

World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women<sup>71</sup>.

90th plenary meeting  
3 December 1982

### 37/61. Women in public life

*The General Assembly,*

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

*Bearing in mind* paragraphs 72 and 73 of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,<sup>67</sup> in which equitable representation for women was called for at all levels in national government and in international bodies,

*Recalling* that in article 7 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women<sup>71</sup> it was agreed that States Parties should ensure that women have the right, on equal terms with men, to participate in the formulation and implementation of government policy and to hold public office,

*Recalling further* that in article 8 of the Convention it was agreed that States Parties should ensure to women, on equal terms with men, the opportunity to represent their Governments at the international level and to participate in the work of international organizations,

*Recognizing* that only three years remain before the end of the United Nations Decade for Women,

1. *Notes with concern* that women are still not represented on an equitable basis with men in decision-making positions in a majority of national and international institutions;

2. *Calls upon* all Member States, by the end of the United Nations Decade for Women in 1985, to make special efforts to nominate and appoint women, on an equal basis with men and taking due account of the same professional criteria, to decision-making positions in those national and international bodies in which they are not equitably represented;

3. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to make, by the end of the United Nations Decade for Women in 1985, increased efforts to select and appoint women, in conformity with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, to decision-making positions in the Secretariat and in the organs and agencies of the United Nations system.

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### 37/62. 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 36/129 of 14 December 1981,

*Welcoming* the contributions made by Member States and non-governmental organizations towards the implementation of the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the Fund,<sup>72</sup>

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the recommendations of the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women at its eleventh and twelfth sessions;<sup>73</sup>

2. *Considers* that the Fund has a unique contribution to make in the technical assistance field to the implementation of the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

3. *Considers further* that the evaluation of projects has an important role to play in enabling the Fund to fulfil its objectives;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the continuing increase in the number of projects submitted to and financed by the Fund, and the catalytic role played by the Fund in promoting the adoption of innovative and experimental activities by Governments and other funds;

5. *Notes* the appointment of senior women's programme officers at the regional commissions within regular budget resources available to them, and recognizes the valuable contribution that this is making to the work of the Fund and thus to the implementation of the goals of the Decade;

6. *Urges* the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to take further action to use available financial and personnel resources to strengthen their programmes for women;

7. *Notes with concern* that contributions to the Fund have not been sufficient to enable it to take on all the worthwhile projects submitted to it;

8. *Considers* that fund-raising and information activities have a vital role to play in maintaining and increasing the financial viability and effectiveness of the Fund;

9. *Expresses its appreciation* for the support which national committees for the Fund, national United Nations associations and other non-governmental organizations have given to the work of the Fund;

10. *Expresses its appreciation also* for the voluntary contributions to the Fund pledged by Member States, and its hope that the overall level of such contributions will be maintained or increased;

11. *Notes* the view of the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women, as expressed at its twelfth session, that there are still grounds for concern regarding administrative matters relating to the Fund, and its hope that specific and concrete measures will be taken by the Secretary-General on an urgent basis to ensure that these issues are studied and the necessary action is taken;

12. *Notes also* the assurance given to the Consultative Committee that the Secretary-General will do everything possible to ensure that the Fund is administered efficiently;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to report annually on the management of the Fund and on the progress of its activities;

(b) To continue to include the Fund, on an annual basis, as one of the programmes for which funds are pledged at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

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<sup>71</sup> Resolution 34/180, annex.

<sup>72</sup> A/37/421.

<sup>73</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. IV.