

agreements which would protect and assist migrant workers and safeguard the interests of the countries concerned,

1. *Reaffirms* the need for the United Nations to consider the situation of migrant workers in an interrelated manner, bearing in mind that the principle of equality of treatment extends to include the living conditions of migrant workers and their families, particularly with regard to housing, health, education and cultural and social welfare;

2. *Invites* Member States to present existing research findings and governmental reports to the Secretary-General so as to obtain an over-all view of the situation of migrant workers and their families;

3. *Welcomes* the progress made by the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families, established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 34/172 of 17 December 1979;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the programme budget for 1982-1983 studies on the questions concerned with the welfare of migrant workers and their families, and to undertake those studies in a comprehensive manner to include common recommendations;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, taking into account the views of the Governments and organizations concerned, that the reports requested in Economic and Social Council resolutions 1926 (LVII) and 1979/12 shall be presented to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-eighth session;

6. *Recommends* the inclusion of the question of the welfare of migrant workers and their families in the agenda of the twenty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development to permit an exchange of views and to promote further attention to this specific group.

*14th plenary meeting
6 May 1981*

1981/22. International Year of Disabled Persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the prevention of disability,³⁴

Endorsing the conclusions and recommendations contained in that report,

Welcoming the nomination by the Secretary-General of his Special Representative for the International Year of Disabled Persons,

1. *Calls upon* Governments, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, especially organizations of disabled persons, to work together to make the International Year of Disabled Persons a success;

2. *Urges* the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps to ensure that the rehabilitation and well-being of the disabled and the prevention of disability are, wherever appropriate, given due consideration within United Nations programmes.

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³⁴ E/CN.5/591.

1981/23. World Assembly on Aging

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 33/52 of 14 December 1978, by which the Assembly decided to organize in 1982 a World Assembly on Aging as a forum to launch an international action programme aimed at guaranteeing economic and social security to older persons, as well as an opportunity to investigate the impact of the aging of population structures on society,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 35/129 of 11 December 1980 concerning the World Assembly on Aging,

Convinced that the World Assembly on Aging is a significant international event through which a long-term programme of concrete and effective action on aging can be launched,

Re-emphasizing the important role of the Advisory Committee for the World Assembly on Aging,

Taking note of the establishment of the voluntary fund for the World Assembly on Aging,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General³⁵ concerning the preparatory work for the World Assembly on Aging,

Recognizing the role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs in the preparation of the World Assembly on Aging.

1. *Calls upon* Member States, specialized agencies, regional commissions and non-governmental organizations to participate fully in the preparatory work for the World Assembly on Aging and in the Assembly itself;

2. *Appeals* to Member States to consider making contributions to the voluntary fund for the World Assembly on Aging;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to ensure that the Advisory Committee for the World Assembly on Aging shall meet twice in 1981;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council and the Commission for Social Development, on further actions to implement the recommendations adopted at the World Assembly on Aging.

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6 May 1981*

1981/24. Social aspects of the development activities of the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1979/45 of 11 May 1979 on the establishment of an *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations and its resolution 1980/27 of 2 May 1980 concerning the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and Assembly decision 35/439 of 16 December 1980 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,

Convinced that all efforts should be made to ensure that the objectives of 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, shall be attained.

³⁵ A/36/70.

in particular those set forth in paragraphs 39 and 42 and paragraphs 162 to 168 thereof, as part of the over-all strategy.

Reaffirming the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969,

Reaffirming that development is an integral process embodying both economic and social objectives,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations³⁶ and expresses its appreciation to the members of the Group and all those who contributed to the report;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,³⁷ the replies received from Governments and the discussion on the question at the twenty-seventh session of the Commission for Social Development;

3. *Endorses*, in particular, the view of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group that economic and social development are different facets of a unified approach to development, that social aspects of development are related to the problem of ensuring that development will become an increasingly people-oriented process which will fit into a comprehensive integrated approach that takes full account of the indivisible nature of the development process;

4. *Takes note* of the recommendations contained in the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group regarding relevant legislative mandates of the United Nations system and recommends that the General Assembly should consider taking appropriate co-ordinated measures at both the interregional and intersectoral levels to ensure an integrated approach to development in its work;

5. *Decides* to continue consideration, at its second regular session of 1981, of measures suggested in the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group to improve the work of the Council, particularly through communication between and co-ordination of its functional commissions and committees;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* of the inputs made to the work of the Commission for Social Development by the specialized agencies and stresses the importance of continuing and strengthening co-operation between those agencies and those parts of the United Nations engaged in the social aspects of development;

7. *Endorses* the view of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group that the United Nations system must continue efforts to evolve a better conceptual framework for an integrated approach to developmental problems, and on the need for such a conceptual framework for its activities related to social development;

8. *Calls upon* the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-eighth session to make its contribution to the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

9. *Further endorses* the view of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, in order to make its appropriate contribution to the work of the United Nations system in the area of social effects of development for the fulfilment of over-all development objectives should, at the same time as it pursues its group-specific mandates, intensify its efforts, in co-operation with other elements of the United Nations system concerned, to pay special

attention, *inter alia*, to popular participation, local-level action and social welfare policies;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to enable the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and other relevant bodies of the Secretariat to play their appropriate role in providing substantive support in their areas of competence for technical co-operation activities undertaken on behalf of the United Nations at the request of the Member States by the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development;

11. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take the administrative measures necessary to implement the approach described in the present resolution, thus also enabling the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs to implement its mandates within its existing resources, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981 on the implementation of the present resolution.

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1981/25. Co-ordination and information in the field of youth

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1979/27 of 9 May 1979 and 1980/25 of 2 May 1980 on co-ordination and information in the field of youth.

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 34/151 of 17 December 1979, by which the Assembly decided to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace.

Noting that the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year has held its first session at which, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 35/126 of 11 December 1980, it formulated a programme of measures and activities to be adopted and undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year.

Considering that it is necessary to intensify and improve the co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies relating to youth, so as to contribute fully to the proper preparation and celebration of the International Youth Year.

Convinced of the importance of giving widespread publicity to the activities of the United Nations in the field of youth and of increasing the dissemination of information about youth, especially in the context of the preparations for the International Youth Year.

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination and information in the field of youth,³⁸

Recalling that the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination decided to undertake at its twenty-first session a cross-organizational programme analysis of the youth activities of the United Nations system,³⁹

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue, in the light of the objectives and goals of the International Youth Year, to analyse the views, observations and suggestions of the specialized agencies and United Nations bodies on the situation, needs and aspirations of youth in the contemporary world and to report to the Council at its first regular session of 1982;

2. *Decides* to consider, at its second regular session of 1981, in the context of the discussion of the report of

³⁶ E/1981/3.

³⁷ E/1981/7.

³⁸ A/36/135.

³⁹ See E/AC.51/1981.2.