

Conscious of the inadequacy of the information available from Member States concerning the participation of women in local and national political institutions,

Bearing in mind the importance of equal access to all forms of education and training for men and women to the achievement of a balanced distribution of positions of political and economic responsibility in society,

1. *Calls upon* Member States to ensure, as regards both education and access to public functions of a social, economic, administrative or political character, conditions of equality between men and women and promotion without discrimination;

2. *Requests* the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace to consider, under the general theme "Development", appropriate means of ensuring the more effective participation of women in the planning and policy processes of their Governments and more adequate reflection of their needs and concerns in those processes;

3. *Further requests* the Conference to consider, under the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education", the conditions necessary for ensuring equal access of women and men to positions of responsibility which will enable them to participate in the formulation of national policies in those fields;

4. *Calls upon* Governments to take steps to ensure effective participation of women in the decision-making process with respect to foreign policy and international economic and political co-operation, including steps to ensure that they have equal access to diplomatic functions and that they are represented in the United Nations and other international organizations.

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17 December 1979*

34/156. Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision of 15 December 1975 that the activities of the voluntary fund for the International Women's Year should be extended to cover the period of the United Nations Decade for Women,⁷⁸

Recalling also its resolution 31/133 of 16 December 1976, containing the criteria and arrangements for the management of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women,

Noting with satisfaction the valuable programme policy developed by the Fund, in accordance with the criteria and arrangements for the management of the Fund, to assist projects in developing countries,

Bearing in mind that in its resolution 31/133 it, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to consult the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the use of the Fund for technical co-operation activities,

Noting with appreciation the new procedures for submission and review of project proposals at the country level, through the resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme,

Noting also with appreciation the expansion of the activities supported by the Fund and the increased co-

operation with the organizations within the United Nations system,

Conscious that the Fund was designed to supplement, through financial and technical support, development activities involving women at the national, regional and global levels, in co-operation with relevant organizations of the United Nations system,

Recognizing the need for all operational activities and regional commissions within the United Nations system to pay increasing attention to including projects for women in their regular programmes,

Recognizing also the necessity of continuing financial and technical support for development activities which respond to the specific needs of women in developing countries and the importance of incorporating, in national and international development planning, policies and programmes aimed at the mobilization and integration of women in development,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women,⁷⁹

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the decisions of the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women during its fifth and sixth sessions;⁸⁰

2. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 3 of resolution 31/133 and with due regard for continuity, to select five Member States, each of which will appoint a representative to serve on the Consultative Committee;⁸¹

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the relevant organs of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Children's Fund, for their invaluable assistance to the ongoing work of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women;

4. *Expresses its desire* to see the activities developed by the Fund continued beyond the United Nations Decade for Women and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to study this question in consultation with the Consultative Committee and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, as well as with other relevant United Nations agencies, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

5. *Decides* that the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women shall continue to be situated at Headquarters;

6. *Decides also* to review its decision at its thirty-sixth session, on the basis of the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General on his consultations with the Consultative Committee, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and other United Nations agencies directly concerned, as well as on the views to be submitted by Member States by 1 June 1981;

7. *Expresses its appreciation* for the voluntary contributions pledged by Member States at the 1979 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities⁸² and appeals to Member States to consider giving or increasing their support to the Fund in order to ensure the availability of resources sufficient to meet rapidly multiplying demands in developing countries;

⁷⁹ A/34/612.

⁸⁰ *Ibid.*, sect. II.

⁸¹ See sect. X.A, decision 34/323.

⁸² See A/CONF.98/SR.1 and 2 and corrigendum.

⁷⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/10034)*, p. 100, items 75 and 76, para. (a).

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to report annually on the management of the Fund as well as on the progress in the implementation of its activities;

(b) To continue to include the Fund on an annual basis as one of the programmes of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

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34/157. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/187 of 29 January 1979 on the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Taking into consideration Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/11 of 9 May 1979, concerning the establishment of the Institute in the Dominican Republic, and Economic and Social Council decision 1979/58 of 2 August 1979 on the appointment of the Board of Trustees of the Institute,

Noting that the first session of the Board of Trustees of the Institute took place from 22 to 26 October 1979,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,⁸³

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/11 and accepts with appreciation the offer of the Government of the Dominican Republic to act as host for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

2. *Expresses its desire* that the necessary consultations concerning the agreement with the Government of the host country should be expeditiously concluded;

3. *Invites* Governments to contribute to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult Member States with a view to nominating the Director of the Institute as soon as possible;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the work of the Institute, together with the report of the Board of Trustees.

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34/158. World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3519 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/136 of 16 December 1976, 32/142 of 16 December 1977 and 33/184 and 33/185 of 29 January 1979, as well as the Convention on the Political Rights of Women,⁸⁴

Reaffirming the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, and the relevant decisions of the World Conference of the International Women's Year,⁸⁵

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Women's participation in the strengthening of international peace and security and in the struggle against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of foreign domination",⁸⁶

Taking into account the report of the Conference of Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries on the Role of Women in Development, held at Baghdad from 6 to 13 May 1979,⁸⁷

Bearing in mind that women will be able to play an equal and effective role in the process of development only if they have equal opportunities with men for education, employment, health care facilities and public functions of a social, economic, administrative or political character, and a social atmosphere necessary for the utilization of those opportunities,

Considering that the equal participation of women in the development process and in political life will contribute to the achievement of international peace, to the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and to the establishment of the new international economic order,

Appreciating the contribution of women to the strengthening of international peace and security, to the struggle against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of foreign domination, and to the full and effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Stressing the importance of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be held in 1980, for the implementation of the objectives of the Decade,

1. *Calls upon* all Member States to make all efforts in preparing and carrying out the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

2. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women to intensify its work in preparing an effective programme of action to be based on careful review and evaluation of progress made in implementing the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year⁸⁸ aiming at improving the status of women, and on the recommendations made by the regional preparatory conferences;

3. *Urges* the Commission on the Status of Women to consider at its twenty-eighth session the question of elaborating a draft declaration on the participation of women in the struggle for the strengthening of international peace and security and against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of foreign domination, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/142, and for the full and effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, taking into account the views of

⁸⁵ See *Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. III.

⁸⁶ A/34/471 and Corr.1.

⁸⁷ A/34/321, annex.

⁸⁸ *Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

⁸³ A/34/579.

⁸⁴ Resolution 640 (VII), annex.