

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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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.

velopment Programme on the activities of the Fund to be submitted in accordance with Assembly resolution 39/125.

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45/129. Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its relevant resolutions, in particular resolution 44/77 of 8 December 1989, in which, *inter alia*, it endorsed and reaffirmed the importance of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women¹⁴ for the period up to the year 2000 and set out measures for their immediate implementation and for the overall achievement of the interrelated goals and objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Taking into consideration the resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council on issues relating to women since its resolution 1987/18 of 26 May 1987,

Reaffirming its resolution 40/30 of 29 November 1985, in which it emphasized that the elderly must be considered an important and necessary element in the development process at all levels within a given society and that, consequently, elderly women should be considered contributors to as well as beneficiaries of development,

Reaffirming also its determination to encourage the full participation of women in economic, social, cultural, civil and political affairs and to promote development, co-operation and international peace,

Conscious of the important and constructive contribution to the improvement of the status of women made by the Commission on the Status of Women, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations concerned,

Emphasizing once again the priority of the implementation, monitoring, review and appraisal of the Forward-looking Strategies,

Recognizing the advancement of women as one of the priorities of the Organization for the biennium 1990-1991,

Recalling that the Commission held in 1990 a session of extended duration to review and appraise progress in the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁶¹

2. *Also takes note* of the recommendations and conclusions arising from the first review and appraisal of the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies, contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/15 of 24 May 1990;

3. *Urges* Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to implement the recommendations;

4. *Reaffirms* paragraph 2 of section I of the recommendations and conclusions, in which it is stated that the pace of implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies must be improved in the crucial last decade of the twentieth century since the cost to societies of failing to implement the Strategies would be high in terms of slowed economic and social development, misuse of human resources and reduced progress for society as a whole and, for that reason, immediate steps should be taken to remove the most serious obstacles to the implementation of the Strategies;

5. *Calls again upon* Member States to give priority to policies and programmes relating to the subtheme "Employment, health and education", in particular to literacy, for the empowerment of women, especially those in the rural areas, to meet their own needs through self-reliance and the mobilization of indigenous resources, as well as to issues relating to the role of women in economic and political decision-making, population, the environment and information;

6. *Reaffirms* the central role of the Commission on the Status of Women in matters related to the advancement of women, and calls upon it to continue promoting the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies to the year 2000, based on the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace and the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education", and urges all organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate effectively with the Commission in this task;

7. *Requests* the Commission, when considering the priority theme relating to development during its thirty-fifth and subsequent sessions, to ensure its early contribution to the work of the international meeting on population to be held in 1994 and to address the role of technologies in the development of developing countries;

8. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/12 of 24 May 1990, in which the Council recommended that a world conference on women should be held in 1995 and requested that the Commission act as the preparatory body for the world conference;

9. *Takes note* of the invitation extended by the Government of Austria to host the world conference on women in 1995 at Vienna;¹⁶²

10. *Requests* the Commission, as the preparatory body for the world conference, to decide on the venue of the conference, not later than 1992, bearing in mind that preference should be given to those regions that have not yet hosted a world conference on women;

11. *Also requests* the Commission, in deciding on the preparation of documentation for the conference, to pay attention to Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/9 of 24 May 1990 concerning the second report on the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies;

12. *Further requests* the Commission to focus the agenda of the world conference in 1995 on the Forward-looking Strategies as well as on the recommendations and conclusions arising from the first review and appraisal of the implementation of the Strategies;¹⁶³

¹⁶¹ A/45/489.

¹⁶² See A/C.3/45/5.

¹⁶³ E/CN.6/1990/5.