

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;<sup>40</sup>

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

<sup>40</sup> 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 Women<sup>41</sup> 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

<sup>41</sup> E/CN.6/554

World Health Organization, and also the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Development Programme, to continue to recommend to member States increased participation of women in activities within the competence of their agencies and to ensure that women are present in all sectors of their secretariats;

3. *Requests* the executive heads of the above-mentioned agencies to keep the Commission on the Status of Women informed of the extent, in numbers and as a proportion, of the participation of women referred to in paragraph 1 above.

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**1686 (LII). Activities of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization of special interest to women**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has intensified its efforts to carry out projects intended to encourage thought and action in this sphere with a view to increasing the contribution of girls and women to the common task of development and to scientific and technological progress,

*Regretting* that, for practical reasons, some areas have been left untouched, although they require the constant attention of national authorities and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

*Considering* that co-operation within the United Nations system in action for the advancement of women's education must include a study of the specific problems of young women, such as the moulding of their civic awareness, with a view to more active and effective participation in political life, preparation for family life to the same extent as boys, and the question of recreation for girls,

1. *Urges* Governments of States Members of the United Nations and of members of the specialized agencies which have not already ratified or acceded to the Convention against Discrimination in Education, adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 14 December 1960<sup>42</sup> and the Protocol thereto of 10 December 1962,<sup>43</sup> to initiate the necessary procedures for ratifying or acceding to these international instruments;

2. *Recommends* that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization should continue its studies on questions of priority interest to the younger generation, in the belief that the development of a sense of civic responsibility among girls is of primary importance in order to accelerate their full integration into all spheres of society;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to give particular attention to measures for the advancement of education programmes for boys and girls, as a means of ensuring

<sup>42</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 429 (1962), No. 6193.

<sup>43</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 651 (1968), No. 6193.

the fulfilment of the human personality and the effective and practical enjoyment of the rights belonging to every human being.

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**1687 (LII). Protection of women and children in emergency and armed conflict in the struggle for peace, self-determination, national liberation and independence**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* resolution 4 (XXII) of the Commission on the Status of Women of 3 February 1969, on the protection of women and children in emergency or wartime, fighting for peace, national liberation and independence,<sup>44</sup> resolutions I and XXIII of the International Conference on Human Rights of 7 and 12 May 1968,<sup>45</sup> and General Assembly resolution 2675 (XXV) of 9 December 1970,

*Noting* that the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949<sup>46</sup> is not fully implemented in armed conflicts and occupied territories,

*Expressing deep concern* for the fate of women and children from the civil population in emergency and armed conflict in the struggle for peace, self-determination, national liberation and independence, who often become victims of destruction and who suffer from conditions detrimental to their lives and to human dignity,

*Bearing in mind* Economic and Social Council resolution 1515 (XLVIII) of 28 May 1970, which provides for the possibility of drafting an international declaration on this subject,

*Noting* the report of the Secretary-General on the protection of women and children in emergency and armed conflict in the struggle for peace, self-determination, national liberation and independence,<sup>47</sup>

*Considering* the reports of the Secretary-General on respect for human rights in armed conflicts<sup>48</sup> and on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations, submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session,<sup>49</sup> the report of the Special Working Group of Experts established under resolution 6 (XXV) of the Commission on Human Rights<sup>50</sup> and the report of the Special Committee To Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories<sup>51</sup> established under General Assembly resolution 2443 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968,

*Realizing* that children are suffering from the lack of basic needs of life in many areas of the world including those areas referred to in the Secretary-General's report on the protection of women and children

<sup>44</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-sixth Session*, document E/4619, chap. XVI.

<sup>45</sup> See *Final Act of the International Conference on Human Rights* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIV.2), pp. 5 and 18.

<sup>46</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75 (1950), No. 973.

<sup>47</sup> E/CN.6/561 and Add.2.

<sup>48</sup> A/8313 and Add.1-3 and A/8370 and Add.1.

<sup>49</sup> A/8314 and Add.1-6.

<sup>50</sup> E/CN.4/1016 and Add.1-5.

<sup>51</sup> A/8389 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 and 2.