

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