

"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.