

ticularly those living in rural sectors and the urban poor;

(g) The creation of new employment and income-producing opportunities for women and the expansion of existing employment opportunities, and elimination of discrimination in the terms and conditions of employment on grounds of sex;

(h) The establishment or strengthening of an interdisciplinary and multisectoral machinery by Governments for accelerating the achievement of equal opportunities for women and their full integration into national life;

(i) The establishment and enforcement of measures to facilitate the combination of family and work responsibilities;

(j) The provision and extension of comprehensive and continuous health and other social services to underprivileged urban and rural communities, including maternity and child-care services as well as family life education;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of the Committee on Review and Appraisal at its fourth session in May 1977, together with the relevant reports submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session and any information submitted subsequent to the preparation of those reports;

4. *Urges* the Committee on Review and Appraisal, in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 3490 (XXX), to pay special attention to the question of the status of women and to take into account the above recommendations in the review and appraisal in 1977 of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in connexion with the next review and appraisal of the implementation of the World Plan of Action:

(a) To prepare, in consultation with the regional commissions, a questionnaire on the implementation of the World Plan of Action to be forwarded to Governments in 1977;

(b) To prepare a report on the basis of the replies to the questionnaire, taking into account information received subsequent to the preparation of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>66</sup> for the consideration of the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-seventh session in January 1978;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To ensure as far as possible that, in 1979, the questionnaire relating to the implementation of the World Plan of Action shall be forwarded to Governments, together with the request for information relating to the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy;

(b) To prepare a comprehensive report based on the replies to these questionnaires, for consideration by the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-eighth session and at the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980.

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## 2061 (LXII). Improvement of the data base for measuring the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3490 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, and paragraph 216 of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,<sup>67</sup> which provide for the submission to the Economic and Social Council and its relevant functional commissions and advisory bodies, at their forthcoming sessions, *inter alia*, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Statistical Commission, of the decisions of the relevant United Nations organs, specialized agencies, regional commissions and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

*Recalling also* the provisions of paragraphs 167 to 170 of the World Plan of Action on the collection and analysis of relevant data,

*Convinced* of the need to build up a scientific and reliable data base and socio-economic indicators, in order to measure more accurately the implementation of the World Plan of Action,

*Noting* the action initiated by the Statistical Commission at its nineteenth session in November 1976 in planning for the 1980 World Population and Housing Census Programme<sup>68</sup> and efforts under way to encourage needed revisions in the basic concepts used for the collection and compilation of economic, demographic and social statistics so as to free them from sex-based stereotypes,

1. *Requests* the Statistical Commission at its twentieth session, as a contribution to the success of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, 1976-1985, to continue its action in co-operation with national statistical offices, regional commissions and intergovernmental organizations, organs of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, especially the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, with a view to developing:

(a) Improved methods, including training of the necessary personnel, for the collection and tabulation of statistical data, particularly at the national, sub-regional and regional levels, to obtain breakdowns by sex for indicators such as urban/rural residence, age, marital status, literacy, education, income, level of skills and participation in modern and traditional economic activities, and relevant information on household and family composition;

(b) Guidelines and methods to assess the participation of women at all levels and in all sectors of planning and decision making in society;

(c) Guidelines and methods for the measurement of women's actual economic and social contributions

<sup>67</sup> Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

<sup>68</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5910)*, paras. 48 and 54 (a).

which are not a part of regular national data collection systems;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development to co-operate with other relevant bodies within the United Nations system in preparing an inventory of social and economic indicators relevant to the analysis of the status of women, on the basis of its work on the research data bank of development indicators and its project on monitoring changes in the conditions of women for planning and programming purposes.

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## 2062 (LXII). Preparatory work for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Considering that the General Assembly, in its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, decided to convene in 1980 a world conference of all States to review and evaluate the progress made in implementing the objectives of the International Women's Year and, where necessary, to readjust existing programmes in the light of new data and research available,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1999 (LX) of 12 May 1976, in which the Council requested the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session to consider different aspects of the preparatory work for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980, including its agenda, and decided to consider at its sixty-fourth session the preparatory work for the Conference on the basis of the deliberations of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on Review and Appraisal,

Taking note of the recommendations made by the Commission on the Status of Women in its report on its twenty-sixth session,<sup>69</sup>

1. *Request* the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-seventh session to give the highest priority to the consideration of the item entitled "Preparatory work for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980" and to the study of proposals concerning the substantive and organizational arrangements for the Conference, taking into account all the relevant reports relating to the review and appraisal of the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,<sup>70</sup> as well as the discussions of the Commission and the documents submitted to it at its twenty-sixth session, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-fourth session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the consideration of the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-seventh session a report outlining a programme of concrete action for the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, 1976-1985, as the basis for a report to be submitted to the 1980 World Conference;

<sup>69</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (E/5909), chap. III, sect. E.

<sup>70</sup> *Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

3. *Decides* to establish, not later than June 1978, a preparatory committee composed of not more than twenty-three Member States designated by the President of the Economic and Social Council after consultation with regional groups, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, to make recommendations concerning the substantive and organizational arrangements for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980;

4. *Invites* the regional commissions to consider, at the earliest opportunity, ways and means of contributing effectively to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980, including the possibility of holding before 1980 regional seminars or meetings on the themes of the Conference, and reporting thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-fourth session.

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## 2063 (LXII). Influence of the mass communication media on attitudes towards the roles of women and men in present-day society

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling section IV of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,<sup>70</sup> which provides guidelines for national action related to the mass communication media that encompass radio, television, cinema, press, advertising, public meetings and similar forums, as well as traditional types of entertainment which are essential for reaching the rural areas of many countries,

*Convinced* that the mass communication media, in many instances, have a detrimental effect on the attitudes and values regarding women's roles in society, that they often present obstacles to desirable changes in behavioural patterns, and that they can perpetuate stereotypes and myths pertaining to women,

*Convinced also* that the mass communication media have great potential as a vehicle for economic and social change, for the dissemination of information in the fields of education and training, for removing prejudices and stereotypes, for accelerating acceptance of the expanding roles of women and for the promotion of their integration in development as equal partners with men, and that they are important for the achievement of equality, development and peace,

Recalling that, in the progress report of the Secretary-General on the subject<sup>71</sup> prepared for the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session, it is stated that there is little information available on the images of women projected by the more traditional types of mass communication media and their influence on the perpetuation of sex-role stereotypes, and that there is need for research in this area,

1. *Encourages* Member States to make representatives of mass communication media aware of the importance of formulating policies and guidelines for treatment of women in the media, which should include:

(a) *Review* of their recruitment, training and promotion policies and practices to ensure that there is no discrimination against women and that they have equal opportunities for admission and advancement at all

<sup>71</sup> E/CN.6/601 and Corr.1.