

2. *Recommends also* that the World Conference should place emphasis on elaborating new strategies for integrating women into the developmental process, particularly by promoting economic and employment opportunities on an equal footing with men through, *inter alia*, the provision of adequate health and educational facilities, and that the preparatory work for the Conference should be carried out accordingly;

3. *Recognizes* that both the contents of and the projects related to each of the three above-mentioned areas of concern would differ from country to country;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate the present resolution, together with the list of topics suggested in its annex, to all Member States;

5. *Invites* Member States to submit to regional preparatory meetings and seminars which might be held in 1979, and/or to the World Conference itself, reports on national experience which would include, *inter alia*, specific information on projects related to the topics suggested in the annex to the present resolution, or on other projects connected with the fields of employment, health and education;

6. *Recognizes* the great importance of such information for Member States in planning their own strategies in these three closely related fields of endeavour;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the World Conference an analysis of the material in the above-mentioned reports of Member States, paying particular attention to listing and describing their projects in the three fields mentioned above;

8. *Recommends* that regional commissions, in convening seminars and meetings within the framework of Council resolution 2062 (LXII), should devote some of those regional and subregional meetings to practical and country-oriented topics, and that the reports of those meetings should be submitted to the World Conference;

9. *Requests* the specialized agencies, especially the International Labour Organisation, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Children's Fund, to prepare, with the cooperation of the regional commissions, region-wide reports for the World Conference, in particular evaluating progress in substantive areas and programmes for which they have special competence and responsibilities.

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ANNEX

Suggested topics for comment and information

Member States are invited to select those topics on which they have particular projects, as well as to give information on any other projects falling under the three broad areas of employment, health and education.

Employment

1. Training in technological methods of farming
2. Training schemes, both elementary and advanced, for women employed in industry
3. Vocational training
4. Social support services to enable parents to combine employment and home care
5. Income-generating projects for women living in urban slums or in rural or backward areas
6. Promotion of and training in income-raising group activities for women living in rural areas and in urban slums

7. Legal aid programmes

Health

8. Basic services for women and children
9. Promotion of education in the fields of health, nutrition and family-planning

Education

10. Programmes to achieve functional literacy
11. Accelerated courses of education
12. Programmes to make both formal and non-formal education available to girls and women
13. Promotion of education relevant to the needs of developing economies

1978/33. Effects of apartheid on the status of women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/105 B of 14 December 1977, by which the Assembly proclaimed the year 1978 International Anti-Apartheid Year,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the effects of apartheid on the status of women in South Africa, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia,⁸²

Seriously concerned about the inhuman conditions to which the oppressed peoples of southern Africa, including women, are subjected,

Aware that women in southern Africa are perpetually deprived of their fundamental rights because of the illegal, arbitrary and racist apartheid system,

Noting with deep concern the fate of Mrs. Winnie Mandela and others who are at present on trial in South Africa,

Vigorously condemning the activities and practices of the transnational corporations in southern Africa, which are incompatible with United Nations resolutions,

Noting with appreciation the contribution so far made by Member States and by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to the United Nations assistance programmes for southern Africa—the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa, the United Nations Institute for Namibia and the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa.

Expressing its concern, however, at the fact that the assistance received to date falls short of the needs of women,

1. *Condemns* most categorically the criminal practice of apartheid and racial discrimination, which keeps the women of South Africa, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia in inhuman conditions;

2. *Urges* all Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and specialized agencies to take the necessary measures with a view to completely isolating the racist régimes of southern Africa;

3. *Urges* all Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, the United Nations and the specialized agencies to contribute generously to the United Nations assistance programmes for southern Africa, through financial support and other assistance;

4. *Recommends* to the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women that it take the necessary steps to ensure that resources from the Voluntary Fund are used to provide legal aid to women in southern Africa;

5. *Appeals* to Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and specialized

⁸² E/CN.6/619.

agencies to grant training scholarships to the women of southern Africa;

6. *Decides*, in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, to invite women from the liberation movements of southern Africa recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate as observers in the future sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and meetings of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1980;

7. *Recommends* to the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference that it include in the agenda of the Conference the item entitled "Effects of *apartheid* on women in southern Africa";

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to have the competent United Nations organs and specialized agencies collect and disseminate information on the status of the women victimized by *apartheid*;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on the Status of Women, on the basis of studies already made on the question of transnational corporations, a report on the detrimental effects of the objectives of transnational corporations and their discriminatory employment practices on the status of women in southern Africa;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Africa, to have appropriate training programmes organized for the women of southern Africa.

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1978/34. Women in development and international conferences

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of resolution 5 (XXVII) of 5 April 1978 of the Commission on the Status of Women,⁸³ in which the Commission recalled previous resolutions on the integration of women in development,

Bearing in mind the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, the International Conference on Primary Health Care, the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development and the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, scheduled for 1978 and 1979,

1. *Calls upon* all Governments to ensure:

(a) That women shall be involved in the planning stages of international conferences and included in the governmental delegations attending the above-mentioned conferences;

(b) That the topic of women and development shall be included in the substantive discussions of the conferences and, where appropriate, considered as a separate agenda item;

(c) That national and regional forums and activities related to women and development shall be organized to provide an important input for consideration at the above-mentioned conferences, in connexion with which the participation of both governmental and non-governmental organizations is recommended for the development of national and/or regional guidelines and programmes of action;

⁸³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 2 (E/1978/32/Rev.1)*, chap. IX.

2. *Suggests* that the recommendations related to women and development emerging from the above-mentioned conferences should be made available to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-eighth session and to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in Iran in 1980;

3. *Recommends* to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that at the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, to be held in 1979, a programme of action for rural women in agrarian reform and rural development should be developed and adopted;

4. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Health Organization to report at each session of the Commission on the Status of Women on their activities related to women and development.

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1978/35. Reinforcing the social development sector within the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order contained in General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974,

Recalling also its resolution 2079 (LXII) of 13 May 1977,

Recalling further its decision 273 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977 and its resolution 1978/1 of 12 January 1978,

1. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, at its eighteenth session, in evaluating the social development and humanitarian programme of the United Nations, to study the effectiveness of social development activities and report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, bearing in mind particularly the need to co-ordinate better the social and other development activities within the United Nations;

2. *Also requests*, in this context, the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to recommend for the consideration of the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, measures for achieving better co-ordination between social and other development activities within the United Nations;

3. *Further requests* the Committee for Development Planning, in elaborating recommendations on preparations for the new international development strategy, to pay particular attention to, *inter alia*, the social development input, taking fully into account the relevant policy recommendations of the General Assembly;

4. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that it consider at its thirty-third session the reports requested above in a consolidated manner;

5. *Decides* to review, at its organizational session for 1979, the terms of reference of the *ad hoc* working group to be established under its resolution 2079 (LXII), in the light of the conclusions of the General Assembly on this matter at its thirty-third session and in the light of relevant decisions on a new international development strategy, with a view to considering the report of the working group in 1979.

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