

of the International Women's Year" and an item entitled "Status and role of women in society, with special reference to the need for achieving equal rights for women and to women's contribution to the attainment of the goals of the Second United Nations Development Decade, to the struggle against colonialism, racism and racial discrimination and to the strengthening of international peace and of co-operation between States".

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3277 (XXIX). Consultative Committee for the Conference of the International Women's Year.⁵⁹

The General Assembly,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1851 (LVI) of 16 May 1974, in which the Secretary-General was requested to convene, in consultation with Member States, specialized agencies and interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, an international conference during the International Women's Year, in 1975,

Realizing the importance of consultations, at the highest possible level, for the preparation of the Conference of the International Women's Year,

1. *Expresses the hope* that the preparation of the Conference of the International Women's Year will be given the full attention which it warrants, having regard to the importance of the question;

2. *Decides* to establish a Consultative Committee for the Conference of the International Women's Year composed of not more than twenty-three Member States designated by the Chairman of the Third Committee after consultation with the different regional groups, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution;⁵⁹

3. *Expresses the hope* that the Consultative Committee will be comprised of highly qualified individuals designated by their respective Governments;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene the Consultative Committee not later than March 1975 at United Nations Headquarters, for a period not exceeding ten working days, to advise him on the preparation of an international plan of action to be finalized by the Conference;

5. *Decides* that all the costs of convening the Consultative Committee, including the travel expenses of its members, will be met from the fund for voluntary contributions for the International Women's Year established under Economic and Social Council resolution 1850 (LVI) of 16 May 1974;

6. *Appeals* to Member States to make, in so far as it lies within their power, voluntary contributions to the above-mentioned fund in order to meet the necessary financial implications for the convening of the Consultative Committee;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a draft international plan of action in time to be considered by the Consultative Committee and to submit a progress report on the preparation of the Conference

to the organizational session of the Economic and Social Council in January 1975.

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At the 2311th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1974, the President of the General Assembly announced that the Chairman of the Third Committee, in pursuance of paragraph 2 of the above resolution, had designated the members of the Consultative Committee for the Conference of the International Women's Year.

As a result, the Consultative Committee is composed of the following Member States: AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, FRANCE, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, INDIA, IRAN, JAMAICA, JAPAN, JORDAN, MEXICO, NIGER, PHILIPPINES, ROMANIA, RWANDA, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, SWEDEN, TUNISIA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and VENEZUELA.

3278 (XXIX). Contributions to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3145 (XXVIII) and 3146 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973,

Realizing that drug abuse control is a long-term problem the resolution of which requires sustained international action,

Recognizing that the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control was established to provide the international community with a means to assist in undertaking the required action to eliminate illicit drug supply, trafficking and demand,

Noting that the Fund, which has already undertaken many useful programmes, requires larger resources in order to respond affirmatively to requests from Governments for assistance,

Urgently appeals to Governments for generous and sustained contributions to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control.

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3279 (XXIX). Abuse of and illicit traffic in narcotic drugs

The General Assembly,

Noting with concern that the abuse of and illicit traffic in narcotic drugs have transcended national boundaries and affect the well-being and health of mankind as a whole,

Mindful of the dangers of the increasing abuse of psychotropic substances and the greater volume of the illicit traffic in these substances, as well as of various narcotic drugs,

Recalling with appreciation the activities of the International Narcotics Control Board and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in this matter,

Appealing for global participation in all efforts to stop the abuse of and the illicit traffic in those drugs,

Reaffirming that the misuse of narcotic and psychotropic substances presents an actual as well as a potential danger to the health and future of mankind, especially that of youth,

⁵⁹ See also p. 95, item 12.

1. *Calls* for more extensive and effective co-operation among nations directly concerned, in order to wage an all-out effort against the abuse of and illicit traffic in narcotic drugs;

2. *Notes* that unincised poppy cultivation and the use of the straw process for harvesting have been welcomed by the United Nations as one of the means of production, depending on the social and economic considerations of different countries, which lends itself to more effective control of illicit traffic when accompanied by efficient and effective enforcement procedures;

3. *Invites* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to remain seized of the technical and economic aspects of the poppy straw process;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Division of Narcotic Drugs, to provide the necessary financial and technical assistance from the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control to those countries which require it in order to establish and develop the poppy straw process and other techniques of control of illicit traffic;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to consult with the United Nations Development Programme and the international financial institutions to that effect, which will make possible a more effective fight against the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs.

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Other decisions

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(Item 12)

At its 2311th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1974, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,⁶⁰ decided that the Chairman of the Third Committee should be invited to participate as an observer in the work of the Consultative Committee for the Conference of the International Women's Year, on the understanding that the costs for this participation would be met from the fund for voluntary contributions for the International Women's Year.⁶¹

Freedom of information

(Item 57)

At its 2311th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1974, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,⁶² decided to include in the provisional agenda of its thirtieth session the item entitled "Freedom of information".

Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

(Item 58)

At its 2311th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1974, the General Assembly took note of the understanding set forth in paragraph 8 of the report of the Third Committee,⁶³ relating to paragraph 4 of resolution 3270 (XXIX).

United Nations conference for an international convention on adoption law

(Item 61)

At its 2311th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1974, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,⁶⁴ decided to include in the

⁶⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document A/9829/Add.1, para. 38.

⁶¹ See resolution 3277 (XXIX).

⁶² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 57, document A/9934, para. 9.

⁶³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 58, document A/9938.

⁶⁴ *Ibid.*, agenda item 61, document A/9935, para. 5.