

ing particular attention to the elements identified in paragraph 3 of Council resolution 1987/53;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to ensure that the United Nations programme of work in crime prevention and criminal justice is supported by adequate resources through, *inter alia*, appropriate redeployment of staff and funds, including from relevant departments at Headquarters, and to ensure that the specialized and technical nature of the programme and the high priority attached by Member States to crime prevention and criminal justice are fully reflected in the future management and staffing of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch;

6. *Endorses* the recommendations related to the preparation of the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, to be held in 1990, contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/49 of 28 May 1987, and requests the Secretary-General to take immediate steps to ensure the successful and cost-effective preparation of the Eighth Congress, including the early appointment of its Secretary-General, the organization and appropriate scheduling of the interregional and regional preparatory meetings and the timely finalization and circulation of the required documentation through the provision of the necessary resources, including temporary assistance;

7. *Calls upon* Member States to participate actively in preparations for the Eighth Congress, particularly through involvement of the United Nations national correspondents in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, the submission of relevant position papers on the different agenda items, the establishment, whenever appropriate, of national focal points and the encouragement of contributions from non-governmental organizations, academics and other experts;

8. *Invites* the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its tenth session to accord priority to preparations for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders and to ensure adequate follow-up to the review of the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice undertaken by the Economic and Social Council;

9. *Encourages* Member States and relevant organizations, in particular the regional commissions, the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the Secretariat, to support and complement the activities of the United Nations regional and interregional institutes for crime prevention and control, particularly the newly established African Regional Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, as well as the United Nations Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, by providing technical and financial assistance;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to develop appropriate strategies to revitalize the United Nations Trust Fund for Social Defence and appeals for increased contributions from Member States, private foundations and others able to assist;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, at its forty-third session, on the implementation of the present resolution, taking also into account the relevant recommendations of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its tenth session, providing updated information on preparations for the Eighth Congress;

12. *Decides* to consider this subject again, under the item entitled "Crime prevention and criminal justice", at its forty-third session.

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#### 42/60. 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, 40/39 of 29 November 1985 and 41/108 of 4 December 1986,

*Aware* of the important contribution that the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women<sup>40</sup> can make to eliminating all forms of discrimination against women and to achieving legal and *de facto* equality between women and men,

*Noting* the emphasis placed by the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace on ratification of and accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its sixth session,<sup>41</sup> notably general recommendations 2, 3 and 4 on ways and means of implementing article 21 of the Convention,<sup>42</sup>

1. *Welcomes* the ratification of or accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women by an increasing number of Member States;

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

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

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

5. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention;<sup>43</sup>

<sup>40</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), chap. I, sect. A.

<sup>41</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/42/38)*.

<sup>42</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. IV.

<sup>43</sup> A/42/627.

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

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

8. *Takes note* of the views on the report of the Committee expressed by delegations at the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council of 1987;<sup>44</sup>

9. *Decides* that no action shall be taken on decision 4 adopted by the Committee<sup>45</sup> and requests the Committee to review that decision, taking into account the views expressed by delegations at the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council of 1987 and in the Third Committee<sup>46</sup> of the General Assembly at its forty-second session;

10. *Takes note* of the general recommendations adopted by the Committee pursuant to the discussions at its sixth session on ways and means of implementing article 21 of the Convention;<sup>42</sup>

11. *Notes with concern* the account by the Committee of the present constraints within which it operates with regard to the backlog of reports awaiting consideration and encourages the Committee to intensify its discussion on ways and means of dealing with this problem, including possible adjustment of the reporting system, and to formulate in an appropriate way suggestions to that effect for consideration by the Economic and Social Council and by the General Assembly at its forty-third session;

12. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Committee to rationalize its procedures and expedite the consideration of periodic reports, and encourages the Committee to continue its endeavours to those ends;

13. *Decides*, on an exceptional basis, that the Committee may hold no more than eight additional meetings during its session in 1988 in order to advance consideration of reports already submitted to it;

14. *Invites* the Committee and the States parties to consider the question of holding future sessions of the Committee at Vienna, taking into account the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions<sup>47</sup> and all relevant factors;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to ensure adequate servicing within existing resources for the effective functioning of the Committee;

16. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, within existing resources and drawing in particular on funds available to the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, to provide, facilitate and encourage public information activities relating to the Committee and the Convention, giving priority to the dissemination of the Convention in the official languages of the United Nations;

17. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Dis-

crimination against Women to the Commission on the Status of Women for information.

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#### 42/61. 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 Women<sup>40</sup> 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,

*Reaffirming* the interrelationship of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

*Expressing the need* for equal opportunity for participation by 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,

*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,

*Bearing in mind* its resolution 40/102 of 13 December 1985, in which it, *inter alia*, requested 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,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 41/109 of 4 December 1986, in which it recommended that future medium-term plans of the United Nations and the specialized agencies should, in accordance with the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies, contain intersectoral presentations of the various programmes dealing with issues of concern to women, including those relating to the participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation,

*Taking note* of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/24 of 26 May 1987, in which the Council decided that the work of the Commission on the Status of Women relating to the priority themes of the long-term programme of work of the Commission should be closely related to the relevant provisions of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and of other policy documents,

*Wishing* to encourage the active participation of women in promoting international peace, 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

<sup>44</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Plenary Meetings*, vol. I, 9th to 12th and 14th meetings (E/1987/SR.9-12 and 14).

<sup>45</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/42/38)*, sect. V.

<sup>46</sup> *Ibid.*, Forty-second Session, Third Committee, 22nd, 24th to 30th, 44th and 49th meetings and corrigendum.

<sup>47</sup> *Ibid.*, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 7D (A/42/7/Add.4), para. 11.