

Recognizing the necessity of consolidating the efforts of all States in carrying out specific programmes concerning youth,

Noting the wide variety of proposals that have been made to the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to improve channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations and to ensure the active participation of young people in all stages of development at the local, national and international levels,

Believing that it is urgently desirable to consolidate the efforts of the United Nations concerning the situation, needs and aspirations of youth into specific, practical and effective means of bringing about such objectives,

Affirming the importance of current and projected United Nations activities designed to increase opportunities for youth to be integrated into development activities and to assess the needs and aspirations of youth, including, *inter alia*, publications designed to disseminate information on programmes of youth participation in development, co-operative arrangements with institutions engaged in youth research, and the preparation of studies on youth organizations and the training of youth workers,

Convinced that an international youth year could usefully serve to mobilize efforts at the local, national, regional and international levels in order to promote the best educational, professional and living conditions for young people to ensure their active participation in the over-all development of society and to encourage the preparation of new national and local policies and programmes in accordance with each country's experience,

1. *Invites* all States to make known their views concerning the proclamation of an international youth year and to send their proposals and observations in this regard to the Secretary-General before 1 July 1978;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report containing the views of Member States on the proclamation of an international youth year and to propose possible ways and means for the observance of such a year;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a brief synopsis of the legislative history and programme activities of the United Nations in the field of youth since 1965, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session for further discussion;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-third session the item entitled "Policies and programmes relating to youth" and to grant it the highest priority, due consideration being given to the idea of proclaiming an international youth year at that session.

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32/135. Channels of communication with youth and youth organizations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 31/131 and 31/132 of 16 December 1976 and Economic and Social Council resolution 2078 (LXII) of 13 May 1977,

Convinced of the need to improve the efforts of the United Nations with regard to the participation of youth in achieving the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations,

Convinced also of the valuable contribution that youth can make in promoting co-operation among States and in the implementation of the new international economic order based on equity and justice.

Bearing in mind the importance of the existence of the channels of communication and of practical and effective opportunities for youth and youth organizations to participate in the work of the United Nations at the national, regional, interregional and international levels,

1. *Adopts* the guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations contained in the annex to the present resolution;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution, together with its annex, to all Member States, regional commissions and regional and international youth organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Invites* Member States to communicate the substance of the present resolution and its annex to national youth organizations and ask for their comments and suggestions;

4. *Invites* Member States and the regional commissions to comment upon the guidelines contained in the annex to the present resolution and to offer additional suggestions regarding the further development of these guidelines;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake the necessary action for the implementation of the guidelines, in particular through:

(a) Joint consultations with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme concerning the youth activities dealt with in the guidelines;

(b) The interagency task force drawn from the secretariats of the United Nations and the specialized agencies directly concerned with youth policies and programmes, established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2078 (LXII);

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session a report on comments and suggestions offered by Member States and regional commissions relating to the guidelines contained in the annex to the present resolution and on the progress achieved in their implementation with specific, action-oriented recommendations for the further development of the guidelines and of the co-operation between the United Nations system and national and international youth organizations.

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ANNEX

Guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations

A. NATIONAL

1. The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme should be requested to continue exploring, in

consultation with the Governments concerned, ways to involve youth organizations in development activities of the United Nations at the national level.

2. The Office of Public Information of the Secretariat should continue to work in close co-operation with the Joint United Nations Information Committee to provide information on the issues on which the United Nations is working in a way as to attract young people, at the national level, and interest them in the ideals and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

3. Bearing in mind proposals contained in his note on the role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights,⁸⁴ the Secretary-General should explore, in consultation with Governments, the feasibility of identifying a national liaison and focal point on youth within each country, taking into consideration the networks of national correspondents which have been set up to facilitate communication between countries and with the United Nations in allied fields of social development.

B. REGIONAL

4. The regional commissions should be requested to pay special attention to the question of active participation of youth in the process of national development and to consider at their forthcoming sessions appropriate forms in which regional commissions can assist Governments in this field and establish contacts with youth and youth organizations.

C. INTERNATIONAL

5. The scope of the quarterly *Youth Information Bulletin* should be extended and it should be published in French and Spanish in addition to English, within the existing budgetary allocations. Both governmental and non-governmental bodies dealing with youth should be encouraged to provide material for dissemination through the *Bulletin* and to assist in its distribution so that it may be made available to as many young people and youth organizations as possible.

6. The work of the Office of Public Information and the Center for Economic and Social Information of the Secretariat, in the creation of suitable radio and television programmes about the United Nations and its activities, should be intensified within their existing budgetary allocations.

7. The Secretary-General should continue to utilize the existing channels of communication between the United Nations and international and regional non-governmental youth organizations.

32/136. Draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/136 of 16 December 1976, in which the General Assembly, *inter alia*, approved the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women,⁸⁵ which entails the adoption by the Assembly of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and its entry into force during the first half of the Decade, between 1976 and 1980,

Convinced that the adoption of that Convention and its entry into force will contribute to the implementation of the principal objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, and to the realization of the principles of equality between men and women,

Noting the work done in 1976 by the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session with

⁸⁴ E/CN.5/528 and Corr.1.

⁸⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5909), annex V.*

a view to the elaboration of the draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women,⁸⁶

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2058 (LXII) of 12 May 1977, in which the Council requested the General Assembly to take up consideration of the draft Convention as a matter of urgency at the outset of its thirty-second session with a view to its adoption at that session,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Working Group of the Third Committee on the Drafting of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women;⁸⁷

2. *Recommends* that a working group should be established at the beginning of the thirty-third session to continue consideration of the articles which have not been completed during the current session;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the draft Convention will be adopted during its thirty-third session;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-third session, as a matter of high priority, an item entitled "Draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women".

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32/137. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/135 of 16 December 1976, in which it endorsed the establishment of an International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1998 (LX) of 12 May 1976 concerning the same question,

Recalling further the reports of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved towards the establishment of the Institute, submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session⁸⁸ and to the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth and sixty-second sessions,⁸⁹

Convinced that the early establishment of the Institute will contribute substantially to the realization of the objectives of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year⁹⁰ and the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women,⁹¹

Noting the preparations already undertaken by the Secretary-General for the establishment of the Institute,

Considering that those preparations should be actively continued and that a preliminary draft document describing the structure and composition of the Institute should be prepared not later than April 1978,

⁸⁶ A/32/218, annex IV.

⁸⁷ A/C.3/32/L.59.

⁸⁸ A/31/310.

⁸⁹ E/5772, E/5926.

⁹⁰ *Report of the World Conference on the International Women's Year* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

⁹¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5909), annex V.*