

10. *Invites* the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control to give priority attention at its tenth session to reviewing the progress made in the preparations for the Eighth Congress and to make specific recommendations thereon, including recommendations on the staff resources to be provided for the preparation and duration of the Congress, to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1989;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1989, on the implementation of the present resolution, taking into account the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its tenth session.

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#### **1988/45. United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which the Assembly adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, and resolution 37/53 of 3 December 1982, by which it, *inter alia*, proclaimed the period 1983-1992 the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

*Noting* that in accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/26 of 23 November 1984, the Global Meeting of Experts to Review the Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons at the Mid-Point of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons was held at Stockholm from 17 to 22 August 1987,

*Reaffirming* the validity and value of the World Programme of Action in promoting effective measures for disability prevention, rehabilitation and the full participation and equality of disabled persons in social life and development,

*Mindful* that Member States bear the ultimate responsibility for the implementation of the World Programme of Action,

*Stressing* that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat is the focal point within the United Nations for the implementation and monitoring of the World Programme of Action,

*Reiterating* the need to give greater publicity to the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons in order to revitalize it,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>75</sup> submitted in response to General Assembly resolution 42/58 of 30 November 1987 and containing the preliminary conclusions and comments of Member States and relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations system on the recommendations contained in paragraphs 10 to 39 of the report of the Global Meeting of Experts<sup>76</sup> and on the

report of the Secretary-General on the evaluation of the implementation of the World Programme of Action.<sup>77</sup>

*Noting with regret* that owing to the small number of replies to the Secretary-General's request for comments and to the late arrival of those replies, there were not sufficient data on which to base a list of priorities for planning global activities and programmes for the remainder of the Decade and beyond,

1. *Urges* all Member States and relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations system that have not yet done so to submit to the Secretary-General, as soon as possible, their comments in accordance with General Assembly resolution 42/58;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-third session a more detailed report and analysis, based on the comments received, so that a list of priorities may be established for planning global activities and programmes for the remainder of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons and beyond;

3. *Calls upon* Member States, organs and bodies of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to make all possible efforts in the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and to promote efforts at all levels in the context of the Decade;

4. *Reiterates* the need to launch a special global awareness and fund-raising campaign to give added momentum to the Decade;

5. *Welcomes* the appointment by the Secretary-General of the Special Representative for the Promotion of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, whose activities will be financed from special voluntary contributions;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to Governments and non-governmental organizations for their voluntary contributions, which have made possible the appointment of the Special Representative;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-first session on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons during the second half of the Decade, and requests the Commission to give special attention to the implementation of the World Programme of Action.

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#### **1988/46. Achievement of social justice**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Mindful* of the pledge made by States Members of the United Nations in the Charter to take joint and separate action to promote higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development,

<sup>75</sup> E/1988/32.

<sup>76</sup> CSDHA/DDP/GME/7.

<sup>77</sup> A/42/561.

*Bearing in mind* that, in accordance with the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, social progress and development shall be founded on respect for the dignity and value of the human person and shall ensure the promotion of human rights and social justice,<sup>78</sup>

*Convinced* that more extensive regional and interregional co-operation is important in strengthening national efforts to promote social progress,

*Mindful* of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future,<sup>79</sup>

*Persuaded* of the importance of taking measures to ensure co-ordination within the United Nations system in order to develop a comprehensive approach to developmental social welfare, including better integrated and mutually supportive economic and social development policies, aimed at the achievement of social justice,

1. *Considers* that the common purpose of the international community must be to create from varied economic, social and political conditions a global environment conducive to sustained development, the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, social justice and peace;

2. *Recognizes* that social justice is one of the most important goals of social progress;

3. *Reaffirms* the importance of co-operation among countries in promoting a climate conducive to the achievement by individual countries of the goals of development and social justice and progress;

4. *Considers* that such co-operation should continue to be a major focus of the activities of the United Nations and its bodies in accordance with the principles of the Charter;

5. *Recommends* that the Commission for Social Development and other relevant United Nations bodies and specialized agencies take into account the necessity of achieving social justice for all when considering problems of social development.

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#### **1988/47. Extreme poverty**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Concerned* that a significant percentage of the world's population lives in conditions of extreme poverty and is forced to live increasingly at the margins of society,

*Noting* the insufficient attention paid to the phenomenon of extreme poverty, a phenomenon that frequently eludes international and intergovernmental action and current statistical methods,

*Recalling* its resolution 1987/48 of 28 May 1987, in which it called upon non-governmental organizations to participate in follow-up activities to the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes,

*Taking into account* the provision of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development to the effect that social progress and development are the common concerns of the international community, which shall supplement, by concerted international action, national efforts to raise the living standards of peoples,<sup>80</sup>

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly resolution 2543 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 on the implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,

*Noting* the results of the International Conference on the Human Dimension of Africa's Economic Recovery and Development, held at Khartoum from 5 to 8 March 1988, and the Khartoum Declaration adopted by the Conference,<sup>81</sup>

*Concerned* that a deteriorating international economic situation has adverse social consequences, particularly for developing countries, and contributes to extending the boundaries of extreme poverty and increases the number of people living in such conditions,

*Bearing in mind* the urgent need to take account of the social costs of adjustment policies,

*Calling* for the strengthening of efforts being made by the international community to alleviate the impact of such policies on those who live in conditions of extreme poverty,

*Considering* that the Commission for Social Development is the most appropriate United Nations organ for recommending social development policies,

1. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to study the phenomenon of extreme poverty with a view to examining the interrelationship between social development and the eradication of poverty and report to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1989;

2. *Invites* all Member States to transmit to the Commission for Social Development any studies or reports that they may have on the problem of extreme poverty or, if they have none, invites them to consider undertaking such studies and to transmit them to the Commission;

3. *Also invites* non-governmental organizations to continue to support follow-up activities to the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in accordance with Council resolution 1987/48;

4. *Urges* the Commission for Social Development to suggest, on the basis of an assessment of its studies, strategies that will help put an end to the marginalization of people living in extreme poverty, irrespective of the economic and social system to which they belong, and to submit its views to the Economic and Social Council for consideration at its first regular session of 1991;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include the results of the studies of the Commission for Social

<sup>78</sup> General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV), article 2.

<sup>79</sup> E/CONF.80/10, chap. III.

<sup>80</sup> General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV), article 9.

<sup>81</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1988, Supplement No. 13 (E/1988/37)*.