

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to convene the first session of the Advisory Committee in early 1981, to provide it with all necessary assistance and to submit its first report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

7. *Invites* the Advisory Committee to pay particular attention to regional and international meetings dealing with youth or related to youth questions and requests the Secretary-General to provide every means to assist it in this regard;

8. *Calls upon* the Advisory Committee, when applying paragraph 7 above, to seek information about the activities of regional and international meetings dealing with youth or related to youth questions;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide a list of relevant meetings for the first session of the Advisory Committee and invites the Committee to consider the question of being represented at such meetings in consultation with the bodies concerned;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take concrete measures, through all the communications media at his disposal, to give widespread publicity to the activities of the United Nations system in the field of youth and to increase the dissemination of information on youth;

11. *Appeals* to all States, to international governmental and non-governmental organizations and to the public to make in due time generous voluntary contributions to supplement funds provided under the United Nations regular budget for the costs of the programme of the International Youth Year and requests the Secretary-General to take all appropriate measures for obtaining such voluntary contributions;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session the item entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace" and to grant it high priority.

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35/127. Preservation and further development of cultural values, including the protection, restitution and return of cultural and artistic property

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3026 A (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, 3148 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, 31/39 of 30 November 1976 and 33/49 of 14 December 1978,

Profoundly convinced of the continuing need to develop and strengthen international cultural relations, based on mutual respect for cultural integrity and on the principles of equality and sovereignty of States,

Recognizing that the future of international cultural relations is closely interrelated with the preservation, development and promotion of cultural values as important factors of the identity and diversity of all nations,

Considering that the preservation and development of cultural values, which form part of mankind's cultural heritage, have a great role to play in the process of preparation of societies for life in peace and in the furtherance of the ideals of peace, humanism and freedom,

Aware of the importance of cultural values as a catalyst of world progress and national development, particularly in the social and economic fields,

Conscious of the role of the cultural dimension in plans and actions aiming at the establishment of the new international economic order,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization⁵⁰ on the preservation and further development of cultural values, including the protection, restitution and return of cultural and artistic property;

2. *Commends* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for including on a continuing basis the problem of the preservation and further development of cultural values in its medium-term and long-term plans and for the significant results already accomplished in that field;

3. *Calls upon* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue pursuing active efforts with a view to promoting the preservation and further development of cultural values, including the inscription of the subject on the agenda of the World Conference on Cultural Policies, to be held in 1982.

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35/128. Return or restitution of cultural and artistic property to its countries of origin

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3026 A (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, 3148 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, 3187 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973, 3391 (XXX) of 19 November 1975, 31/40 of 30 November 1976, 32/18 of 11 November 1977, 33/50 of 14 December 1978 and 34/64 of 29 November 1979,

Recalling also the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property,⁵¹ adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 14 November 1970,

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,⁵⁰

Aware of the importance attached by the countries of origin to the return of cultural property which is of fundamental spiritual and cultural value to them, so that they may constitute comprehensive or single collections representative of their cultural heritage,

Reaffirming that the return or restitution to a country of its *objets d'art*, monuments, museum pieces, manuscripts, documents and any other cultural or artistic treasures constitutes a step forward in the strengthening of international co-operation and the preservation and further development of cultural values,

Deeply concerned at the persistence of the illicit traffic in cultural property, which continues to impoverish the cultural heritage of all peoples,

Supporting the solemn appeal launched on 7 June 1978 by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the return to those who created it of an irreplaceable cultural heritage,

⁵⁰ A/35/349, annex.

⁵¹ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Sixteenth Session*, vol. I, *Resolutions*, pp. 135-141.

1. *Commends* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the work it has done in connexion with the return or restitution of cultural property to its countries of origin;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to intensify its efforts to help the countries concerned to find suitable solutions to the problems relating to the return or restitution of cultural property and urges Member States to co-operate with that organization in this area;

3. *Invites* Member States to draw up, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, systematic inventories of cultural property existing in their territories and of cultural property abroad;

4. *Appeals* to all States to take adequate measures to prohibit and prevent the illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property;

5. *Further appeals* to Member States to co-operate closely with the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation, particularly through bilateral agreements, in order to encourage the return or restitution of their cultural property;

6. *Invites once again* Governments to accede without delay to the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, of 14 November 1970;

7. *Appeals* to Member States to encourage the mass information media and educational and cultural institutions to strive to arouse a greater and more general awareness with regard to the return or restitution of cultural property to its countries of origin;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to take the necessary measures to alert and mobilize international public opinion in favour of the return or restitution of cultural property to its countries of origin, in particular by mobilizing the United Nations information media for this purpose;

9. *Expresses the desire* that the second World Conference on Cultural Policies, to be held in 1982, will devote considerable attention to the question of the return or restitution of cultural property with a view to improving international cultural co-operation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the above considerations into account when preparing, in collaboration with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the report which is to be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session in accordance with resolution 34/64.

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35/129. Problems of the elderly and the aged

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 33/52 of 14 December 1978 by which it decided to convene a World Assembly on the Elderly in 1982, as a forum to launch an international action programme aimed at guaranteeing economic and social security to older persons, as well as opportunities to contribute to national development,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/26 of 2 May 1980 concerning the World Assembly on the Elderly,

Recognizing that the question of aging is a complex one which is concerned with the aging individual as well as with the aging of populations,

Recalling, in particular, paragraph 3 of its resolution 33/52, in which it requested the Secretary-General to elaborate, in consultation with Member States, the specialized agencies and organizations concerned, a draft programme for the World Assembly on the Elderly,

Desiring that the World Assembly on the Elderly should result in societies responding more fully to the socio-economic implications of the aging of populations and to the specific needs of older persons,

Appreciating the leading role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat in preparing for the World Assembly on the Elderly,

Appreciating also the financial support of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities in the preparatory work for the World Assembly on the Elderly,

Stressing that the World Assembly on the Elderly is a significant event through which a long-term programme of action can be launched,

Having considered with satisfaction the report of the Secretary-General on the draft programme for the World Assembly on the Elderly,⁵²

1. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to enable the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, in close co-operation with the specialized agencies and organizations concerned, to undertake all the necessary preparatory and follow-up activities of the World Assembly on the Elderly;

2. *Adopts* the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council contained in its resolution 1980/26;

3. *Decides* to change the name of the World Assembly on the Elderly to the World Assembly on Aging in view of the interrelatedness of the issues of aging individuals and the aging of populations as defined by the Secretary-General's draft programme;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish a voluntary fund for the World Assembly on Aging and to inform Member States of the existence of the fund;

5. *Appeals* to Member States to make in due time generous voluntary contributions to the Fund for the World Assembly on Aging;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to launch a campaign, as soon as possible, to establish an appropriate emblem for the World Assembly on Aging;

7. *Invites* the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to continue to provide financial support to the preparatory work for the World Assembly on Aging as well as to the implementation of the international programme of action which would result from the Assembly;

8. *Invites* Member States to consider establishing national committees for the World Assembly on Aging and to conduct activities at the national level along the lines of the Secretary-General's programme and in ways that are in conformity with the culture, customs and traditions of each country;

⁵² A/35/130.