

12 August 1949⁴³ which provides for important safeguards for the protection of women and children, is not fully implemented in the course of armed conflicts and in occupied territories,

Taking note of the report of the Special Working Group of Experts established under resolution 6 (XXV) of the Commission on Human Rights,⁴⁴

Fully convinced that the protection of women and children during emergency and wartime is contemplated by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Noting that the General Assembly, in its resolution 2597 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, has requested the Secretary-General, in pursuance of his study on respect for human rights in armed conflicts, to give special attention to the need for better application of existing humanitarian international conventions and rules to such conflicts,

Having received the Secretary-General's report on protection of women and children in emergency or wartime, fighting for peace, national liberation and independence,⁴⁵ concerning the conditions of women and children in the occupied territories in the Middle East and the steps taken by the United Nations with respect to human rights in armed conflicts,

1. *Renews its solemn appeal* to all women throughout the world to make every effort to contribute, in their families and in their communities, to the establishment of peace and justice and towards finding a just solution to armed conflicts;

2. *Calls upon* States to abide fully by their obligations under the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949 and other rules of international law concerning respect for human rights in armed conflicts;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To give particular attention, in pursuing his study on respect for human rights in armed conflicts, to the question of protection of women and children in emergency or wartime;

(b) To consider further measures of promoting throughout the world a wider knowledge of the plight of women and children victims of armed conflicts, and of the existing international rules which provide protection for women and children in armed conflicts;

(c) To submit to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-fourth session a report containing information available from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the United Nations Children's Fund and the International Committee of the Red Cross, as well as from any other appropriate United Nations bodies, on the conditions of women and children in emergency and armed conflicts in the struggle for peace, self-determination, national liberation and independence.

4. *Requests* the General Assembly to consider the possibility of drafting a declaration on the protection of women and children in emergency or wartime;

5. *Decides* to include the question of the protection of women and children in emergency and armed conflicts in the struggle for peace, self-determination, national liberation and independence in the agenda of the

⁴³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75 (1950), No. 973.

⁴⁴ E/CN.4/1016 and Add.1-5.

⁴⁵ E/CN.6/536.

twenty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

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1516 (XLVIII). Influence of activities of foreign economic and other interests on the living conditions of women in dependent Territories

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2189 (XXI) of 13 December 1966, 2288 (XXII) of 7 December 1967, 2425 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968 and 2554 (XXIV) of 12 December 1969 condemning the activities of foreign economic and other interests in dependent Territories which lead to the exploitation of colonial countries and peoples,

Noting that, in its resolution 2554 (XXIV) the General Assembly requested the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue its study of the problem of the activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session,

Considering also the request made by the Commission on the Status of Women in the operative paragraph of its resolution 3 (XXII) of 3 February 1969⁴⁶ requesting the Special Committee to devote a part of the report which it was to present to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session to the influence of activities of foreign economic and other interests on the living conditions of women in dependent Territories, in order that the study might be submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-third session,

Noting that in paragraph 17 of its report⁴⁷ the Special Committee expressed its readiness to take appropriate action on that request in the light of any decision that might be taken in that regard by the General Assembly,

Requests the General Assembly to invite the Special Committee to study the question of the influence of activities of foreign economic and other interests on the living conditions of women in dependent Territories, in order that the study may be submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-fourth session.

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1517 (XLVIII). Report of the Commission on the Status of Women

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its twenty-third session,⁴⁸

2. *Endorses* the programme of work contained in chapter VI of that report.

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⁴⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-sixth Session*, document E/4619, chap. XVI.

⁴⁷ A/7752. For the text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 23 A (A/7623/Rev.1/Add.1)*.

⁴⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4831)*.