

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,<sup>17</sup> 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;

<sup>17</sup> General Assembly resolution 3057 (XXVIII), annex.

5. *Calls on* the Secretary-General to provide all necessary substantive support for the international conference from within available resources, as indicated in his note;<sup>18</sup>

6. *Further recommends* that a separate item entitled "International Women's Year", including the proposals and recommendations of the international conference, should be examined by the General Assembly at its thirtieth session in 1975.

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## **1852 (LVI). Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and of related instruments**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1677 (LII) of 2 June 1972 establishing a new cycle of reporting with respect to the implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women,<sup>19</sup> and of certain other international instruments relating to women's rights,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the analytical report<sup>20</sup> prepared by the Secretary General in accordance with Council resolution 1677 (LII), and the findings and recommendations of the Commission on the Status of Women based on its consideration of that report at its twenty-fifth session,<sup>21</sup>

*Considering* that relatively few replies were received in the first series of reports submitted under the new cycle of consolidated reporting, and that consequently a very incomplete picture of the *de jure* and the *de facto* implementation of the Declaration and related instruments was available to the Commission on the Status of Women,

*Recognizing* at the same time that many Governments face difficulties in obtaining the necessary information for submission to the Secretary-General and in meeting other requests for information emanating from the Commission on the Status of Women and other United Nations bodies,

*Believing*, however, that adequate information on the implementation of the Declaration and related instruments is necessary and important in enabling the Commission on the Status of Women to evaluate the full impact of its work, and that the exchange of information and experience of different countries through the information furnished is highly valuable,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the thirty-four Governments and fourteen non-governmental organizations which have submitted reports in this first series of reports under the new cycle of reporting established by Council resolution 1677 (LII);

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the steps taken during the period under review, from June 1971 to June 1973:

(a) To give publicity to the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and to

create fuller awareness and understanding of its principles through the press and other mass media, published material, various forms of discussion groups, schools and educational institutions, and through the translation of the Declaration into national and local languages;

(b) To encourage compliance in law and in practice with the provisions of the Declaration through various measures, including the establishment of national commissions, advisory councils and similar bodies;

3. *Regrets*, however, that in many instances full compliance with the Declaration and related instruments has not yet been achieved, that wide discrepancies continue to exist between the *de jure* and *de facto* situations and that serious obstacles will have to be overcome, especially as regards prevailing attitudes towards stereotyped sex roles;

4. *Invites* Governments, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations that have not already done so to submit reports as soon as possible for the period from June 1971 to June 1973, and requests the Secretary-General to forward to them the analytical report submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-fifth session, as well as the guidelines prepared at the Commission's requests in its resolution 3 (XXIV);

5. *Urges* all Governments, as well as the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned, to furnish information on the implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and of related instruments, in the next series of reports, which will deal primarily with economic, social and cultural rights and cover the period from June 1971 to June 1975, on the basis of the guidelines provided by the Secretary-General;

6. *Further invites* Governments to consider, as part of their long-term programme for the International Women's Year, the desirability of appointing as soon as possible national correspondents to assist them in obtaining and compiling the necessary data on a regular basis, correspondents that could work in close collaboration with appropriate government agencies concerned, with national commissions or similar bodies where these exist and also, where appropriate, with interested national non-governmental organizations;

7. *Requests* Member States to inform the Secretary-General at the latest by the beginning of 1975 about action taken concerning the appointment of such national correspondents.

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## **1853 (LVI). Legal capacity of married women, including the capacity to engage in independent work**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that article 6 of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women<sup>22</sup> provides, *inter alia*, for the equality of men and women in the field of private law, for the exercise by women of their legal capacity on equal terms with men and for the equal rights and responsibilities of husband and wife during marriage,

<sup>22</sup> General Assembly resolution 2263 (XXII).

<sup>18</sup> E/5487.

<sup>19</sup> General Assembly resolution 2263 (XXII).

<sup>20</sup> E/CN.6/571 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>21</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5451)*, chap. IV, sect. A.