

- (v) There should be no discrimination against the offspring of unmarried mothers in all matters of inheritance;
- (vi) The unmarried mother should enjoy all the measures of social assistance and social security devised for mothers in general and for single parents in particular;
- (vii) There should be no discrimination against the unmarried mother in matters of employment, education and training as well as in access to child care facilities;

3. *Recommends* that, where appropriate, consideration be given by Member States to the development of programmes designed to increase awareness of the existing double standard in allocating social responsibility for births out of wedlock, so as to bring about a balance in these social attitudes toward members of both sexes in the responsibility for such births.

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1680 (LII). Programme of advisory services in the field of human rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting resolution 17 (XXIII) of 22 March 1967 of the Commission on Human Rights which, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to consider, from 1969 onwards, the organization of one or two seminars on the status of women each year,

Noting with satisfaction the success of the international seminar on the participation of women in the economic life of their countries held in Moscow in 1970 and the regional seminar on the same subject held in Libreville (Gabon) in 1971,

Considering that the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights should pay greater attention to the programmes and activities relating to the status of women,

Believing that, consistent with the over-all objective of the programme of advisory services, namely to provide assistance to Governments, programming of seminars on status of women matters should be more closely co-ordinated with the work of the Commission on the Status of Women,

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in discharging his responsibilities for the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights, to make every effort within the existing resources available to him to ensure so far as possible that:

(a) Two seminars on subjects relating to the status of women are held each year, especially in the years when the Commission on the Status of Women does not meet;

(b) At least one of these seminars is an international seminar on a matter directly related to the work programme of the Commission on the Status of Women;

(c) Increased attention is given to securing the appointment, as human rights fellows, of more women and persons involved in activities designed to eliminate discrimination against women;

2. *Invites* Governments of States Members of the United Nations:

(a) To include the names of more women and of those involved in the work of eliminating discrimina-

tion on grounds of sex when forwarding nominations for human rights fellowships to the Secretary-General;

(b) To give serious consideration to the possibility of acting as hosts, within the scope of the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights, to seminars on matters directly related to the work programme of the Commission on the Status of Women;

(c) To avail themselves more fully, when undertaking projects intended to ameliorate the status of women, of the services of experts under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights.

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1681 (LII). International Women's Year

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Considering that 25 years have elapsed since the first session of the Commission on the Status of Women was held at Lake Success (New York) from 10 to 24 February 1947, and that this is a period which makes it possible to take stock of the positive results obtained,

"Bearing in mind the aims and principles of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 2263 (XXII) of 7 November 1967,

"Recognizing the effectiveness of the work done by the Commission on the Status of Women in the 25 years since its establishment, and the important contribution which women have made to the social, political, economic and cultural life of their countries,

"Considering that it is necessary to strengthen universal recognition of the principle of the equality of men and women, *de jure* and *de facto*, and that both legal and social measures have to be taken by States Members of the United Nations which have not yet done so to ensure the implementation of women's rights,

"Noting that its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade includes among its goals and objectives for the Decade the encouragement of the full integration of women in the total development effort,

"Drawing attention to the general objectives and minimum targets to be attained in the course of the Second United Nations Development Decade as defined by the Commission on the Status of Women and adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 2716 (XXV) of 15 December 1970,

"Considering that, with those ends in view, the proclamation of an international women's year would serve to intensify the action required to advance the status of women,

"1. *Proclaims* the year 1975 International Women's Year;

"2. *Decides* to devote this year to intensified action to promote equality between men and women and to increase women's contribution to national and international development;

"3. *Invites* all Member States and all interested organizations to take steps to ensure the full realization of the rights of women and their advancement on the basis of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women;

"4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with Member States, specialized agencies and interested non-governmental organizations, within the limits of the existing resources, a draft programme for the International Women's Year and to submit the programme to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-fifth session in 1974."

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1682 (LII). Increased activities relating to the status of women at the regional level

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the effectiveness of the work accomplished by various intergovernmental organizations in assisting in the implementation of resolutions and recommendations adopted by the various organizations in the United Nations system,

Recalling the reports of the Secretary-General concerning action that might be taken at the regional level to implement the recommendations of the Commission on the Status of Women more effectively,³⁹

Recalling also its resolution 48 (IV) of 29 March 1947 in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to make arrangements for the presence of observers from regional intergovernmental organizations in the field of women's rights at sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women to act in an advisory and informative capacity and to arrange for the exchange of information between the Commission and these organizations on subjects relating to the status of women,

Recalling further that in resolution 1267 B (XLIII) of 3 August 1967 the Council invited its subsidiary bodies to make recommendations regarding the desirability of establishing relationships between themselves and specific intergovernmental organizations active in fields of concern to them,

Noting with interest that the Council of the League of Arab States in September 1971 established an Arab Women's Commission to promote the status of women in Arab countries members of the League,

Further noting the services rendered by the Inter-American Commission of Women for the advancement of women at the regional level through seminars and training courses and through the dissemination of information concerning United Nations instruments for the advancement of women, particularly the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women,

Mindful that compliance with the principles contained in relevant United Nations instruments is essential for the full integration of women into society and for the satisfactory progress of humanity,

Bearing in mind that compliance with United Nations instruments assuring equal participation of women in all aspects of the political, social and economic life of their countries has not been fully achieved,

Believing that increased action and programmes at the regional level would greatly benefit the advancement of the status of women,

1. *Invites* interested intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system to consider the establishment of regional commissions on the status of women in order to make more effective the resolutions and measures adopted in favour of women and to promote the wider integration of women in all sectors of development and progress of their countries;

2. *Invites* the United Nations regional economic commissions to take any necessary action to incorporate in their regional activities programmes designed to increase the participation of women and to include in their reports to the Economic and Social Council information on what they have done to assist the integration of women in the economic and social development of their countries;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring such information to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women.

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1683 (LII). Interregional meeting of experts on the role of women in development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1777 (XVII) of 7 December 1962 initiating a unified long-term United Nations programme for the advancement of women,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 2716 (XXV) of 15 December 1970 on the programme of concerted international action for the advancement of women and the objectives and minimum targets to be achieved during the Second United Nations Development Decade, set forth in the annex to that resolution,

Noting General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, which included among its goals and objectives the encouragement of the "full integration of women in the total development effort".

Noting with interest that an interregional meeting of experts on the role of women in development will be held in June 1972 as part of the work programme of the Commission for Social Development as well as that of the Commission on the Status of Women,

Noting further that this meeting falls within the category of conferences, seminars and similar meetings recommended by the General Assembly in paragraph 5 of its resolution 2716 (XXV), and will include persons concerned with problems of development and those concerned with matters relating to the status of women,

1. *Welcomes* the organization in June 1972 of the interregional meeting of experts on the role of women in development as a joint project of the Commission for Social Development and the Commission on the Status of Women;

2. *Draws the attention* of the meeting of experts to General Assembly resolution 2716 (XXV) and in particular to the objectives and targets set forth in the annex to that resolution, as well as to other appropriate resolutions adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-fourth session or recommended for adoption by the Council concern-

³⁹ E/CN.6/532, E/CN.6/553 and Add.1 and E/CN.6/554.