

on national experience, which would include specific information on projects related to these three fields,

Bearing in mind that women will not be able to play an equal and effective role in the process of development unless they have equal opportunities for education and employment and have the health care facilities and social atmosphere necessary for the utilization of these opportunities,

Considering that the equal participation of women in the development process and in political life will contribute to the achievement of international peace,

Recognizing that intensification of international co-operation for accelerated economic and social progress in developing countries, through the establishment of the new international economic order, is an essential means for the progressive integration of women in the development process,

1. *Decides* upon the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education" for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, whose purpose will continue to be to review and evaluate the progress made in the first half of the Decade and to recommend a programme of action, with necessary changes and readjustments in the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,¹²⁴ for the second half of the Decade, in order to attain its objectives of equality, development and peace;

2. *Recommends*, therefore, that the Conference should place emphasis on elaborating action-oriented plans for integrating women in the development process, particularly by promoting economic activities and employment opportunities on an equal footing with men through, *inter alia*, the provision of adequate health and educational facilities, and that the preparatory work for the Conference should take this into account;

3. *Invites* the regional commissions, the International Labour Organisation, the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and any other United Nations agency concerned to review progress made as well as constraints and specific problems encountered in their technical and operational areas in the achievement of the aims and objectives of the Decade, and to suggest appropriate programmes for the second half of the Decade, with special emphasis on the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education", in co-operation with each other wherever feasible, to the regional preparatory meetings, if possible, or to the Conference;

4. *Requests* regional preparatory meetings to suggest appropriate programmes for the second half of the Decade, through a review and evaluation of the progress made and obstacles encountered in the first half of the Decade, with special emphasis on the sub-

theme "Employment, Health and Education", taking into account the following broad approaches:

(a) Technical co-operation;

(b) Research, data collection and analysis, including the strengthening of existing arrangements at the regional level to collect qualitative and quantitative data on the conditions and problems of women, especially relating to their employment and educational status;

(c) Dissemination of information to eliminate stereotyped concepts of masculine and feminine roles and exchange of information about projects related to the objectives of the Decade;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To prepare a report for the Conference on the problems encountered, and the status and future role of both urban and rural women in the areas of employment and participation in economic life, especially at the policy-making level, education and technical and other kinds of training, and health, nutrition and family planning, basing it on the information received in response to his questionnaire on review and evaluation of progress in the first half of the Decade and on any other information available to him, including that received from Member States in response to Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/32;

(b) To take the above-mentioned information as well as the recommendations of regional preparatory meetings, the regional commissions and United Nations agencies into account in preparing documents related to item 9 of the provisional agenda for the Conference;¹²⁵

(c) To draw the attention of Member States to the present resolution, and to circulate it also to the regional commissions and relevant United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, and to regional preparatory meetings and seminars held to prepare for the Conference.

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33/186. Rationalization of the reporting system on the status of women

The General Assembly,

Recalling the existing biennial reporting system on the implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women¹²⁶ and related instruments under Economic and Social Council resolutions 1325 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968 and 1677 (LII) of 2 June 1972,

Recalling further that, in accordance with its resolutions 3490 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, entitled "Implementation of the World Plan of Action adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year", and 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, reporting procedures have been established and are being carried out for biennial system-wide reviews and appraisals of the implementation of the World Plan of

¹²⁴ Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

¹²⁵ Resolution 33/189, annex.

¹²⁶ Resolution 2263 (XXII).

Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year¹²⁷ and of progress made under the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,¹²⁸

Reaffirming Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/28 of 5 May 1978, in which the Council, *inter alia*, recommended an integration of the reporting systems outlined in the aforementioned resolutions,

Recognizing the importance of such reports for the review of the progress achieved in the promotion of the full equality of women with men in all spheres of life,

Noting with concern that the responses received to the requests for information on the basis of the aforementioned resolutions have been insufficient in number and also often overlap in their coverage, as shown in the reports submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-seventh session,¹²⁹

Underlining the desirability that all Member States should submit such reports,

Bearing in mind the burden placed upon Governments when complying separately with the requests in the aforementioned resolutions,

Convinced that there is a need for rationalization of the reporting systems referred to in the first and second preambular paragraphs above,

1. *Decides* to integrate the reporting systems outlined in the aforementioned resolutions into a single system and to review the new reporting system in the light of further developments;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review in order to simplify, if possible, the contents of the questionnaires forwarded to Member States, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, in the context of the integrated reporting system, paying particular attention to regional requirements by selecting evaluation criteria which take account of regional disparities;

3. *Urges* Member States, when preparing their reports, to make use of national machinery established to promote the advancement of women and of the views of the appropriate national non-governmental organizations;

4. *Further requests* that the Secretary-General, in compiling reports based on governmental replies on the progress achieved in the improvement of the status of women, provide analytical comments on obstacles encountered and policies for future action, including, if possible, comparative surveys on development within each region.

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33/187. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 31/135 of 16 December 1976 and 32/137 of 16 December 1977 concern-

¹²⁷ Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

¹²⁸ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

¹²⁹ A/32/216 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2; E/CN.6/611.

ing the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹³⁰ submitted in application of Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/25 of 5 May 1978 and the preparations made by the Secretariat towards the establishment of the Institute at the administrative, substantive and financial levels,

Noting the results achieved by the 1978 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, held at Headquarters on 7 November 1978, as regards the Institute,

1. *Expresses its thanks* to the Secretary-General for the efforts made towards the establishment of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue actively the necessary consultations concerning the agreement with the host country;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to proceed with the appointment of the Director and the members of the Board of Trustees of the Institute;

4. *Decides* that, as soon as the members of the Board of Trustees are appointed, the Institute should start functioning as a body of the United Nations financed through voluntary contributions with the degree of autonomy necessary to ensure its efficient operation;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake and pursue all appropriate initiatives to attract voluntary contributions to finance the operations of the Institute;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1979 a report on the implementation of the present resolution, including a proposed programme of operations for the first two years together with the outline of a budget for the same period;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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33/188. Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling 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,

Recalling also its resolution 32/141 of 16 December 1977, in which the Secretary-General was requested to report annually on the management of the Fund and to submit periodically to the General Assembly progress reports on the execution of projects financed by the Fund,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Fund,¹³¹

¹³⁰ A/33/316; see also A/C.5/33/34.

¹³¹ A/33/198 and Add.1/Rev.1 and Add.2 and Corr.1.