

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.

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#### 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,<sup>22</sup>

*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;<sup>23</sup>

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.

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#### 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,<sup>24</sup>

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;

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. A.

<sup>23</sup> E/1981/32.

<sup>24</sup> E/1981/33.

2. Welcomes the appointment of the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

3. Expresses its hope that the Institute will start functioning shortly;

4. Expresses also its hope that a date will be set for a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women during the first quarter of 1982;

5. Calls upon all Member States to contribute or increase their contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, both financially and in kind;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1982 a report on the organization, programme and activities of the Institute.

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#### **1981/14. United Nations Research Institute for Social Development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having considered the report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development on its activities during the period from 1 November 1978 to 31 October 1980,<sup>25</sup>

Recognizing the importance of research on social issues for the formulation and implementation of integrated development plans and policies, promoting participation of all segments of society in the development process and an equitable distribution of the benefits therefrom,

Considering the functions of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development and the important contribution made by the Institute in this area,

Recognizing that the Institute has complied with the recommendations of the Commission for Social Development in its resolution 10 (XXV) of 3 February 1977,<sup>26</sup> particularly with regard to its catalytic role and its support for research by national research bodies,

Stressing the need to provide the Institute with the necessary financial means to ensure the continuation of its work,

Considering the appeal made by the Secretary-General to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-seventh session in the same respect,

1. Expresses its appreciation to Governments providing financial support to the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development;

2. Invites those Governments that have not yet done so to make financial contributions to the Institute according to their possibilities and, in the case of those Governments that actually support the Institute, to examine the possibility of increasing their contributions, in both cases preferably on a regular basis or a project basis.

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<sup>25</sup> E/CN.5/595.

<sup>26</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5915)*, chap. I, sect. B.

#### **1981/15. Social aspects of rural development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling the Declaration on Social Progress and Development contained in General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969,

Recalling also the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Concerned at the distressing social conditions prevailing in rural areas of many countries,

Taking into account the need for implementing integrated rural development programmes to fight mass poverty, raise the levels of living of the rural population and achieve the goal of equitable distribution of national income,

1. Calls upon Governments, while implementing the relevant provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade and national development programmes, to give special attention to increasing the social impact of basic rural development policies such as:

(a) Implementing agrarian reforms;

(b) Promoting co-operative endeavours;

(c) Introducing development planning;

(d) Strengthening the role of national qualified personnel in rural development;

(e) Encouraging popular participation in the development process of rural areas;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to devote special attention in the forthcoming report on the world social situation to the social aspects of rural development, taking into account the provisions of the present resolution;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to facilitate increasing dissemination of information on national experience of countries with different socio-economic systems in rural development;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### **1981/16. Youth in the contemporary world**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Noting with great interest the importance attached by the General Assembly and other United Nations bodies to the concerns of youth,

Recalling its resolution 1979/16 of 9 May 1979, as well as General Assembly resolutions 35/126 of 11 December 1980 on the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace and 35/139 of 11 December 1980 on channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations,

Noting with satisfaction that the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples<sup>27</sup> continues to provide a useful basis and incentive for further action in the field of youth, at the national, regional, interregional and international levels,

<sup>27</sup> General Assembly resolution 2037 (XX).