

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.