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Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 18 September 1981, the General Assembly decided to include in its agenda the item entitled

"United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace:

(a) World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: report of the Secretary-General;

(b) Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women: reports of the Secretary-General;

(c) Draft Declaration on the Participation of Women in the Struggle for the Strengthening of International Peace and Security and against Colonialism, Apartheid, All Forms of Racism and Racial Discrimination, Foreign Aggression, Occupation and All Forms of Foreign Domination: report of the Secretary-General"

and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Committee considered this item jointly with item 89 at its 41st, 44th to 48th, 50th, 51st, 53rd, 58th to 60th, 63rd, 64th, 68th and 71st meetings, on 5, 10 to 12, 16, 17, 23, 24, and 27 November, 1 and 3 December 1981. The views expressed by the representatives of Member States, United Nations bodies and an observer on this item are contained in the summary records of those meetings (A/C.3/36/SR.41, 44-48, 50, 51, 53, 58-60, 63, 64, 68 and 71).

3. The Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Draft Declaration on the Participation of Women in the Struggle for the Strengthening of International Peace and Security and against Colonialism, Apartheid, All Forms of Racism and Racial Discrimination, Foreign Aggression, Occupation and All Forms of Foreign Domination: report of the Secretary-General (A/36/476 and Add.1);

(b) Financial and technical support activities of relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system: note by the Secretary-General (A/36/485);

(c) World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: report of the Secretary-General (A/36/564);

(d) Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women: report of the Secretary-General (A/36/646);

(e) Future of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women: report of the Secretary General (A/36/647 and Corr.1);

(f) Report of the Economic and Social Council, chapter XX (A/36/3/Add.20); 1/

(g) Note verbale dated 9 September 1981 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Final Document adopted by the Meeting of High-level Experts of Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries Concerned with the Role of Women in Development, held at Havana from 25 to 27 May 1981 (A/36/490);

(h) Note verbale dated 20 October 1981 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting documents of the World Congress of Women, held at Prague from 8 to 13 October 1981 (A/36/620).

4. At the 41st meeting, on 5 November, the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs made an introductory statement on the item.

1/ To be incorporated in Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/36/3/Rev.1).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.47

5. At the 53rd meeting, on 17 November, the representative of Algeria introduced, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, a draft resolution (A/C.3/36/L.47) entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, in which it endorsed the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, as adopted at Copenhagen, and decided to convene in 1985, at the conclusion of the Decade, a World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women,

"Bearing in mind 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,

"Emphasizing the importance attached by the International Development Strategy for the Third Development Decade to the need to improve the status of women and ensure their full participation in the development process as agents and beneficiaries of development,

"Recalling further the relevant recommendations of the Declaration of the Ministerial Meeting of Non-Aligned Countries, held at New Delhi from 9 to 12 February 1981,

"Emphasizing that the recommendations made in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the Decade and in other relevant decisions and resolutions of the Copenhagen Conference should immediately be translated into concrete action by States, the organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

"Welcoming the entry into force on 3 September 1981 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the growing number of countries that have ratified it,

"Convinced that the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women must be given the assistance needed to enable it to begin to function as early as possible in the host country,

"Noting that the review and appraisal of the progress made by Governments in implementing the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the Decade will

be carried out by the Commission on the Status of Women every two years beginning with the Commission's twenty-ninth session,

"Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women (A/36/564),

"1. Affirms that the implementation of the Programme of Action and of the relevant recommendations, resolutions and decisions of the Copenhagen Conference should result in the complete integration of women into the development process and in the effective realization of the objectives of the Decade;

"2. Calls upon Governments to continue taking the measures necessary for achieving substantial progress in the implementation of the relevant recommendations of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the Decade with a view to ensuring equal participation by women as agents and beneficiaries in all sectors and at all levels of the development process;

"3. Also calls upon the organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, to reserve adequate resources for and pay increased attention to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the Decade, particularly as regards the dissemination of information on women's participation;

"4. Urges the regional commissions to report in full to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1982 on the evolution of the situation of women in all the sectors of their development programmes, in order to strengthen and reorient the programmes and reporting methods of those commissions, so as to reflect more adequately the regional concerns of women, and thereafter to report on the same subject every two years;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1982 a report on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the Decade;

"6. Emphasizes the role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs as the focal point for the organizations of the United Nations system with regard to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, in order to achieve the goals and objectives of the Decade, and requests the Secretary-General to give the Centre the assistance required to enable it to carry out its mandate;

"7. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women, at its 1982 session, to give priority to the question of the preparations for the 1985 Conference, which will mark the end of the Decade, with a view to submitting to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, specific proposals on that question;

"8. Stresses the need for close and continued co-operation between the United Nations Secretariat and INSTRAW, and requests the Secretary-General to provide INSTRAW with all the assistance it needs to carry out its functions effectively;

"9. Takes note with satisfaction of the effective contribution made by the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the Decade;

"10. Invites the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session a report on the steps taken for the implementation of this resolution;

"11. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-seventh session an item entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace"."

6. Subsequently, the Committee had before it amendments submitted by France (A/C.3/36/L.57) as follows:

(a) At the end of operative paragraph 4, the words "and thereafter to report on the same subject every two years" would be deleted;

(b) Operative paragraph 5 would be reworded as follows:

"Requests the Economic and Social Council at its first session of 1982 to give high priority to the report to be submitted to it by the Commission on the Status of Women";

(c) At the end of operative paragraph 6, the words "to give the Centre the assistance required to enable it to carry out its mandate" would be replaced by "to take all necessary steps to enable the Centre to carry out its mandate";

(d) In the fourth line of operative paragraph 7, after "General Assembly" would be added "at its thirty-seventh session";

(e) In the second line of operative paragraph 8, "Secretariat" would be replaced by "system";

(f) In the same paragraph, the words "to provide INSTRAW with all the assistance it needs to carry out its functions effectively" would be replaced by "to take all necessary steps to facilitate such co-operation";

(g) Operative paragraph 10 would be reworded as follows:

"Invites the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, whenever he deems appropriate, on the steps taken for the implementation of this resolution".

7. At the 59th and 60th meetings, on 24 November, the representative of Algeria orally revised draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.47, taking also into account the amendments presented by France (see para. 6), as follows:

(a) Fourth preambular paragraph: the words "Recalling further the relevant recommendations of" at the beginning of the paragraph were replaced by the words "Taking note of chapter XXV on the role of women in development in";

(b) Fifth preambular paragraph: the words "as adopted at" were inserted after the words "decisions and resolutions" and the word "of" was deleted before the words "the Copenhagen Conference";

(c) Eighth preambular paragraph: the words "as adopted" were inserted between the words "Second Half of the Decade" and the words "will be carried out";

(d) Operative paragraph 1: the words "equality, development and peace" were added at the end;

(e) Operative paragraph 4: the words "and thereafter to report on the same subject every two years" at the end of the paragraph were deleted;

(f) Operative paragraph 5 was reworded as follows:

"Requests the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session in 1982 to consider the implementation of the Programme of Action, giving high priority in this regard to the report of the Commission on the Status of Women";

(g) Operative paragraph 7: the words "at its thirty-seventh session were inserted between the words "General Assembly" and the words "through the Economic and Social Council";

(h) Operative paragraph 8:

(i) The word "Secretariat" after the words "United Nations" was replaced by the word "system";

(ii) The words "to provide INSTRAW with all the assistance it needs to carry out its functions effectively" were replaced by "to take all necessary measures to allow the Institute to carry out its mandate".

8. At its 60th meeting, on 24 November, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as revised, without a vote (see para. 41, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.48 and Rev.1 and 2

9. At the 53rd meeting, on 17 November, the representative of the German Democratic Republic introduced draft resolution (A/C.3/36/L.48) entitled "Draft Declaration on the Participation of Women in the Struggle for the Strengthening of International Peace and Security and Against Colonialism, Apartheid, All Forms of Racial Discrimination, Foreign Aggression, Occupation and All Forms of Foreign Domination", sponsored by Afghanistan, Angola, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, the Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, Gambia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Iraq, Jordan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe, later joined by Algeria, Mali and Yemen. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Reaffirming the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

"Noting with appreciation that the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at New Delhi in 1981, stressed that effective and comprehensive action was urgently required to remove obstacles and constraints with regard to the full, effective and meaningful participation of women in national development,

"Taking into account that the increased participation of women in the development process and in political life, on equal terms with men, will contribute towards international peace, the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the establishment of a new international economic order, as well as the achievement of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

"Considering that only if women have the same access as men to education, employment, health care and public offices in the social, economic, administrative or political field, will they be able to play an equal and effective role in the development process,

"Welcoming the contribution of women towards the strengthening of international peace and security, the struggle against colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of alien domination and towards the unrestricted and effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

"Convinced that the maintenance and strengthening of peace, sustained international co-operation based on equal rights, respect for the sovereignty of all States and non-interference in their internal affairs, the effective implementation of and respect for the right of peoples to self-determination, non-resort to the use or threat of force in international relations pursuant

to the Charter of the United Nations, and the just restructuring of international economic relations along democratic lines in conformity with the principles of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States are fundamental and indispensable prerequisites for a world-wide enforcement of full equality of rights for women;

"Expressing serious concern at the persistence of the arms race and the continued existence of sources of tension and crisis and of colonialist and racist oppression,

"Emphasizing the need for a just restructuring of international economic relations, for overcoming backwardness and promoting the development process in the interest of social progress,

"Taking into account that the liberation of peoples and the elimination of colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination and fascism and of any foreign occupation and the respect for the self-determination of all peoples and sovereign nations are inseparably linked with efforts to maintain international peace and security and to consolidate and expand political détente,

"Noting that despite progress towards the achievement of an equal status for women, considerable discrimination continues to exist in various parts of the world which impedes the active participation of women in the solution of vital international problems,

"Reaffirming the need to intensify international co-operation in respect of the participation of women in the struggle for strengthening international peace and security in accordance with the Declaration of Mexico, 1975, the World Plan of Action, the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women adopted at Copenhagen in 1980 and General Assembly resolutions 3519 (XXX), 32/142 and 34/158,

"Recalling that the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980, in its resolution 11 requests the General Assembly in conformity with Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/36 to further at its thirty-fifth session the elaboration of a draft declaration on the participation of women in the struggle for the strengthening of international peace and security and against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of foreign domination on the basis of the views and proposals contained in the Secretary-General's report (E/CN.6/626 and Add.1),

"Solemnly proclaims the following Declaration on the Participation of Women in the Struggle for the Strengthening of International Peace and Security and Against Colonialism, Apartheid, All Forms of Racism and Racial Discrimination, Foreign Aggression, Occupation and All Forms of Foreign Domination:

"Part I

"Article 1

"The equal participation of women in the political affairs of the society and in the endeavour to implement the right to live in peace as a fundamental right shall be encouraged and promoted by all appropriate means.

"Article 2

"In accordance with their obligation to maintain peace, States shall create the necessary prerequisites for women to participate without hindrance in the struggle against the arms race and for disarmament. Resources released as a result of effective measures of disarmament shall be used to promote economic and social development, to solve global problems of mankind and to provide assistance to developing countries. In this context particular attention shall be given to the advancement of women and to the protection of mother and child.

"Article 3

"Colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, neo-colonialism and all forms of foreign aggression, the acquisition of foreign territory by force, and foreign occupation as well as the economic and social consequences thereof shall be eliminated to create essential prerequisites for the world-wide and unrestricted achievement of peace and the happiness and welfare of women.

"Article 4

"All forms of oppression and inhuman treatment of women on account of their advocacy of international peace and the right of peoples to self-determination without foreign intervention, such as massacre, imprisonment, torture, devastation of homes, and forced evacuation and reprisals, shall be condemned as crimes against humanity and as gross violations of human rights.

"Comprehensive solidarity and assistance shall be rendered to those women who are victims of foreign aggression and occupation, colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, oppression, exploitation and fascism and are compelled to live under most adverse conditions.

"Article 5

"With a view to safeguarding international peace and creating appropriate socio-economic conditions for the free development of women everywhere in the world, the implementation of the sovereign right of every State to establish an economic order of its own choice and to utilize its own natural resources, the democratic restructuring of international economic relations and the reduction of differences in the level of developed and developing countries shall be ensured.

"Part II

"Calls upon all States to take the following action in order to give effect to the principles set out above:

"To ensure the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, contained in document A/CONF.94/35 adopted in Copenhagen;

"To adopt appropriate programmes to ensure the active co-operation of women in the attainment of the goals contained in the present Declaration;

"To promote the exchange of experience at the national and international levels for the purpose of enhancing the involvement of women in the efforts of peoples for peace and their struggle for national independence and against colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation;

"To give effective publicity to the active role played by women in the struggle for peace, respect and understanding for all nations and peoples, for racial equality and equality of the sexes, for the implementation of the right of every nation to self-determination and for international co-operation, and against colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, and to promote the dissemination of such information by the collective communications media at the national and international levels;

"To pay tribute to the contribution of women to the struggle for the safeguarding of peace and against colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, aggression, occupation and all forms of foreign domination by proclaiming special days and by other marks of appreciation;

"To encourage women to participate in non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations aimed at the strengthening of international peace and security, the development of friendly relations among nations and the promotion of co-operation among States.

"Part III

"The General Assembly and other bodies of the United Nations should biennially review the progress made in promoting the equality of women in respect of their participation in the struggle for the safeguarding of world peace and against colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation as a reflection of their involvement in the political affairs of society."

10. At the same meeting, the representative of the German Democratic Republic orally revised the draft resolution as follows (later issued as document A/C.3/36/L.48/Rev.1):

(a) In the fourth preambular paragraph the word "cultural" was inserted before the words "social, economic, administrative or political" and the word "or" before the word "political" was replaced by the word "and";

(b) A new fifth preambular paragraph was added, as follows:

"Having in mind that the above-mentioned access depends, to a large extent, on the achievement of a balanced and equitable distribution of roles between women and men in the society as a whole and in the family";

(c) In the fifth preambular paragraph the word "intervention" was inserted between the word "foreign" and the word "aggression";

(d) In the sixth preambular paragraph the words "fundamental and indispensable prerequisites" were replaced by the words "important and indispensable factors";

(e) In the tenth preambular paragraph the words "in various parts of the world" were deleted and the words "national and" were inserted between the word "vital" and the words "international problems";

(f) In article 1 a new paragraph was added at the end which read as follows:

"The above-mentioned equal participation of women depends, to a large extent, on a balanced and equitable distribution of roles between women and men in the society as a whole and in the family";

(g) In article 3 the words "intervention and" were inserted between the word "foreign" and the word "aggression", and the words "to create essential prerequisites" were replaced by the words "as important obstacles";

(h) Part II:

(i) In the fifth paragraph, the word "collective" before the words "communication media" was replaced by the word "mass";

(ii) In the sixth paragraph, the word "intervention" was inserted between the word "discrimination" and the word "aggression";

(i) Part III:

(i) The word "biennially" between the word "should" and the word "review" was replaced by the word "regularly";

(ii) The word "intervention" was inserted between the word "foreign" and the word "aggression".

11. At the 58th meeting, on 23 November, the representative of Morocco introduced amendments (A/C.3/36/L.76) to draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.48/Rev.1, as follows:

(a) In the preamble, the eleventh preambular paragraph would become the sixth preambular paragraph and read as follows:

"Noting that, despite progress towards the achievement of an equal status for women, considerable discrimination continues to exist in various parts of the world with regard to access to education, vocational training, health care, employment and responsible political posts on an equal footing with men, and that this impedes the active participation of women in the solution of vital national and international problems";

(b) The sixth preambular paragraph would become the eighth preambular paragraph;

(c) Seventh preambular paragraph:

(i) The beginning of the paragraph would be amended to read:

"Noting, therefore, with regret that they are at present unable to contribute as they should to the maintenance and strengthening of peace, sustained international co-operation ...";

(ii) The following words at the end of the paragraph would be deleted:

"are important and indispensable factors for a world-wide enforcement of full equality of rights for women";

(d) Part I, article 2: after the words "economic and social development", the words "to solve global problems of mankind and to provide assistance to developing countries" would be replaced by the words "in the developing countries and thus solve the crucial problems of mankind";

(e) Part II, the fourth paragraph would read:

"To promote the exchange of experience at the national and international levels for the purpose of enhancing the involvement of women in the efforts of peoples for peace and their struggle for national independence and respect for national sovereignty and against colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of foreign interference";

(f) Part II, fifth paragraph, between the words "active role" and the words "in the struggle" the words "played by women" would be replaced by the words "which women should play";

(g) Part II, sixth paragraph, the words "for the safeguarding of peace and" between the words "to the struggle" and the words "against colonialism" would be deleted.

12. At the 59th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of the German Democratic Republic accepted the amendments proposed by Morocco (see para. 11).

13. Later, the Committee had before it amendments presented by Pakistan (A/C.3/36/L.84) to draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.48/Rev.1, as follows:

"1. Add the following to the title:

(a) After the word 'colonialism' add 'recolonization, totalitarianism, sexism'.

(b) After the word 'apartheid' add 'genocide'.

(c) At the end of the title add 'including armed intervention in sovereign states, systematic denial of human rights'.

"2. Preambular paragraph 6

Same formulation to be used as in the title. Add the words 'externally imposed regimes, threat or use of force' after the words 'alien domination.'

"3. In operative paragraph 7 the word 'convinced' may be changed to 'noting' and the words 'and indispensable' in the second last line in the paragraph to be deleted. Wherever the words 'the right of peoples to self-determination' occurs in the text, add the word 'all' before 'peoples.' In the same paragraph add the word 'non-intervention' prior to the word 'non-interference' in the third line.

"4. Add another paragraph in the preamble following paragraph 7 'notes with concern the recent instances of recolonization as a result of which sovereign peoples and nations have been denied their right to self-determination and the right to choose their own socio-economic and political systems without outside coercion, intervention or interference in any form whatsoever.'

"5. Language of preambular paragraph 10 may also be accordingly amended. For example, add 'recolonization' after the word 'colonialism' and other amendments introduced in the title may also be introduced accordingly in this paragraph.

"6. The last operative paragraph may be amended in the following manner:

'Invites member states to consider making the following declaration on --- (repeat the Title).'

"7. In Article 2 add the phrase 'resulting from new methods of domination and recolonization.'

"8. In Article 3 the word 'totalitarianism' may be added after the word 'aggression' in the second line. The words 'the systematic denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms, religious intolerance, imposition of alien socio-economic and political systems, the imposition of alien ideologies, genocide and foreign occupation as well as economic, social and political consequences of such acts including the root causes of massive flow of refugees, in particular women refugees, shall be eliminated.' After the words 'acquisition of foreign territory by force' in the third line delete the rest of the phrase to link it up with the phrase 'shall be eliminated.'

"9. Article 4 may be amended to read as follows:

'All forms of oppression, suppression, incarceration and inhuman and degrading treatment of women on account of their political opinion, religious belief, ideology, thought, conscience, or the exercise of their right to freedom of expression, advocacy of international peace, implementation of international human rights instruments and the right of all peoples to self-determination without foreign intervention, interference, or use of any form of coercion, including such acts as genocide, imprisonment, torture, devastation of homes, discharge from employment, forced evacuation and reprisals, assignments to labour camps shall be condemned as crimes against humanity and as gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

'Comprehensive solidarity and assistance shall be rendered to women who are victims of foreign aggression and occupation, totalitarianism, sexism, colonialism, recolonization, genocide, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, oppressions of all kinds, the systematic denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms, military or any other form of intervention, interference in their country, fascism, exploitation, and are compelled to live under most adverse conditions.'

"10. In Article 5 insert the words 'and political' after the words 'socio-economic' in the second line. In the fourth line after the word 'economic' add the following 'social and political'. In the same line after the word 'choice' add 'free from outside intervention or interference or coercion of any kind.'

"11. In Part II, paragraph 4 may be revised to read as follows:

'To promote the exchange of experience at the national and international levels by ensuring to women, complete access to all means of information as well as mass media, both at national and international levels, for the purpose of enhancing their involvement in the efforts of all peoples for peace and their struggle for national independence and against colonialism, totalitarianism, recolonization, sexism, zionism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, genocide, armed intervention in sovereign states, threat or use of force, systematic denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms, foreign aggression or occupation.'

"12. Paragraph 5 may be amended in accordance with the language used in the title and in earlier paragraphs.

"13. A new paragraph may be added which would read as follows:

'To ensure all women freedom of expression, thought, conscience, communication and movement without prejudice on account of race, political or religious beliefs, language or ethnic origin.'

"14. The present paragraph 6 should also be revised accordingly and the words at the end of the paragraph 'by proclaiming such days and by other marks of appreciation' deleted and replaced by 'appropriate actions may be taken.'

"15. The present paragraph 7 may be amended to read as follows:

'To encourage all women to participate in all non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations aimed at the strengthening of international peace and security, the implementation of International Human Rights Instruments, the observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms, strict observance of the principle of non-intervention and non-interference in the internal affairs of states, elimination of all forms of aggression, non-acceptance of threat or use of force as well as rejection of any form of domination, military, political, economic or cultural, development of friendly relations among nations and the promotion of co-operation among states.'

"16. Add another paragraph here to state as follows:

'To provide, especially to women, effective legal remedies against the violation of their fundamental rights in order to ensure their effective participation in the above activities.'

"17. Part III may be revised to read as follows:

'The General Assembly and other bodies of the United Nations should regularly review the progress made in promoting the equality of women in respect of their participation in the struggle for safeguarding of world peace and against ----- (insert the relevant portion of the title) as a reflection of their involvement in the political, social, economic and cultural affairs of the society.'"

14. The Committee also had before it amendments presented by Australia and New Zealand (A/C.3/36/L.85) to the revised draft resolution as follows:

"Preamble:

"Page 7: delete 'in conformity with the principles of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States';

"Page 10: add the words 'sexism and discrimination against women' after 'racial discrimination';

"Page 13: delete;

"Part I

"Article 1:

"Redraft: The equal participation of women in the political and economic affairs of society and in the endeavour to realize fully the right to live in conditions of peace and prosperity should be encouraged and promoted by all appropriate means including through a balanced and equitable distribution of roles between women and men in the society as a whole and in the family, as well as measures to enhance the capacity of women to participate in the decision-making processes.

"Article 2:

"After the words 'to participate' add 'by means of freedom of expression, opinion, assembly and peaceful political dissent';

"Article 3:

"After the words 'racial discrimination' add the following: 'sexism and discrimination against women, the systematic denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms, the suppression of peaceful political dissent activities';

"Article 4:

"After the words 'international peace' add 'the elimination of discrimination on the basis of race, sex, language or religion, the respect for the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms';

"Delete the final phrase beginning 'shall be condemned as crimes against humanity ... human rights' and replace with: 'shall be considered contrary to the Charter of the United Nations and recognized as matters of concern to the international community';

"In paragraph 2 add after 'racial discrimination' the words 'sexism and discrimination against women, all forms of totalitarian oppression';

"Part 2:

"Paragraph 4, add the words 'sexism and discrimination against women' after 'racial discrimination';

"Paragraph 5, add the words 'sexism and discrimination against women' after the words 'racial discrimination';

"Insert a new third subparagraph 3 as follows: 'To dedicate themselves to the elimination of all exploitative and dependent relations, including those between women and men'".

15. The Committee also had before it amendments proposed by the United States of America (A/C.3/36/L.86) to draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.48/Rev.1, as follows:

"Title:

"After 'apartheid' add 'threats or use of force, denial of equality with men before the law, arbitrary arrest and detention';

"After 'foreign aggression' add 'denial of freedom of peaceful assembly and association, chemical and biological warfare';

"Preambular paragraph 8:

"After 'arms race' add 'threats or use of force, armed intervention in sovereign States';

"After 'racist' add 'totalitarian';

"Preambular paragraph 10:

"Add new language from title;

"Preambular paragraph 14:

"Revise to read 'Invites Member States to consider the question of a Draft Declaration on ...';

"Declaration - Part I:

"Article 2:

"Revise first phrase of first sentence to read 'In accordance with the obligation of all States to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State';

"After 'arms race' add 'totalitarianism, genocide, chemical and biological warfare';

"After 'disarmament' add 'and the right to education, the right to life, liberty, and security of person, and the right to due process of law';

"Article 3:

"After 'racism and racial discrimination' add 'denial of equal suffrage and the right to vote, denial of the right to engage in peaceful political dissent activities, denial of the right to hold public office';

"After 'aggression' add 'interference with the free flow of information across international borders';

"After 'acquisition of foreign territory by force' add 'massive flows of refugees caused by foreign aggression';

"Article 4:

"After 'international peace' add 'the elimination of totalitarianism, the right to participate peacefully in the political process and in political dissent activities';

"After 'torture' add 'denial of the right to leave their country and to return to it';

"After 'devastation of homes' add 'internal exile or banishment, arbitrary arrest and detention';

"After 'reprisals' add 'arbitrary interference with their privacy, family, home, and correspondence';

"Delete 'crimes against humanity and as';

"Second sentence of Article 4:

"After 'apartheid' add 'chemical and biological warfare, waging of aggressive war';

"After 'oppression' add 'arbitrary arrest and detention, torture and other forms of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, denial of equal protection of the law';

"Part II:

"Paragraph 4:

"After 'levels' add 'through the free flow of information across international borders and access by all women to all forms of electronic and print mass media and vice versa';

"After 'colonialism' add 'arbitrary arrest and detention, arbitrary interference with privacy, family, home or correspondence';

"After 'foreign aggression' add 'denial of the right to life, liberty and security of person, massive flows of refugees caused by armed intervention in sovereign States';

"After 'occupation' add 'restrictions on freedom of expression, opinion, and movement within States';

"Paragraph 5:

"After 'equality of the sexes' add 'for motherhood, for the elimination of sexism, for freedom of movement within States, for the right to leave one's country and return to it';

"After 'self-determination' add 'for the right to marry and found a family, for the right to take part in Government, for equal access to public service, for the right to education';

"After 'co-operation' add 'and for the equality of rights and responsibilities of spouses as to marriage, during marriage, and at its dissolution';

"After 'apartheid' add 'massive flows of refugees caused by armed intervention in sovereign States, chemical and biological warfare, suppression of the free flow of information across international borders';

"After 'racial discrimination' add 'denial of life, liberty, and security of person, arbitrary arrest and detention, religious persecution, internal exile or banishment';

"Paragraph 6:

"After 'intervention' add 'chemical and biological warfare, genocide, sexism';

"After 'aggression' add 'religious persecution, suppression of freedom of peaceful political dissent activities, denial of equal suffrage and the right to vote, denial of the right to marry and found a family';

"After 'occupation' add 'systematic denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms, denial of due process of law or of equal protection of law, restrictions on freedom of expression and opinion, arbitrary arrest and detention';

"Paragraph 7:

"Revise as follows: 'To encourage women to participate in non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations aimed at the strengthening of international peace and security, the implementation of international human rights instruments, the maintenance of unimpeded communication between individual women and women's groups across international borders and within countries, peaceful political dissent activities, the observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms, the development of friendly relations among nations and the promotion of co-operation among States, and to refrain from interfering in any way with the peaceful activities of such non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations';

"Part III:

"After 'world peace' add 'equal rights of women, and elimination of discrimination against women';

"After 'apartheid' add 'sexism, armed intervention in sovereign States, denial of equal protection of the law, denial of due process of law, arbitrary arrest and detention';

"After 'foreign intervention' add 'chemical and biological warfare, genocide, imposition of inefficient economic systems on other States, threats or use of force';

"After 'aggression' add 'religious persecution, restrictions on freedom of expression, opinion, and movement within States, denial of the right to leave one's country and to return to it, massive flows of refugees caused by foreign aggression';

"After 'occupation' add 'denial of the right to take part in Government, arbitrary interference with privacy, family, home and correspondence, denial of the right to education, denial of equal opportunity in all forms, suppression of peaceful political dissent activities'."

16. At the 64th meeting, on 27 November, the representative of the German Democratic Republic introduced a further revised version of one draft resolution (A/C.3/36/L.48/Rev.2) entitled "Draft Declaration on the Participation of Women in the Struggle for the Strengthening of International Peace and for the Solution of Other Vital National and International Problems", taking into account some of the amendments contained in documents A/C.3/36/L.84 and A/C.3/36/L.85. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Reaffirming the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

"Noting with appreciation that the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at New Delhi in 1981, stressed "that effective and comprehensive action was urgently required to remove obstacles and constraints with regard to the full, effective and meaningful participation of women in national development",

"Taking into account that the increased participation of women in the development process and in political life, on equal terms with men, will contribute towards international peace, the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the establishment of a new international economic order, as well as the achievement of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

"Considering that only if women have the same access as men to education, employment, health care and public offices in the cultural, social, economic, administrative and political field, will they be able to play an equal and effective role in the development process,

"Having in mind that the above-mentioned access depends, to a large extent, on the achievement of a balanced and equitable distribution of roles between women and men in the society as a whole and in the family,

"Noting that, despite progress towards the achievement of equal status for women, considerable discrimination continues to exist in various parts of the world with regard to access to education, vocational training, health care, employment and responsible political posts on an equal footing with men, and that this impedes the active participation of women in the solution of vital national and international problems,

"Noting, therefore, with regret that they are at present unable to contribute as they should to the maintenance and strengthening of peace, sustained international co-operation based on equal rights, respect for the sovereignty of all States and non-intervention and non-interference in their internal affairs, the effective implementation of and respect for the right of all peoples to self-determination, non-resort to the use or threat of force in international relations pursuant to the Charter of the United Nations, and the

just restructuring of international economic relations along democratic lines in conformity with the principles of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

"Welcoming the contribution of women towards the strengthening of international peace and security, the struggle against colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of alien domination, and towards the unrestricted and effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

"Expressing serious concern at the persistence of the arms race and the continued existence of sources of tension and crisis and of colonialist and racist oppression,

"Emphasizing the need for a just restructuring of international economic relations, for overcoming backwardness and promoting the development process in the interest of social progress,

"Taking into account that the liberation of peoples and the elimination of colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism, racial discrimination, discrimination against women, of fascism and any foreign occupation, and the respect for the self-determination of all peoples and sovereign nations, are inseparably linked with efforts to maintain international peace and security and to consolidate and expand political détente,

"Reaffirming the need to intensify international co-operation in respect of the participation of women in the struggle for strengthening international peace and security in accordance with Declaration of Mexico 1975, the World Plan of Action, the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women adopted at Copenhagen in 1980 and General Assembly resolutions 3519 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 32/142 of 16 December 1977 and 34/158 of 17 December 1979,

"Solemnly proclaims the following Declaration on the Participation of Women in the Struggle for the Strengthening of International Peace and for the Solution of Other Vital National and International Problems, and invites Member States to consider acting accordingly:

"PART I

"Article 1

"The equal participation of women in the political and economic affairs of society and in the endeavour to realize fully the right to live in conditions of peace and prosperity should be encouraged and promoted by all appropriate means, including through a balanced and equitable distribution of roles between women and men in the society as a whole and in the family, as well as measures to enhance the capacity of women to participate in the decision-making processes.

"Article 2

"In accordance with their obligation to maintain peace, States shall create the necessary prerequisites for women to participate by means of freedom of expression, opinion and assembly without hindrance in the struggle against the arms race and for disarmament. Resources released as a result of effective measures of disarmament shall be used to promote economic and social development in the developing countries and thus solve the crucial problems of mankind. In this context particular attention shall be given to the advancement of women and to the protection of mother and child.

"Article 3

"Colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, discrimination against women, mass and flagrant violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms, neo-colonialism and all forms of foreign intervention and aggression, the acquisition of foreign territory by force, foreign occupation and economic and social consequences thereof shall be eliminated as important obstacles for the world-wide and unrestricted achievement of peace and the happiness and welfare of women.

"Article 4

"All forms of oppression and inhuman treatment of women on account of their advocacy of international peace, the elimination of discrimination on the basis of race, sex, language or religion, the respect for the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the right of peoples to self-determination without foreign intervention, such as massacre, imprisonment, torture, devastation of homes, and forced evacuation and reprisals, shall be considered contrary to the Charter of the United Nations and recognized as matters of concern to the international community. Comprehensive solidarity and assistance shall be rendered to those women who are victims of foreign intervention, aggression and occupation, colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, discrimination against women, nazism, fascism, neo-fascism and all forms of totalitarian ideologies and practices based on racial intolerance, hatred and terror, oppression and exploitation, and who are compelled to live under most adverse conditions.

"Article 5

"With a view to safeguarding international peace and creating appropriate socio-economic and political conditions for the free development of women everywhere in the world, the implementation of the sovereign right of every State to establish an economic, social and political order of its own choice free from all forms of interference and to utilize its own natural resources, the democratic restructuring of international economic relations and the reduction of differences in the level of developed and developing countries shall be ensured.

"PART II

"Calls upon all States to take the following action in order to give effect to the principles set out above:

"To ensure the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace; contained in document A/CONF.94/35 adopted in Copenhagen;

"To adopt appropriate programmes to ensure the active co-operation of women in the attainment of the goals contained in the present Declaration;

"To promote the exchange of experience at the national and international levels for the purpose of enhancing the involvement of women in the efforts of all peoples for peace and their struggle for national independence and respect for national sovereignty and against colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of foreign interference;

"To give effective publicity to the active role which women should play in the struggle for peace, respect and understanding among all nations and peoples, for racial equality and equality of the sexes, for the implementation of the right of every nation to self-determination, for international co-operation and against colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, and discrimination against women, and to promote the dissemination of such information by the mass communications media at the national and international levels;

"To pay tribute to the contribution of women to the struggle against colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, discrimination against women, intervention, aggression, occupation and all forms of foreign domination, appropriate actions may be taken, including proclaiming special days and other marks of appreciation;

"To encourage women to participate in non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations aimed at the strengthening of international peace and security, the development of friendly relations among nations and the promotion of co-operation among States;

"To ensure all women freedom of expression, thought, conscience, communication and movement without prejudice on account of race, political or religious beliefs, language or ethnic origin;

"To provide effective legal remedies against the violation of the fundamental rights of women in order to ensure their effective participation in the above activities.

"PART III

"The General Assembly and other bodies of the United Nations should regularly review the progress made in promoting the equality of women in respect of their participation in the struggle for the strengthening of international peace, and for the solution of other vital national and international problems."

17. At the 68th meeting, on 1 December, the representative of the United States of America revised the amendments contained in document A/C.3/36/L.86 (see para. 15) as follows:

(a) The amendments to the eighth, tenth and fourteenth preambular paragraphs of the revised draft declaration would be retained as amendments to the ninth, eleventh and thirteenth preambular paragraphs of draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.48/Rev.2;

(b) Article 2: At the end of the proposed first phrase of the first sentence, the words "or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations" would be added;

(c) Article 4: The amendment to delete the words "crimes against humanity and as" was withdrawn;

(d) Part III: The amendment to insert the words "equal rights of women, and elimination of discrimination against women" after the words "peace" was retained.

18. At the same meeting, the representative of Pakistan withdrew the amendments contained in document A/C.3/36/L.84 (see para. 13) and submitted the following oral amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.48/Rev.2:

(a) In the eighth preambular paragraph, after the words "of alien domination" the words "externally imposed régimes, suppression of the right to self-determination" would be inserted;

(b) After the eighth preambular paragraph, the following new preambular paragraphs would be added:

"Noting with profound concern the recent instances of resort to use of force in many parts of the world, as a result of which colonial and sovereign peoples and nations have been denied their right to self-determination and the right to choose their own socio-economic and political systems without outside coercion, intervention or interference in any form whatsoever;

"Also deeply concerned over the increasing number of situations resulting from acts including aggression, intervention and interference in the internal affairs of States which have caused the outflow of millions of refugees in various regions of the world; most of these refugees are women and children who are facing great hardship and suffering";

(c) In the eleventh preambular paragraph, after the words "foreign occupation" the words "subjugation or domination, the imposition of alien ideologies" would be inserted;

(d) In the first sentence of article 2, the words "against the arms race and" after the words "in the struggle" would be deleted and the words "and for halting and eliminating the arms race, particularly in its nuclear aspect" would be inserted after the words "for disarmament";

(e) In the second sentence of article 2, the words "and thus solve the crucial problems of mankind" would be deleted;

(f) Article 3:

(i) The word "mass" before the words "and flagrant" would be replaced by the word "massive", "and" would be deleted and the words "or systematic" would be inserted after the word "flagrant", so that it would read: "massive, flagrant or systematic";

(ii) After the words "foreign occupation" and the words "domination and political" would be inserted;

(iii) After the words "social consequences thereof" the words "including the conditions resulting in massive flows of refugees" would be inserted;

(g) Article 4, first sentence:

(i) The word "full" would be inserted before the words "respect for" and the words "full enjoyment of" would be deleted;

(ii) The word "all" would be inserted between the words "the right of" and the word "peoples";

(iii) The word "without" before the words "foreign intervention" would be replaced by the words "opposition to";

(iv) The words "such as" before the word "massacre" would be deleted;

(v) The word "genocide" before the word "massacre" would be inserted;

(vi) The word "profound" before the word "concern" would be inserted;

(h) Article 4, second sentence:

(i) After the word "colonialism" the words "all new forms of colonization" would be inserted;

(ii) The word "and" after the word "ideologies" would be replaced by the words "as well as";

(i) In article 5, the words "intervention and" would be inserted between the words "all forms of" and the word "interference";

(j) Part II, fourth paragraph:

(i) After the words "international levels" a comma and the words "ensure to women complete access to national and international mass media" would be inserted;

(ii) After the word "occupation" the words "and domination" would be inserted;

(iii) After the word "foreign" the words "intervention and" would be inserted.

19. At the 71st meeting, on 3 December, the representative of Ethiopia proposed a draft decision relating to the draft declaration in document A/C.3/36/L.48/Rev.2.

20. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 42).

C. Draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.49

21. The Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.3/36/L.49) entitled "Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women", sponsored by India, Jamaica and Nigeria, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, whereby it proclaimed the period from 1976 to 1985 United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

"Recalling also its decision of 15 December 1975 to extend the activities of the Voluntary Fund for the International Women's Year so as to cover the period of the Decade,

"Recalling its resolution 31/133 of 16 December 1976 containing the criteria and arrangements for the management of the Fund,

"Recalling its resolution 32/138 of 16 December 1977,

"Recalling also its resolution 34/156 of 17 December 1979 in which it expressed its desire to see the activities developed by the Fund continued beyond the United Nations Decade for Women, and decided to review at its thirty-sixth session the decision regarding the Fund's location in New York,

"Recalling also the Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/3 of 16 April 1980,

"Bearing in mind its resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980 in which it endorsed the Programme of Action for the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women,

"Conscious that the Fund is intended to supplement, through financial and technical support, the activities for implementing the goals for the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

"Noting with appreciation the effective management and continuing expansion of the Fund's activities and the co-operation extended by relevant organs of the United Nations, including UNDP, UNICEF and the regional commissions,

"Reaffirming the role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs as the focal point for interagency co-operation toward the implementation of the Programme of Action for the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women,

"Noting with appreciation the support given by the Fund to projects in the developing countries,

"Noting also with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the future of the Fund,

"1. Notes with satisfaction the decisions of the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the Decade for Women during its ninth and tenth sessions;

"2. Expresses its appreciation for the voluntary contributions pledged by Member States of the United Nations and urges Member States to contribute or increase their contributions to the Fund;

"3. Decides that the Fund should continue its activities beyond the United Nations Decade for Women;

"4. Stresses the importance in the meantime of the activities of the Fund responding to the priorities in the Programme of Action for the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women;

"5. Stresses also the need for the activities of the Voluntary Fund to be integrated with the Branch for the advancement of women, CSDHA;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session a report on his proposals for the timing and the modalities for the relocation of the Fund within the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, taking note of the views expressed by Governments in response to the Secretary-General's note and in the debate in the Assembly at its current sessions."

22. At the 57th meeting, on 19 November, the draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors.

D. Draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.50

23. At the 53rd meeting, on 17 November, the representative of France introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/36/L.50) entitled "Consideration within the United Nations of questions concerning the role of women in development", sponsored by Chad, France and Romania, later joined by the Philippines. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Mindful of the principles and objectives set forth in the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975,

"Recalling its resolution 35/78 of 5 December 1980 which emphasized the need to integrate the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women into the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

"Taking note of document E/1981/3 entitled "Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations", prepared by the Working Group established by resolution 1979/45 of 11 May 1979 and, in particular, paragraphs 80, 81 and 82 of document E/1981/3,

"Taking note also of document A/36/590 which presents a comprehensive outline of a world survey on the role of women in development,

"1. Recommends, in the light of paragraphs 80, 81 and 82 of the above-mentioned report, that questions concerning the social development and, in particular, the integration of women in development, should be considered both by the Second and by the Third Committee, and that the documents relating to these questions should also be made available to the two Committees, so that their consideration by one of the two Committees would benefit constantly from the views of the other;

"2. Expresses the desire that this recommendation be brought to the attention of the General Committee of the General Assembly, so that it may be taken into account in the preparation of the programmes of work of the Committees for the thirty-seventh session;

"3. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women, at its twenty-ninth session in February 1982, to give special attention under agenda item 3 concerning the implementation of the World Plan of Action to questions concerning the participation of women in development;

"4. Asks the Secretary-General to ensure that the Commission on the Status of Women is consulted in the preparation of the world survey on the role of women in development requested by resolution 35/78 of 5 December 1980 and, to the extent possible, regarding any survey or proposed action concerning women."

24. At the 57th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of France revised the draft resolution by adding, at the end of operative paragraph 2, the words "and that in particular the Third Committee should be able to consider the world survey, the outline of which has been issued as document A/36/590".

25. At the same meeting, the representative of Egypt proposed the following oral amendments:

(a) Operative paragraph 1: after the words "above-mentioned report, that" the following would be inserted: "documents concerning the integration of women in development should be made available to the Third Committee under the relevant item" and the rest of the paragraph would be deleted;

(b) Operative paragraph 2: after the words "General Assembly", the rest of the paragraph would be deleted;

(c) The following new operative paragraph 3 would be inserted:

"Expresses also the desire that the world survey on the role of women in development should be made available to the Third Committee before being considered".

26. At the same meeting, the representative of Canada proposed the following:

(a) The first preambular paragraph should be reworded to read as follows:

"Recalling the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace";

(b) The word "further" should be inserted after the word "Recalling" in the second preambular paragraph.

27. The representative of Morocco suggested that the new operative paragraph 3 proposed by Egypt should be reworded to read as follows:

"Also expresses the desire that the world survey on the role of women in development should be submitted to the Third Committee before it is considered by the Second Committee".

28. The draft resolution was subsequently revised by the sponsors to take into account the proposals made as follows:

(a) First and second preambular paragraphs: the proposals by Canada were accepted (see para. 26);

(b) Operative paragraphs 1 and 2: the amendments proposed by Egypt were accepted (see para. 25);

(c) A new operative paragraph 3 was added, as follows:

"Expresses also the desire that the Third Committee should be seized of the world survey on the role of women in development, the outline of which is contained in document A/36/590";

(d) The remaining paragraphs were renumbered accordingly.

29. At the same meeting the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as revised, without a vote (see para. 41, draft resolution II).

E. Draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.51

30. At the 53rd meeting, on 17 November, the representative of Argentina introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/36/L.51) entitled "United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women", sponsored by Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Morocco, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Uruguay, Yugoslavia, Zaire, and Zambia, later joined by the Bahamas and Venezuela. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 31/135 which approved the establishment of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

"Further recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/13 which, inter alia, took note of the progress made toward full establishment of the Institute,

"Convinced that the Institute can, with adequate resources, make a valuable contribution to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women, as well as to realizing the objectives of the new international development strategy for the Third Development Decade,

"1. Insists on the urgency of assuring the quick setting up of the Institute in the host country;

"2. Reiterates the guidelines set out in Economic and Social Council resolution 1998 (LX) of 12 May 1976 regarding the activities of the Institute, in particular the need for close collaboration with the regional centres and institutes which have similar objectives:

"3. Underlines the importance of its contributions to the work of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs;

"4. Urges all Governments to consider contributing financially to the Trust Fund for the Institute or co-operating in other ways with the Institute in order to assure its regular and effective financing so that it can plan the expansion of its programmes;

"5. Further requests the regional economic commissions, the specialized agencies and other organs and bodies in the United Nations system to co-operate fully with the Institute in the fields of their respective competence."

31. At the 57th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of Argentina revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) In the third preambular paragraph, the words "International Development Strategy" were capitalized and the word "new" before them was deleted;

(b) Operative paragraph 3 was reworded as follows:

"Underlines the importance of its contributions to the work of all United Nations bodies, agencies and institutions involved with the advancement of women, in particular the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs".

32. At the same meeting the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as revised, without a vote (see para. 41, draft resolution III).

F. Draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.52 and Rev.1

33. The Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.3/36/L.52) entitled "Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women" sponsored by the Netherlands and New Zealand, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women, contained in documents A/36/646 and A/36/647,

"Having taken note of the views expressed in the Third Committee on the issue of the location and the future activities of the Fund,

"Bearing in mind the substantial support voiced for the activities of the Fund to be continued beyond the end of the United Nations Decade for Women,

"Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session a report on the substantive and financial implications, timing and proposed modalities for a possible relocation of the Fund within the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, in order that Member States may take this option into account when considering how the Fund's activities can best be continued after the Decade for Women."

34. At the 57th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of the Netherlands introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.3/36/L.52/Rev.1) sponsored by the Netherlands and New Zealand, later joined by the Bahamas, Morocco, Samoa, Senegal, Somalia and Oman.

35. At the same meeting the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.52/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 41, draft resolution IV).

G. Draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.53

36. At the 53rd meeting, on 17 November, the representative of Sweden introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/36/L.53) entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: equal rights to pursue a career", sponsored by Australia, Barbados, Costa Rica, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, Iceland, Jamaica, Jordan, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Sierra Leone, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela, later joined by the Central African Republic, Lesotho and the United States of America. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 34/155 in which it called upon Governments to take steps to ensure effective participation of women in the decision-making process with respect to foreign policy and international economic and political co-operation, including steps to ensure that they have equal access to diplomatic functions and that they are represented in the United Nations and other international organizations,

"Further recalling its resolutions 33/184 and 34/159 in which it recommended that States envisage in their policies all appropriate measures to create necessary conditions which will enable women to participate in work on an equal footing with men,

"Noting that legal and administrative regulations seriously hamper the possibilities of accompanying spouses of members of diplomatic missions or consular posts and of staff members of intergovernmental organizations to pursue a career,

"Concerned that women continue to be underrepresented in the professional staffs of international organizations, including the United Nations and its specialized agencies,

"Invites Governments in host countries to consider favourably applications for working permits for spouses accompanying members of diplomatic missions or consular posts and staff members of intergovernmental organizations."

37. At the 57th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of Sweden revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) In the third preambular paragraph, the words "in many countries" were added after the words "Noting that";

(b) In the operative paragraph, the words "favourably applications for" between the words "to consider" and the words "working permits" were replaced by the words "possibilities to grant, if requested".

38. At the 60th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Sweden further revised the draft resolution as follows:

- (a) In the title, the words "pursue a career" were replaced by the word "work";
- (b) Third preambular paragraph:
 - (i) After the words "Noting that" at the beginning of the paragraph, the words "in some countries" were inserted;
 - (ii) The word "seriously" between the word "regulations" and the word "hamper" was deleted;
 - (iii) The words "pursue a career" at the end of the paragraph were replaced by the word "work";
- (c) Fourth preambular paragraph: the paragraph was deleted;
- (d) Operative paragraph: the words "favourably applications for" between the words "to consider" and the words "working permits" were replaced by the words "granting, when appropriate and to the extent possible".

39. At the same meeting, the representative of Morocco proposed an amendment to retain the fourth preambular paragraph of the draft resolution and to add, at the end of the paragraph, the words: "and are not always exempt from discrimination when they are recruited".

40. At the 64th meeting, on 27 November, the Committee voted on draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.53 as revised as follows:

- (a) The fourth preambular paragraph, as amended (see para. 39) was adopted by 46 to none, with 60 abstentions;
- (b) The draft resolution as a whole, as revised and amended, was adopted without a vote (see para. 41, draft resolution V).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

41. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

United Nations Decade for Women: Equality,
Development and Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, in which it endorsed the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, 2/ as adopted at the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, and decided to convene in 1985, at the conclusion of the Decade, a World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Bearing in mind its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the 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,

Emphasizing the importance attached by the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade 3/ to the need to improve the status of women and ensure their full participation in the development process as agents and beneficiaries of development,

Taking note of chapter XXV on the role of women in development as contained in the Declaration of the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at New Delhi from 9 to 13 February 1981, 4/

Emphasizing that the recommendations made in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the Decade and in other relevant decisions and resolutions as adopted at the Conference should immediately be translated into concrete action by States, the organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

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

3/ General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

4/ A/36/116 and Corr.1, annex.

Welcoming the entry into force on 3 September 1981 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women 5/ and the growing number of States that have ratified it,

Convinced that the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women must be given the assistance needed to enable it to begin to function as early as possible in the host country,

Noting that the review and appraisal of the progress made by Governments in implementing the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women as adopted will be carried out by the Commission on the Status of Women every two years, beginning with the Commission's twenty-ninth session,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 6/

1. Affirms that the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women as adopted and of the relevant recommendations, resolutions and decisions of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women should result in the complete integration of women into the development process and in the effective realization of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

2. Calls upon Governments to continue taking the measures necessary for achieving substantial progress in the implementation of the relevant recommendations of the Programme of Action with a view to ensuring equal participation by women as agents and beneficiaries in all sectors and at all levels of the development process;

3. Calls upon the organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, to reserve adequate resources for, and pay increased attention to, the implementation of the Programme of Action, particularly as regards the dissemination of information on the participation of women;

4. Urges the regional commissions to report in full to the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session in 1982, on the evolution of the situation of women in all the sectors of their development programmes, in order to strengthen and reorient the programmes and reporting methods of those commissions, so as to reflect more adequately the regional concerns of women;

5. Requests the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session in 1982, to consider the implementation of the Programme of Action, giving high priority in this regard to the report of the Commission on the Status of Women;

5/ General Assembly resolution 34/180.

6/ A/36/564, annex.

6. Emphasizes the role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat as the focal point for the organizations of the United Nations system with regard to the implementation of the Programme of Action, in order to achieve the goals and objectives of the Decade, and requests the Secretary-General to give the Centre the assistance required to enable it to carry out its mandate;

7. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women, at its session to be held in 1982, to give priority to the question of the preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1985, which will mark the end of the Decade, with a view to submitting to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, specific proposals on that question;

8. Stresses the need for close and continued co-operation between the United Nations system and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to allow the Institute to carry out its mandate,

9. Takes note with satisfaction of the effective contribution made by the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

10. Invites the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session a report on the steps taken for the implementation of the present resolution;

11. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-seventh session the item entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace".

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Consideration within the United Nations of questions
concerning the role of women in development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Recalling further its resolution 35/78 of 5 December 1980 in which it emphasized the need to integrate the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women into the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 7/

Taking note of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations, 8/ prepared by the Working Group established pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/45 of 11 May 1979 and, in particular, paragraphs 80, 81 and 82 of the report,

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General, which contains a comprehensive outline of a world survey on the role of women in development, 9/

1. Recommends, in the light of paragraphs 80, 81 and 82 of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations, that documents concerning the integration of women in development should be made available to the Third Committee under the relevant agenda item;
2. Expresses the desire that the recommendation in paragraph 1 above should be brought to the attention of the General Committee of the General Assembly;
3. Expresses also the desire that the Third Committee should be seized of the world survey on the role of women in development; 9/
4. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women, at its twenty-ninth session, to be held in February 1982, to give special attention under its agenda item 3, concerning the implementation of the World Plan of Action, to questions pertaining to the participation of women in development;

7/ General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

8/ E/1981/3.

9/ A/36/590.

5. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Commission on the Status of Women is consulted in the preparation of the world survey on the role of women in development requested by the General Assembly in paragraph 10 of its resolution 35/78 and, to the extent possible, regarding any survey or proposed action concerning women.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

International Research and Training Institute
for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/135 of 16 December 1976, in which it approved the establishment of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Further recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/13 of 6 May 1981, in which the Council, inter alia, took note of the progress made towards the full establishment of the Institute,

Convinced that the Institute can, with adequate resources, make a valuable contribution to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, 10/ as well as to realizing the objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 11/

1. Insists on the urgency of assuring the prompt establishment of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women in the host country;

2. Reiterates the guidelines set out in Economic and Social Council resolution 1998 (LX) of 12 May 1976 regarding the activities of the Institute, in particular the need for close collaboration with the regional centres and institutes which have similar objectives;

3. Underlines the importance of contributions of the Institute to the work of all United Nations bodies, agencies and institutions involved with the advancement of women, in particular the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat;

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

11/ General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

4. Urges all Governments to consider contributing financially to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women or co-operating in other ways with the Institute in order to assure its regular and effective financing so that it can plan the expansion of its programmes;

5. Requests the regional commissions, the specialized agencies and other organs and bodies in the United Nations system to co-operate fully with the Institute in their respective fields of competence.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, whereby it proclaimed the period from 1976 to 1985 United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Recalling also its decision of 15 December 1975 to extend the activities of the Voluntary Fund for the International Women's Year so as to cover the period of the Decade,

Recalling its resolution 31/133 of 16 December 1976, containing the criteria and arrangements for the management of the Fund,

Recalling its resolution 32/138 of 16 December 1977,

Recalling also its resolution 34/156 of 17 December 1979, in which it expressed the desire to see the activities developed by the Fund continued beyond the United Nations Decade for Women and decided to review at its thirty-sixth session the decision regarding the location of the Fund in New York,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/3 of 16 April 1980,

Bearing in mind its resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, in which it endorsed the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, 12/

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

Conscious that the Fund is intended to supplement, through financial and technical support, the activities for implementing the goals for the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Noting with appreciation the effective management and continuing expansion of the Fund's activities and the co-operation extended by relevant organs of the United Nations, including United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the regional commissions,

Reaffirming the role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs as the focal point for interagency co-operation towards the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Noting with appreciation the support given by the Fund to projects in the developing countries,

Noting also with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the future of the Fund, 13/

1. Notes with satisfaction the decisions of the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women during its ninth and tenth sessions;
2. Expresses its appreciation for the voluntary contributions pledged by Member States and urges them to contribute or increase their contributions to the Fund;
3. Decides that the Fund should continue its activities beyond the United Nations Decade for Women;
4. Stresses the importance of the contributions of the Fund towards the realization of the goals and objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women;
5. Stresses also the interrelationship of the Voluntary Fund with the Advancement of Women Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to invite views of Member States on how best the Fund can continue its activities beyond the Decade and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session;
7. Requests also the Secretary-General, taking into account the views expressed by Member States on this matter, to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session a report on the substantive and financial implications and his

proposals for the timing and modalities for a relocation of the Fund within the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs in order to enable Member States to take a decision in the matter.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

United Nations Decade for Women: equal rights to work

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/155 of 17 December 1979, in which it called upon Governments to take steps to ensure effective participation of women in the decision-making process with respect to foreign policy and international economic and political co-operation, including steps to ensure that they have equal access to diplomatic functions and that they are represented in the United Nations and other international organizations,

Recalling also its resolutions 33/184 of 29 January 1979 and 34/159 of 17 December 1979, in which it recommended that States should envisage in their policies all appropriate measures to create necessary conditions which will enable women to participate in work on an equal footing with men,

Noting that in some countries legal and administrative regulations hamper the possibilities of accompanying spouses of members of diplomatic missions or consular posts and of staff members of intergovernmental organizations to work,

Concerned that women continue to be underrepresented in the professional staffs of international organizations, including the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and are not always exempt from discrimination when they are recruited,

Invites Governments in host countries to consider granting, when appropriate and to the extent possible, working permits for spouses accompanying members of diplomatic missions or consular posts and staff members of intergovernmental organizations.

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42. The Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Draft Declaration on the Participation of Women in the Struggle for
the Strengthening of International Peace and for the Solution of
Other Vital National and International Problems

The General Assembly, appreciating the interest shown in the draft Declaration on the Participation of Women in the Struggle for the Strengthening of International Peace and for the Solution of Other Vital National and International Problems by a large number of Member States and the extensive discussions held on the subject in the Third Committee during the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth sessions of the General Assembly, realizing that, in view of lack of time, the Committee was unable to conclude these discussions and examine fully all the proposals before it, decides to request the Secretary-General to seek further comments from Member States and to submit a report based on their comments as well as on the proposals submitted so far with a view to ensuring the early adoption of the draft Declaration during the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly.
