

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.

ated by the United Nations Trust Fund for the World Assembly on Aging at the national, regional and international levels:

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to promote the Trust Fund so as to assist countries in formulating and implementing policies and programmes for aging;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his information exchange activities through, *inter alia*, the international network of existing information, research and training centres and to convene, using voluntary contributions, meetings of the members of this network, as appropriate, to strengthen these activities and to promote technical co-operation among developing countries;
8. *Urges* the Secretary-General to include advisory services to developing countries that request them in technical co-operation programmes, to the extent feasible under the funding of those programmes;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, as requested in the Plan of Action, that the question of the aging of populations is brought to the attention of the appropriate United Nations bodies responsible for the preparation of the International Conference on Population and that the question of aging is considered under the appropriate agenda items of the Conference itself;
10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to promote, in co-operation with the national committees concerned, joint activities in the field of aging and youth, particularly as they relate to intergenerational matters, especially during the International Youth Year, to be observed in 1985;
11. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to examine the gender-based difference in longevity and the impact of the increasing number and proportion of older women on living arrangements, income, health care and other support systems, and to bring the question of older women to the attention of the preparatory body for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1985, for its consideration;
12. *Urges* the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, in co-operation with all organizations responsible for international population assistance, to continue its assistance, within its mandate, in the field of aging, particularly in developing countries;
13. *Invites* the regional commissions to review the objectives of the Plan of Action and contribute to their realization and to organize and conduct the regional periodic review and appraisal of the Plan in co-ordination with that at the international level;
14. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned to continue to be actively involved, in a co-ordinated manner, in the implementation of the Plan of Action;
15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session a report on the measures taken to implement the present resolution;
16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session the item entitled "Question of aging".

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38/28. Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

The General Assembly:

Recalling its resolutions 32/133 of 16 December 1977 and 34/154 of 17 December 1979, in which it appealed to Member States to make generous voluntary contributions to the International Year of Disabled Persons,

Recalling also its resolution 36/77 of 8 December 1981, in which it welcomed the contributions made by Governments and private sources to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Year of Disabled Persons and appealed for further voluntary contributions which would facilitate the follow-up to the Year,

Deeply concerned that no less than five hundred million persons are estimated to suffer from disability of one form or another, of whom four hundred million are estimated to be in developing countries,

Convinced that the International Year of Disabled Persons gave a genuine and meaningful impetus to activities related to the equalization of opportunities for disabled persons, as well as prevention and rehabilitation at all levels,

Noting the emergence of organizations of disabled persons in all parts of the world and their positive influence on the image and condition of persons with a disability,

Desirous of ensuring effective follow-up to the International Year of Disabled Persons and aware that, if this is to be achieved, Member States, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations and organizations of disabled persons must therefore be encouraged to continue the activities already undertaken and to initiate new programmes and activities,

Stressing that the primary responsibility for promoting effective measures for the prevention of disability, for rehabilitation and for the realization of the goals of "full participation" of disabled persons in social life and development and of "equality" rests with individual countries and that international action should be directed towards assisting and supporting such national efforts in this regard as consultative services in designing national plans and programmes in the field of disability prevention, rehabilitation and the equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Reiterating its appreciation to the Advisory Committee for the International Year of Disabled Persons for its work, in particular for its contribution to the formulation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,⁶⁴

Recalling its resolution 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,⁶⁵ in paragraph 157 of which it is stated that the Trust Fund established by the General Assembly for the International Year of Disabled Persons should be used to meet requests for assistance from developing countries and organizations of disabled persons and to further the implementation of the World Programme of Action and, in paragraph 158, it is indicated that, in general, there is a need to increase the flow of resources to developing countries to implement the objectives of the World Programme of Action, and that, therefore, the Secretary-General should explore new ways and means of raising funds and take the necessary follow-up measures for mobilizing resources, and that voluntary contributions from Governments and from private sources should be encouraged.

⁶⁴ See A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex.

⁶⁵ *Ibid.*, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).