

undertaken promptly by the Advancement of Women Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, in co-operation with the Statistical Office, and submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-ninth session,

Noting further that the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, the establishment of which has extended the scope of research on the status of women, can provide valuable assistance to the aforementioned Branch, in particular in the preparation of sets of social indicators,

Expresses the wish that prompt and effective co-operation may be instituted between the Advancement of Women Branch, the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, the Statistical Office and the Commission on the Status of Women, whose role must continue to be fundamental, particularly during the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women.

14th plenary meeting
6 May 1981

1981/12. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, in which the Assembly endorsed the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, as adopted at the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,²²

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/78 of 5 December 1980, in which the Assembly called upon all regional commissions and other organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to make every effort to implement the recommendations and resolutions of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women related to the integration of women in the development process,

Recognizing the need for women's active participation in the achievement of a just and lasting peace and social progress, the establishment of the new international economic order, complete respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and the integration of women into the development process so that the equality of men and women may be affirmed and their situation improved,

Reaffirming that the realization of equal rights for women at all levels and in all areas of life would contribute to the struggle for the elimination of colonialism, neo-colonialism, all forms of racism and racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

Emphasizing the need for urgent and full implementation of the special measures of assistance to women called for in the Programme of Action,

1. *Reaffirms* the importance of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women and stresses the need for its urgent and full implementation at the international, regional and national levels for the further promotion of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women;

2. *Takes note* of the proposals for the implementation

of the Programme of Action contained in the report of the Secretary-General;²³

3. *Recognizes* that the resident co-ordinators of the operational activities for development of the United Nations should ensure co-ordination among the organizations of the United Nations system for the implementation of the Programme of Action;

4. *Reaffirms* the importance of strengthening and enhancing the role of the regional commissions, which should be kept informed of the progress achieved and actions taken at the global level by the United Nations system, in order to facilitate necessary follow-up at the regional level;

5. *Takes note with interest* of the system of co-ordination at the national level being developed by the Economic Commission for Africa;

6. *Invites* relevant specialized agencies, regional commissions and other United Nations organizations to provide information to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1982 on the follow-up action taken by them with a view to integrating their activities into the global effort to implement the Programme of Action;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-ninth session the information referred to in paragraph 6 above;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session a report containing concrete proposals and specific measures to ensure urgent and full implementation for the Programme of Action, including the special measures of assistance called for therein.

14th plenary meeting
6 May 1981

1981/13. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

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

Recalling, in particular, General Assembly resolution 35/134 of 11 December 1980, in which, *inter alia*, the Assembly urged the Secretary-General to appoint the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and expressed the desire that the necessary consultations concerning the agreement with the Government of the Dominican Republic would be expeditiously concluded,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,²⁴

1. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the conclusion of the agreement between the Government of the Dominican Republic and the United Nations concerning the installation at Santo Domingo of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

²² *Ibid.*, sect. A.

²³ E/1981/32.

²⁴ E/1981/33.