

its resolution 37/51 of 3 December 1982, in particular the recommendations concerning data collection and analysis, training and education, research and exchange of information contained therein,

Recalling its resolution 37/51, in which it endorsed the recommendation contained in the Plan of Action that the Commission for Social Development should be designated as the international body to review the implementation of the Plan of Action every four years and to make proposals for updating it as considered necessary,

Reaffirming its resolution 40/29 of 29 November 1985, in which it stressed the importance of the United Nations Trust Fund for Aging, particularly in assisting Governments, at their request, in formulating and implementing policies and programmes on aging,

Emphasizing once again the importance of regional meetings to consider the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Plan of Action, as demonstrated by the African Regional Conference on Aging, held at Dakar in December 1984,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the question of aging¹⁹ and in particular the United Nations system-wide programmes on aging,

Appreciating the positive views of Member States, as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General, on the strengthening of the existing United Nations programmes on aging for the further implementation of the recommendations contained in the Plan of Action,

1. *Urges* Governments to intensify their efforts, within the context of their own national priorities, cultures and traditions, to implement the recommendations contained in the International Plan of Action on Aging;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in compliance with the recommendations contained in the Plan of Action, to promote and encourage, within available resources or through voluntary contributions, training centres to train required personnel in the field of aging, especially personnel from developing countries, who would in turn train others;

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General to renew his efforts to give priority attention to the provision of advisory services to developing countries that request them, to the extent feasible under the regular funding of the programmes on aging, and to encourage the exchange of information through the expansion of the existing United Nations network;

4. *Again requests* the Secretary-General to respond favourably to the request of the African Regional Conference on Aging for assistance in establishing an African gerontological society;

5. *Urges* the Secretary-General, in compliance with the views of Member States as reflected in his report, to maintain and strengthen the existing programmes on aging and to strengthen the United Nations system-wide coordination of policies and programmes on aging, with the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs continuing to serve as focal point in the United Nations system for activities relating to aging;

6. *Reaffirms* its endorsement of the International Plan of Action on Aging and requests the Secretary-General, within the existing programme, to continue to monitor progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action and in the analysis of global trends on a multi-dimensional ba-

sis, and the Commission for Social Development to continue its quadrennial review as provided for in the Plan;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as recommended in his report, to review the world aging situation every six years on the basis of a comprehensive study identifying the major trends and suggesting concrete measures for action;

8. *Urges* the Secretary-General to continue and intensify his efforts to promote the United Nations Trust Fund for Aging within its existing structure so that it may continue to provide assistance to developing countries, at their request, particularly through the funding of catalytic and innovative projects;

9. *Invites* Governments and non-governmental organizations to continue and, where possible, to increase their contributions to the Trust Fund, and calls upon Governments and non-governmental organizations that have not yet done so to consider contributing to the Trust Fund;

10. *Calls upon* other United Nations funding organizations to support the Trust Fund in providing assistance for projects that fall within their mandate;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-second session a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the present resolution;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session the item entitled "Question of aging".

97th plenary meeting
4 December 1986

41/97. Policies and programmes involving young people: Participation, Development, Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolution 40/14 entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace", adopted on 18 November 1985 by the General Assembly acting as United Nations World Conference for the International Youth Year,

Recognizing the profound importance of the direct participation of youth in shaping the future of mankind and the valuable contribution that youth can make in all sectors of society, as well as its willingness to express its ideas concerning the building of a better and more just world,

Considering it necessary to disseminate among youth the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and human solidarity,

Convinced that youth should be continuously encouraged to contribute its energies, enthusiasm and creative abilities to the observance of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the task of nation-building, the realization of the right to self-determination and national independence, the respect for sovereignty and non-intervention in the internal affairs of each State, the political, civil, economic, social and cultural advancement of peoples and the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

Reaffirming that the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the regional commissions play an important role in promoting international co-operation in the field of youth and that they should continue to give more attention to the role of young people in the world of today, to their ideas and initiatives and to their demands for the world of tomorrow,

Convinced that the preparation for and observance in 1985 of the International Youth Year: Participation, De-

¹⁹ A/41/631.

velopment, Peace have offered a useful and significant opportunity for drawing attention to the situation and the specific needs and aspirations of youth, for increasing co-operation at all levels in dealing with youth issues, for undertaking concerted action programmes in favour of youth and for improving the participation of young people in the study, decision-making processes and resolution of major national, regional and international problems,

Bearing in mind that the International Youth Year has served to mobilize efforts at local, national, regional and international levels in order to promote the best educational, professional and living conditions for young people, to ensure their active participation in the overall development of society and to encourage their participation in the preparation of new national and local policies and programmes in accordance with the experience, conditions and priorities of each country,

Conscious that the International Youth Year has contributed to strengthening the rights, the ability and the willingness of young people to participate in all activities relevant to them and to promote their own interests,

Expressing its satisfaction at the results obtained at local, national, regional and international levels during the preparation for and observance of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

Convinced that the timely and significant impetus generated by the activities of the International Youth Year should be maintained and reinforced with appropriate follow-up action at all levels,

Recognizing that the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth²⁰ provide a conceptual framework for a long-term strategy in that field,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General²¹ on the evaluation of the results of the International Youth Year,

1. *Takes note* of the conclusions contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the results of the International Youth Year and on the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth;

2. *Calls once again upon* all States, all United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, in particular youth organizations, to exert all possible efforts for the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth, in accordance with their experience, conditions and priorities;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to Member States that continue to maintain the national committees and other appropriate co-ordination mechanisms that were set up at the national level on the occasion of the International Youth Year, and invites all States to proceed in the same manner, in accordance with their specific conditions, to ensure the proper implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to promote intensively the inclusion of youth-related projects and activities in the programmes of the United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, specifically on such themes as communication, housing, culture, youth employment and education;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to monitor closely and co-ordinate all youth-related pro-

jects and activities within the United Nations system using the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs as a focal point, and to report in concrete terms on their implementation;

6. *Urges*, in this context, all Governments to take the necessary measures, in co-operation with United Nations agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, in particular youth organizations, to strengthen their focus on youth programmes and policies;

7. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to examine during its 1987 session specific youth issues as follow-up to the International Youth Year;

8. *Stresses again* the importance of the active and direct participation of youth and youth organizations in the projects and activities organized at the local, national, regional and international levels in the field of youth at all stages of implementation;

9. *Invites* Governments again to consider the regular inclusion of youth representatives in their national delegations to the General Assembly and other relevant United Nations meetings;

10. *Emphasizes* the importance of improving the active use of the channels of communication between the United Nations system and youth organizations, at both the national and international levels;

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session the item entitled "Policies and programmes involving young people: Participation, Development, Peace" and to review, in this framework, the implementation of the present resolution, on the basis of a specific report of the Secretary-General on the subject.

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41/98. Efforts and measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 36/29 of 13 November 1981, 37/49 of 3 December 1982, 38/23 of 22 November 1983, 39/23 of 23 November 1984 and 40/15 of 18 November 1985, in which it, *inter alia*, recognized the need to adopt appropriate measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work,

Recalling also its resolution 34/151 of 17 December 1979, by which it decided to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

Recognizing that in many countries the majority of young people, under prevailing critical social and economic conditions, are facing serious problems in the exercise of their right to education and to work,

Convinced that it is necessary to ensure full enjoyment by youth of the rights stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,² the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights²² and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,²² with special regard to the right to education and to work,

Aware of the fact that insufficient education and the unemployment of young people limit their ability to participate in the development process, and, in this regard,

²⁰ See A/40/256, annex.

²¹ A/41/621.

²² See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.