

Resolutions and decision adopted on the reports of the Economic Committee

RESOLUTIONS

1942 (LVIII). Population, the status of women and the integration of women in development

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that 1975 has been designated International Women's Year and that the World Conference of the International Women's Year is scheduled to be held from 19 June to 2 July 1975 at Mexico City,

Recalling that the World Population Conference emphasized the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development and adopted resolutions IV and XII on the status of women,⁴¹ and that the World Population Plan of Action,⁴² adopted by the Conference and endorsed by the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session,⁴³ correlates population factors with the status of women and the role of women in development,

Further recalling that the World Food Conference in its resolution VIII⁴⁴ called on all Governments to involve women in the decision-making machinery for food production and nutrition policies as part of total development strategy and adopted resolution IX⁴⁴ on the achievement of a desirable balance between population and food supply, and that thus the influence of socio-economic factors on the demographic process as well as the important role of women were emphasized,

Noting the importance accorded to the integration of women in development by the United Nations Development Programme at its nineteenth session, the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-fourth session, the International Forum on the Role of Women in Population and Development,⁴⁵ the regional consultation for Asia and the Far East and the regional seminar for Africa on the integration of women in development with special reference to population factors, held respectively in May and June 1974, and the regional seminar for Latin America on the same subject, held in April and May 1975,

Further noting that the General Assembly, in its resolution 3342 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 entitled "Women and development", considered that further progress towards the full integration of women in development should be assisted by positive action from the United Nations system of organizations,

Recognizing the findings of the study of the Special Rapporteur on the interrelationship between the status of women and family planning⁴⁶ submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-fifth session and to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session, and the implications of this interrelationship not only for the health and well-being of individual women but also for the social and economic progress of nations,

Further recognizing that equal status of men and women in the family and in society improves the overall quality of life and that this principle of equality should be fully realized in family planning where each spouse should consider the welfare of the other members of the family, and recognizing that improvement of the status of women in the family and in society can contribute, where desired, to smaller family size, and that the opportunity for women to plan births also improves their individual status,

Convinced that the time has now come for action to carry out the numerous important recommendations already agreed upon,

1. Urges United Nations bodies, Member States and relevant non-governmental organizations, in observing the International Women's Year and participating in the World Conference of the International Women's Year, to take all appropriate action to ensure the recommendations relating to the status of women stated in the World Population Plan of Action⁴⁷ and in resolutions IV, XII and XVII⁴⁸ of the World Population Conference are implemented, and, in particular:

(a) To achieve the full participation of women where it does not exist in the educational, social, economic and political life of their countries on an equal basis with men;

(b) To achieve equal rights, opportunities and responsibilities of men and women in the family and in society;

(c) To recommend that couples and individuals have access to the information, education, and means to enable them to decide freely and responsibly on the number and spacing of their children;

2. Requests United Nations bodies, within their fields of competence, including the regional commissions, in collaboration with Member States, in the implementation of both short-term and long-term population policies and programmes designed to carry out the recommendations of the World Population Plan of Action:

(a) To pay particular attention, in the monitoring of the progress being made in the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action, to the evolving status of women, keeping in mind the mutual interaction among population factors, social and economic development and the status of women;

(b) To supply information to the Economic and Social Council on the measures taken pursuant to the present resolution.

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1943 (LVIII). Guidelines on population-related factors for development planners

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the World Population Conference,⁴⁹

⁴¹ See E/CONF.60/19 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.75.XIII.3), chap. II.

⁴² *Ibid.*, chap. I.

⁴³ General Assembly resolution 3344 (XXIX).

⁴⁴ See E/CONF.65/20 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.75.II.A.3), chap. V.

⁴⁵ Held at United Nations Headquarters and at Airlie Foundation Conference Center, Airlie, Virginia, from 25 February to 1 March 1974 (see ST/ESA/SFR.B/4).

⁴⁶ E/CN.6/575 and Add.1-3.

⁴⁷ E/CONF.60/19 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.75.XIII.3), chap. I, paras. 32, 41, 42, 43 and 78.

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. II.

⁴⁹ E/CONF.60/19 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.75.XIII.3).