,

*Noting* that co-operatives are called upon to help to ensure the fullest possible participation in the development process of all population groups, including women, youth, disabled persons and the aging, and to contribute to the implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future,<sup>29</sup>

*Having in mind* the recent widespread reassessment by Governments of the status of co-operatives and their role in enhancing economic and social development,

*Convinced* that the sharing among countries of national experience relating to the active involvement of co-operatives in the development process is acquiring increasing importance in the light of new trends in the approach to co-operatives,

1. *Commends* the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement;<sup>33</sup>

2. *Invites* all States, the regional commissions and the specialized agencies concerned to make further efforts with a view to promoting the co-operative movement as an important instrument of economic and social development, thus contributing to the implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow closely national experience in promoting co-operatives and to encourage all forms of international co-operation, in collaboration with interested Governments, governmental and non-governmental organizations, as an important part of the social development strategy;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States and relevant organizations of the United Nations system, to prepare a report on the status and role of co-operatives in the light of new economic and social trends and to submit it, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

5. *Decides* to consider a question entitled "Co-operatives and new trends in socio-economic development" at its forty-seventh session as a sub-item of the item entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress".

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#### 44/59. Policies and programmes involving youth

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 43/94 of 8 December 1988,

*Recalling also* its resolution 40/14 entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace", adopted on 18 November 1985 by the General Assembly acting as the United Nations World Conference for the International Youth Year, by which the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth<sup>34</sup> were endorsed, and its other relevant resolutions,

*Recalling further* its resolutions 32/135 of 16 December 1977 and 36/17 of 9 November 1981, by which it adopted guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, and its other relevant resolutions,

*Recalling* its resolution 40/16 of 18 November 1985 entitled "Opportunities for youth" and its other relevant resolutions,

*Recalling also* its resolution 36/29 of 13 November 1981 and its subsequent resolutions 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,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>35</sup> submitted in accordance with resolution 43/94,

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

*Expressing its serious interest* in systematically consolidating and building further on the results of the Inter-

<sup>33</sup> A/44/79-E/1989/8.

<sup>34</sup> See A/40/256, annex.

<sup>35</sup> A/44/387.

national Youth Year in order to contribute to the increasingly active participation of young people in the political and socio-economic life of their countries,

*Convinced* of the importance of making the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations more effective and efficient as a means of providing adequate information on young people and of encouraging their active participation in the United Nations system at the national, regional and international levels,

*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 and that insufficient education and unemployment of young people limit their ability to participate effectively in the development process and impede their full integration into society,

*Emphasizing* that the suitable education of young people, which equips them with proper and up-to-date skills and qualifications, prepares them for entering the labour market at a level commensurate with their skills,

*Noting* that the year 1990 will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the proclamation by the General Assembly, in its resolution 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965, of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples,

1. *Calls upon* all States, all United Nations bodies, in particular the Economic and Social Council through the Commission for Social Development, the specialized agencies and 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;

2. *Appeals* to all States to adopt effective measures, in accordance with their legislations, particularly in the fields of teaching and education, culture and information, in order to strengthen and promote among nations and, primarily, among youth understanding, mutual respect and friendship, for further progress towards an international climate free of mistrust and discord;

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

4. *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;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to organize a meeting, from extrabudgetary resources if necessary, between United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies concerned and non-governmental youth organizations to discuss the problems of existing channels of communication between the United Nations system and youth organizations with a view to improving those channels and establishing effective structures of communication and co-operation between youth and the United Nations;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to develop methods that indicate specifically how the channels of

communication could efficiently be attuned to youth-related projects and activities of the United Nations organs and of the specialized agencies, and to include in a report on the implementation of the present resolution, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, concrete suggestions for co-operation between the United Nations system and the non-governmental youth organizations;

7. *Calls upon* youth mechanisms that have been set up by youth and youth organizations at the national, regional and international levels to continue to act as channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations by putting forward their proposals for co-operation with the United Nations system and, where such mechanisms do not exist, recommends that national co-ordinating committees of the International Youth Year should continue to act as channels of communication;

8. *Calls upon* all States, all governmental and non-governmental organizations, interested United Nations bodies, in particular the Economic and Social Council through the Commission for Social Development, and 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, with a view to resolving the problem of unemployment among youth;

9. *Calls upon* Member States to enable young people to obtain a proper and up-to-date education and to pay increased attention to the promotion of the employment of youth in all sectors of the economy, thereby facilitating their integration into social and professional life;

10. *Stresses* the importance for youth and youth organizations of freedom of association, in accordance with relevant national legislation, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>4</sup> the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights<sup>5</sup> and other relevant international human rights instruments, that would make possible their active and direct participation at all stages of implementation of the policies, projects and activities organized at the local, national, regional and international levels in the field of youth;

11. *Emphasizes* that providing education and employment to each young person is a worthy goal for all States and should serve the full development of the human being, which can best be ensured by countries that respect the fundamental rights and freedoms of everyone;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to explore the possibilities for a linkage between the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and the Institute of HOPE '87, referred to in his report,<sup>36</sup> taking into account the importance of that Institute for promoting, technically and financially, income-generating youth employment projects;

13. *Again invites* Governments to include youth representatives in their national delegations to the General Assembly and other relevant United Nations meetings and international conferences dealing with youth-related issues, thus enhancing and strengthening the channels of communication through the discussion of such issues, with a view to finding solutions to the problems confronting youth in the contemporary world;

14. *Invites* Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute generously to the United Nations Youth Fund, in order to enable it to

<sup>36</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. X

continue its mandated role and to contribute effectively to the needs of developing countries in the field of youth;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to include the United Nations Youth Fund among the programmes for which funds are pledged at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

16. *Also 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 and to include therein a draft programme of action to mark the tenth anniversary of the International Youth Year and to submit the report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council;

17. *Decides* to consider the item entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth" at its forty-fifth session on the basis of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### **44/60. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 42/65 of 30 November 1987 and taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/43 of 24 May 1989,

*Taking note with satisfaction* of the report of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its activities,<sup>37</sup>

*Recognizing* that research, training and information activities relating to women and development, the three main components of the programme of work of the Institute, have been further strengthened, thus reflecting the current trends with regard to mainstream developmental changes benefiting women and society,

*Convinced* that networking, the mode of operation of the Institute, has been consolidated by co-operative arrangements with organizations within and outside the United Nations system and that this could strengthen interaction between regions and countries with a view to integrating the participation and needs of women into mainstream development,

1. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the significance and scope of the activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and at the special importance attached to research, training, information, documentation and communication activities relating to women and development in order to contribute to the design of mainstream developmental policy;

2. *Notes with appreciation* that the Institute, in consultation with bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, has launched a new research programme for the elaboration of special methodologies for the monitoring and evaluation of programmes and projects for women, as requested in resolution 42/65;

3. *Requests* the Institute to continue its research on the contribution of women to development, including the work of women in the informal sector of the economy, and the elaboration of special methodologies for the monitoring and evaluation of programmes and projects for women, and to intensify its efforts to apply innovative

training strategies with a view to strengthening national training capabilities, particularly in developing countries;

4. *Commends* the Institute for the priority that it has assigned to co-operation with the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, and welcomes the ongoing consultations between the regional commissions and the Institute with a view to launching parallel activities relating to women and development;

5. *Notes* that in 1990 the Institute will observe the tenth anniversary of its establishment;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Governments and organizations that have contributed to or supported the activities of the Institute, thus expanding the scope of its research, training and information programmes relating to women and development;

7. *Renews its invitation* to States as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, so as to ensure that the Institute has the necessary resources to continue its research, training and information programmes, which are still of vital importance for the elaboration of improved methodological criteria relating to women and development;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on the activities of the Institute;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women".

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#### **44/61. Development of public information activities in the field of human rights**

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* that activities to improve public knowledge in the field of human rights are essential to the fulfilment of the purposes of the United Nations set out in Article 1, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations and that carefully designed programmes of teaching, education and information are essential to the achievement of lasting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

*Recalling* the resolutions adopted on this subject, in particular its resolution 43/128 of 8 December 1988, and taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1989/53 of 7 March 1989,<sup>2</sup>

*Recognizing* the catalytic effect of initiatives of the United Nations on national and regional public information activities in the field of human rights,

*Recognizing also* the valuable role that non-governmental organizations can play in those endeavours,

*Believing* that the World Public Information Campaign on Human Rights is a valuable complement to the activities of the United Nations further to promote and to protect human rights world-wide,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the development of public information activities in the field of human rights,<sup>38</sup>

<sup>37</sup> A/44/416, annex.

<sup>38</sup> A/44/660 and Add.1