

38. The Office of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat should produce material about the life and problems of women in developing countries—to be used for information in the developed countries—and about the ways and means of action which have proved to be useful in promoting the status of women.

39. Particular attention should be given to:

- (a) The issue of an international symbol for the Year;
- (b) Preparation, in advance of the Year, of pamphlets, posters and publications;
- (c) Issuance of a United Nations stamp, first-day cover and cancellations;
- (d) Radio and television programmes to be given simultaneously in the capitals of Member States;
- (e) Films and film festivals;
- (f) International exhibitions featuring artistic and cultural works, especially by women;
- (g) International awards honouring achievements by women in specific fields;
- (h) Mass distribution in all available languages, through the United Nations Information Centres, of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and related international instruments.

Secretariats of the organizations in the United Nations system

40. Organizations in the United Nations system should set an example by:

- (a) Eliminating from their own staff regulations and administrative procedures any provisions or practices which may be discriminatory against women;
 - (b) Organizing more extensive training and refresher courses for staff members;
 - (c) Associating interested staff members in the implementation of the International Women's Year programmes;
 - (d) Preparing a report for consideration by Governments on what has been done by the United Nations Secretariat and the specialized agencies to improve the status of women since the establishment of the Commission on the Status of Women in 1946.
41. Every effort should be made to render assistance and give support at the regional and international levels to national programmes and activities organized as part of the observance of the Year.

42. A report should be prepared for consideration by the Commission on the Status of Women describing and evaluating activities undertaken during the Year by Governments, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.

1850 (LVI). Establishment of a fund for voluntary contributions for the International Women's Year

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Welcomes* voluntary contributions from Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private foundations and interested individuals to supplement the resources available to implement the programme for the International Women's Year;

2. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to accept such voluntary contributions.

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1851 (LVI). International conference to be held during the 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 in recognition of the effectiveness of the work done by the Commission on the Status of Women in the twenty-five years since its establishment, and of the important contribution which women have made to the social, political, economic and cultural life of their countries,

Emphasizing that, in accordance with the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,¹⁷ activities undertaken in connexion with the International Women's Year should recognize the importance of women's effective contribution to the struggle against racism and racial discrimination,

Noting that the General Assembly, in its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 whereby it adopted the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, included among the goals and objectives of the Decade the encouragement of the full integration of women in the total development effort,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene in 1975, in consultation with Member States, specialized agencies and interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, an international conference during the International Women's Year to examine to what extent the organizations of the United Nations system have implemented the recommendations for the elimination of discrimination against women made by the Commission on the Status of Women since its establishment, and to launch an international action programme including short-term and long-term measures aimed at achieving the integration of women as full and equal partners with men in the total development effort and eliminating discrimination on grounds of sex, and at achieving the widest involvement of women in strengthening international peace and eliminating racism and racial discrimination;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in drawing up the agenda for the international conference, to focus attention on:

(a) The evaluation of current trends and changes in the roles of women and men in political, social, economic, family and cultural life, including sharing of responsibilities and decision-making;

(b) The examination of the major obstacles which hinder the contribution of women and men as full partners in the total development efforts and in sharing its benefits in both rural and urban areas;

3. *Accepts with appreciation* the invitation of the Government of Colombia to act as host to the international conference during the International Women's Year in 1975;

4. *Recommends* that Member States should provide equitable representation for women and men in their delegations to the international conference as well as in the preparation for and follow-up of the conference;

¹⁷ General Assembly resolution 3057 (XXVIII), annex.