

"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.

ing the further elaboration of a programme of concerted international action for the advancement of women and the increased activities related to the status of women at the regional level;⁴⁰

3. *Expresses the hope* that the experts will take full account of these objectives and targets in elaborating recommendations designed to encourage the full integration of women in the total development effort during the Second United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the report of the meeting of experts to the Commission on the Status of Women as well as to the Commission for Social Development.

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1684 (LII). Integration of women at all levels of development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2716 (XXV) of 15 December 1970 on the programme of concerted international action for the advancement of women,

Believing that such a programme of concerted international action, planned on a long-term basis, will advance the status of women and increase their effective participation in all sectors of national life,

Noting that, because of differing cultural traditions and of stages of socio-economic progress of countries all the world over and also within each of these countries, women are found at several levels of development,

Believing in the importance of initiating and increasing programmes geared to the needs of underprivileged women, both in rural and urban areas,

Considering that there might be a tendency, in the implementation of the programme of concerted international action for the advancement of women, to concentrate solely on the most elementary stages of development of women, which might lead to a neglect of the needs and requirements of women at the middle and higher levels of development,

Convinced that such a programme should take careful account of the different stages of development in which women are found in order that such a programme may be realistically geared to their specific problems and requirements,

1. *Recommends* that the objectives and targets set forth in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2716 (XXV) should be realized in such a way as to benefit women at all levels of development;

2. *Urges* Governments of States Members of the United Nations, in the planning and implementation of their programmes of action to promote the advancement of women, to take account of the varying needs of women in their countries with a view to enabling women to achieve their maximum potential not only as wives and mothers but also as citizens and full participants in the development of their countries;

3. *Requests* the specialized agencies, the United Nations Development Programme, other appropriate

⁴⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5109 and Add.1)*, chap. VIII, resolution 14 (XXIV), and chap. IX, draft resolutions III, VII and IX [Council resolutions 1678 (LII), 1682 (LII) and 1684 (LII)]

organizations of the United Nations system, and other organizations, intergovernmental and non-governmental, to take account in the programming and allocation of technical assistance of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 1 and 2 above and to take action thereon accordingly;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Development Programme for the very useful report it prepared for the Commission on the Status of Women⁴¹ on the participation of women in Programme-assisted activities;

5. *Urges* the United Nations Development Programme to support and to encourage the full integration of women at all levels of development and their participation in projects of technical assistance, with due consideration to the progress which economic development requires at all those different levels, and requests the United Nations Development Programme to prepare a report on the subject for the consideration of the Commission on the Status of Women at a future session;

6. *Invites* the Commission on the Status of Women, in considering the implementation of the programme of action to promote the advancement of women, to take due account of the varying levels of development in which women are to be found in order that their contribution to the development of their countries can be fully realized to the greatest extent possible;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to communicate the present resolution, through the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to all resident representatives of the United Nations Development Programme.

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1685 (LII). Activities of agencies in the United Nations system of special concern to women

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware of the importance for the progress of society as a whole of the programmes of the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization, and also the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Development Programme, to promote the advancement of women,

Aware also of the need for a policy of having women present at all levels of decision-making, so that fully effective implementation of these programmes may be achieved,

1. *Expresses the hope* that the Governments of member States will recognize the importance of an increased presence of women on their national delegations, both at the general conferences of and at the various meetings and conferences organized within these agencies, as well as within national committees and other national liaison bodies;

2. *Expresses also the hope* that the Secretary-General will invite the executive heads of the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the

⁴¹ E/CN.6/554