

of children as a means of combining parenthood with economic, political, social, cultural and other activities and thus to provide assistance to women in integrating fully into their societies;

6. *Decides* to consider the question of the role of women in society at its forty-first session under an item entitled "Forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women to the year 2000".

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#### 40/102. Participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation

*The General Assembly,*

*Confirming* the noble goal enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations to maintain peace and security in the world and the determination of the States Members of the United Nations expressed therein to save present and succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

*Recalling* that 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, in adopting the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>51</sup> underlined the importance of the participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation,

*Convinced* that the International Year of Peace, proclaimed for the year 1986 by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/3 of 24 October 1985, could give new impulses for safeguarding international peace and security,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 37/63 of 3 December 1982, by which it proclaimed the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation,

*Recalling* its resolution 39/124 of 14 December 1984, in which it requested the Commission on the Status of Women to consider what measures might be necessary in order to implement the Declaration,

*Wishing* to encourage the active participation of women in promoting international peace and security and co-operation,

*Convinced* that increased efforts are required to eliminate still existing forms of discrimination against women in every field of human endeavour,

*Conscious* of the need to implement the provisions of the Declaration,

1. *Pledges its determination* to encourage the full participation of women in the economic, social, cultural, civil and political affairs of society and in the endeavour to promote international peace and co-operation;

2. *Appeals* to all Governments to take the necessary measures for putting into practice the principles and provisions of the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation;

3. *Invites* all Governments to give wide publicity to the Declaration and its implementation;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take adequate steps to ensure that publicity is given to the Declaration;

5. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and other appropriate bodies within the United Nations

system to consider adequate measures to implement the Declaration;

6. *Requests* the Commission on the Status of Women to consider measures which may be necessary to implement the Declaration in the context of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women for the period up to the year 2000;

7. *Decides* to consider the further implementation of the Declaration at its forty-first session, as a sub-item of an item entitled "Forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women to the year 2000".

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#### 40/103. Prevention of prostitution

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Special Rapporteur on the subject of the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others, prepared in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/20 of 4 May 1982,<sup>95</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 38/107 of 16 December 1983 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/30 of 26 May 1983, as well as the report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,<sup>96</sup>

*Considering* that the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others require a three-fold concerted effort, involving prevention, punishment of all forms of procuring and solidarity in order to facilitate the social rehabilitation of the victims,

1. *Congratulates* the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Tourism Organization for the action they have begun to take in implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/30;

2. *Invites once again* the Economic and Social Council to consider the whole question of the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others at its first regular session of 1986 in connection with the agenda item on human rights, together with the reports requested by the Council in its resolution 1983/30;

3. *Invites* the Working Group on Slavery of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to transmit its report to the Commission on the Status of Women at its next session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to expedite the issuance as a United Nations document of the report on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others prepared in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/20.

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#### 40/104. United Nations Development Fund for Women

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984, in which it decided, *inter alia*, that the activities of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women

<sup>95</sup> E/1983/7 and Corr.1 and 2.

<sup>96</sup> Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and

Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10).

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,<sup>97</sup> 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,<sup>91</sup> 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,<sup>98</sup>

*Taking note also* of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>99</sup>

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;

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

<sup>98</sup> 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;<sup>100</sup>

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;

<sup>99</sup> A/40/727 and Corr.1  
<sup>100</sup> A/40/838