

nium 1986-1987 of \$700,000 to the Economic Commission for Africa, to be absorbed from the \$5 million allocated to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, under Assembly resolution 39/233 of 18 December 1984, for the implementation of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

*Mindful* of the fundamentally important linkage between industry and agriculture in Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery, 1986-1990, and of the vital contribution which the implementation of the programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa would make to food production and the rehabilitation of agriculture in Africa,

1. *Reiterates* the importance and priority with African countries accord to the industrial sector in view of its fundamental role in the implementation of Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery, 1986-1990, and the full attainment of the objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa<sup>52</sup> and the Final Act of Lagos;<sup>53</sup>

2. *Commends* the efforts made by African countries and organizations, as well as by the secretariats of the Economic Commission for Africa, the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, towards the implementation of the programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

3. *Requests* the secretariats of the Economic Commission for Africa and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to increase their assistance to African countries and subregional organizations with a view to promoting subregional industrial co-operation within the framework of the Decade;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for allocating \$8.6 million to the Decade in its programme budget for 1986-1987;

5. *Urges* the Programme and Budget Committee and the Industrial Development Board of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to increase the allocation for the Decade in the programme budget for 1988-1989 in accordance with the high priority accorded to the programme by that organization;

6. *Requests* that the transformation of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency should not lead to a reduction of the resources made available for assistance to African countries and organizations within the framework of the programme for the Decade;

7. *Appeals* to the international community, multilateral funding agencies, especially the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank, and bilateral and investment institutions to increase the flow of investment and technical assistance resources to the industrial sector in Africa to make it possible to im-

plement national and subregional investment and support projects.

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#### 1986/64. Updating of the world survey on the role of women in development

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that the General Assembly, in its resolution 40/204 of 17 December 1985, invited the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-first session to suggest terms of reference for the first update of the *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development*,<sup>54</sup> which is to be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-fourth session, in 1989.

*Emphasizing* the need to update the multidisciplinary and multisectoral survey on the integration of women in development,

*Aware* that the majority of the developing countries are at present suffering from a serious financial, economic and social crisis and that their precarious situation is leading to deterioration in the condition of broad groups of the population, particularly women,

*Bearing in mind* that the problems of the developing countries caused by the critical situation are aggravated by increasing external debt, deterioration in the terms of trade, protectionism, and other measures that affect their exports,

*Conscious* of the urgent need to study and to propose alternative courses of action to face the critical situation at minimum cost to the well-being of women,

*Emphasizing* the interrelationship between the preparations for updating the survey and the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>55</sup> including, *inter alia*, the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on the Status of Women at its 1988 session a first draft of the updated world survey on the role of women in development, taking into account the integrity of the three themes of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, namely, equality, development and peace;

2. *Recommends* the Secretary-General, in preparing the update of the survey and in linking it closely to the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women:

<sup>54</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.3.

<sup>55</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), chap. I, sect. A.

<sup>52</sup> A/S-11/14, annex I.

<sup>53</sup> *Ibid.*, annex II.

(a) To analyse the impact on women of the adjustment policies resulting from financial indebtedness, deterioration in the terms of trade, protectionism, and other measures that affect exports from developing countries and resource flows to those countries;

(b) To identify and assess the effectiveness and efficiency of selected innovative policies to promote women's integration into the economy, in particular to draw conclusions regarding any changes in the data in the light of such policies;

(c) To include other emerging development trends, to be identified in consultation with the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations co-operating in this effort, in particular to focus on one or two areas where women are most disadvantaged or most prominent in the work-force, such as the informal sector, agriculture and food production, including livestock raising, and issues relating to women and population;

(d) To examine the impact of the reduction in spending on programmes for the advancement of women in those countries where such reduction has taken place, particularly in the fields of health, education and housing;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make all efforts, through the Statistical Office of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women in co-operation with the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations, to improve the availability and reliability of data on women in the economy, including the informal sector, for the updated survey, bearing in mind the need for standardization of data and consistency between chapters of the updated survey;

4. *Requests* all the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, including all the regional commissions and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, to co-operate in the preparation of the first update of the survey;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to pay attention to the concrete implications for action of the survey and the updates by disseminating the results, especially to national machineries by way of information notes and training seminars;

6. *Recommends* that the first update of the survey should be submitted, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session and to the Commission on the Status of Women in 1990;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the preparation of the updates, to draw as far as possible on existing and already planned studies.

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23 July 1986*

## **1986/65. Strengthening the work of the United Nations in integrating women effectively in economic development programmes and activities**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 setting forth the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, the first instrument to include as an objective the full integration of women in the total development effort,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and 35/56 of 5 December 1980, to which is annexed the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolutions 3342 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3505 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/175 of 21 December 1976, 33/200 of 29 January 1979, 34/204 of 19 December 1979, 35/78 of 5 December 1980, 36/74 of 4 December 1981, 39/172 of 17 December 1984, 40/108 of 13 December 1985 and 40/204 of 17 December 1985 concerning the effective mobilization and integration of women in development,

*Fully recognizing* the economic value of women's contribution to overall growth and development, including food and agriculture,

*Emphasizing* the vital importance to national economic growth and development of the effective mobilization and integration of women in economic life,

*Aware* that the General Assembly, in its resolution 40/108, invited intergovernmental organizations to give high priority to the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women<sup>66</sup> and, in particular, to ensure that sectoral policies and programmes for development included strategies to promote the participation of women as agents and beneficiaries on an equal basis with men, and requested those organizations to report periodically through the Commission on the Status of Women to the Economic and Social Council on the activities undertaken at all levels to implement the Forward-looking Strategies,

*Recalling* that the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985, reiterated and extended to the year 2000 the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: equality, development and peace,

*Considering* that the measures to integrate women effectively, in all aspects of development outlined in chapter II of the Forward-looking Strategies have major implications for the work programmes of the United

<sup>66</sup> *Ibid.*