

2. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General, in the form of global and national targets on ageing for the year 2001,⁶⁹ which provide a pragmatic focus for the broad and ideal goals of the Plan of Action and accelerate its implementation into the next millennium;

3. *Welcomes* the new conceptual framework and operational nature of the United Nations programme on ageing, provided by the United Nations Principles for Older Persons, the Proclamation on Ageing and the global targets on ageing for the year 2001, to further the implementation of the Plan of Action in the current decade;

4. *Reaffirms* the recommendation made in the Plan of Action and reiterated in numerous General Assembly resolutions, in which the Secretary-General was requested, within the existing regular budget and extrabudgetary resources of the United Nations, to give due consideration to the provision of appropriate increased resources for the implementation of the Plan of Action, particularly in the light of recent and projected developments within the field of ageing;

5. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to maintain the integrity and the identity of the United Nations programme on ageing, as well as the United Nations Trust Fund for Ageing, in order to assist Member States in fully implementing the recommendations of the Plan of Action;

6. *Urges* Governments, specialized agencies and bodies of the United Nations system and interested non-governmental organizations to explore new approaches to supporting, through partnerships, the activities of the United Nations programme on ageing in the current decade, aimed at assisting Member States in selecting and reaching national targets and implementing the United Nations Principles for Older Persons;

7. *Takes note with interest* of the preliminary findings of the United Nations research project on developmental implications of population ageing, presented at the Expert Group Meeting on Population Growth and Demographic Structure, held in Paris from 16 to 20 November 1992,⁷⁰ expresses its appreciation to the Government of Sweden for supporting this project, and invites the United Nations Population Fund to continue its support for it;

8. *Invites* interested Member States, non-governmental organizations and research centres to support the activities of the United Nations programme on ageing, particularly research activities aimed at suggesting policy options to enhance contributions of the elderly to development;

9. *Urges* the Secretary-General to strengthen, within existing resources, the research component of the United Nations programme on ageing in order to enable it, on the basis of approaches of the third review and appraisal of the implementation of the Plan of Action and the project on developmental implications of population ageing, to develop policy and programme options for assisting Member States in achieving their national targets on ageing for the year 2001 and in implementing the United Nations Principles for Older Persons;

10. *Commends* the United Nations Postal Administration for issuing, on 5 February 1993, a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "Ageing: Dignity and Participation";

11. *Reiterates* the appeal made by the General Assembly, in the Proclamation on Ageing in the annex to its resolution 47/5, to the international community to highlight

ageing at major forthcoming events, including the World Conference on Human Rights, held at Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993, the International Year of the Family, to be observed in 1994, the International Conference on Population and Development, to be held at Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994, the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, to be held at Beijing from 4 to 15 September 1995, the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year, to be observed in 1995, and the World Summit for Social Development, to be held at Copenhagen on 11 and 12 March 1995;

12. *Welcomes* the decision of the General Assembly, in its resolution 47/5, to observe 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons;

13. *Invites* Member States to strengthen their national mechanisms on ageing, *inter alia*, to enable them to serve as national focal points for the preparations for and observance of the Year;

14. *Appeals* to Governments and non-governmental organizations to make known to the Secretary-General their views on the preparations for and observance of the Year in order to ensure an adequate basis for formulating the programme for the Year;

15. *Invites* the regional commissions to take an active part in the preparations for and observance of the Year, focusing on the specific needs and requirements of each region;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to draft a conceptual framework of a programme, at the national, regional and international levels, for the preparations for and observance of the Year, and to submit it for consideration by the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-fourth session in 1995, and by the General Assembly at its fiftieth session, in 1995.

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1993/23. International Year of the Family

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:*

"International Year of the Family

"The General Assembly,

"Reaffirming its resolutions 44/82 of 8 December 1989, 45/133 of 14 December 1990 and 46/92 of 16 December 1991 concerning the International Year of the Family, as expressions of the determination of the peoples of the United Nations to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

"Recalling that major United Nations instruments on human rights and social policy, as well as relevant global plans and programmes of action, call for the widest possible protection and assistance to be accorded to the family,

*By a letter dated 2 September 1993, the President of the Economic and Social Council transmitted the draft resolution to the General Assembly for adoption before the end of its forty-seventh session; the Assembly adopted the draft resolution at its 112th plenary meeting, on 20 September 1993 (see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 93*).

"Convinced that equality between the sexes, women's equal participation in employment and shared parental responsibility are essential elements of modern family policy,

"Conscious of the existence of various concepts of the family in different social, cultural and political systems,

"Aware, at the same time, that families are the fullest reflection, at the grass-roots level, of the strengths and weaknesses of the social and developmental welfare environment, and as such offer a uniquely comprehensive and synthesizing approach to social issues,

"Realizing that families, as basic units of social life, are major agents of sustainable development at all levels of society, and that their contribution to that process is crucial for its success,

"Stressing that the observance of the Year in 1994 will immediately precede the celebration by the family of nations of the historic fiftieth anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations,

"Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, submitted to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-third session, on the state of preparations for the Year,"⁷¹

"1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparations for the International Year of the Family;"⁷¹

"2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for a well-coordinated and impressive effort in the preliminary and preparatory phases to the Year, despite resource constraints, and for the considerable progress made towards its observance;

"3. Notes with satisfaction that the Year has gained increasing support at all levels, and that the preparatory process has enhanced and strengthened the substantive orientation of the Year;

"4. Commends all Governments, specialized agencies, regional commissions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations which have undertaken special efforts to prepare for the observance of the Year;

*"5. Urges Governments, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, especially those which have not yet done so, to intensify the efforts undertaken, by, *inter alia*, the identification of national coordinating mechanisms and the elaboration of national programmes of action, in the preparations for and observance of the Year;*

"6. Welcomes the holding in 1993 of four regional and interregional preparatory meetings for the Year, organized by the secretariat for the Year in the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the Secretariat, in close cooperation with the regional commissions, and hosted by the Governments of China, Colombia, Malta and Tunisia;

"7. Takes note with interest the proposal by the Government of Slovakia that the Bratislava International Centre of Family Studies be affiliated with the United Nations;"⁷²

"8. Also takes note with interest the results of the Expert Group Meeting on the Social Consequences of Population Growth and Changing Social Conditions, with Particular Emphasis on the Family,"⁷³ co-sponsored by the Government of Germany and held at Vienna from 21 to 25 September 1992;

"9. Welcomes the active involvement of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process for the Year, including the major global initiative to convene a world non-governmental organization forum entitled 'Launching the International Year of the Family, 1994: Strengthening Families for the Well-being of Individuals and Societies', to be held at Valletta from 28 November to 2 December 1993, and calls upon all those concerned to support the event in every possible manner;

"10. Expresses its special gratitude to Governments and other donors, especially those in the private sector, that have generously responded to earlier appeals to contribute resources to the Voluntary Fund for the International Year of the Family;

"11. Appeals to all Governments concerned and all other prospective donors to pledge their contributions to the Voluntary Fund, notably during the pledging segments of the regional and interregional preparatory meetings in 1993, with a view to releasing new funds for specific family-oriented projects, particularly in developing countries, during both the Year and the follow-up thereto;

"12. Invites policy-making organs of specialized agencies and other bodies in the United Nations system to consider, in the context of their substantive mandates, the principles and objectives of the Year and follow-up action to the Year for the benefit of the families of the world;

"13. Also invites organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to include in their programme budgets for 1994 and 1995, as appropriate, programme elements for the observance of and follow-up to the Year;

"14. Decides to devote one of its plenary meetings at its forty-eighth session, in early December 1993, to launching the International Year of the Family;

"15. Also decides that, beginning in 1994, 15 May of every year shall be observed as the International Day of Families;

"16. Requests the Commission on Human Rights, the Population Commission and the Commission on the Status of Women to include in the agendas for their sessions in 1993 or 1994 consideration of the principles and objectives of the Year in the context of their major areas of concern, and to propose specific follow-up measures regarding human rights, population issues and the advancement of women as each affects or is affected by families, including family-oriented components of the World Conference on Human Rights, held at Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993, the International Conference on Population and Development, to be held at Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994, the World Summit for Social Development, to be held at Copenhagen on 11 and 12 March 1995, and the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, to be held at Beijing from 4 to 15 September 1995;

"17. Decides to devote two plenary meetings at its forty-ninth session, in 1994, to the implementation of the follow-up to the Year, and to designate those meetings as an international conference on families, which should take place at an appropriate global policy-making level and in keeping with the procedures and practices of the General Assembly;

"18. *Appeals* to Member States as well as to all other participants in the observance of the Year to highlight 1994 as a special occasion to benefit families of the world in their quest for a better life for all, based on the principle of subsidiarity, which seeks solutions to problems at the lowest level of the societal structure;

"19. *Calls for* a concerted promotional and information campaign on behalf of the Year at the national, regional and international levels, with strong participation of the mass media;

"20. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

"(a) To seek the views of States members of the Commission for Social Development on the desirability of working out a declaration on the role, responsibilities and rights of families on the occasion of the Year ;

"(b) To plan adequate resources, including staff, through redeployment, in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, with a view to ensuring effective observance of and follow-up to the Year, commensurate with its important principles and objectives;

"(c) To continue taking specific measures, through all the communication media at his disposal, particularly within the mandates of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, to give widespread publicity to the preparations for and observance of the Year, and to increase the dissemination of information on the subject;

"(d) To report on the observance of the Year at the national, regional and international levels, and to submit specific proposals on the follow-up to the Year, including a draft plan of action, if deemed appropriate, to the Assembly at its fiftieth session;

"21. *Decides* to consider the question of the International Year of the Family at its fiftieth session, on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General, under the item entitled 'Social development'."

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1993/24. Tenth anniversary of International Youth Year and draft world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering all relevant General Assembly resolutions, particularly resolutions 40/14 of 18 November 1985, 45/103 of 14 December 1990 and 47/85 of 16 December 1992,

Recognizing the need to improve the situation of youth through concerted action aimed at more effective programming of youth activities and the implementation and evaluation of those programmes at all levels within the framework of the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace, in 1995,

Noting the interlinkages between the fiftieth anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations, the World Summit for Social Development, to be held at Copenhagen on 11 and 12 March 1995, and the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General containing the draft calendar of activities to mark the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year and the draft world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond,⁷⁴

1. *Endorses* the calendar of activities to mark the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue refining the draft world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond in accordance with proposals to be submitted by Member States, specialized agencies and other bodies within the United Nations system, and concerned intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, including non-governmental youth organizations, particularly in the light of the deliberations and suggestions of the Commission for Social Development;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States on the United Nations statement of intent on youth: problems and potentials,⁷⁵ which could become an integral part of the world programme of action for youth;

4. *Urges* Member States, national coordinating committees and non-governmental organizations to prepare national programmes of action for the period 1993-1995 in the context of the preparations for the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year, encompassing provisions for substantive, promotional and informational activities directed towards youth, the authorities and the community at all levels, and to inform the Secretary-General of the progress achieved;

5. *Urges* all specialized agencies and United Nations bodies concerned, including the regional commissions, to incorporate appropriate activities within their work programmes for the period 1993-1995 in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year;

6. *Invites* the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to develop and implement a specific international programme of informational activities to be carried out mainly at the national level to ensure that the potential value of the observance of the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year is fully understood;

7. *Urges* the Secretary-General to undertake the necessary measures to ensure that the United Nations Youth Fund remains an important operational mechanism of the subprogramme of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, entitled "Integration of youth in development";

8. *Stresses* the importance of considering the issues of integration and participation of youth in society as part of the preparatory process and final agenda for the World Summit for Social Development, to be held at Copenhagen in 1995;

9. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to give all possible support, through the redeployment of existing resources, as well as through extrabudgetary resources, to the subprogramme of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, entitled "Integration of youth in development";

10. *Calls upon* the Commission for Social Development to give priority attention at its thirty-fourth session to the refinement of the draft world programme of action