

1. *Notes* the efforts made thus far by the Secretary-General with a view to the establishment of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue those efforts and to prepare, in consultation with the competent bodies of the host country, the competent organs and institutions of the United Nations system and the regional commissions concerned, a draft document describing the structure, composition, responsibilities and programme of the Institute, as well as the co-ordination of the activities of the Institute with those of the organizations concerned, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the regional commissions and the regional research centres for the advancement of women, having regard to the recommendations of the Group of Experts set forth in the report submitted by the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-fourth session on the progress achieved towards the establishment of the Institute, including substantive and administrative preparations, and to submit to it for consideration and adoption the draft document referred to in paragraph 2 above.

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32/138. Interagency programme for the United Nations Decade for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it proclaimed the period from 1976 to 1985 United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be devoted to effective and sustained national, regional and international action to implement the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year⁹² and related resolutions⁹³ adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year,

Recalling further that in its resolution 31/136 of 16 December 1976 it approved the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women⁹⁴ which focused on the first half of the Decade, 1976-1980,

Noting that the joint interagency programme for the integration of women in development, whose establishment was called for in paragraph 5 (b) of General Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX), has become an interagency programme for the United Nations Decade for Women based on the implementation of the World Plan of Action, for the formulation of which the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs serves as focal point,

Noting also that this programme was drawn up in July 1977 in the context of the conceptual framework and the co-ordination of ongoing activities and planned activities of the agencies concerned,

⁹² *Report of the World Conference on the International Women's Year* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

⁹³ *Ibid.*, chap. III.

⁹⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5909), annex V.*

Noting further that this programme, which should be brought up to date every two years, is currently the subject of a study which is to be considered by the special interagency meeting on the United Nations Decade for Women to be held in July 1978 with a view to preparing for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women,

1. *Notes* the measures already taken by the Secretary-General to implement the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women;⁹⁵

2. *Emphasizes* that constant and increasing efforts must be made at the national, regional and international levels to attain the objectives of the Decade;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with all the interested agencies and organizations of the United Nations, to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, the study of the interagency programme accompanied by the observations formulated by the Council with regard to it;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to Governments every two years the study of the interagency programme for the Decade;

5. *Urges* the interested agencies and organizations of the United Nations system to identify and undertake as quickly as possible projects to be executed jointly.

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32/139. Pledging conference for the United Nations Decade for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/137 of 16 December 1976, in which it requested the Secretary-General to convene during the thirty-second session of the General Assembly a pledging conference for contributions to be made to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women and to the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Noting with satisfaction the results of the first Pledging Conference for the United Nations Decade for Women, held at the Headquarters of the United Nations on 8 November 1977,

Convinced that the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women,⁹⁶ if it is to be fully effective, must be translated into the greatest possible number of projects and programmes at the national, regional and interregional levels,

Also convinced that the speedy establishment of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women will contribute substantially to the attainment of the research and training objectives of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,⁹⁷

1. *Expresses its thanks* to the Secretary-General for having convened the first Pledging Conference for the United Nations Decade for Women;

⁹⁵ A/32/175.

⁹⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5909), annex V.*

⁹⁷ *Report of the World Conference on the International Women's Year* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

2. *Expresses its warm thanks* to those countries which have already contributed, those which have pledged contributions and those which have expressed their intention of contributing to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women and/or to the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene during the thirty-third session of the General Assembly a second pledging conference for voluntary contributions for the purpose of financing:

(a) The Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women;

(b) The International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to organize an information campaign with a view to stimulating the interest of Governments, organizations and individuals likely to contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.

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32/140. World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in paragraph 20 of which it decided to convene at the mid-term of the United Nations Decade for Women a world conference to review and evaluate the progress made in implementing the objectives of the International Women's Year as recommended by the World Conference of the International Women's Year and, where necessary, to readjust existing programmes in the light of new data and research available,

Recalling that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1999 (LX) of 12 May 1966, requested the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session to consider different aspects of the preparatory work for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, including its agenda, and also decided to consider at its sixty-fourth session, in the spring of 1978, the preparatory work for the Conference,

Recalling also that, in accordance with the request of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on the Status of Women has considered various aspects of the material preparations and the organization of the Conference as well as the implications of the Conference for the programme budget, bearing in mind a note by the Secretary-General,⁹⁸

Recalling further that the Economic and Social Council, at its sixty-second session, adopted resolution 2062 (LXII) of 12 May 1976, in which it:

(a) Requested the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-seventh session to give the highest priority to the consideration of the preparatory work

for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women,

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to prepare for the consideration of the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-seventh session a report outlining a programme of concrete action for the second half of the Decade,

(c) Decided to establish, not later than June 1978, a preparatory committee to make recommendations concerning the substantive and organizational arrangements for the Conference,

(d) Invited the regional commissions to consider ways and means of contributing effectively to the Conference.

Noting that preliminary exchanges of views on the preparatory work for the Conference have also taken place in the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination at the two special interagency meetings held in September 1976 and July 1977, which were brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session and will be brought to its attention at its twenty-seventh session,

1. *Accepts* the offer of the Government of Iran to act as host to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women;

2. *Notes* that the Conference will in principle be held at Teheran in May 1980 for a period of two weeks;

3. *Decides* that the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be convened pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2062 (LXII), shall be held at the Headquarters of the United Nations in June 1978;

4. *Notes* the efforts made thus far by the Secretary-General and the Commission on the Status of Women with a view to undertaking the preparatory work for the Conference;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the work of the Preparatory Committee during its first session.

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32/141. Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision to extend the activities of the Voluntary Fund for the International Women's Year, established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1850 (LVI) of 16 May 1974, to cover the period of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1976 to 1985,⁹⁹

Recalling also its resolution 31/133 of 16 December 1976 containing the criteria and arrangements for the management of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women,

⁹⁸ E/CN.6/600.

⁹⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/10034)*, p. 100, items 75 and 76.