

at its fifth session on ways and means of implementing article 21 of the Convention;<sup>9</sup>

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to the General Assembly at its forty-first session and to the Commission on the Status of Women, for information.

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**1986/5. Twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the International Covenants on Human Rights**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* that 1986 marks the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights<sup>10</sup> and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>10</sup> as well as the tenth anniversary of their entry into force,

*Aware* that the peoples of the United Nations have, in the Charter of the United Nations, declared their determination to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

*Conscious* that the General Assembly proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights<sup>11</sup> as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations and that the International Covenants on Human Rights develop its provisions, constitute the first all-embracing and legally-binding international treaties in the field of human rights and establish standards to which States should conform,

*Recalling* that responsibility for the discharge of the functions of the United Nations in promoting universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion, is vested in the General Assembly and, under the authority of the General Assembly, in the Economic and Social Council,

*Welcoming* the decision of the General Assembly, in its resolution 40/114 of 13 December 1985, to convene during its forty-first session a commemorative plenary meeting devoted to the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the International Covenants on Human Rights,

*Noting* Commission on Human Rights resolution 1986/17 of 10 March 1986,<sup>12</sup> in which the Commission reaffirmed the importance of the International Covenants on Human Rights as major elements of international efforts to promote universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

*Noting* that only half of the States Members of the United Nations have acceded to the International Covenants on Human Rights and conscious of the desirability of participation of all States in the Covenants,

1. *Invites* States to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights by continuing and strengthening measures designed to conform with the provisions of the Covenants;

2. *Appeals strongly*, on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Covenants, to all States that have not yet become parties to these instruments to do so, so that the Covenants acquire genuine universality, and to consider acceding to the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and making the declaration provided for in article 41 of the Covenant;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General, on the same occasion, to continue systematically encouraging States to become parties to the Covenants and, through the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights, to provide technical assistance to the States that are not parties to the Covenants with a view to helping them to ratify those instruments or accede thereto;

4. *Encourages* all Governments to publish the texts of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in as many languages as possible and to distribute them and make them known as widely as possible in their territories;

5. *Invites* all States and international organizations to carry out special activities on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Covenants.

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**1986/6. University for Peace**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 33/109 of 18 December 1978, 34/111 of 14 December 1979 and 35/55 of 5 December 1980,

*Considering* that the primary task of the United Nations is the maintenance of international peace and security, in accordance with Article 1 of the Charter,

*Bearing in mind* that article 2 of the Charter of the University for Peace establishes that the University shall contribute to the great universal task of educating for peace,

*Taking note* of the report submitted by the University for Peace to the Secretary-General in compliance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/2 of 24 May 1985,<sup>13</sup>

*Considering also* the important tasks carried out by the University for Peace since its inception, in fulfilment of its goals and purposes,

*Taking note with satisfaction* of the co-operation that the Government of the host country has extended to the University during its first stage,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the University for Peace for the report submitted;

2. *Encourages* Member States to adhere to the International Agreement for the Establishment of the University for Peace, particularly during 1986, the year solemnly proclaimed by the General Assembly as the International Year of Peace;

3. *Invites* Member States and non-governmental organizations to lend all possible material and other assistance that may contribute to the realization of the efforts carried out by the University for Peace;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider the possibility of establishing an agreement of co-operation between the United Nations and the University for Peace;

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. IV.

<sup>10</sup> See General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

<sup>11</sup> General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

<sup>12</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 2 (E/1986/22)*, chap. II.

<sup>13</sup> See E/1986/17.

5. *Invites* the General Assembly to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-first session a sub-item entitled "University for Peace" under the agenda item entitled "Training and research".

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#### 1986/7. Population questions

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 39/228 of 18 December 1984 on the International Conference on Population,

*Recalling also* Council resolution 1985/4 of 28 May 1985,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to General Assembly resolution 39/228,<sup>14</sup> which suggests steps to be taken with regard to the relevant recommendations of the International Conference on Population,<sup>15</sup> in particular recommendation 83 relating to the further strengthening of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities so as to ensure the more effective delivery of population assistance, taking into account the growing needs in the field of population;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to implement those recommendations that fall within the competence of the United Nations Secretariat, bearing in mind the need to strengthen and improve, within their respective mandates, existing institutions and arrangements and to secure more effective interaction between them in an effort to reinforce international co-operation in the field of population;

3. *Decides* to consider the report of the Population Commission and relevant chapters of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, together with relevant inputs from the regional commissions, at its second regular session, under an item entitled "Population questions", bearing in mind the overall responsibilities and policy functions of the Economic and Social Council in population matters;

4. *Reaffirms* the importance of the research activities and policy analysis of the United Nations in the field of population;

5. *Invites* the Population Commission to act upon the recommendations contained in paragraph 70 of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>14</sup>

6. *Invites also* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, as the governing body of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities:

(a) To use reports of the Population Commission for greater exchange of information on population questions;

(b) To give adequate consideration to Fund matters, bearing in mind the importance of population issues and the separate identity of the Fund as stated in paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972;

(c) To continue to organize its work programme in a manner that will facilitate the consideration of Fund matters before relevant budgetary and administrative issues are taken up in the Budget and Finance Committee of the Governing Council;

7. *Reaffirms* the aims and purposes of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities as set out in Council resolution 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973;

8. *Urges* the international community to strengthen further the resource base of the Fund through greater contributions, in order to meet the increasing needs of the developing countries for assistance in population activities;

9. *Emphasizes* the need to elaborate a co-ordinated, effective and efficient strategy for the United Nations and the United Nations system to address population issues;

10. *Stresses* that effective co-ordination in the field of population can be achieved through efforts of Governments at the national level and through improved inter-agency collaboration at all levels;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to keep under review the follow-up to General Assembly resolution 39/228 and to include a separate section on the subject in the overview report requested in paragraph 6 of Council resolution 1985/4, taking into account the comments made by delegations at the first regular session of 1986 of the Council, the thirty-third session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the forty-first session of the General Assembly.

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#### 1986/8. Strengthening of the control of international trade in secobarbital, a psychotropic substance listed in Schedule III of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* that the International Narcotics Control Board in its report for 1984<sup>16</sup> recommended—and that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs supported the recommendation—that additional voluntary action should be undertaken by Governments to strengthen the impact of the controls which the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances<sup>17</sup> imposes upon substances listed in Schedules III and IV,

*Recalling also*, in that connection, Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/15 of 28 May 1985,

*Noting with deep concern* the increasing flow of diverted secobarbital into both industrialized and developing countries,

*Recognizing* that the present controls over the import and export of secobarbital ought to be made stronger to further prevent its diversion,

*Considering* that the import and export data currently being provided to the International Narcotics Control Board on secobarbital are incomplete,

1. *Urges* all Governments to extend the system of import and export authorizations provided for in article 12, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances to cover international trade in secobarbital and other Schedule III substances, to the extent consistent with their domestic laws, as previously requested by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1985/15;

2. *Stresses* that it is important that all Governments voluntarily provide to the International Narcotics Control Board, to the extent possible, complete reports on trade in secobarbital and other Schedule III substances;

<sup>14</sup> A/41/179-E/1986/18.

<sup>15</sup> See *Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda), chap. I.

<sup>16</sup> E/INCB/1984/1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XI.4).

<sup>17</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1019, No. 14956, p. 175.