

of the measures taken to establish an African regional institute for the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, and requests all those concerned to co-operate fully so that this project may be put into effect as soon as possible;

8. *Invites* Member States to contribute to the United Nations Trust Fund for Social Defence in order to facilitate appropriate technical co-operation and exchange of information and experience in the field of crime prevention and control;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, at its forty-third session, on the implementation of the present resolution;

10. *Decides* to consider at its forty-second session that part of the report of the Economic and Social Council concerning its examination of the review, under the item entitled "Crime prevention and criminal justice".

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41/108. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that one of the purposes of the United Nations, as stated in Articles 1 and 55 of the Charter, is to promote universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction of any kind, including distinction as to sex,

Affirming that women and men should participate equally in social, economic and political development, should contribute equally to such development and should share equally in improved conditions of life,

Recalling its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, by which it adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Recalling also its resolutions 35/140 of 11 December 1980, 36/131 of 14 December 1981, 37/64 of 3 December 1982, 38/109 of 16 December 1983, 39/130 of 14 December 1984 and 40/39 of 29 November 1985,

Recalling the decision of the third meeting of the States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women to request the Secretary-General to seek the views of States parties to the Convention on reservations which could be considered to come within the scope of article 28, paragraph 2, of the Convention, to request him to include these views in his report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session and to place on the agenda of their next meeting the question of reservations to the Convention,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its fifth session,⁵⁵

1. *Notes with appreciation* the increasing number of Member States that have ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

2. *Urges* all States that have not yet ratified or acceded to the Convention to do so as soon as possible;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit annually to the General Assembly a report on the status of the Convention;

⁵⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/41/45 and Corr.1).*

4. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention;⁵⁶

5. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its fifth session;

6. *Emphasizes* the importance of the strictest compliance by States parties with their obligations under the Convention;

7. *Urges* States parties to make all possible efforts to submit their initial reports in accordance with article 18 of the Convention and the guidelines of the Committee;

8. *Notes with concern* the account by the Committee of the present constraints within which it operates with regard to the backlog of reports awaiting consideration⁵⁷ and encourages a continuing discussion on ways and means of dealing with this problem, including possible adjustment of the reporting system;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make all efforts to ensure adequate servicing for the effective functioning of the Committee;

10. *Takes note* of the general recommendation and suggestion adopted by the Committee pursuant to its discussion at its fifth session on ways and means of implementing article 21 of the Convention;⁵⁸

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to the Commission on the Status of Women at its session in 1988, for information.

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41/109. Participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation

The General Assembly,

Confirming the noble goal enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations to maintain peace and security in the world and the determination of the States Members of the United Nations expressed therein to save present and succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

Recalling that the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, in adopting the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women⁵⁹ for the period up to the year 2000, recognized that women should participate fully in all efforts to strengthen and maintain international peace and security and to promote international co-operation,

Expressing 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, including the United Nations system,

Convinced that the International Year of Peace, proclaimed for the year 1986 by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/3 of 24 October 1985, could give new impulses for safeguarding international peace and security,

⁵⁶ A/41/608 and Add.1.

⁵⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/41/45 and Corr.1)*, chap. II.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. IV, paras. 362 and 363.

⁵⁹ *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.

Reaffirming its resolution 37/63 of 3 December 1982, by which it proclaimed the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation,

Recalling its resolution 39/124 of 14 December 1984, in which it requested the Commission on the Status of Women to consider what measures might be necessary in order to implement the Declaration,

Bearing in mind its resolution 40/102 of 13 December 1985, in which it requested the Commission on the Status of Women to consider measures which may be necessary to implement the Declaration in the context of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women for the period up to the year 2000,

Wishing to encourage the active participation of women in promoting international peace, security and co-operation,

Convinced that increased efforts are required to eliminate still existing forms of discrimination against women in every field of human endeavour,

Conscious of the need to implement the provisions of the Declaration,

1. *Pledges its determination* to encourage the full participation of women in the economic, social, cultural, civil and political affairs of society and in the endeavour to promote international peace and co-operation;

2. *Appeals* to all Governments to take the necessary measures for putting into practice the principles and provisions of the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation;

3. *Invites* all Governments to give wide publicity to the Declaration and its implementation;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take adequate steps to ensure that publicity is given to the Declaration;

5. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/20 of 23 May 1986, in which the Council called 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;

6. *Recommends* that future medium-term plans of the United Nations and the specialized agencies should, in accordance with the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, contain intersectoral presentations of the various programmes dealing with issues of concern to women, including those relating to the participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation;

7. *Invites* the Commission on the Status of Women at its session in 1987 to consider, *inter alia*, guidelines for the long-term programme of work of the Commission up to the year 2000, including activities for the participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation;

8. *Decides* to consider the further implementation of the Declaration at its forty-second session, as a sub-item of the item entitled "Forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women to the year 2000".

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41/110. The role of women in society

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the validity of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Noting the importance of the documents adopted by the world conferences held during the Decade,

Reaffirming its resolution 40/101 of 13 December 1985, and taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/27 of 23 May 1986, which reiterated the expression by the Assembly of 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, and of its awareness that the role of women in childbearing should not be the cause of inequality and discrimination and that child rearing demands shared responsibilities among women, men and society as a whole,

Convinced of the necessity to secure for all women full and effective enjoyment of the rights embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,² the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,⁶⁰ the International Covenants on Human Rights²⁴ and other pertinent instruments in this field,

Emphasizing that the achievement of equal and full participation of women in all spheres of activity is an integral part of the political, economic, social and cultural development of all countries,

Commending the expanding participation of women in political, economic, social and cultural life and in the promotion of international peace and co-operation,

Convinced that the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women⁵⁹ should be among the developmental and policy priorities of Governments, United Nations organs, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

Bearing in mind that promotion of the status of women in all its aspects and complete integration of women in society go beyond the problem of legal equality and that deeper structural transformations of society and changes in current economic relations, as well as elimination of traditional prejudices through education and the dissemination of information, are required to create conditions in which women may develop fully their intellectual and physical capacities and participate actively in the decision-making process related to their political, economic, social and cultural development,

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 violation 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 Organisation,⁶¹

1. *Recommends* that all Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations should pay due attention in their activities to the role of women in

⁶⁰ Resolution 34/180, annex.

⁶¹ International Labour Office, *Official Bulletin*, vol. LXVIII, 1985, Series A, No. 2, p. 85.