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United Nations Special Fund

Report of the Second Committee (Part XII)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 69 (see A/36/694, para. 2). Action to be taken on subitems (l), (m) and (n) was considered at the 28th, 41st, 42nd and 44th meetings of the Committee, on 30 October and 18, 20 and 27 November 1981. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/36/SR.28, 41, 42 and 44).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Effective mobilization and integration of women in development (subitem (l))

1. Draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.26 and Rev.1 and 2

2. At the 28th meeting, on 30 October 1981, the representative of Egypt, on behalf of the Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Egypt, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.26), entitled "Comprehensive outline of a world survey on the role of women in development". Subsequently Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Chad and India joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 35/78 of 5 December 1981 on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development, in which, inter alia, it called for the preparation of a comprehensive and detailed outline for an interdisciplinary and multisectoral world survey on the role of women in over-all development,

"Bearing in mind the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and in particular special provisions relating to the integration of women in over-all development with a view to securing women's equal participation both as agents and as beneficiaries in all sectors and at all levels of the development process,

"Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on a world survey on the role of women in development, 1/

"1. Emphasizes the need for a multisectoral and interdisciplinary survey on the role of women in development;

"2. Recommends that the survey analyse the role of women in relation to key developmental issues as an integral part of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade and the establishment of a New International Economic Order, focusing in particular on trade, agriculture, industry, energy, money and finance, and science and technology;

"3. Further recommends that in its analysis the survey should cover the present role of women as active agents of development in each sector; an assessment of the benefits accruing to women as a result of their participation in development (i.e., income, conditions of work, decision-making); ways and means of improving women's role as agents and beneficiaries of development at the national, regional and international levels; and the potential impact of such improvements on the achievement of over-all development goals;

"4. Invites the Secretary-General, in preparing the survey, to give due attention to the problems and requirements of women in every region and to the contribution of women to the achievement of goals of self-reliance and to economic and technical co-operation among developing countries;

"5. Calls upon the Secretary-General to include in the survey an overview analysing interrelationships among key developmental issues as regards women's current and future roles in development with a view to providing a basis for future action for women's effective mobilization and integration in development;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare the survey in close collaboration and co-operation with relevant agencies of the United Nations system and with contributions from all concerned parts of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

"7. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the preparation of the survey to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session and to submit the survey in its final form to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session."

3. At the same meeting, the representative of Ecuador made a statement.

4. At the 41st meeting, on 18 November 1981, the representative of Egypt introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.26/Rev.1) on behalf of the sponsors, which had been joined by France, Guinea, Mali, the Netherlands, Peru and Singapore. The revised draft resolution contained the following changes:

(a) The following new first and second preambular paragraphs were added:

"Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

"Recalling also its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade";

(b) Operative paragraph 2 was revised to read as follows:

"2. Recommends that the survey analyse the role of women in relation to key developmental issues as envisaged in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, focusing in particular on trade, agriculture, industry, energy, money and finance, and science and technology";

(c) Operative paragraph 6 was revised to read as follows:

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare the survey in close collaboration and co-operation with appropriate agencies of the United Nations system and with contributions from all concerned organs and organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, as well as national institutions having expertise on this subject".

5. At the same meeting, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics orally proposed an amendment to the revised draft resolution. The

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amendment, which was subsequently issued as document A/C.2/36/L.81, called for a new preambular paragraph, to be inserted between the existing third and fourth preambular paragraphs, and read as follows:

"Recalling the relevant provisions of the report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women 2/ and of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 3/ adopted at the Copenhagen Conference, particularly those provisions which refer to the need to ensure the full participation of women in development".

6. At its 42nd meeting, on 20 November 1981, the Committee had before it a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.26/Rev.2), which contained a new third preambular paragraph, reading as follows:

"Recalling further the relevant provisions concerning the participation of women in development of the decisions adopted at the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace 4/".

7. The Chairman informed the Committee that, in the second line of that paragraph, the word "decisions" should be replaced by the word "documents" and that the proposed amendment to draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.26/Rev.1, contained in document A/C.2/36/L.81 had been withdrawn as a result of agreement reached on the text of draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.26/Rev.2.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.26/Rev.2, as orally amended, without a vote (see para. 15).

9. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Poland (also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Israel (see A/C.2/36/SR.42).

2. Draft decision

10. At its 42nd meeting, on 20 November 1981, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should take note of the following document:

2/ Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14 to 30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3), chap. I, sect. A.

3/ General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex.

4/ Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14 to 30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I.

(a) Note by the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on the integration of women in development (A/36/470);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the role of United Nations agencies and organizations in assisting Governments to facilitate the integration of women in rural development (A/36/475);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 2, entitled "Women, science and technology", adopted by the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development (A/36/591). (See para. 16, draft decision I.)

B. Long-term trends in economic development (subitem (m))

Draft decision A/C.2/36/L.118

11. At its 44th meeting, on 27 November 1981, the Committee had before it a draft decision (A/C.2/36/L.118) submitted by the Chairman of the Committee, entitled "Long-term trends in economic development".

12. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/36/L.118 without a vote (see para. 16, draft decision II).

C. United Nations Special Fund (subitem (n))

Draft decision A/C.2/36/L.90

13. At its 42nd meeting, on 20 November 1981, the Committee had before it a draft decision (A/C.2/36/L.90) submitted by the Chairman of the Committee, entitled "United Nations Special Fund".

14. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/36/L.90 without a vote (see para. 16, draft decision III).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

15. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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Comprehensive outline of a world survey on the role of
women in development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, containing the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling further the relevant provisions concerning the participation of women in development of the documents adopted at the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, 5/

Recalling its resolution 35/78 of 5 December 1981 on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development, in which it inter alia, called for the preparation of a comprehensive and detailed outline for an interdisciplinary and multisectoral world survey on the role of women in over-all development,

Bearing in mind the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, in particular the special provisions relating to the integration of women in over-all development with a view to securing women's equal participation both as agents and as beneficiaries in all sectors and at all levels of the development process,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive outline of a world survey on the role of women in development, 6/

1. Emphasizes the need for a multisectoral and interdisciplinary survey on the role of women in development;
2. Recommends that the survey should analyse the role of women in relation to key developmental issues as envisaged in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, focusing in particular on trade, agriculture, industry, energy, money and finance, and science and technology;
3. Further recommends that, in its analysis, the survey should cover:

5/ Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14 to 30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I.

6/ A/36/590.

(a) The present role of women as active agents of development in each sector; (b) An assessment of the benefits accruing to women as a result of their participation in development (that is, income, conditions of work, and decision-making); (c) Ways and means of improving women's role as agents and beneficiaries of development at the national, regional and international levels; (d) The potential impact of such improvements on the achievement of over-all development goals;

4. Invites the Secretary-General, in preparing the survey, to give due attention to the problems and requirements of women in every region and to the contribution of women to the achievement of goals of self-reliance and to economic and technical co-operation among developing countries;

5. Calls upon the Secretary-General to include in the survey an overview analysing interrelationships among key developmental issues as regards women's current and future roles in development with a view to providing a basis for future action for women's effective mobilization and integration in development;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare the survey in close collaboration and co-operation with appropriate agencies of the United Nations system and with contributions from all organs and organizations concerned of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions and the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, as well as national institutions having expertise on this subject;

7. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the preparation of the survey to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session and to submit the survey in its final form to the Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

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16. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

The General Assembly takes note of the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on the integration of women in development; 7/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the role of United Nations agencies and organizations in assisting Governments to facilitate the integration of women in rural development; 8/

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 2, entitled "Women, science and technology", adopted by the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development. 9/

DRAFT DECISION II

Long-term trends in economic development

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the note by the Secretary-General on the progress in the preparation of an over-all socio-economic perspective of the development of the world economy; 10/

(b) Takes note also of Economic and Social Council decision 1981/200 of 2 November 1981 concerning the examination of long-term trends in economic development;

(c) Decides to defer to its thirty-seventh session the review specified in paragraph 7 of its resolution 34/57 of 29 November 1979 relating to the progress made in the implementation of that resolution.

DRAFT DECISION III

United Nations Special Fund

The General Assembly, recalling its decision 33/431 of 19 December 1978, in which it decided, inter alia, to suspend the activities of the United Nations Special Fund, ad interim, and to perform the functions of the Board of Governors of the Fund, decides to continue performing the functions of the Board of Governors, within the context of its consideration of the item on development and international economic co-operation, pending subsequent consideration of the question by the Assembly at its thirty-eighth session.

8/ A/36/475.

9/ A/36/591.

10/ A/36/576.