

non-governmental organizations concerned, in particular youth organizations, to exert all possible efforts for the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth and to consider at their meetings appropriate ways and means for improving co-ordination and information in the field of youth;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth to all States, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as to other international organizations concerned, in accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 40/14;

4. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General continue to direct the attention of the competent United Nations bodies and specialized agencies to the need for continued co-ordination and information in the field of youth, in keeping with the objectives of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace;

5. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to co-ordinate the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth in the entire United Nations system, in accordance with its mandate;²⁷

6. *Decides* to consider at its first regular session of 1987 the achievements in co-ordination and information in the field of youth, under the item entitled "Social development", in accordance with General Assembly resolution 40/14.

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1986/14. Improvement of the work of the Commission for Social Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,²⁸ based on the Charter of the United Nations and solemnly proclaimed on 11 December 1969,

Reaffirming the lasting validity and importance of the principles and objectives set forth in the Declaration,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 2543 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 and 34/59 of 29 November 1979 on the implementation of the Declaration, in which all Governments and appropriate organizations of the United Nations system were urged, in their policies, plans, programmes and implementation machinery, to continuously take into consideration the principles, objectives, means and methods of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, and to take due account of its provisions in their bilateral and multilateral relations in the field of development,

Recalling its resolutions 10 (II) of 21 June 1946 on the Temporary Social Commission, 830 J (XXXII) of 2 August 1961 on the strengthening of the work of the United Nations in the social field and 1139 (XLI) of 29 July 1966, in which it adopted the present mandate and present designation of the Commission for Social Development,

Taking into account its resolution 1985/36 of 29 May 1985 on the progress of work of the Commission for Social Development,

Noting that the Commission is experiencing difficulties in giving proper attention to all items of its agenda owing principally to lack of time,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 40/98 of 13 December 1985 on improvement of the role of the United Nations in the field of social development, in which the Assembly invited the Economic and Social Council to consider, at its first regular session of 1986, existing ways and means of improving the work of the Commission,

Taking into account the deliberations of the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1985 and at its present session on the work of the Commission for Social Development,

Mindful of the need to find appropriate measures, including measures relating to the frequency and duration of meetings, to enable the commissions of the Council to discharge properly their important functions,

1. *Reaffirms* the important role of the Commission for Social Development within the United Nations system in the field of social development;

2. *Requests* the Commission to give more attention in its deliberations to the principles, objectives, means and methods of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development;

3. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to consider, at its thirtieth session, specific proposals concerning ways and means of improving its work;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, on the basis of the discussion at the first regular session of 1986 of the Council and the conclusions of the Commission, a report on measures to strengthen the Commission for Social Development in the discharge of its functions, to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council for consideration at its first regular session of 1987.

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1986/15. International Year of Peace

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 40/3 of 24 October 1985, solemnly proclaimed 1986 to be the International Year of Peace as a timely impetus for initiating renewed thought and action for the promotion of peace, and an opportunity for Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and others to express in practical terms the common aspiration of all peoples for peace,

Noting the call of the General Assembly for all peoples to join with the United Nations in resolute efforts to safeguard peace and the future of humanity,

Recalling the provisions of the Proclamation of the International Year of Peace approved by the General Assembly,²⁹

Recalling Council decision 1986/115 of 7 February 1986, in which the Council reaffirmed its commitment to collaborate, within the areas of its competence, to achieve positive results in international co-operation for the promotion of peace during the International Year of Peace and beyond,

Noting resolutions and decisions on the International Year of Peace adopted by the Commission on Human Rights, the Human Rights Committee, the Committee on

²⁷Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III).

²⁸General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV).

²⁹General Assembly resolution 40/3, annex.

the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

1. *Supports* the proclamation by the General Assembly of 1986 as the International Year of Peace;

2. *Welcomes* the efforts of Governments to achieve the objectives of the International Year of Peace;

3. *Considers* that those efforts, as well as the universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, will contribute to international peace and co-operation;

4. *Welcomes* the activities carried out by the Secretary-General to encourage the efforts of Governments in this field;

5. *Calls upon* Member States, as well as organs and subsidiary bodies of the United Nations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, educational, scientific, cultural and research institutions and their communication media to commemorate the International Year of Peace in the most appropriate manner, highlighting, *inter alia*, the role of the United Nations in the promotion and maintenance of international peace and security.

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1986/16. United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 40/31 of 29 November 1985, urging international implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons³⁰ and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, 37/53 of 3 December 1982, by which, *inter alia*, it proclaimed the period 1983-1992 the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, 38/28 of 22 November 1983, in which it recognized the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Year of Disabled Persons as an important instrument for the implementation of the World Programme of Action and the desirability of its continuation throughout the Decade, and 39/26 of 23 November 1984, by which it adopted further specific measures for implementation of the World Programme of Action,

Recalling also Council resolution 1985/35 of 29 May 1985, in which, *inter alia*, the Secretary-General was requested, in order to facilitate contributions by Governments, to include, on an annual basis, the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Year of Disabled Persons among the programmes for which funds are pledged at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities,

Noting with satisfaction the concrete measures already carried out by the Governments of Member States, the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to implement the objectives of the World Programme of Action within the framework of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

Noting with appreciation the steps taken by the United Nations system and by concerned non-governmental organizations to establish a monitoring procedure and prepare a consolidated questionnaire to monitor the implementation of the World Programme of Action,

³⁰ A/37/351/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).

Noting with concern that, in spite of a number of contributions made by Governments between 1981 and 1985 and constant appeals by the General Assembly and other United Nations organs to contribute to the financing of activities for the disabled, progress towards the improvement of the situation of the disabled in the developing countries has been slow,

Noting with serious concern the alarming situation of disabled persons in developing countries and the critical economic situation in a number of countries, in particular in Africa and Latin America and in the least developed countries,

Mindful that, since developing countries are experiencing difficulties in mobilizing resources, international co-operation should be encouraged to assist national efforts in implementing the World Programme of Action and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,³¹

Expressing its appreciation to Member States and organizations, in particular to the twenty-five States that have donated \$1.6 million over the past few years,

Expressing its appreciation of the useful role played by the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Year of Disabled Persons in implementing the World Programme of Action,

1. *Urges* all bodies and organizations of the United Nations system to take into account the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons in the formulation and implementation of their programmes;

2. *Calls upon* all bodies and organizations of the United Nations system to take appropriate steps to ensure that, to the extent possible, disabled persons are represented in those bodies and organizations, and that assistance programmes administered by those bodies and organizations take into account the concerns of disabled persons in their overall planning objectives;

3. *Reiterates* the need to give greater publicity to the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, and calls upon all bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, Member States, national committees and non-governmental organizations to assist in publicizing the Decade by all appropriate means within existing resources;

4. *Requests* that the activities of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons be incorporated in the plans for other United Nations observances, including the Third United Nations Development Decade, the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade and the International Year of Peace;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make all appropriate efforts to mobilize international support and action for the Decade.

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1986/17. Elimination of discrimination against women and exercise of all their rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Mindful of the extreme importance of eliminating discrimination against women to ensure the economic, social, cultural, political and civil rights of women,

³¹ A/40/728 and Corr.1.