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Draft declaration on the Participation of Women in the
Struggle for the Strengthening of International Peace
and Security and against Colonialism, Racism, Racial
Discrimination, Foreign Aggression, Occupation and all
Forms of Foreign Domination

Afghanistan, Angola, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Cuba, Czechoslovakia,
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Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra
Leone, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist
Republic, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

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

Taking into account that the increased participation of women in the
development process and in political life, on equal terms with men, will
contribute towards international peace, the promotion and protection of human
rights and fundamental freedoms and the establishment of a new international
economic order, as well as the achievement of the objectives of the United Nations
Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Considering that only if women have the same access as men to education,
employment, health care and public offices in the social, economic, administrative
or political field, will they be able to play an equal and effective role in the
development process,

Welcoming the contribution of women towards the strengthening of international peace and security, the struggle against colonialism, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of alien domination and towards the unrestricted and effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Convinced that the maintenance and strengthening of peace, sustained international co-operation based on equal rights, respect for the sovereignty of all States and non-interference in their internal affairs, the implementation of the right of peoples to self-determination, non-resort to the use or threat of force in international relations pursuant to the Charter of the United Nations, and the just restructuring of international economic relations along democratic lines in conformity with the principles of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States are fundamental and indispensable prerequisites for a world-wide enforcement of full equality of rights for women,

Expressing serious concern at the persistence of the arms race and the continued existence of sources of tension and crisis and of colonialist and racist oppression,

Emphasizing the need for a just restructuring of international economic relations, for overcoming backwardness and promoting the development process in the interest of social progress,

Taking into account that the liberation of peoples and the elimination of colonialism, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, apartheid and fascism and of any foreign occupation are inseparably linked with efforts to maintain international peace and security and to consolidate and expand political détente,

Noting that despite progress towards the achievement of an equal status for women, considerable discriminations continue to exist in various parts of the world which impede the active participation of women in the solution of vital international problems,

Reaffirming the need to intensify international co-operation in respect of the participation of women in the struggle for strengthening international peace and security in accordance with the Declaration of Mexico, 1975, the World Plan of Action, the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women and General Assembly resolutions 3519 (XXX), 32/142 and 34/158,

Recalling that the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980, in its resolution 11 requests the General Assembly in conformity with ECOSOC resolution 1980/36 to further at its thirty-fifth session the elaboration of a draft declaration on the participation of women in the struggle for the strengthening of international peace and security and against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of foreign domination on the basis of the views and proposals contained in the Secretary-General's report E/CN.6/626 and Add.1,

Solemnly proclaims the following Declaration on the Participation of Women in the Struggle for the Strengthening of International Peace and Security and Against Colonialism, Racism, Racial Discrimination, Foreign Aggression, Occupation and All Forms of Foreign Domination:

Part I

Article 1

The equal participation of women in the political affairs of the society and in the endeavour to implement the right to live in peace as a fundamental right shall be encouraged and promoted by all appropriate means.

Article 2

In accordance with their obligation to maintain peace, States shall create the necessary prerequisites for women to participate without hindrance in the struggle against the arms race and for disarmament. Resources released as a result of effective measures of disarmament shall be used to promote economic and social development, to solve global problems of mankind and to provide assistance to developing countries. In this context particular attention shall be given to the advancement of women and to the protection of mother and child.

Article 3

Colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, neo-colonialism and all forms of foreign aggression, the acquisition of foreign territory by force, and foreign occupation as well as the economic and social consequences thereof shall be eliminated to create essential prerequisites for the world-wide and unrestricted enforcement of equal rights for women.

Article 4

All forms of oppression and inhuman treatment of women on account of their advocacy of international peace and the right of peoples to self-determination, such as massacre, imprisonment, torture, devastation of homes, and forced evacuation and reprisals, shall be condemned as crimes against humanity and as gross violations of human rights.

Comprehensive solidarity and assistance shall be rendered to those women who are victims of aggression, colonialism, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, apartheid, oppression, exploitation and fascism and are compelled to live under most adverse conditions.

Article 5

With a view to safeguarding international peace and creating appropriate socio-economic conditions for the free development of women everywhere in the world, the implementation of the sovereign right of every State to establish an economic order of its own choice and to utilize its own natural resources, the democratic restructuring of international economic relations and the reduction of differences in the level of developed and developing countries shall be ensured.

Part II

Calls upon all States to take the following action in order to give effect to the principles set out above:

- to ensure the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, contained in document A/CONF.94/35 adopted in Copenhagen;
- to adopt appropriate programmes to ensure the active co-operation of women in the attainment of the goals contained in the present Declaration;
- to promote the exchange of experience at the national and international levels for the purpose of enhancing the involvement of women in the efforts of peoples for peace and their struggle for national independence and against colonialism, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, apartheid, foreign aggression and occupation;
- to give effective publicity to the active role played by women in the struggle for peace, respect and understanding for all nations and peoples, for racial equality and equality of the sexes, for the implementation of the right of every nation to self-determination and for international co-operation, and against colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, and to influence the work of mass media accordingly;
- to pay tribute to the contribution of women to the struggle for the safeguarding of peace and against colonialism, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, aggression, occupation and all forms of foreign domination by proclaiming special days and by other marks of appreciation;
- to encourage women to participate in non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations aimed at the strengthening of international peace and security, the development of friendly relations among nations and the promotion of co-operation among States.

Part III

The General Assembly and other bodies of the United Nations should biennially review the progress made in promoting the equality of women in respect of their participation in the struggle for the safeguarding of world peace and against colonialism, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, apartheid, foreign aggression and occupation as a reflection of their involvement in the political affairs of society.
