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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION:
EFFECTIVE MOBILIZATION AND INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN
DEVELOPMENT

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee,
Mr. Henricus Gajentaan (Netherlands), on the basis of informal
consultations held in draft resolution A/C.2/42/L.29

Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the cross-sectoral and multidisciplinary nature of the issue of women in development and the need to consider the issue in its economic as well as social context,

Emphasizing the vital importance of national as well as world economic growth and development to the effective mobilization and integration of women in the economy,

Recognizing the central role of the Commission on the Status of Women in monitoring the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women to the year 2000, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985,

Considering that the United Nations Development Fund for Women plays a catalytic role in improving access by women to development co-operation resources,

Recognizing the contribution made by the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to increasing the participation of women at all levels in the development process,

Also recognizing the various initiatives taken in other United Nations bodies aimed at improving the integration of women in the process of development,

Bearing in mind paragraph 9 of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, 1/

Recognizing that women contribute significantly to the overall economy, including sectors where the value of their product is not fully accounted for, and that the development process should improve and encourage their greater participation in the labour market and active involvement in all areas of the economy,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on progress in the preparation of the first regular update of the world survey on the role of women in development, 2/

1. Welcomes Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/24 of 26 May 1987, particularly the agreement that the Commission on the Status of Women should place appropriate emphasis on issues of women and development, as addressed in chapter II of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women; 1/

2. Emphasizes the need for a focused, action-oriented approach in the preparation of the update of the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development 3/ and, in this regard, urges the Secretary-General, in preparing the first draft, to ensure its full conformity with General Assembly resolution 40/204 of 17 December 1985 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/64 of 23 July 1986, in particular by concentrating the update on the issues identified therein;

3. Urges the sectoral, functional and regional intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations in the economic and development fields to contribute actively to the work of both the Economic and Social Council and the Second Committee of the General Assembly in integrating women in economic development, in line with the Forward-looking Strategies and the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development, as agreed to in Council resolution 1987/86 of 8 July 1987;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in order to strengthen further the work of the United Nations in integrating women effectively in economic programme and

1/ 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.

2/ A/42/508.

3/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.3.

operational activities, as outlined in the report of the Secretary-General, to prepare biennially, as an annex to the report called for in paragraph 9 (b) of the present resolution:

(a) An update of mandates governing the integration of women in economic development adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on the Status of Women and by world conferences of the United Nations system; ^{4/}

(b) A list of the titles of all subprogrammes and programme elements integrating women in development, as contained in the proposed programme budget and in revisions to the medium-term plan;

(c) A compilation of decisions taken by United Nations intergovernmental bodies other than the Commission on the Status of Women, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly to integrate women in development, beginning with those adopted in 1986;

5. Urges the executive secretaries of the five regional commissions to increase their efforts to integrate women in the development process of their regions, inter alia, by continuing to ensure that activities to integrate women in development are included at all levels of the overall programme of each commission, and to include in their annual reports an analysis of changes in the situation of women in their regions;

6. Urges Governments to fully implement the economic development objectives outlined in chapter II of the Forward-looking Strategies and, in particular, to include measures for the involvement of women, both as agents and as beneficiaries, in their national development plans, and to review the impact on women of development policies and programmes;

7. Recommends that the governing bodies of the development assistance organizations of the United Nations system continue and intensify efforts to promote the integration of women in development, including their participation in all phases of development programmes and technical co-operation activities;

8. Requests the Secretary-General, in exercising his responsibilities relating to the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, in the light of his responsibilities under General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, to ensure that the organizations of the United Nations system continue to implement fully the Forward-looking Strategies and the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development, as agreed to in Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/86, in their programme, operational and administrative aspects;

^{4/} See A.42.273 Add.1-E 1987 74 Add.1, annex 1.

9. Also requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To include in the World Economic Survey a brief section summarizing relevant economic indicators reflecting the level of economic attainment of women world-wide, taking into consideration the eighth preambular paragraph above, the section to be kept under close review and updated when necessary;

(b) To submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council;

(c) In that connection, to propose the necessary arrangements, in organizing the work of the Second Committee on the item entitled "Development and international economic co-operation", for a focused discussion under the sub-item entitled "Effective mobilization and integration of women in development";

10. Decides to transmit the present resolution and the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the work of the United Nations in integrating women effectively in economic development programmes and activities 5/ to the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields, and to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-second session.
