

the 1988 session of the Commission on the Status of Women, based on information obtained from Member States and others concerned, on the proposals of the seminar and on the basis of experience gained during the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, and to propose guidelines for national machinery to promote the advancement of women and ways to ensure effective implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in preparing the above-mentioned report, to draw upon all relevant information, including reports of States members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

*19th plenary meeting
23 May 1986*

1986/32. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

*The Economic and Social Council,
Recalling its resolution 1985/45 of 31 May 1985, concerning the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,*

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 40/38 of 29 November 1985,

Having considered the report of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on its sixth session,⁵⁶

Noting that the programmes implemented by the Institute, as well as those included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 as approved by the Board of Trustees at its sixth session, are consistent with the goals of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,⁵⁴

Recognizing that it is important for the Institute to have the necessary resources to implement its programme of work,

Convinced of the importance of the Institute's mode of operation through networks for its activities at the national, regional and international levels,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its sixth session and the decisions contained therein;

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the fact that the Institute implemented its programme of work for the biennium 1984-1985, making adequate use of its resources;

3. *Invites* the regional commissions to keep the Board of Trustees of the Institute informed about their most recent activities and future programmes, in order to facilitate continuous co-operation between them and the Institute;

4. *Renews its appeal* to Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other potential donors to contribute to the Trust Fund for the Institute.

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1986/33. Documentation of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

The Economic and Social Council,

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1. *Requests* the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities henceforth to submit to the Commission on Human Rights, after a thorough examination, the studies and reports prepared by the Special Rapporteurs of the Sub-Commission with a brief written introductory statement by the Special Rapporteur, and to discontinue the practice of requesting Special Rapporteurs to introduce their reports personally to the Commission;

2. *Further requests* the Sub-Commission to adhere strictly to the guidelines governing the limitation of documents and to ensure that Special Rapporteurs responsible for preparing reports and studies are brief and concise and that their reports and studies, as far as possible, do not exceed thirty-two pages;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to member States or organizations concerned only those resolutions or decisions of the Commission or the Sub-Commission which require specific responses on their part;

4. *Decides* that henceforth studies prepared by Special Rapporteurs of the Sub-Commission shall be printed only following an express decision to that effect taken by the Commission and subsequently by the Council, which should have an opportunity to study the relevant financial implications.

*19th plenary meeting
23 May 1986*

1986/34. Study of the problem of discrimination against indigenous populations

The Economic and Social Council,

Mindful of its resolution 1982/34 of 7 May 1982, by which it authorized the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to establish annually a pre-session working group on indigenous populations to review developments pertaining to the promotion and protection of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous populations, giving special attention to the evolution of standards,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 40/131 of 13 December 1985, by which the Assembly decided to establish the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations with a view to securing a broad geographical representation of indigenous organizations in the future work of the Working Group,

Convinced of the need for the widest possible exchange of views in this field among Governments, specialized agencies, organizations of indigenous peoples and other non-governmental organizations,

Decides that the Working Group on Indigenous Populations shall meet for up to eight working days before the annual sessions of the Sub-Commission, the first three working days to be devoted to unserved meetings for the purpose of the preliminary drafting of international standards.

*19th plenary meeting
23 May 1986*

1986/35. Procedure for the election of members of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

The Economic and Social Council,