

bodies, agencies and institutions involved in the advancement of women,

Also recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/27 of 4 May 1982, in which the Council, *inter alia*, took note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on developments relating to the organizational aspects of the Institute⁵³ and the report of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on its second session⁵⁴ and expressed its satisfaction with the approved programme and activities of the Institute for 1982-83,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the progress made in the implementation of the programme of work of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;
2. *Endorses* the network concept to be developed in stages with the organizations of the United Nations system and regional and national institutions as a mode of operation for the implementation of the programme of the Institute;
3. *Reiterates* the need for the Institute to carry out research and training which lead particularly to a better understanding of the role of women in development, more effective methods for enhancing the role of women in development and an increase in activities for the fuller participation of women in development, especially in the field of technical co-operation;
4. *Reaffirms* that the research and training activities of the Institute should aim at strengthening the links between issues affecting women and mainstream development activities at all levels;
5. *Calls upon* the regional commissions, the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to continue to co-operate with the Institute and to ensure its participation in the activities relevant to women in development;
6. *Stresses* the need for all Member States to consider contributing financially to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women or co-operating in other ways with the Institute in order to assure its regular and effective financing so as to facilitate the implementation of its programme;
7. *Invites* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the programme activities of the Institute;
8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session an item entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women".

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37/57. Integration of women in development⁵⁵

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraphs 190 to 196 of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,⁵⁶ in which the relevant agencies of the United Nations and intergovernmental, interregional and regional bodies were called upon to scrutinize all existing plans and projects with a view to extending their

⁵³ E/1982/33.

⁵⁴ E/1982/11.

⁵⁵ See also sect. X.B.4, decision 47/449.

⁵⁶ *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.

sphere of activities to include women and to develop new and innovative projects to include women,

Bearing in mind that development is one of the themes of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Recalling paragraphs 233 and 234 of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,⁵⁷ in which it was recommended that numerous actions should be taken in the areas of technical co-operation, training and advisory services,

Also recalling paragraph 51 of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,⁵⁸ which stated that full and effective participation by the entire population at all stages of the development process should be ensured,

Looking ahead to the world conference on women to be held in 1985, at which the achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women and the need to continue such achievements beyond the end of the Decade will be reviewed and appraised,

Convinced of the importance of integrating women fully into all areas of development, both as participants and as beneficiaries,

Aware that greater co-ordination and knowledge of activities in this area within the specialized agencies of the United Nations and the regional commissions and by Member States and non-governmental organizations would facilitate an exchange of experiences and concepts and be beneficial to all,

Expressing its appreciation to those organizations which have made regular reports on the implementation of the objectives of the World Plan of Action and the Programme of Action,

1. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to encourage specialized agencies and regional commissions which have not yet done so to develop a comprehensive policy regarding the concerns of women, both as participants and as beneficiaries, in technical co-operation and development activities and to develop a strategy to ensure that women are an integral part of these activities;
2. *Urges* those organizations to take every appropriate action within existing resources to monitor the implementation of the above-mentioned policies and strategies and to help disseminate this information upon request to Member States and other interested parties;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to carry out all the activities called for in the present resolution within existing resources and to submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session for its consideration, bearing in mind Assembly resolution 36/127 of 14 December 1981 entitled "Consideration within the United Nations of questions concerning the role of women in development".

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37/58. United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace

The General Assembly,

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 In-

⁵⁷ *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.

⁵⁸ Resolution 35/56, annex.

ternational 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.

Recalling its resolutions 35/136 of 11 December 1980 and 36/126 of 14 December 1981, in which it endorsed the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,⁵⁷

Affirming 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 activities undertaken in implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Recalling also its resolution 36/128 of 14 December 1981 on the establishment of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/27 of 4 May 1982 concerning the programmes and activities of the Institute,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women,⁵⁹ on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women⁶⁰ and on the programmes and activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,⁶¹

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women;⁶²

2. *Welcomes* the steps taken by Governments and by the organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, to achieve progress towards the effective realization of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

3. *Calls upon* Governments, the organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations to pay increased attention to the need to take practical measures to implement the relevant recommendations of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women and, in particular, to expand technical co-operation activities which would ensure women's full and equal participation, as agents and as beneficiaries, in all sectors and at all levels of development;

4. *Emphasizes* the continuing role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs as the focal point for the organizations of the United Nations system with regard to activities undertaken in implementation of the Programme of Action;

5. *Notes with satisfaction* the contribution made by the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women to the implementation of the Programme of Action, mainly through innovative and experimental projects at the grass-roots level;

6. *Notes with satisfaction* the commencement of the work of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and invites it to continue contributing to the objectives of the Decade;

7. *Notes with satisfaction* that, as at 1 November 1982, forty-five Member States had ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;⁶³

8. *Invites* all States that have not yet done so to become parties to the Convention;

9. *Welcomes* the commencement of the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, which held its first session at Vienna from 18 to 22 October 1982;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the steps taken to implement the present resolution;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the status of the Convention;

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

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37/59. Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

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,⁵⁷

Reaffirming the importance attached in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade⁵⁸ to the need to improve the status of women and ensure their full participation in the development process as agents and beneficiaries of development,

Reaffirming further the importance attached in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, as well as in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,⁶³ to the need to improve the situation of women in rural areas in many parts of the world,

Recalling the Declaration of Principles and the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development,⁶⁴ particularly with regard to the integration of women in rural development,

Bearing in mind that a majority of women, particularly in developing countries, live and work in rural areas and suffer most from the exploitation of agricultural labour, in particular by transnational corporations,

Convinced that the eradication of *apartheid*, all forms of racial discrimination, colonialism, neo-colonialism, aggression and foreign occupation and domination is essential to the further improvement of the situation of rural women,

Considering that the strengthening of international peace and co-operation is one of the most important conditions for further improving the situation of rural women,

Convinced also that the effective implementation of fundamental human rights is essential for the improvement of the situation of rural women,

Recognizing the urgent need to take additional appropriate measures aimed at further improving the situation of women in rural areas,

Recognizing also the importance of exchanging experiences in this field among States,

⁵⁷ A/37/421.

⁶⁰ A/37/349 and Add.1.

⁶¹ E/1982/33.

⁶² A/37/458 and Add.1.

⁶³ Resolution 34/180, annex.

⁶⁴ See *Report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, Rome, 12-20 July 1979 (WCARRD/REP)*.