

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

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

8. *Takes note* of the views on the report of the Committee expressed by delegations at the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council of 1987;⁴⁴

9. *Decides* that no action shall be taken on decision 4 adopted by the Committee⁴⁵ and requests the Committee to review that decision, taking into account the views expressed by delegations at the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council of 1987 and in the Third Committee⁴⁶ of the General Assembly at its forty-second session;

10. *Takes note* of the general recommendations adopted by the Committee pursuant to the discussions at its sixth session on ways and means of implementing article 21 of the Convention;⁴²

11. *Notes with concern* the account by the Committee of the present constraints within which it operates with regard to the backlog of reports awaiting consideration and encourages the Committee to intensify its discussion on ways and means of dealing with this problem, including possible adjustment of the reporting system, and to formulate in an appropriate way suggestions to that effect for consideration by the Economic and Social Council and by the General Assembly at its forty-third session;

12. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Committee to rationalize its procedures and expedite the consideration of periodic reports, and encourages the Committee to continue its endeavours to those ends;

13. *Decides*, on an exceptional basis, that the Committee may hold no more than eight additional meetings during its session in 1988 in order to advance consideration of reports already submitted to it;

14. *Invites* the Committee and the States parties to consider the question of holding future sessions of the Committee at Vienna, taking into account the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁴⁷ and all relevant factors;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to ensure adequate servicing within existing resources for the effective functioning of the Committee;

16. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, within existing resources and drawing in particular on funds available to the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, to provide, facilitate and encourage public information activities relating to the Committee and the Convention, giving priority to the dissemination of the Convention in the official languages of the United Nations;

17. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Dis-

crimination against Women to the Commission on the Status of Women for information.

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42/61. 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 Women⁴⁰ 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,

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

Expressing the need for equal opportunity for participation by 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,

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,

Bearing in mind its resolution 40/102 of 13 December 1985, in which it, *inter alia*, 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,

Reaffirming its resolution 41/109 of 4 December 1986, in which it recommended that future medium-term plans of the United Nations and the specialized agencies should, in accordance with the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies, 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,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/24 of 26 May 1987, in which the Council decided that the work of the Commission on the Status of Women relating to the priority themes of the long-term programme of work of the Commission should be closely related to the relevant provisions of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and of other policy documents,

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

⁴⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Plenary Meetings*, vol. I, 9th to 12th and 14th meetings (E/1987/SR.9-12 and 14).

⁴⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/42/38)*, sect. V.

⁴⁶ *Ibid.*, Forty-second Session, Third Committee, 22nd, 24th to 30th, 44th and 49th meetings and corrigendum.

⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 7D (A/42/7/Add.4), para. 11.

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 to put 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. *Invites* all appropriate bodies of the United Nations system that have not yet done so, including the regional commissions and the specialized agencies, to develop and implement comprehensive policies on the three objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace and to incorporate them in their medium-term plans, statements of objectives, programmes and other major policy statements;

6. *Invites* the Commission on the Status of Women to give adequate attention to all the priority themes under the headings of equality, development and peace on account of the complexity of all the matters addressed in the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women and in other policy documents, including the participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation;

7. *Decides* to consider the further implementation of the Declaration at its forty-third 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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42/62. Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its relevant resolutions, in particular resolutions 40/108 of 13 December 1985 and 41/111 of 4 December 1986, in which, *inter alia*, it endorsed the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women⁴⁰ for the period up to the year 2000 and set out measures for their immediate implementation and for the overall achievement of the goals and objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Taking into consideration Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/18, 1987/19, 1987/20, 1987/21, 1987/22, 1987/23, 1987/24, 1987/25 and 1987/26 of 26 May 1987,

Taking note of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future,⁴¹ adopted by the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes, held at Vienna from 7 to 15 September 1987,

Noting with concern the serious impact of the world economic situation on the programmes and plans for the advancement of women, especially in the global context,

Conscious of the important and constructive contribution to the advancement of the status of women made by the Commission on the Status of Women, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system, Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

Emphasizing once again the priority of the implementation, monitoring, review and appraisal of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies,

Welcoming the significant progress made by the Commission on the Status of Women at its special session in 1987 in restructuring its agenda along functional lines, developing a systematic long-term programme of work, strengthening and rationalizing its role and functions and mobilizing the resources of the United Nations system as a whole towards the advancement of women by integrating this objective into the programme planning and budgeting processes of the Organization,

Welcoming also the designation by the Secretary-General of the advancement of women as one of two priorities of the Organization for the next biennium,

Recognizing the need for the Commission on the Status of Women to consider at its regular sessions the priority themes for the next five sessions of the Commission, contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/24,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General⁴⁸ concerning the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;

2. *Takes note also* of resolutions 1, 2 and 4 adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women at its special session in 1987,⁴⁹ in particular its recommendation that the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and the status of women in general should be incorporated as a global priority for the period 1990-1995 in the introduction of the Organization's next medium-term plan;

3. *Reaffirms* the need for the Forward-looking Strategies to be translated immediately into concrete action by Governments, as determined by overall national priorities, as well as by the organizations of the United Nations system, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

4. *Reaffirms also* the central role of the Commission on the Status of Women in matters related to the advancement of women and calls upon the Commission to promote the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies to the year 2000 based on the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace and the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education", and urges all organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate with the Commission in this task;

5. *Reaffirms further*, in the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies, the role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, in particular the Branch for the Advancement of Women, as the substantive secretariat of the Commission on the Status of Women and as a focal point for matters on women, the catalysing role of the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the role of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women in the promotion of the role of women in the context of the participation of women in development;

6. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/21, in which the Council, *inter alia*, decided that the Commission on the Status of Women, commencing with its thirty-second session, should meet annually until the year 2000, with a long-term programme of work that would allow sufficient preparation for each session;

⁴⁸ A/42/516 and A/42/528.

⁴⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 2 (E/1987/15), chap. I, sect. C.*