

(d) No discrimination shall be made between men and women with regard to decisions regarding custody of children and guardianship or other parental rights in the event of divorce, annulment of marriage or judicial separation.

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1208 (XLII). Access of women to higher education, jobs and professions

The Economic and Social Council,

Having regard to the need for women's abilities to be used to the full in economic and social development, and to the importance of higher education in preparing girls and women for positions of responsibility on an equal footing with men,

Recognizing that such full use of women's abilities calls for consideration of the factors which may cause interruption of studies before or during higher education,

Having regard to the importance of the role of guidance services before entry to higher education and at all stages thereof,

Believing that all measures for life-long education should apply to women as well as to men, in order to assist the continuous adaptation of the individual to the needs of a rapidly changing world and to national needs,

Recommends Member States:

(a) To develop or encourage the establishment of guidance services for schools, universities, technical and other training institutes to assist women students to select, from among the available types of higher education, those appropriate to their aptitudes and to make similar guidance services available to all adult women desiring to begin or resume higher studies;

(b) To encourage girls and women, as well as men, to take advantage of such higher education, either upon completion of secondary education or after an interruption of their studies, particularly by such means as scholarships, evening and correspondence courses, instruction by radio and television, residential facilities for women students, married or unmarried, leave for study purposes, and other such means as may be appropriate to the countries concerned;

(c) To promote the access of women to higher education on conditions of equality with men;

(d) To promote the access of women who have completed higher education to all jobs and professions to which their education entitles them to aspire and for which they are qualified.

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1209 (XLII). United Nations assistance for the advancement of women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1777 (XVII) of 7 December 1962 and 2059 (XX) of 16 December 1965 relating to the establishment of a unified long-term United Nations programme for the advancement of women,

Recalling further its resolution 1133 (XLI) of 26 July 1966, in which, *inter alia*, it invited Member

States to establish, in their respective countries, if possible before the end of 1967, long-term programmes for the advancement of women,

Noting with interest the report of the Seminar on measures required for the advancement of women, with special reference to the establishment of a long-term programme,³⁵ held in the Philippines in December 1966, and in particular the conclusions and recommendations emanating from the discussions at that Seminar,³⁶

Considering that the International Year for Human Rights in 1968 provides an excellent opportunity for focusing attention on long-term programmes for the advancement of women at the national and international levels,

1. *Draws the attention* of Governments of Member States, of the specialized agencies concerned, the United Nations Children's Fund and interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status to the report of the above-mentioned Seminar and to the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;

2. *Again invites* Member States to give consideration to the establishment of national long-term programmes for the advancement of women, within the context of over-all national development plans, and recommends the consideration of the following measures to facilitate early realization of the goals envisaged:

(a) The establishment of national commissions on the status of women, or similar bodies, where needed, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 961 F (XXXVI) of 12 July 1963, and the co-operation of such national commissions or bodies with each other at the regional level in accordance with Council resolution 1068 D (XXXIX) of 16 July 1965;

(b) The appointment of qualified women to policy-making posts in the Government, including, in particular, bodies responsible for submitting requests for technical assistance in fields of direct concern to women;

(c) The inclusion, in the submission of requests for technical assistance, of projects and programmes directed towards the advancement of women, the nomination of more women for fellowships under such programmes and greater use of the services of experts in fields of direct concern to women;

(d) The establishment where necessary of national multi-purpose training centres to undertake surveys on matters relating to the advancement of women, to serve as clearing-houses for the collection and dissemination of information and to provide training or re-training for women in various fields.

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1210 (XLII). Report of the Commission on the Status of Women

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Takes note of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its twentieth session.³⁷

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³⁵ ST/TAO/HR/28.

³⁶ *Ibid.*, paras. 138-140.

³⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/4316).*