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draft resolution

1995/... Question of integrating the human rights of women into
the human rights mechanisms of the United Nations

The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling its resolution 1994/45 of 4 March 1994 on integrating the human
rights of women into the human rights mechanisms of the United Nations and the
elimination of violence against women,

Bearing in mind that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action calls
for action to integrate the equal status and human rights of women into the
mainstream of United Nations system-wide activity and that steps should be
taken to increase cooperation and promote further integration of objectives
and goals between the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on

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the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Human Rights, the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the United Nations Development Programme and other United Nations agencies,

Recalling the outcome of the World Conference on Human Rights as reflected in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, which affirmed that the human rights of women and of the girl child are an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of universal human rights and that the full and equal participation of women in political, civil, economic, social and cultural life, at the national, regional and international levels, and the eradication of all forms of discrimination on the grounds of sex are priority objectives of the international community,

Also recalling that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action affirmed that the human rights of women should form an integral part of United Nations human rights activities, including the promotion of all human rights instruments as they relate to women, and urged Governments, institutions intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to intensify their efforts for the protection and promotion of the human rights of women and the girl child,

Bearing in mind that the programme of action for the equal status and human rights of women adopted in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action sets out a series of measures to be taken to further the full and equal enjoyment by women of all human rights as a priority for Governments and the United Nations, and recognizing the importance of the integration and the full participation of women as both agents and beneficiaries in the development process,

Reaffirming that discrimination on the basis of sex is contrary to the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and other international human rights instruments,

Recognizing the need to promote and strengthen national and international efforts to improve the status of women in all areas in order to foster the elimination of discrimination and gender-based violence against women,

Looking forward to the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace to be held in Beijing in 1995, and recognizing that the integration of women's human rights throughout the entire United Nations system will be an important part of its deliberations,

Recognizing the particular role of the Commission on the Status of Women in promoting equality between women and men, and aware that the question of the strengthening of the Commission on the Status of Women and other United Nations entities devoted to promoting the advancement of women and the coordination of women's human rights throughout the entire United Nations system will be considered at the Fourth World Conference on Women,

Recognizing also the important role of women's groups and other non-governmental organizations in promoting and defending the human rights of women,

1. Calls for intensified effort at the international level to integrate the equal status of women and the human rights of women into the mainstream of United Nations system-wide activity and to address these issues regularly and systematically throughout relevant United Nations bodies and mechanisms;

2. Welcomes the commitment of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to promote and protect the human rights of women and, in particular, encourages his efforts to ensure that violations of the human rights of women are comprehensively included in the activities and programmes of the Centre for Human Rights, the treaty bodies, thematic and country-specific special rapporteurs, representatives, experts and working groups of the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;

3. Encourages the strengthening of cooperation and coordination between the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women;

4. Also encourages closer cooperation and coordination between the Centre for Human Rights and the Division for the Advancement of Women;

5. Further encourages the strengthening of cooperation and coordination among all human rights treaty bodies, special rapporteurs, representatives, experts, working groups, and other mechanisms of the Commission and the Sub-Commission on the human rights of women, and in particular:

(a) Requests that they regularly and systematically include in their reports information on violations of the human rights of women;

(b) Encourages the emphasis by the persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies, in the report on their 5th meeting, that the enjoyment of the human rights of women should be closely monitored by each treaty body within the competence of its mandate;

(c) Welcomes in this regard the initiative by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to enhance cooperation with the other human rights treaty bodies;

(d) Endorses the recommendation by the persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies that each treaty body consider amending its reporting guidelines to request gender-specific information from States parties to allow qualitative analysis and review of the human rights of women in periodic reports;

(e) Requests that special rapporteurs, representatives, experts and chairpersons of the working groups of the Commission on Human Rights, in future meetings on enhancing cooperation and exchange of information, address violations of the human rights of women;

(f) Calls on the mechanisms mentioned above to cooperate with the Special Rapporteur on violence against women;

6. Calls upon the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to convene a meeting of persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies and working groups, as well as special rapporteurs, representatives and experts, to consider ways in which the human rights of women can be integrated into the reports and work of organs, bodies and mechanisms across the United Nations system and to report on progress made on this issue at the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace to be held in Beijing in 1995;

7. Strongly encourages the Fourth World Conference on Women to consider the question of means of integrating the human rights of women into the mainstream of United Nations system-wide activity;

8. Invites the Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretary-General of the Fourth World Conference on Women to ensure an appropriate role at the Conference for relevant special rapporteurs, as well as relevant treaty bodies and special procedures of the Commission;

9. Encourages improved cooperation among the specialized agencies and funds of the United Nations system, particularly the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund in order to promote the human rights of women through a systematic and periodic exchange of information, experience and expertise;

10. Urges the United Nations organs, bodies and specialized agencies whose activities deal with human rights to train relevant United Nations personnel and officials, particularly human rights and humanitarian relief personnel, to assist them to recognize and deal with violations of the human rights of women and to carry out their work without gender bias, and requests the Centre for Human Rights to take action in this regard;

11. Requests Governments and the United Nations to include in their human rights education activities information on the human rights of women;

12. Encourages States to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women by the year 2000 and to limit the extent of any reservation they enter to the Convention, to formulate any reservations as precisely and as narrowly as possible, to ensure that no reservation is incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention or otherwise contrary to international law and to review their reservations regularly, with a view to withdrawing them expeditiously;

13. Renews its call to Governments to include gender-disaggregated data, including information on the de jure and de facto situation of women, in the information they provide to special rapporteurs, treaty bodies and to all other United Nations bodies and mechanisms concerned with human rights, and notes that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action calls on all special rapporteurs, working groups, the treaty bodies and other mechanisms of the Commission and the Sub-Commission to make use of such data in their deliberations and findings;

14. Decides to continue its consideration of the question as a matter of high priority at its fifty-second session.

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