

concerned to monitor the implementation of the World Programme of Action,

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 achieving the objectives of 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,⁵⁰

1. *Once again 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;

2. *Renews its invitation* to all States to give high priority to projects concerning the prevention of disabilities, rehabilitation and the equalization of the opportunities of disabled persons within the framework of bilateral assistance;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to administer donated funds, using them for projects under the present structure of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,⁵¹ and, in addition, to continue to make new provisions in order to offer a selection of projects to donor countries that might be willing to finance a particular programme under the "Special Purpose Contributions";

4. *Reaffirms* that the resources of the Voluntary 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;

5. *Invites* Governments and non-governmental organizations to continue their contributions to the Voluntary Fund and calls upon Governments and non-governmental organizations that have not yet done so to consider contributing to the Fund;

6. *Welcomes* the offer of the Government of Sweden to act as host in 1987 to a meeting of experts, consisting largely of disabled persons, in conformity with the relevant provisions of resolution 39/26 of 23 November 1984;

7. *Takes note with appreciation* of the status of preparations for the forthcoming meeting of experts;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution and on the outcome of the meeting of experts;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second 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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4 December 1986

41/107. Crime prevention and criminal justice

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the need for concerted and systematic efforts by the international community towards more effective crime prevention and criminal justice strategies and policies and, in particular, for co-ordinated practical action to give effect to the conclusions and recommendations of the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,⁵²

Recognizing the pivotal role of the United Nations, through its programme activities and congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, in promoting the exchange of expertise and experience and closer international co-operation in this field,

Recalling its resolution 40/32 of 29 November 1985 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1986/10, 1986/11 and 1986/12 of 21 May 1986,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on crime prevention and criminal justice;⁵³

2. *Urges* Member States and the Secretary-General to make every effort to translate into action, as appropriate, the respective recommendations, policies and conclusions stemming from the Milan Plan of Action and other relevant resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously by the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders⁵² and to ensure that they are adequately followed up;

3. *Reaffirms* the importance of the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders and of adequate and timely preparations for such congresses by the Secretary-General and by Member States at national, regional and interregional levels;

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1987 to examine in depth the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in crime prevention and criminal justice, taking into account the results of the review undertaken by the Secretary-General;⁵⁴

5. *Invites* Member States and the Secretary-General to ensure timely preparations for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

6. *Also invites* Member States and the Secretary-General, in the performance of his duties, in implementing the results of the Seventh Congress, to accord priority attention to the forms of crime identified in the Milan Plan of Action;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Co-operation and Development of the Secretariat to maintain effective support to the United Nations regional crime prevention institutes and, in this regard, takes note with satisfaction

⁵² See *Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Milan, 26 August-6 September 1985: report prepared by the Secretariat* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.1).

⁵³ A/41/618.

⁵⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 5 (E/1986/25), chap. IV.*

⁵⁰ A/41/605 and Corr.1.

⁵¹ Formerly known as the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Year of Disabled Persons.

of the measures taken to establish an African regional institute for the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, and requests all those concerned to co-operate fully so that this project may be put into effect as soon as possible;

8. *Invites* Member States to contribute to the United Nations Trust Fund for Social Defence in order to facilitate appropriate technical co-operation and exchange of information and experience in the field of crime prevention and control;

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

10. *Decides* to consider at its forty-second session that part of the report of the Economic and Social Council concerning its examination of the review, under the item entitled "Crime prevention and criminal justice".

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41/108. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that one of the purposes of the United Nations, as stated in Articles 1 and 55 of the Charter, is to promote universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction of any kind, including distinction as to sex,

Affirming that women and men should participate equally in social, economic and political development, should contribute equally to such development and should share equally in improved conditions of life,

Recalling its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, by which it adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Recalling also its resolutions 35/140 of 11 December 1980, 36/131 of 14 December 1981, 37/64 of 3 December 1982, 38/109 of 16 December 1983, 39/130 of 14 December 1984 and 40/39 of 29 November 1985,

Recalling the decision of the third meeting of the States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women to request the Secretary-General to seek the views of States parties to the Convention on reservations which could be considered to come within the scope of article 28, paragraph 2, of the Convention, to request him to include these views in his report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session and to place on the agenda of their next meeting the question of reservations to the Convention,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its fifth session,⁵⁵

1. *Notes with appreciation* the increasing number of Member States that have ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

2. *Urges* all States that have not yet ratified or acceded to the Convention to do so as soon as possible;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit annually to the General Assembly a report on the status of the Convention;

⁵⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/41/45 and Corr.1).*

4. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention;⁵⁶

5. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its fifth session;

6. *Emphasizes* the importance of the strictest compliance by States parties with their obligations under the Convention;

7. *Urges* States parties to make all possible efforts to submit their initial reports in accordance with article 18 of the Convention and the guidelines of the Committee;

8. *Notes with concern* the account by the Committee of the present constraints within which it operates with regard to the backlog of reports awaiting consideration⁵⁷ and encourages a continuing discussion on ways and means of dealing with this problem, including possible adjustment of the reporting system;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make all efforts to ensure adequate servicing for the effective functioning of the Committee;

10. *Takes note* of the general recommendation and suggestion adopted by the Committee pursuant to its discussion at its fifth session on ways and means of implementing article 21 of the Convention;⁵⁸

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to the Commission on the Status of Women at its session in 1988, for information.

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41/109. 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, in adopting the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women⁵⁹ for the period up to the year 2000, recognized that women should participate fully in all efforts to strengthen and maintain international peace and security and to promote international co-operation,

Expressing the need for equal participation of women in the decision-making process, including that related to peace, disarmament and security at national, regional and international levels, including the United Nations system,

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.

⁵⁶ A/41/608 and Add.1.

⁵⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/41/45 and Corr.1)*, chap. II.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. IV, paras. 362 and 363.

⁵⁹ *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.