

38/24. Popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in development and in the full realization of all human rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 34/152 of 17 December 1979 and 37/55 of 3 December 1982.

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/31 of 27 May 1983 and of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1983/14 of 22 February 1983,⁵⁴

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in development and in the realization of human rights,⁵⁵

Recognizing that popular participation, including the participation of workers in management and workers' self-management in countries where they exist, constitutes an important factor of socio-economic development, as well as of respect for human rights and the dignity of the human person,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Invites those Governments, United Nations organs and specialized agencies that have not yet done so to transmit their comments and views to the Secretary-General, as called for in General Assembly resolution 37/55;

3. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to continue to consider at its fortieth session the question of popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in the full realization of all human rights;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session in order that progress made in this field may be reviewed, taking into account, *inter alia*, the consideration of this question by the Commission on Human Rights at its fortieth and forty-first sessions;

5. Decides to continue the consideration of this question at its fortieth session, in the context of the item relating to the world social situation, under the subitem entitled "Popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in development and in the full realization of all human rights".

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38/25. National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress

The General Assembly,

Guided by the desire to promote a higher standard of life, full employment and conditions for economic and social progress and development,

Bearing in mind the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,⁵⁶

Mindful of the provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,⁵⁷ as well as the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,⁵⁸

Taking note once again of Economic and Social Council resolutions 1581 A (L) of 21 May 1971, 1667 (LII) of 1

June 1972 and 1746 (LIV) of 16 May 1973 concerning the importance of fundamental structural socio-economic changes for the strengthening of national independence and the achievement of the ultimate goals of social progress,

Recalling its resolutions 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, 31/38 of 30 November 1976 and 36/19 of 9 November 1981, in which it reaffirmed the importance for every State to exercise its inalienable right to carry out fundamental social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress and the necessity of studying national experience in this field.

Desirous of securing a speedy and complete removal of all obstacles to the economic and social progress of peoples, especially colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid*, military, political and economic intervention and pressure, foreign aggression and occupation or alien domination, as well as all forms of inequality and exploitation of peoples,

Convinced that peaceful coexistence and co-operation among States, as well as effective measures in the field of disarmament, create favourable international conditions for the socio-economic development of all countries, in particular developing countries,

Desirous also of contributing to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,⁵⁹

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress;⁶⁰

2. Reaffirms the sovereign and inalienable right of every State to choose its economic and social system in accordance with the will of its people, without outside interference in whatever form it takes;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to make arrangements for holding in 1984 or 1985 an interregional seminar, as called for in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 36/19, within the resources already requested for sectoral and regional advisory services in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985;

4. Invites Member States to submit to the Secretary-General reports on their national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with Member States, a further report on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress, taking into account the provisions of General Assembly resolution 36/19, and to submit it to the Assembly at its fortieth session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fortieth session the item entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress".

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⁵⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 3* (E/1983/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVII, sect. A.

⁵⁵ A/38/338 and Corr.1 and Add.1-4 and Add.4/Corr.1.

⁵⁶ Resolution 2542 (XXIV), annex.

⁵⁷ Resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI)

⁵⁸ Resolution 3281 (XXIX).

⁵⁹ Resolution 35/56, annex.

⁶⁰ A/38/64 and Add.1

38/26. Channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/135 of 16 December 1977 and 36/17 of 9 November 1981, in which it adopted guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, and its resolution 37/50 of 3 December 1982,

Bearing in mind the importance of the existence of effective channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations for the proper information of young people and their effective participation in the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies at the national, regional and international levels,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,⁶¹

Also taking note of the efforts in inter-agency co-operation to promote and strengthen channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations within the context of the International Youth Year,

Convinced that the existence and proper functioning of channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations form a basic prerequisite of the active involvement of young people and thus of the successful preparation for, observance of and follow-up to the International Youth Year at all levels,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to give full co-operation and support to inter-agency co-operation and co-ordination in promotional and information activities within the context of the International Youth Year;

2. *Calls upon* Member States, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, in co-operation with youth and with youth organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and other youth organizations concerned, to continue to promote actively the full and effective implementation of the guidelines and additional guidelines adopted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 32/135 and 36/17, in particular through informing young people of relevant policies and programmes and encouraging them to participate in the preparation and implementation of these policies and programmes;

3. *Requests* the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year at its third session to monitor and evaluate the measures taken with respect to the implementation of the guidelines on the basis of the relevant reports of the Secretary-General and other relevant information provided to it and to make recommendations for the full and effective implementation and the further elaboration of the guidelines as an integral part of the preparation for, observance of and follow-up to the International Youth Year;

4. *Decides* to review at its thirty-ninth session the question of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, on the basis of the report of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year.

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⁶¹ A/38/339.

⁶² See *Report of the World Assembly on Aging, Vienna, 26 July-6 August 1982* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.16), chap. VI, sect. A.

38/27. Question of aging

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 37/51 of 3 December 1982, in which it endorsed the International Plan of Action on Aging⁶² adopted by the World Assembly on Aging, and called upon Governments and the Secretary-General to make continuous efforts to implement the principles and recommendations of the Plan of Action,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/87 of 25 November 1981, in which the Council decided to convene in 1984 an International Conference on Population, and also recalling the International Plan of Action on Aging, in which it is acknowledged that aging is a population issue that affects development and requires increasing international assistance and co-operation,

Recognizing the significant contributions of the World Assembly on Aging and the United Nations Trust Fund for the World Assembly on Aging in the promotion and strengthening of international co-operation in this field,

Conscious of the positive response of many countries to the World Assembly on Aging and to the recommendations contained in the Plan of Action and of the need to provide national authorities, at their request, with assistance in their efforts to implement the Plan,

Noting with satisfaction that many Governments have retained or established national mechanisms to facilitate the planning, implementation and co-ordination of the activities recommended in the Plan of Action,

Recognizing the role played by the United Nations and the specialized agencies through their efforts in the field of aging and the need to strengthen this role, especially at the regional level, in order to ensure the implementation of the Plan of Action and the systematic and efficient functioning of the technical advisory and co-ordination services of the United Nations,

Acknowledging the role played by the international network of existing information, research and training centres in exchanging information and experience at the international level and in stimulating progress and encouraging the adoption of measures to respond to the economic and social implications of the aging of populations and to meet the needs of older persons,

Noting that the relationship between aging and youth, particularly as it relates to intergenerational matters, is recognized in the Plan of Action,

Recognizing that women have a longer life expectancy than men and that they will increasingly constitute the majority of the older population,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the question of aging;⁶³

2. *Affirms* that the question of aging should be considered in the context of economic development, political, social and cultural systems and social values and changes;

3. *Calls upon* Governments to continue to make efforts to implement the principles and recommendations contained in the International Plan of Action on Aging in accordance with the economic, social and cultural circumstances of each country;

4. *Invites* Governments to retain or establish, in a suitable form, mechanisms at the national level to promote the implementation of the Plan of Action;

5. *Urges* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to ensure effective implementation of and follow-up action to the Plan of Action and to maintain the impetus gener-

⁶³ A. 38.470.