

Mindful of General Assembly resolution 1776 (XVII) of 7 December 1962 by which the Assembly asked the Council to instruct the Commission on Human Rights to study and encourage the adoption of measures designed to accelerate the promotion of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Believing that the existing programme of advisory services would be strengthened and the effectiveness of the United Nations activity in this field enhanced and its practical results increased, if regional courses in human rights could be developed, which would combine the advantages of the group experience of seminars with those of the educational objectives of fellowships,

Requests the Secretary-General to consider, in accordance with the usual criteria for assigning priority to projects requested under the United Nations technical assistance programme, the organization, from savings available under part V of the United Nations budget and on an experimental basis, of one or more regional courses on human rights, as soon as necessary arrangements can be made.

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960 (XXXVI). Slavery

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 525 A (XVII) of 29 April 1954 and 563 (XIX) of 31 March 1955 and Article 4 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which states that no-one shall be held in slavery or servitude and that slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms,

Believing that slavery, the slave trade and all institutions and practices similar to slavery should be abolished,

Considering that there exists a need for accurate, comprehensive and up-to-date information of the extent to which slavery, the slave trade and institutions and practices similar to slavery still persist today,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To appoint a special rapporteur on slavery, who shall bring up to date the Engen report⁷⁸ by collating information on slavery from Governments of Member States of the United Nations, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations in consultative status, and shall present his report to the Council at its summer session in 1965;

(b) To formulate in consultation with the special rapporteur a questionnaire on slavery for circulation to States Members of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status, with the object of putting full information on slavery at the disposal of the special rapporteur;

2. *Decides* to retain the subject of slavery on the agenda of its session in 1964.

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⁷⁸ E/2673.

961 (XXXVI). Report of the Commission on the Status of Women

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women (seventeenth session).⁷⁹

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B

POLITICAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the seventeenth session of the Commission on the Status of Women⁸⁰ and noting that the great majority of States have formally granted women the same political rights as men,

Considering that the exercise of those rights is essential if the principle of equality between men and women proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations is to be respected,

Stressing the importance of the activities of women in the field of political and social affairs, on an equal footing with men,

Noting that more comprehensive information on the progress made by women in that field might be of the greatest interest for the Commission on the Status of Women and other United Nations bodies concerned with social progress and the exercise of human rights,

Believing that more comprehensive information on this question might be of great interest for Governments themselves,

Noting that while States Parties to the Convention on the Political Rights of Women have been requested by Council resolution 504 E (XVI) of 23 July 1953 to submit reports on measures taken by them to implement its provisions, no information on similar lines is at present requested from States Members of the United Nations not parties to this Convention,

1. *Invites* the Government of each State Member of the United Nations to supply the Secretary-General every two years with information it considers appropriate with regard to implementation of the principles stated in the Convention, including particularly whether any women have been elected to the national Parliament and have been appointed to high governmental, judicial or diplomatic posts, such as minister or head of depart-

⁷⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/3749).*

⁸⁰ *Ibid.*, paragraphs 24-25.

ment, ambassador, or member of delegation to sessions of the United Nations General Assembly or of corresponding organs of the specialized agencies;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present the information received, on a summary basis, in his regular reports on implementation of the Convention, with any necessary changes in title and form to reflect its enlarged content;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to include in the report tables showing:

(a) States Members of the United Nations where women have been elected to the national parliament, and,

(b) States Members of the United Nations where women have been appointed to high governmental, judicial or diplomatic posts, such as minister or head of department, ambassador, or member of delegation to sessions of the United Nations General Assembly or of corresponding organs of the specialized agencies.

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C

DRAFT PAMPHLET ON CIVIC AND POLITICAL EDUCATION OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the recommendation of the Commission on the Status of Women in resolution 3 (XVII) for the preparation of a pamphlet on civic and political education of women,⁸¹

Believing, however, that the time allowed for the Secretary-General to re-draft the pamphlet and to obtain the comments of members of the Commission, specialized agencies, and non-governmental organizations is insufficient,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a pamphlet on civic and political education of women and to circulate it for comments as recommended by the Commission on the Status of Women in resolution 3 (XVII) taking into account observations received by 1 March 1964;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to publish the new pamphlet and arrange for its wide distribution in English, French and Spanish later in 1964;

3. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations to take steps to translate the pamphlet into the language or languages of the country, where this is necessary.

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⁸¹ *Ibid.*, paragraphs 34-42.

D

ACCESS OF GIRLS AND WOMEN TO EDUCATION IN RURAL AREAS⁸²

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that the education of all women is of vital importance to economic and social well-being and progress,

Considering the larger proportion of girls and women in the rural populations in several areas of the world,

Noting the inadequacy of facilities for general education and agricultural and other vocational training of girls and women in rural areas in many countries,

1. *Recommends* to Governments of States Members of the United Nations that they give due priority to programmes and activities directed towards the development of education and vocational training of all types and at all levels for girls and women of rural areas, and that they include appropriate provisions to that end in their national development plans;

2. *Draws attention* to the resources and facilities available under the Regular and Expanded programmes of technical assistance of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the United Nations Children's Fund and the Special Fund;

3. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Labour Organisation to continue their assistance to countries, at their request, in extending and improving education and training facilities for girls and women of rural areas, and to report to the Commission on the Status of Women at its nineteenth session on their work in this field;

4. *Invites* non-governmental organizations in consultative status to co-operate actively in formulating and carrying out programmes for strengthening and improving the education and training of girls and women of these areas.

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E

ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF WOMEN

I

Employment opportunities and conditions of work⁸³

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with satisfaction the programme of the International Labour Organisation to expand employment opportunities for women,

Considering that additional measures are necessary to increase the access of women to vocational training and guidance,

⁸² *Ibid.*, paragraphs 62-66.

⁸³ *Ibid.*, paragraphs 84-90.

1. *Requests* the International Labour Organisation to make available to members of the Commission on the Status of Women, at its session in 1966, copies of the documents and background papers which it has prepared for the 1964 and 1965 sessions of the International Labour Conference on the agenda item "Women workers in a changing world", together with a report of conference findings and recommendations on this item;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the International Labour Organisation the views and decisions of the Commission on the Status of Women relating to economic rights and opportunities for women, together with the records of decisions thereon, for the reference of the 1964 session of the International Labour Conference during its consideration of the agenda item "Women workers in a changing world";

3. *Expresses the hope* that the International Labour Organisation, at its general and regional conferences, and at meetings of its industrial and analogous committees, will regularly give consideration to special problems of women workers and methods of promoting full and responsible economic participation by women;

4. *Expresses confidence* that member states, in accordance with the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation, will give consideration to including women in delegations to conferences of that organization, more particularly when economic problems and opportunities of women are under consideration.

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II

*Access of women to training and employment
in the principal professional and technical fields*⁸⁴

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolutions 8 (XV) and 6 (XVI)⁸⁵ of the Commission on the Status of Women, Council resolution 771 E (XXX) of 25 July 1960 and General Assembly resolution 1824 (XVII) of 18 December 1962,

Believing in the necessity of women playing their full part in the acceleration of industrialization in the developing countries,

Affirming the importance of making available to women, on an equal footing with men, opportunities for education, training and employment in professional and technical fields, with a view to developing and utilizing fully professional and technical skills,

1. *Suggests* that Governments of States Members of the United Nations, non-governmental organizations and commercial and industrial concerns, when determining their requirements in regard to specialists of

different degrees of skill and preparing plans for training them in their own countries, take into account the need to give women a place on an equal footing with men in education, vocational training and employment;

2. *Expresses confidence* that the United Nations and the specialized agencies in all country programmes relating to the provision of professional and technical training will give due attention to the training of personnel and to the importance of equal access of men and women to such training;

3. *Requests* the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to provide to the Commission, in connexion with their periodic activity reports, any relevant information concerning the access and admission of women to education, training and employment in the professional and technical fields, and proposals for future action.

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F

UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES⁸⁶

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the request of the General Assembly in its resolution 1777 (XVII) of 7 December 1962 for a report on the possibility of establishing a unified long-term programme for the advancement of women, and that the Commission on the Status of Women as a step in this direction expects to review and evaluate available resources at its eighteenth session,

Considering the importance of joint participation by men and women in planning for the advancement of women, particularly in developing countries, and in giving effect to programmes implementing the United Nations Development Decade,

Calls the attention of States Members of the United Nations to the value of appointing national commissions on the status of women, composed of leading men and women with experience in government service, education, employment, community development and other aspects of public life, to develop plans and make recommendations for improving the position of women in their respective countries.

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G

PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE WORK
OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS⁸⁷

The Economic and Social Council

Draws the attention of States members of the regional economic commissions of the United Nations, in the

⁸⁴ *Ibid.*, paragraphs 98-101.

⁸⁵ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/3464)*, para. 143; *ibid.*, *Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/3606/Rev. 1)*, para. 71.

⁸⁶ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/3749)*, paragraphs 135-137.

⁸⁷ *Ibid.*, paragraph 142.

light of the need for the contribution which women can make to economic and social progress, to the desirability of appointing women to serve as delegates, advisers or experts on the various committees of regional economic commissions, thereby enabling women to take part in the preparation of development studies and plans, particularly those involving the adaptation of legislation to the needs of expanding economies.

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H

DRAFT RECOMMENDATION ON CONSENT TO MARRIAGE, MINIMUM AGE FOR MARRIAGE AND REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES⁸⁸

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft recommendation on consent to marriage, minimum age for marriage and registration of marriages:

“ *The General Assembly,*

“ *Recognizing* that men and women of full age have the right to marry and to found a family, that they are entitled to equal rights as to marriage and that marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses, in accordance with the provisions of article 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

“ *Recalling* General Assembly resolution 843 (IX) of 17 December 1954,

“ *Recalling further* article 2 of the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices similar to Slavery, of 1956, which makes certain provisions concerning the age of marriage, consent to marriage and registration of marriages,

“ *Recalling also* that, under Article 62, paragraph 2, of the Charter, the Council may make recommendations for the purpose of promoting respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, and that under Article 64 of the Charter, it may make arrangements with the Members of the United Nations to obtain reports on the steps taken to give effect to its own recommendations and to recommendations on matters falling within its competence made by the General Assembly,

“ *I. Recommends* that where not already provided by existing legislative or other measures, each Member State take the necessary steps, in accordance with its constitutional processes, to adopt such legislative or other

measures as may be appropriate to give effect to the following principles:

“ 1. (a) No marriage shall be legally entered into without the full and free consent of both parties, such consent to be expressed by them in person, after due publicity and in the presence of the authority competent to solemnize the marriage and of such witnesses as may be prescribed by law;

“ (b) Notwithstanding anything in sub-paragraph (a) above, it shall not be necessary for one of the parties to be present when the competent authority is satisfied that the circumstances are exceptional and that the party has, before a competent authority and in such manner as may be prescribed by law, expressed and not withdrawn consent;

“ 2. Member States shall take legislative action to specify a minimum age for marriage. No marriage shall be legally entered into by any person under this age, except where a competent authority has granted a dispensation as to age, for serious reasons, in the interest of the intending spouses;

“ 3. All marriages shall be registered in an appropriate official register by the competent authority;

“ *II. Recommends* that each Member State bring the recommendation on consent to marriage, minimum age for marriage and registration of marriages contained in this resolution before the authorities competent to enact legislation or to take other action, at the earliest practicable moment and, if possible, not later than eighteen months after its adoption;

“ *III. Recommends* that Member States inform the Secretary-General, as soon as possible after the action has been taken, of the measures taken under the present Recommendation to bring it before the competent authority or authorities, with particulars of the authority or authorities regarded as competent;

“ *IV. Recommends further* that Member States report to the Secretary-General at the end of three years and thereafter at intervals of five years the position of the law and practice in their countries in regard to the matters dealt with in this Recommendation, showing the extent to which effect has been given or is proposed to be given to the provisions of the Recommendation and such modifications of these provisions as it has found or may be found necessary to make in adapting or applying it;

“ *V. Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the Commission on the Status of Women a document containing the reports received from Governments concerning methods of implementing the three basic principles of the Recommendation;

“ *VI. Invites* the Commission on the Status of Women to examine the reports received from Member States pursuant to the present Recommendation and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council with such recommendations as it may deem fit to make.”

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⁸⁸ *Ibid.*, paragraphs 147-169. The Council also decided to transmit to the General Assembly, together with resolution H, the comments and views expressed on this subject by the Social Committee (E/AC.7/SR.476 and 477).

I

PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

The Economic and Social Council

Draws the attention of States Members of the United Nations to the desirability of ensuring that women have

equal opportunities with men of representing their country as delegates, advisers and experts on international commissions, committees and other similar bodies and to the special advantage of representation by women wherever social and economic problems and opportunities for women are under consideration.

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QUESTIONS RELATING TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

948 (XXXVI). Annual report of the Technical Assistance Board to the Technical Assistance Committee

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Technical Assistance Board to the Technical Assistance Committee.⁸⁹

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949 (XXXVI). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance

I

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account the experience gained during the period 1961-1962 of the two-year programming cycle which was established on an experimental basis by its resolutions 785 (XXX) and 786 (XXX) of 3 August 1960 and 854 (XXXII) of 4 August 1961,

Decides to extend the two-year programming cycle for the years 1965-1966;

II

Having in mind the important role of industrial development in the economic progress of developing countries and noting the present relatively small share of projects related to industrial development in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

Recalling, in this connexion, its resolution 898 (XXXIV) of 2 August 1962 concerning trends in United Nations technical co-operation programmes and General Assembly resolution 1824 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 concerning training of national technical personnel for industrialization,

Invites the Governments of recipient countries, when establishing priorities for the selection of technical

assistance projects, to attach, in conformity with their over-all national development plans, special attention to the promotion of industrial development which could be accelerated, in addition to such expert services as may be required, through:

(a) The training of their nationals in technical fields related to industrial development with a view to increasing their available resources of technically trained manpower, and

(b) The training of their nationals, in particular in their own countries or within their region, through the provision of the necessary equipment and supplies together with instructors;

III

Believing that an increasing use of experts from developing countries would contribute greatly to the effectiveness of the Programme,

Invites the participating organizations in the Programme to make a greater use of experts from developing countries and requests the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board to report the progress thereon to the Technical Assistance Committee at its next summer session.

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5 July 1963.*

950 (XXXVI). Allocation of administrative and operational services costs between Regular and Expanded Programme budgets

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 855 (XXXII) of 4 August 1961,

Noting that in response to Council resolution 900 A (XXXIV) of 2 August 1962 the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is to undertake a study of the financial procedures and overhead costs of the programmes of technical co-operation,

⁸⁹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/3739).