

3. *Commends* the non-governmental organizations for drawing attention to this problem, and welcomes the demonstration of national and international political will, particularly during the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, as well as the efforts of the competent United Nations organs, organizations and bodies that have begun to address this issue;

4. *Encourages* Member States and competent organizations of the United Nations system to develop or improve data collection on family violence;

5. *Recommends* that the agenda for the meeting of experts be prepared taking into consideration the comments made and the concerns expressed during the thirty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

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1986/19. Women in the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985 on the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,³⁴ in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, emphasized the central role of the Commission on the Status of Women in matters related to the advancement of women,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 40/258 B of 18 December 1985 on the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat,

Recalling further section III of General Assembly resolution 40/244 of 18 December 1985, concerning the introduction of special measures for the recruitment of women by the organizations of the common system,

Convinced that without the active support of Member States the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace concerning women in the United Nations system will not be achieved,

1. *Affirms* that the full participation of women in the work of the organizations of the United Nations system, especially at policy-making levels, in substantive occupations and in technical co-operation activities, is essential as a means of bringing the experience of women to bear on all aspects of the policies and programmes of the organizations that shape global development;

2. *Emphasizes* that the presence of more women in all substantive areas of the organizations, including technical co-operation activities, will help those organizations to attain the objective of responding more effectively and efficiently to their mandates and to their responsibilities towards society as a whole;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, and, through him, the other executive heads of organizations participating in the United Nations system to improve the status of women in those organizations, particularly by strengthening their presence in policy-making positions, substantive occupations and technical co-operation activities, and by creating a climate more conducive to the advancement of women, and to establish accountable management practices to this end;

4. *Calls upon* Member States to continue to support the efforts of the organizations of the United Nations system to increase the participation of women at the policy-making level and in their substantive programme activities by, *inter alia*, nominating more women candidates.

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1986/20. Participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the necessity of the full participation of women in all activities related to the decision-making process at all levels, including those related to lasting peace and international co-operation,

Affirming the need for equal participation of women in the decision-making process, including that related to peace, disarmament and security at national, regional and international levels, and within the United Nations system,

Referring to the relevant provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,³⁵ and to General Assembly resolutions 37/63 of 3 December 1982, by which the Assembly proclaimed the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation, and 39/124 of 14 December 1984, in which it requested the Commission on the Status of Women to consider what measures might be necessary to implement the Declaration,

Bearing in mind that the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985, in adopting the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,³⁴ emphasized that the main principles and directions formulated in the Declaration for women's activities aimed at strengthening peace should be put into practice,

Taking note with satisfaction of General Assembly resolution 40/102 of 13 December 1985, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, requested the Commission on the Status of Women to consider measures which might be necessary to implement the Declaration in the context of the Forward-looking Strategies for the period up to the year 2000,

Reaffirming Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/20 of 24 May 1984 on the future work of the Commission on the Status of Women, in which the Council recommended, *inter alia*, that the Commission at its thirty-first session, as a contribution to the International Year of Peace, should consider recommendations for concrete proposals to ensure the full participation of women in the establishment of conditions conducive to the maintenance of peace and to the elimination of inequality and poverty,

1. *Urges* the Commission on the Status of Women to consider the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation in the context of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, in order to elaborate action-oriented recommendations aimed at the increased participation of women in all spheres of life, including that of the promotion of peace;

2. *Calls upon* Member States to take practical institutional, educational and organizational measures to facilitate women's participation on an equal footing with men in the decision-making process, including that related to peace, disarmament negotiations and the solution of conflicts, and to inform the Secretary-General of their activities undertaken at all levels to implement the Declaration as a contribution to the International Year of Peace;

3. *Invites* Member States and the Secretary-General to support increased participation of women in all United Nations bodies, including those dealing with peace, disarmament and international negotiations;