

1990/6. Women and children in Namibia

The Economic and Social Council,

Welcoming the independence of Namibia, proclaimed on 21 March 1990,

Bearing in mind the tremendous responsibilities that the Government of that newly independent country will face,

Recalling the active role played by Namibian women in the struggle for liberation and independence,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Commission on the Status of Women for its support in the struggle for Namibian independence;

2. *Recognizes* the sustained efforts of Namibian women to achieve full and equal participation with men in political, social and economic activities and to continue their contribution to the construction of a free and independent Namibia;

3. *Appeals* to the international community to provide financial, technical and other forms of assistance to enable the Government of Namibia to implement measures aimed at improving the condition of women and children in that country;

4. *Urges* governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to make resources available to assist in the rehabilitation and resettlement of returning Namibian women and children.

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1990/7. Central American women: equality, development and peace

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1989/35 of 24 May 1989 on women and peace in Central America,

Bearing in mind the progress made in the implementation of the commitments reached by the Presidents of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua at the Esquipulas II summit meeting,⁸ and the joint declarations adopted by those Presidents at Alajuela, Costa Rica,⁹ at Costa del Sol, El Salvador¹⁰ and, in particular, at Tela, Honduras,¹¹

Convinced of the exceptional importance to the peoples of Central America, in particular the women, of the achievement of peace, reconciliation, development and social justice in the region, and the recognition of their economic, social, cultural, political and civil rights,

Considering that the problems connected with the economic, social and political situation of the Central American region severely affect the living conditions

⁸ A/42/521-S/19085, annex; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-second Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1987*, document S/19085.

⁹ A/42/911-S/19447, annex; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-third Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1988*, document S/19447.

¹⁰ A/44/140-S/20491, annex; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-fourth Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1989*, document S/20491.

¹¹ See A/44/451-S/20778; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-fourth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1989*, document S/20778.

and welfare levels of the population in general and of women in poverty and their children, in particular,

Considering the importance of the role that Central American women play or should play in the development of the countries of the region, as well as in the peace process and the preservation of national sovereignty,

Considering also that the intensity of the crisis in the region has caused women's associations to postpone their efforts to obtain social equality for Central American women,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 42/231 of 12 May 1988, 43/210 of 20 December 1988 and 44/182 of 19 December 1989 on the Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America,¹²

1. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the progress made in the implementation of the commitments made in the agreement concluded at the Esquipulas II summit meeting and in subsequent agreements;

2. *Again calls upon* the Presidents of the Central American countries to persevere in their joint efforts to reach peace in Central America and to ensure favourable conditions for the full implementation in the region of the objectives of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,² and requests the international community to support those efforts;

3. *Urges* all States to support the peace efforts, fully respecting the principles of self-determination and non-intervention;

4. *Urges* the Central American Governments to intensify their efforts to guarantee education, health, housing and employment to women on equal terms with men;

5. *Appeals* to the Central American Governments to facilitate and promote the adoption and full implementation of laws on the protection and social promotion of women;

6. *Also appeals* to the Central American Governments to promote the participation of women in the development of societies based on equality, peace, self-determination and social justice;

7. *Recommends* to the Secretary-General the reinforcement of the Special Plan on Economic Co-operation for Central America with concrete activities supporting the advancement of Central American women;

8. *Urges* the international community to take into consideration the specific needs and interests of Central American women in the programmes of technical, economic and financial co-operation for the region;

9. *Urges* women's organizations, national and international, governmental and non-governmental, to play an active role in the democratization, peace and development processes in Central America.

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¹² A/42/949, annex.