

*Bearing in mind also* that economic inequality, colonialism, racism, racial discrimination in all its forms, *apartheid*, aggression and interference in the internal affairs of other States, and violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms are obstacles to the active integration of women in all spheres of life,

*Bearing in mind* the resolution on equal opportunities and equal treatment for men and women in employment, adopted on 27 June 1985 by the International Labour Conference,

*Reaffirming* General Assembly resolution 40/101 of 13 December 1985, in which the Assembly stated its awareness of the necessity to enlarge the possibilities for both men and women to combine parental duties and household work with paid employment and social activities, that the role of women in child bearing should not be the cause of inequality and discrimination, and that child rearing demands shared responsibilities among women, men and society as a whole,

1. *Recommends* that all Governments and international and non-governmental organizations pay due attention in their activities to the role of women in society in all its interrelated aspects—as mothers, as participants in the economic development process, and as participants in all aspects of public life;

2. *Reaffirms* that the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women should contribute to the elimination of all forms of inequality between women and men and to the integration of women in the development process, and should ensure the broad participation of women in the efforts to strengthen international peace and security;

3. *Calls upon* Member States to adopt necessary effective measures with a view to the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies as a matter of priority, including the establishment or strengthening of appropriate mechanisms for the advancement of women and for the implementation of the Strategies, in order to ensure the full integration of women in the political, economic, social and cultural life of their countries;

4. *Invites* Member States to encourage such social and economic development as would ensure the equal participation of women in all spheres of work activity, equal pay for work of equal value and equal opportunities for education and vocational training;

5. *Appeals* to Member States to promote conditions that would enable women to participate as equal partners with men in public and political life, in the decision-making process at all levels and in the management of different spheres of life in society;

6. *Urges* Governments to recognize the special status and social importance of child bearing and child rearing and to take all necessary measures to encourage the support of parenthood, including paid maternity, parental and child-care leave, and to provide women with security for their jobs as long as necessary with a view to allowing them to fulfil their role as mothers without prejudice to their professional and public activities;

7. *Appeals* to Governments to promote the establishment of appropriate facilities for the care and education of children as a means of combining parenthood with economic, political, social, cultural and other activities, and thus to assist women towards full integration into their societies;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to pay due attention to the questions of the situation of women, their role in society and the progress achieved in the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies when preparing future reports on the world social situation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to pay due attention to all the interrelated aspects of the role of women in society when preparing surveys on the role of women in development;

10. *Invites* the Commission on the Status of Women to pay due attention to all aspects of the role of women in society in its consideration of the question of women and development.

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**1986/28. Implementation of the Arusha Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of African Women Beyond the United Nations Decade for Women**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Aware* of the draft resolution on strengthening the role of the Commission on the Status of Women which was before the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,<sup>47</sup>

*Aware also* of the draft resolution on assistance from non-governmental organizations to women and children, particularly in drought-stricken countries, which was before the Conference,<sup>48</sup>

*Recalling with appreciation* that the organizations of the United Nations system, the Member States and non-governmental organizations have devoted resources, time and effort to the advancement of women during the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

*Recalling* the seriousness and unity of purpose that reigned at Nairobi during the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, and in the drafting of the Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>49</sup> which promise continuity in the pursuit of the Decade's objectives of equality, development and peace for all women,

*Mindful* of the diminishing resources available for development in Africa,

*Gravely concerned* by the world economic crisis, which affects African countries in particular, and by the difficulties encountered by national machineries in mobilizing funds for programmes that would benefit women,

1. *Recommends* that the Commission on the Status of Women should be strengthened to enable it to monitor the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;

2. *Appeals* to the African Member States to include in their plans the Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of African Women Beyond the United Nations Decade for Women,<sup>49</sup> identified at the regional intergovernmental preparatory meeting held at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, from 8 to 12 October 1984 and incorporated in the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies, and to ensure their implementation;

3. *Appeals* to the organizations of the United Nations, Governments, and intergovernmental and non-

<sup>47</sup> *Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), annex I, document A/CONF.116/C.2/L.21.

<sup>48</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/CONF.116/C.1/L.5.

<sup>49</sup> A/CONF.116/9 and Corr.1, sect. IV.

governmental organizations to support the implementation of the five-year plan for the implementation of the Arusha Forward-looking Strategies<sup>50</sup> in African Member States under the following priority areas of special concern:

- (a) Agriculture and food production;
- (b) Impact of desertification on the condition of women;
- (c) Industrial development;
- (d) Human resources development;
- (e) *Apartheid* in South Africa and Namibia;
- (f) Refugee and displaced women;
- (g) Monitoring changes in the situation of women in Africa;

4. *Calls upon* United Nations organizations, the African Member States and non-governmental organizations to assist in the periodic holding of regional conferences to review and appraise the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies;

5. *Calls upon* United Nations organizations and inter-governmental and non-governmental funding agencies to devise a clear, practical and efficient system of mobilizing and channelling funds for women's programmes and projects in Africa;

6. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to co-operate in establishing a mechanism for monitoring the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies, the progress made in achieving the objectives of the Decade for Women, and the changing situation of women in Africa.

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**1986/29. Physical violence against detained women that is specific to their sex**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting with grave concern* that the Commission on the Status of Women, in the report on its thirty-first session, drew attention to the continuing pattern of physical violence against women, cases of rape and other sexual abuse, including violence against pregnant women, while detained,<sup>51</sup>

*Considering* that women are especially vulnerable to sexual violence,

*Considering also* that pregnant women require special protection and care by society,

*Recalling* its resolutions 76 (V) of 5 August 1947, 304 I (XI) of 14 and 17 July 1950 and 1984/19 of 24 May 1984,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 1980/39 of 2 May 1980 and 1983/27 of 26 May 1983, by which it reaffirmed the mandate of the Commission to consider communications relating to the status of women, including the replies of Governments thereon, if any, and to draw to the attention of the Council emerging trends and patterns so that it may decide what action to take,

*Taking note* of the consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on this question<sup>52</sup> by the Commission at its thirty-first session,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General and expresses its thanks to all Member States that contributed to it;

2. *Calls upon* all Member States that have not yet done so to take appropriate measures urgently, as necessary, to eradicate acts of physical violence against detained women;

3. *Invites* Member States that have not yet done so to submit to the Secretary-General a report on legislative and other measures they have taken, as applicable, to prevent physical violence against detained women that is specific to their sex, so as to enable him to report to the Commission on the Status of Women at its 1988 session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Commission prepared on the basis of reports received from Member States;

5. *Requests* the Commission to continue to consider communications relating to the status of women and to make recommendations thereon to the Council, if necessary.

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**1986/30. Implications of the Forward-looking Strategies for the programme planning system and the programme of future work of the Commission on the Status of Women**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the mandate of the Commission on the Status of Women, which is to promote the rights, status and advancement of women in all their dimensions,

*Recalling further* that in the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>54</sup> which were endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985, it is stated that the functions of the Commission should include the monitoring of the implementation of the Strategies to the year 2000, which would necessitate the expansion of the functions of the Commission,

*Bearing in mind* the need for the Commission to review and appraise the Forward-looking Strategies to the year 2000 in order to ensure their expeditious and universal application,

*Aware* that since its inception the mandate of the Commission has expanded considerably,

*Recalling* that the General Assembly, in its resolution 40/108, recommended that immediate measures be taken to ensure that future medium-term plans of the United Nations and the specialized agencies should contain intersectoral presentations of the various programmes dealing with issues of concern to women and that revisions of current plans should be considered in the light of the results of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

1. *Decides* to convene in January 1987 a session of the Commission on the Status of Women of five working days prior to the organizational session of the Economic and Social Council, and that the session shall be held in New York as an exception to the general principle, reaffirmed by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, that United Nations bodies shall plan to meet at their established headquarters;

2. *Decides also* that at that session the Commission shall consider the following:

(a) Revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 intended to fully integrate the Nairobi Forward-

<sup>50</sup> See E/CA/CM.11/20.

<sup>51</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 4 (E/1986/24 and Corr. 1 and 2), chap. V.

<sup>52</sup> E/CN.6/1986/11.