

its twenty-fifth session and the relevant report of the Secretary-General;<sup>26</sup>

7. *Requests* the Committee for Development Planning and the Committee on Review and Appraisal to make recommendations to the General Assembly, at its twenty-ninth session, for strengthening the International Development Strategy by further emphasizing in its provisions the necessity of integrating women at all levels and stages of development, taking into account the specific objectives and minimum targets set out in General Assembly resolution 2716 (XXV);

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Commission on the Status of Women, at its twenty-sixth session, on the participation of women in achieving the goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade and of General Assembly resolution 2716 (XXV);

9. *Urges* Member States to co-operate with non-governmental organizations interested in submitting information needed by the Commission on the Status of Women on the programmes of integration of women in development;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report, to be considered by the Commission at its twenty-sixth session, which should explore approaches to, and methodologies for, the development of social data or indicators on the role and contribution of women in the economic, social and cultural aspects of the development process, in consultation with the Committee for Development Planning, drawing upon the competent secretariats at the sectoral and regional levels and in consultation with the interested specialized agencies.

*1897th plenary meeting  
16 May 1974*

#### **1856 (LVI). Status of rural women, especially agricultural workers**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that article 9 of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women<sup>27</sup> provides, *inter alia*, for all appropriate measures to be taken to ensure that girls and women, married or unmarried, have equal rights with men in education at all levels, and in particular, equal opportunities for access to programmes of life-long education, including adult literacy programmes, and access to educational information to help in ensuring the health and well-being of families,

*Noting* that:

(a) There is a need for women in rural areas to participate more effectively in national development programmes and that such participation merits recognition by status or wages,

(b) In many countries, on account of the limited opportunities for gainful work in the rural areas, women migrate to urban areas and enter service occupations where many of them may be exploited,

(c) There is a need for women to be trained to use fully the resources and raw materials in the rural areas for total national development,

<sup>26</sup> E/CN.6/577.

<sup>27</sup> General Assembly resolution 2263 (XXII).

*Taking into account* that these situations are not in accordance with article 9 of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women,

*Recommends* that Member States take all necessary steps to start or intensify a programme for mass life-long education for both men and women through television, radio and all other means of mass media or means of communication, and that programmes should include information and education on family life, including citizenship and, as appropriate, family planning, as well as vocational training in economic activities including cottage and home industries, farming, rural development and co-operatives.

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#### **1857 (LVI). Employment of women by the secretariats of organizations within the United Nations system**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Recommends* to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

*"The General Assembly,*

*"Recalling* Article 8 of the Charter of the United Nations as well as its resolution 2716 (XXV) of 15 December 1970 on the programme of concerted international action for the advancement of women, and the objectives and minimum targets to be achieved during the Second United Nations Development Decade set forth in the annex to that resolution, particularly those concerned with the increase in the number of women participating in public life at the international level,

*"Noting with appreciation* that the reports of the Secretary-General on the composition of the Secretariat submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth<sup>28</sup> and twenty-eighth<sup>29</sup> sessions included some information on the employment of women in senior and other professional positions in the secretariats of organizations within the United Nations system,

*"Noting also* that the report of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research entitled *The Situation of Women in the United Nations*<sup>30</sup> confirms the imbalance in the proportion of women at the higher levels and gives statistics showing the unequal progress of women and men staff members in terms of promotion in the United Nations Secretariat,

*"Concerned* that these reports reveal an unsatisfactory situation which calls for specific measures and programmes in order to achieve an equitable balance between the number of men and women, particularly in senior and policy-making positions, including those of Under-Secretary-General and Assistant Secretary-General,

*"1. Requests* the Secretary-General as well as the executive heads of all organizations within the United Nations system to take all necessary measures in order to ensure, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, bearing in mind the principle of equitable geographical distribution, that an equitable balance between men and women staff mem-

<sup>28</sup> A/8483.

<sup>29</sup> A/9120 and Corr.1 and 2.

<sup>30</sup> UNITAR RR/18.