

increase the participation of non-governmental and private volunteer organizations, particularly women's organizations, in the implementation and management of literacy programmes and in policy and programme development;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the world conference on women to be held in 1995 a report on the progress to increase female literacy made by Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system;

12. *Requests* the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to pay particular attention to measures taken by Governments to increase female literacy, particularly by ensuring equal access to basic education for girls and boys;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General in his next update to the *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development*¹⁵⁸ to examine specifically the relationship between the literacy of women and their economic and social advancement.

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14 December 1990

45/127. Interregional consultation on women in public life

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/77 of 8 December 1989, in which it endorsed the convening in 1991 of an interregional consultation on women in public life,

Concerned that the level of participation by women in decision-making in almost all countries is exceedingly low,

Stressing the importance of the full participation of women in the political process at all levels, especially in top decision-making, as a means of achieving the objectives set in the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,¹⁴

Considering that the consultation would be an important event towards the preparations for the world conference on women to be held in 1995,

1. *Decides* that the consultation on women in public life should be an intergovernmental meeting;

2. *Urges* all Governments to participate actively in the consultation and for that purpose to designate as participants women who currently hold leadership positions in government and national institutions and organizations or are considered to have the potential for high public office;

3. *Invites* Governments and national institutions and organizations to provide extrabudgetary resources to facilitate preparations for the consultation, especially for the participation of least developed countries and for the dissemination of information about the consultation in the mass media;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take steps to ensure the necessary servicing and support of the con-

sultation and to transmit its conclusions in a report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

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45/128. United Nations Development Fund for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984, in which it decided to establish the United Nations Development Fund for Women as a separate and identifiable entity in autonomous association with the United Nations Development Programme,

Reaffirming that the Fund has an important role in contributing to an increase in opportunities and options for women in developing countries,

Emphasizing the position of the Fund as a specialized resource base for development co-operation, serving as a bridge between the needs and aspirations of women and the resources, programmes and policies for their economic development,

Taking note of the section of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme concerning the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women,¹⁵⁹

1. *Commends* the United Nations Development Fund for Women for its efforts to increase the visibility of women and to ensure that issues relating to women are on the agenda of the mainstream development efforts of Governments, United Nations agencies, non-governmental organizations and the private sector;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the achievements of the Fund in giving its work a high profile and in increasing and broadening its financial resource base, with, *inter alia*, the support of the national committees for the Fund;

3. *Welcomes* the development of new strategies for the programme management of the Fund based on long-term and short-term priorities;¹⁶⁰

4. *Encourages* the Fund in its efforts to document and share its experiences in the context of increasing emphasis on the human development dimension in technical co-operation;

5. *Urges* Governments and public and private donors to continue to extend their support to the Fund through voluntary contributions and pledges to its programmes;

6. *Stresses* the importance of the work of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women in policy and programme matters relating to the activities of the Fund;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of providing conference services in the relevant working languages to the Consultative Committee, bearing in mind the importance of its work;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session the report of the Administrator of the United Nations De-

¹⁵⁸ See United Nations publication, Sales No. E.89.IV.2.

¹⁵⁹ A/45/347, annex, sect. IV.

¹⁶⁰ *Ibid.*, sect. II.