

1. *Requests* those countries that have not yet established official national focal points for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless to do so in the near future, along the lines specified in the annex to General Assembly resolution 38/168;

2. *Also requests* those countries that have not yet formulated national programmes and plans of action for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless to do so and periodically to provide information on them to the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) so that all national focal points can be regularly informed of the activities, progress and achievements of the Year in countries around the world;

3. *Further requests* those countries and international organizations that have not yet done so to designate projects for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless aimed at improving access to land, financing, building materials, training and employment, giving special attention to legal and institutional measures, and to send a project information sheet on each project to the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat);

4. *Requests* all countries in their periodic reports on their national programmes and projects for the Year, especially in reports to the Commission on Human Settlements at its ninth session, to give special attention to their plans for developing and implementing new national policies and strategies for improving shelter for, and the neighbourhoods of, the poor and disadvantaged by the year 2000;

5. *Appeals once again* to all Governments that have not yet announced a voluntary contribution, especially those of developed countries, as well as to international financial institutions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to provide effective financial and other support to the programme for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1986 on progress achieved in the implementation of the approved programme of measures and activities to be undertaken before and during the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;⁹⁷

7. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to include a special account of its deliberations on the subject in its report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session;

8. *Decides*, in view of the fact that 1987 is the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, to devote special attention to the Year at its forty-first session.

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40/204. Effective mobilization and integration of women in development⁹⁸

The General Assembly,

Taking note with appreciation of the world survey on the role of women in development,⁹⁹

Recognizing that although the survey was submitted to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, it has yet to receive the detailed attention it deserves,

Noting with satisfaction the adoption by the Conference of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the

Advancement of Women,¹⁰⁰ which constitute an important and positive contribution to the attainment of the objectives of the Decade and provide a policy framework for the advancement of women to the year 2000,

1. *Invites* the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-first session to make specific action-oriented recommendations based on the world survey on the role of women in development as a part of the overall implementation of and follow-up to the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, which should be for action at the national and international levels, including co-operation among developing countries, within an economic context, and should address sectoral and cross-sectoral problems identified in the survey, and requests that the report of the Commission be made available, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1986, to the General Assembly at its forty-second session under the sub-item entitled "Effective mobilization and integration of women in economic development";

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take those recommendations into account when formulating the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development¹⁰¹ and to invite the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Training and Research Institute for the Advancement of Women, to take into account the implications of the world survey when preparing their contributions to that plan;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to update the survey on the role of women in development on a regular basis, focusing on selected emerging development issues that have an impact on the role of women in the economy at the local, national, regional and international levels;

4. *Decides* that the first update of the survey should be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, in 1989;

5. *Invites* the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-first session to make a recommendation on future updates of the survey after 1989, bearing in mind the need for effective co-ordination with the follow-up activities of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

6. *Also invites* the Commission on the Status of Women to suggest terms of reference for the first update of the survey, which should contain improved data and information on the role of women in development, including, *inter alia*, their role in the informal sector of the economy;

7. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to contribute to the preparation of the first update of the survey;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its forty-second session, a progress report on the preparation of the first regular update of the survey, including preliminary views on its scope and content, so that the Commission on the Status of Women, at its thirty-second session, can take that report into account, together with the comments on the subject made by delegations in the General Assembly;

⁹⁸ See also sect. I, footnote 17, and sect. VI, resolution 40/101.

⁹⁹ A/CONF.116/4 and Corr.1.

¹⁰⁰ *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), chap. I, sect. A.

¹⁰¹ See Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/46 of 31 May 1985

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to utilize the input provided by the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-second session and by the Economic and Social Council in 1988 for the preparation of the first update of the survey.

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40/205. Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation.

Recalling also its resolution 39/174 of 17 December 1984,

Reaffirming the provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade relating to the least developed countries,¹⁰² and the agreed conclusions concerning those countries of the Committee on the Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,¹⁰³

Reaffirming the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,⁴² whose objective is to transform the economies of the least developed countries so that they may achieve self-sustained development, and to enable them to provide at least internationally accepted minimum standards of nutrition, health, transport and communications, housing, education, and job opportunities to all their citizens, particularly the rural and urban poor,

Reaffirming the need to respect the socio-political and economic system of each least developed country in the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action,

Deeply concerned at the continued deterioration of the socio-economic conditions of the least developed countries despite national and international efforts to achieve the goals and objectives of the Substantial New Programme of Action,

Seriously concerned at the critical economic situation faced particularly by the least developed countries in Africa,

Recognizing the specific problems of the land-locked and island countries among the least developed countries, as reflected in United Nations Conference on Trade and Development resolutions 137 (VI) and 138 (VI) of 2 July 1983³⁸ and Trade and Development Board resolution 319 (XXXI) of 27 September 1985,³⁹

Recalling paragraph 119 of the Substantial New Programme of Action in which it was recommended that the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, while carrying out the mid-term review, should consider the possibility of holding at the end of the decade a global review on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action which might, *inter alia*,

take the form of a United Nations conference on the least developed countries,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the mid-term global review of progress towards the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action,¹⁰⁴ carried out by the Intergovernmental Group at its sixth session,

1. *Emphasizes* that the least developed countries, in view of their deteriorating socio-economic situation, need the urgent and special attention of the international community and its large-scale support on a continuous basis to enable them to progress towards self-reliant development, consistent with the plans and programmes of each least developed country;

2. *Reaffirms* the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries as the basis for continuing co-operation between the least developed countries and their development partners, as well as the commitment to the full and effective implementation of the Programme;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries¹⁰⁵ on the mid-term global review of the Substantial New Programme of Action, as annexed hereto, which are designed to ensure the full implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action over the second half of the decade;

4. *Calls upon* all Governments, intergovernmental and multilateral institutions, the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations and all others concerned to take immediate, concrete and adequate steps to implement the Substantial New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, taking full account of the conclusions and recommendations of the mid-term global review so as to enable each least developed country to achieve a minimum standard of performance in socio-economic development;

5. *Reaffirms* that the least developed countries have primary responsibility for their overall development and that, although international support measures are vitally important, the domestic policies those countries pursue will be of importance for the success of their development efforts, and urges the least developed countries to continue their efforts to implement the provisions of the Substantial New Programme of Action at the national level;

6. *Calls upon* donor countries to continue to make every effort to increase their contributions in view of the important role that official development assistance plays in helping the least developed countries to achieve the objectives of their country programmes within the framework of the Substantial New Programme of Action, and urges those donor countries that have not yet attained 0.15 per cent of their gross national product, or have not yet doubled their official development assistance to least developed countries, to make every effort necessary to attain those targets as set out in United Nations Conference on Trade and Development resolution 142 (VI) of 2 July 1983,³⁸ as adopted;

7. *Urges* the least developed countries to create an appropriate policy framework (pricing policies, institutional reform, rationalization of public expenditures and public sector management, and measures to mobilize domestic savings through taxation, domestic financial institutions and the rural sector), in order to increase the mobilization of domestic resources and then ensure their

¹⁰² Resolution 35/56, annex, sect. III.K.

¹⁰³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 48 (A/40/48)*, para. 22.

¹⁰⁴ A/40/826 and Corr.1.

¹⁰⁵ See A/40/827.