

1. *Stresses* the need to undertake the study recommended by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/120, on the basis of a consolidated report on the work done on the question by the interested agencies of the United Nations and by other intergovernmental bodies;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare such a report in conformity with the recommendation made by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 21 B (XXXIV) of 8 March 1978,<sup>64</sup> and to communicate it to Member States before December 1978 so that it may be brought to the attention of Governments;

3. *Decides* that a working group open to all States Members of the United Nations should meet at Geneva for not more than one week at the end of December 1978 to formulate specific proposals to be submitted to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-fifth session when it begins to consider fully and in depth the question of migrant workers, in the light of other appropriate recommendations which the General Assembly may transmit to it on this subject;

4. *Decides further* to include as a separate item in the agenda of its first regular session of 1979 a question entitled "Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers" and to examine that question on the basis of the report to be submitted to it by the Commission on Human Rights and of the report to be submitted to it by the Commission on Social Development in accordance with Council resolution 1926 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975.

*15th plenary meeting  
5 May 1978*

**1978/23. Draft general principles on equality and non-discrimination in respect of persons born out of wedlock**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its decision 234 (LXII) of 13 May 1977 by which it decided to transmit the draft general principles on equality and non-discrimination in respect of persons born out of wedlock<sup>65</sup> to Governments for comments and to consider further those principles at its first regular session of 1978, with a view to their approval,

*Taking note* of the comments received from a number of Governments,<sup>66</sup>

1. *Requests* Governments which have not yet done so to submit to the Secretary-General as soon as possible their comments and observations concerning the draft general principles on equality and non-discrimination in respect of persons born out of wedlock;

2. *Decides* to consider those general principles at its first regular session of 1979, with a view to their possible approval.

*15th plenary meeting  
5 May 1978*

**1978/24. Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its thirty-fourth session,<sup>67</sup>

<sup>64</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. XXVI.

<sup>65</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5927)*, para. 212.

<sup>66</sup> E/1978/14 and Add.1-6.

<sup>67</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 4 (E/1978/34)*.

*Taking note* of the decisions of the Commission concerning the violation by Israel of human rights in the occupied Arab territories,

1. *Commends* the Commission on Human Rights for its vigilance and its decisions for the protection of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine;<sup>68</sup>

2. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to pursue its efforts for the protection of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine, and to continue to take the appropriate measures in this respect.

*15th plenary meeting  
5 May 1978*

**1978/25. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1998 (LX) of 12 May 1976, by which it decided to create an International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.

*Recalling further* that, by its resolution 31/135 of 16 December 1976, the General Assembly accepted the offer of the Government of Iran to have the Institute established in that country and that by its resolution 32/137 of 16 December 1977 it requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council on the establishment of the Institute,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on progress achieved towards the establishment of an International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;<sup>69</sup>

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue actively the necessary consultations for the establishment of the Institute and to complete as soon as possible the draft document requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/137 in the light of those consultations and the discussions in the Second (Social) Committee of the Council at its first regular session of 1978;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to proceed with the appointment of the Director of the Institute and the members of the Board of Trustees as soon as the agreement with the host country is signed;

4. *Decides* that, as soon as the Director and the members of the Board of Trustees are appointed, the Institute should start functioning as an autonomous body under the auspices of the United Nations and financed from voluntary contributions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to draw the attention of Governments to General Assembly resolution 32/139 of 16 December 1977, in which the Secretary-General was requested to convene during the thirty-third session of the General Assembly a pledging conference for voluntary contributions for the purpose of financing, *inter alia*, the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*15th plenary meeting  
5 May 1978*

<sup>68</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. II.

<sup>69</sup> E/1978/30.