

concerned within the United Nations system to comment on ways and means of implementing the International Plan of Action on Aging and, in particular, on the desirability and viability of elaborating a United Nations programme for the implementation of the Plan of Action, and to prepare a report on the basis of these comments for submission to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1986;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to include in that report a full analysis of the programmatic and financial aspects of activities undertaken by all organs, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system under the Plan of Action since its inception;

3. *Invites* interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to provide, through the Secretary-General, information and documentation that will facilitate this work;

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to consider the report at its first regular session of 1986 and to submit appropriate recommendations to the General Assembly at its forty-first session;

5. *Decides* to consider at its forty-first session the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council as a matter of high priority.

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29 November 1985*

#### **40/31. Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,<sup>54</sup> 37/53 of 3 December 1982, by which, *inter alia*, it proclaimed the period 1983-1992 the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, 38/28 of 22 November 1983, in which it recognized the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Year of Disabled Persons as an important instrument for the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the desirability of the continuation of the Trust Fund throughout the Decade, and 39/26 of 23 November 1984, by which it adopted further specific measures for implementation of the World Programme of Action,

*Taking note* of Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/35 of 29 May 1985, in which, *inter alia*, the Secretary-General was requested, in order to facilitate contributions by Governments, to include, on an annual basis, the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Year of Disabled Persons among the programmes for which funds are pledged at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities,

*Noting with satisfaction* the concrete measures already carried out by the Governments of Member States, the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to implement the objectives of the World Programme of Action within the framework of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

*Noting with appreciation* the steps taken by the United Nations system and by non-governmental organizations concerned to establish a monitoring procedure and prepare a consolidated questionnaire to monitor the implementation of the World Programme of Action,

*Noting with concern* that, in spite of a number of contributions made by Governments between 1981 and 1985 and constant appeals by the General Assembly and other United Nations organs to contribute to the financing of activities for the disabled, progress towards the improvement of the situation of the disabled in the developing countries has been slow.

*Noting with serious concern* the alarming situation of disabled persons in developing countries and the critical economic situation in a number of countries, in particular in Africa and Latin America and the least developed countries,

*Mindful* that, since developing countries are experiencing difficulties in mobilizing resources, international co-operation should be encouraged to assist national efforts in implementing the World Programme of Action and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,<sup>55</sup>

*Expressing its appreciation* to Member States and organizations, in particular to the twenty-five States that have donated \$1.6 million over the past few years,

*Expressing its appreciation* of the useful role played by the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Year of Disabled Persons in implementing the World Programme of Action,

1. *Urges* all Member States and other donors to consider further generous contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Year of Disabled Persons;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to Member States that have established national committees or similar bodies to co-ordinate activities in the field of disability and encourages all Member States to do so;

3. *Invites* Member States to reinforce national committees as focal points for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, to stimulate activities at the national level, to mobilize public opinion on behalf of the Decade, to participate in the implementation of disability projects with regard to the International Year of Disabled Persons and to assist in monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;

4. *Encourages* Member States to translate the World Programme of Action into national languages;

5. *Invites* Member States, in close collaboration with the national committees and non-governmental organizations concerned, to submit their replies to the questionnaire for the first round of monitoring and implementing the World Programme of Action to the Secretary-General as soon as possible for inclusion in his report on the evaluation of progress at mid-Decade, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-second session;

6. *Urges* the Secretary-General to comply with paragraphs 157 and 158 of the World Programme of Action;

7. *Invites* all States to give high priority to consideration of projects concerning the prevention of disabilities, rehabilitation and the equalization of the opportunities of disabled persons within the framework of bilateral assistance;

8. *Reiterates* the need to give greater publicity to the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons and calls upon Member States, national committees and non-governmental organizations to assist in publicizing the Decade by all appropriate means;

<sup>54</sup> A/37/351/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).

<sup>55</sup> A/40/728 and Corr.1.

9. *Takes note* of the measures taken by the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system to promote equal employment opportunities for disabled persons and urges them to continue their efforts in this field;

10. *Endorses*, in particular, the terms of reference proposed in the report of the Secretary-General<sup>55</sup> for the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Year of Disabled Persons, henceforth to be called the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to administer donated funds, using them for projects under the present structure of the Trust Fund, and in addition to make new provisions in order to offer a selection of projects to donor countries which might be willing to finance a particular programme under the "Special Purpose Contributions";

12. *Reaffirms* that the resources of the Trust Fund should be used to support catalytic and innovative activities in order to implement further the objectives of the World Programme of Action within the framework of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, with priority given, as appropriate, to programmes and projects of the least developed countries;

13. *Requests* all bodies and organizations of the United Nations system administering assistance projects to take into account the concerns of disabled persons in their projects for the rehabilitation of the disabled and their integration into society, as well as to include disabled persons in their overall planning objectives;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution;

15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to include in the report requested in paragraph 14 above information on preparations for the meeting of experts to evaluate progress at the mid-Decade, as provided for in paragraph 16 of resolution 37/53 and paragraph 13 of resolution 39/26, as well as information on the establishment of inter-organizational task forces, as recommended by the Advisory Committee for the International Year of Disabled Persons at its third and fourth sessions and by the General Assembly in paragraph 17 of its resolution 36/77 in order to provide support services for the exchange of technical information and transfer of technological know-how and other activities in the fields of prevention, rehabilitation and equalization of opportunities in developing countries

16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-first session the item entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons"

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#### 40/32. Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

##### *The General Assembly.*

*Recalling* its resolution 35/171 of 15 December 1980, in which it endorsed the Caracas Declaration, annexed to that resolution, and urged implementation of the conclusions relating to the new perspectives for international co-operation in crime prevention in the context of development adopted by the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,<sup>56</sup>

*Recalling also* its resolution 36/21 of 9 November 1981, in which the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders was invited to consider current and emerging trends in crime prevention and criminal justice, with a view to defining new guiding principles for the future course of crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of development needs, the goals of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade<sup>8</sup> and the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,<sup>21</sup> taking into account the political, economic, social and cultural circumstances and traditions of each country and the need for crime prevention and criminal justice systems to be consonant with the principles of social justice,

*Recalling further* its resolution 39/112 of 14 December 1984, in which the Secretary-General was requested to ensure that the substantive and organizational work of the Seventh Congress was fully adequate for its successful outcome,

*Emphasizing* the responsibility assumed by the United Nations in crime prevention under General Assembly resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950, which was affirmed by the Economic and Social Council in its resolutions 731 F (XXVIII) of 30 July 1959 and 830 D (XXXII) of 2 August 1961, and in the promotion and strengthening of international co-operation in this field in accordance with Assembly resolutions 3021 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, 32/59 and 32/60 of 8 December 1977, 35/171 of 15 December 1980 and 36/21 of 9 November 1981,

*Bearing in mind* the theme of the Seventh Congress, "Crime prevention for freedom, justice, peace and development", and the importance of preserving peace as a condition for development and international co-operation,

*Welcoming* the fact that the Congress, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/112, paid particular attention to the question of illicit drug trafficking,

*Alarmed* by the growth and seriousness of crime in many parts of the world, including conventional and non-conventional criminality, which have a negative impact on development and the quality of life,

*Considering* that crime, particularly in its new forms and dimensions, seriously impairs the development process of many countries, as well as their international relations,

*Noting* that the function of the criminal justice system is to contribute to the protection of the basic values and norms of society,

*Aware* of the importance of enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of criminal justice systems,

*Noting* that to limit effectively the harm caused by modern economic and unconventional crime, policy measures should be based on an integrated approach, the main emphasis being placed on the reduction of opportunities to commit crime and on the strengthening of norms and attitudes against it,

*Aware* of the importance of crime prevention and criminal justice, which embraces policies, processes and institutions aimed at controlling criminality and ensuring equal and fair treatment for all those involved in the criminal justice process,

*Mindful* that the incorporation of crime prevention and criminal justice policies in the planning process can help to ensure a better life for people throughout the world, promote the equality of rights and social security, enhance the effectiveness of crime prevention, especially in such

<sup>56</sup> See *Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Caracas, 25 August-5 September 1980* report prepared by the Secretariat (United Nations publication, Sales No. F.81.IV.43, chap. I, sect. C).