

Programme of the High Commissioner at its thirty-second session;⁹²

(b) Supporting his efforts to promote, in co-operation with Governments, United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations, durable and speedy solutions to the problems of refugees and displaced persons of concern to the Office;

6. *Urges* Governments to join in greater international efforts in the suppression of piracy on the high seas, in accordance with their international obligations, and to take appropriate action to protect asylum seekers from acts of violence at sea;

7. *Notes with great concern* the serious humanitarian problems resulting from armed attacks on refugee camps and settlements which are the concern of the High Commissioner, and the need for special measures to protect and ensure the safety of such refugees;

8. *Welcomes* the measures taken to implement the recommendations on the subject of assistance to women refugees and displaced women of concern to the High Commissioner in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,⁹³ endorsed in General Assembly resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980;

9. *Commends* the High Commissioner for his special efforts on behalf of disabled refugees on the occasion of the International Year of Disabled Persons;

10. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue participating in the follow-up of the International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa and urges the international community to maintain the momentum gained by the Conference in providing assistance to refugees in Africa commensurate with the growing number of African refugees;

11. *Urges* the High Commissioner to provide humanitarian assistance to meet the needs of the vastly increased numbers of refugees in various regions of Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe;

12. *Stresses* the importance of maintaining the relief efforts and the resettlement momentum for boat and land cases in South-East Asia, including the Programme of Orderly Departure, and urges all Governments to provide opportunities for durable solutions to those refugees;

13. *Urges* the High Commissioner further to explore the elaboration of arrangements in order to facilitate the disembarkation and resettlement of asylum seekers rescued at sea;

14. *Reaffirms* the High Commissioner's leading responsibility in emergency situations regarding refugees and displaced persons of concern to his Office as well as his responsibility in the co-ordination of assistance in those situations and commends him for the considerable progress made in the elaboration of adequate procedures to meet emergency situations, in co-ordination with the relevant bodies of the United Nations system;

15. *Requests* the High Commissioner, while carrying out his responsibilities, to co-ordinate and co-operate closely with other organizations within and outside the United Nations system for greatest efficiency of relief in the case of major emergencies;

16. *Urges* all Governments in a position to do so to contribute generously in order to provide the High Com-

missioner with the necessary means to attain the objectives of his humanitarian programme.

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36/126. United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, in which it endorsed the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,⁹³ and decided to convene in 1985, at the conclusion of the Decade, a World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Bearing in mind its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Emphasizing the importance attached in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade⁹⁴ to the need to improve the status of women and ensure their full participation in the development process as agents and beneficiaries of development,

Taking note of chapter XXV, on the role of women in development, of the New Delhi Declaration,⁹⁵ adopted by the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at New Delhi from 9 to 13 February 1981,

Emphasizing that the recommendations made in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the Decade and in other relevant decisions and resolutions adopted by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women should immediately be translated into concrete action by States, the organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

Welcoming the entry into force on 3 September 1981 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women⁹⁶ and the growing number of States that have ratified it,

Convinced that the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women must be given the assistance needed to enable it to begin to function as early as possible in the host country,

Noting that the review and appraisal of the progress made by Governments in implementing the Programme of Action will be carried out by the Commission on the Status of Women every two years, beginning with the Commission's twenty-ninth session,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women,⁹⁷

1. *Affirms* that the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women and of the relevant recommendations, resolutions and decisions adopted by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women should result in the complete integration of women into the development process and in the effective realization of the objectives of the

⁹² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 12 A (A/36/12/Add.1), para. 57 (2).*

⁹³ See *Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.

⁹⁴ Resolution 35/56, annex.

⁹⁵ A/36/116 and Corr.1, annex.

⁹⁶ Resolution 34/180, annex.

⁹⁷ A/36/564.

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2. *Calls upon* Governments to continue taking the measures necessary for achieving substantial progress in the implementation of the relevant recommendations of the Programme of Action with a view to ensuring equal participation by women as agents and beneficiaries in all sectors and at all levels of the development process;

3. *Calls upon* the organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, to reserve adequate resources for, and pay increased attention to, the implementation of the Programme of Action, particularly as regards the dissemination of information on the participation of women;

4. *Urges* the regional commissions to report in full to the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1982, on the evolution of the situation of women in all the sectors of their development programmes, in order to strengthen and reorient the programmes and reporting methods of those commissions, so as to reflect more adequately the regional concerns of women;

5. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1982, to consider the implementation of the Programme of Action, giving high priority in this regard to the report of the Commission on the Status of Women;

6. *Emphasizes* the role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat as the focal point for the organizations of the United Nations system with regard to the implementation of the Programme of Action, in order to achieve the goals and objectives of the Decade, and requests the Secretary-General to give the Centre the assistance required to enable it to carry out its mandate;

7. *Requests* the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-ninth session, to be held in February 1982, to give priority to the question of the preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1985, which will mark the end of the Decade, with a view to submitting to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, specific proposals on that question;

8. *Stresses* the need for close and continued co-operation between the United Nations system and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to allow the Institute to carry out its mandate;

9. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the effective contribution made by the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

10. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its thirty-seventh session, a report on the steps taken to implement the present resolution;

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-seventh session the item entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace".

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36/127. Consideration within the United Nations of questions concerning the role of women in development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Recalling further its resolution 35/78 of 5 December 1980 in which it emphasized the need to integrate the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women into the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,⁹⁸

Having taken cognizance of the report prepared by the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations,⁹⁹ established pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/45 of 11 May 1979, and, in particular, of paragraphs 80 to 82 of the report,

Having also taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General, which contains a comprehensive outline of a world survey on the role of women in development,¹⁰⁰

1. *Recommends*, in the light of paragraphs 80 to 82 of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations, that documents concerning the integration of women in development should be made available to the Third Committee under the relevant agenda item;

2. *Expresses the desire* that the recommendation in paragraph 1 above should be brought to the attention of the General Committee of the General Assembly;

3. *Expresses also the desire* that the Third Committee should be seized of the world survey on the role of women in development, whose comprehensive outline is contained in the report of the Secretary-General;

4. *Requests* the Commission on the Status of Women to give special attention at its twenty-ninth session, to be held in February 1982, to questions pertaining to the participation of women in development, under its agenda item 3 concerning the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year;¹⁰¹

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Commission on the Status of Women is consulted in the preparation of the world survey on the role of women in development requested by the General Assembly in paragraph 10 of its resolution 35/78 and, to the extent possible, regarding any survey or proposed action concerning women.

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36/128. 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 approved the establishment of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Further recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/13 of 6 May 1981, in which the Council, *inter alia*, took note of the progress made towards the full establishment of the Institute,

Convinced that the Institute can, with adequate resources, make a valuable contribution to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,¹⁰² as well as to realizing the

⁹⁸ Resolution 35/56, annex.

⁹⁹ E/1981/3.

¹⁰⁰ A/36/590.

¹⁰¹ *Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June–2 July 1975* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

¹⁰² *Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14–30 July 1980* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.