

should be continued through establishment of a separate and identifiable entity in autonomous association with the United Nations Development Programme,

Taking note of decision 85/33 of 29 June 1985 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, as well as decision 85/7 of 28 June 1985,⁹⁷ in which the Governing Council requested the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to develop an internal implementation strategy to strengthen the capacity of the Programme to deal with issues of women in development which, calling on the experience of the Fund, would establish verifiable objectives and a time-frame for implementation,

Recognizing the Fund's dual priorities, to serve as a catalyst with the goal of ensuring the appropriate involvement of women in mainstream development activities, as often as possible at pre-investment stages, and to support activities directly benefiting women in line with national and regional priorities,

Considering the innovative and experimental activities of the Fund directed towards strengthening both governmental and non-governmental institutional capacities to ensure access for women to development co-operation resources and their full participation at all levels in the development process,

Stressing that general questions of development and access of women to development resources have, as a common objective, the creation of conditions which will improve the quality of life for all,

Aware of the broad range of linkages of the Fund with Governments, national women's groups, non-governmental organizations and women's research institutes, besides its close co-operation with United Nations development agencies, including the regional commissions,

Reaffirming that the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, in adopting the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,⁵¹ underlined the necessity of strengthening the role of women in national and international development programmes,

Taking note of the reports of the Consultative Committee on the Fund on its seventeenth and eighteenth sessions,⁹⁸

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General,⁹⁹

1. *Expresses its satisfaction* that the establishment of the United Nations Development Fund for Women, in autonomous association with the United Nations Development Programme, was effected on the agreed target date of 1 July 1985, in accordance with the arrangements set out in General Assembly resolution 39/125;

2. *Approves* the name United Nations Development Fund for Women, with the acronym UNIFEM, as the new name for the Fund, as proposed by the Consultative Committee on the Fund at its seventeenth session, held from 25 to 29 March 1985, in accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution 39/125 and as reflected in the annex to that resolution;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* the steps that are being undertaken to implement resolution 39/125, as well as the commitment expressed by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to ensure the appropriate involvement of women in mainstream development activities;

⁹⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council. 1985. Supplement No. 11 (E/1985/32 and Corr.1), annex I*

⁹⁸ See A/40/727 and Corr.1, sect. VI.

4. *Stresses* the need for close and continuous working relationships between the Fund, the United Nations Development Programme and those bodies, organs and organizations of the United Nations system and other agencies concerned with women's issues and development co-operation;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* for the contributions to the Fund made by Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individuals, which have a vital role to play in maintaining and increasing the financial viability of the Fund and the effectiveness of its work;

6. *Urges* Governments to continue and, where possible, to increase their contributions to the Fund, and calls upon those Governments that have not yet done so to consider contributing to the Fund, in order to enable the Fund to give greater support to deserving requests received for technical assistance;

7. *Requests* the Consultative Committee on the Fund to continue to monitor the process of implementing the new arrangements for the management of the Fund, as set out in the annex to resolution 39/125;

8. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to submit to the Governing Council of the Programme an annual report on the operations, management and budget of the Fund, taking into account the advice of the Consultative Committee on the Fund;

9. *Also requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-first session, through the Secretary-General, a report on the activities of the Fund, in accordance with resolution 39/125.

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40/105. Incorporation of the interests of women in the work programmes of the regional commissions

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 39/127 of 14 December 1984, in particular the reference to the incorporation of women's concerns in the overall programme of work of each regional commission and to the regularization of senior women's programme officers posts,

Convinced that further efforts are needed to ensure adequate consideration of women's concerns within the regional commissions,

Recognizing the important contribution the senior women's programme officers can make to the integration of women in development at the national and regional levels,

1. *Takes due note* of the report of the Secretary-General on measures taken by the regional commissions to incorporate women's concerns at all levels in their overall work programmes and to establish senior women's programme officers posts;¹⁰⁰

2. *Expresses deep concern* at the inadequate response of the regional commissions to the need to incorporate the interests of women in their economic and social policies and programmes;

3. *Stresses* that the integration of women in economic development as well as in social development is essential to the well-being of society;

⁹⁹ A/40/727 and Corr.1
¹⁰⁰ A/40/838

4. *Invites* the executive secretaries of the five regional commissions to propose to their governing bodies measures for reassessing all individual work programmes in order to incorporate women's concerns at all levels in their overall work programmes for the biennium 1988-1989, taking into account the roles and responsibilities of the regional commissions in developing and implementing the system-wide, medium-term plan for women and development¹⁰¹ and the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;⁵¹

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into account the important role of the regional commissions in promoting the advancement of women when formulating the system-wide, medium-term plan for women and development and when implementing the Forward-looking Strategies;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session:

(a) On the progress made in implementing paragraphs 5 and 6 of its resolution 39/127;

(b) On the measures proposed by the five regional commissions to incorporate women's concerns at all levels in their overall work programmes for the biennium 1988-1989, as outlined in paragraph 4 above.

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40/106. National experience relating to the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas

The General Assembly,

Referring to the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, adopted by the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,⁵¹

Recalling its resolutions 34/14 of 9 November 1979, 37/59 of 3 December 1982 and 39/126 of 14 December 1984, concerning the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas,

Reaffirming the importance attached in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women⁹⁴ and in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women⁷⁵ to the need to improve the status of women and ensure their full participation, both as agents and as beneficiaries, in the development process,

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

Convinced that the eradication of *apartheid*, all forms of racial discrimination, colonialism, neo-colonialism, aggression, 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 factors contributing to the further improvement of the situation of rural women,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Interregional Seminar on National Experience Relating to the Improvement of the Situation of Women in Rural Areas, held at Vienna from 17 to 28 September 1984, as well as the compilation of observations and comments made by Member States;¹⁰²

2. *Calls upon* Governments to elaborate and implement, as a part of national development strategies, special

comprehensive programmes for improving the situation of women in rural areas and to establish monitoring and evaluating mechanisms, involving women themselves, for these programmes;

3. *Requests* the organizations and funds concerned within the United Nations system to pay greater attention to the needs of rural women and to assist Member States, especially the developing countries, in the implementation of their national policies and programmes aimed at the advancement of rural women;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with the Member States, a comprehensive report on the present status and perspectives for the improvement of the situation of rural women, paying special attention, *inter alia*, to:

(a) Participation of rural women in socio-economic and political life;

(b) Questions of the exercise by rural women of their rights;

(c) Role of agricultural co-operatives in the improvement of the situation of women;

(d) Agrarian reform, particularly in favour of rural women, with a view to improving their situation;

(e) Elimination of illiteracy among rural women and upgrading of their educational level;

(f) Assistance to rural women in the improvement of their situation;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit the report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session through the Economic and Social Council.

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40/107. Expression of appreciation to the Government and people of Kenya on the occasion of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace

The General Assembly,

Taking into account the significance and the results of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985,⁹⁶

Expresses its deep appreciation to the Government and people of Kenya for acting as host to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace.

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40/108. Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it proclaimed the period from 1976 to 1985 the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Bearing in mind the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,⁷⁵ which was

¹⁰¹ See E/1985/45.

¹⁰² See A/40/239 and Add.1