

of 1971, remembering that abstention by a single country trading in these substances may result in evasion of internal controls in other countries,

Convinced that the Convention constitutes a necessary instrument in the fight against the abuse of and the illicit traffic in such substances,

Urges Governments, in particular Governments of countries directly related to the manufacturing and production of and trade in psychotropic substances, to ratify or accede to the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, of 1971, as soon as possible.

*1896th plenary meeting
15 May 1974*

1848 (LVI). Periodicity of the sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with concern that the problem of drug abuse remains serious,

Recognizing that these circumstances require continuing vigilance by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

1. *Decides* that, for the present, the principle of biennial sessions of functional commissions and the need for more frequent meetings of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs can both be recognized by convening special sessions of the Commission as necessary;

2. *Further decides* that the Commission should consider, at its regular session scheduled for 1975, whether to meet in special session for two weeks in 1976;

3. *Suggests* that, whenever it is decided to hold a special session, the possibility of reducing the following regular session to two weeks instead of the three weeks originally provided for should be examined and decided on by the Commission.

*1896th plenary meeting
15 May 1974*

1849 (LVI). International Women's Year

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 3010 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, proclaimed the year 1975 International Women's Year and decided to devote this year to intensified action:

(a) To promote equality between men and women,

(b) To ensure the full integration of women in the total development effort, especially by emphasizing women's responsibility and important role in economic, social and cultural development at the national, regional and international levels, particularly during the Second United Nations Development Decade,

(c) To recognize the importance of women's increasing contribution to the development of friendly relations and co-operation among States and to the strengthening of world peace,

1. *Approves* the programme of measures and activities, which is annexed to the present resolution, envisaged for Member States, the United Nations, the specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations, the national and international organizations

and interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Invites* Member States, the specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations, the national and international organizations and interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status, to devote the year 1975 to intensified efforts and undertakings, including the measures and activities set out in the above-mentioned programme;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to make every necessary arrangement to facilitate the co-operation of competent regional intergovernmental organizations in observing 1975 as International Women's Year, as provided in General Assembly resolution 3010 (XXVII);

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to co-ordinate, to the extent possible, the measures and activities undertaken by Member States, the United Nations, the specialized agencies, regional organizations and the national and international organizations concerned, and in particular to collect and disseminate information on activities undertaken or contemplated in connexion with the International Women's Year.

*1897th plenary meeting
16 May 1974*

ANNEX

Programme for the International Women's Year, 1975

"Considering that discrimination against women is incompatible with human dignity and with the welfare of the family and of society, prevents their participation, on equal terms with men, in the political, social, economic and cultural life of their countries and is an obstacle to the full development of the potentialities of women in the service of their countries and of humanity."

"Convinced that the full and complete development of a country, the welfare of the world and the cause of peace require the maximum participation of women as well as men in all fields."

[Extract from the preamble to the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 2263 (XXII) of 7 November 1967.]

I. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE YEAR

1. The International Women's Year, proclaimed by the General Assembly on 18 December 1972 (resolution 3010 (XXVII)) is to be devoted to intensified action:

(a) To promote equality between men and women;

(b) To ensure the full integration of women in the total development effort, especially by emphasizing women's responsibility and important role in economic, social and cultural development at the national, regional and international levels, particularly during the Second United Nations Development Decade;

(c) To increase the contribution of women to the development of friendly relations and co-operation among States and to the strengthening of world peace.

2. The central theme of the Year therefore is: **EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE.**

3. The Year should be a time to review and evaluate progress made in these three areas since the Charter of the United Nations established the basic goals in 1945. It should also stimulate new initiatives and develop or set in motion dynamic national, regional and international action programmes.