

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