

6. *Invites* international agencies to allocate to women on the basis of the principle of equitable geographical distribution an equitable number of responsible posts in their respective structures, particularly in the departments entrusted with the implementation of the present resolution;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-seventh session, in 1978, on the steps taken to implement the present resolution and to submit a further report on action taken to the Commission at its twenty-eighth session and to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980.

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**2060 (LXII). Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and in 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 resolutions 3490 (XXX) and 3520 (XXX) of 12 and 15 December 1975, in which the Assembly affirmed that a system-wide review and appraisal of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year<sup>62</sup> should be undertaken biennially as an input to the process of review and appraisal of progress made under the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,<sup>63</sup> taking into account the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order<sup>64</sup> and the decisions resulting from the sixth and seventh special sessions of the General Assembly,

*Recalling also* that the General Assembly, in paragraph 4 of its resolution 3490 (XXX), requested the Commission on the Status of Women to report its findings and conclusions on major trends and policies with regard to the status of women, particularly the integration of women in development, to the Economic and Social Council through the Committee for Development Planning and the Committee on Review and Appraisal,

*Noting* that the Commission on the Status of Women, at its twenty-sixth session,<sup>65</sup> considered the report of the Secretary-General<sup>66</sup> prepared on the basis of information furnished by Governments, in implementation of the above-mentioned General Assembly resolutions, as well as of Council resolution 1855 (LVI) of 16 May 1974,

*Recognizing* that, within the time-limit given, few Governments were able to report on measures taken at

the national level specifically to implement the World Plan of Action and that it is therefore difficult at this stage to adopt findings and conclusions on major global trends and policies with regard to the status of women,

*Believing* that the review undertaken by the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session should be considered as a first preliminary review and appraisal of the implementation of the World Plan of Action and that a more comprehensive review should be undertaken at the twenty-seventh session in 1978,

*Noting* the decision of the General Assembly, in paragraph 20 of its resolution 3520 (XXX), 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,

1. *Notes with interest* the following developments reported during the period under review in a number of countries:

(a) The recognition of and commitment to the principle of equality of men and women and the integration of women in development, both for reasons of social progress and for economic development;

(b) The adoption or plans for adoption of constitutional and/or legislative provisions ensuring the principle of non-discrimination on grounds of sex;

(c) The establishment of provisions for equal access at every level of education and guidance, compulsory education and the measures necessary to promote co-education and to prevent school drop-outs;

(d) The adoption of comprehensive measures for health education, health services, sanitation, nutrition, family education, family planning and other welfare services;

2. *Considers* that, on the basis of the material submitted, action is urgently needed to improve the situation of women in the following areas in order to meet the minimum targets set forth in paragraph 46 of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year for the five-year period 1975-1980:

(a) The enactment of legislation guaranteeing the principle of equality and non-discrimination on grounds of sex, particularly legislation designed to guarantee to women equal pay for equal work;

(b) Appropriate measures to inform and advise women of their rights, utilizing the mass communication media wherever appropriate, and to provide them with assistance in exercising their rights and responsibilities;

(c) The establishment of goals, strategies and timetables to increase the participation of women in decision making at local, national and international levels;

(d) The establishment of specific target dates for the elimination of illiteracy, especially among young persons, and the provision of the measures necessary for its maintenance within as short a time as possible for each State;

(e) The provision of life-long and continuing education, training and retraining facilities to meet the needs and aspirations of women;

(f) The development of modern rural technology, cottage industry, pre-school day-care centres, and time and energy saving devices to help reduce the heavy workload and increase the resources of women, par-

<sup>62</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>63</sup> General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>64</sup> General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI).

<sup>65</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5909)*, chap. III, sect. D.

<sup>66</sup> E/CN.6/598 and Add.1 and 2.

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>67</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).