

the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, the question of the co-ordination of United Nations activities in the field of youth, in the light of the cross-organizational programme analysis of the youth activities of the United Nations system and the comments and recommendations of the Committee.

14th plenary meeting
6 May 1981

1981/26. Women and development

The Economic and Social Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-seventh session,⁴⁰

Recalling the contents of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations,⁴¹

Conscious that women, like men, are an integral part of the population of the world,

Aware that women, like men, participate in the economic, social and cultural development of their country, although too frequently in a subordinate capacity,

1. *Invites* all the organizations of the United Nations system to refrain from perpetuating the widely accepted idea that women constitute a marginal category relating only to social welfare;

2. *Calls upon* all the organizations of the United Nations system to emphasize the right of women to participate, as agents and as beneficiaries, in all aspects of economic and social development.

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1981/27. Draft Code of Medical Ethics

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/179 of 15 December 1980, in which the Assembly requested the Economic and Social Council to consider the draft Code of Medical Ethics, taking into account the comments and recommendations submitted, with a view to presenting the draft Code to the Assembly,

Recalling also resolution 11 of the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,⁴² in which the hope was expressed that the General Assembly would adopt the draft Code, subject to any amendments which might appear to be necessary,

Taking note of the revised report of the Secretary-General⁴³ requested in General Assembly resolution 35/179,

Convinced that the adoption of a code of medical ethics constitutes an important step in the progressive setting of international standards within the field of human rights,

Recommends that the General Assembly should take

⁴⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 6 (E/1981/26).*

⁴¹ E/1981/3.

⁴² See A/CONF.87/14, chap. I, sect. B.

⁴³ A/36/140 and Add. 1 and 2.

measures to finalize the draft Code of Medical Ethics at its thirty-sixth session.

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1981/28. Strengthening of actions concerned with the fulfilment of the World Population Plan of Action

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1979/32 of 9 May 1979, in which it called upon the governmental representatives of States Members responsible for drafting and adopting the international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade, the action programme to be produced by the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, and other international instruments for economic, social and technological progress to include in such documents full recognition of the interrelationships of population factors and social, economic, cultural and political development, and the need for full and urgent action to deal with population problems; these interrelationships should also be borne in mind in all instruments developed for the implementation of a new international economic order,

Noting with satisfaction the role given to population factors in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,⁴⁴ which declares that population policies will be considered as an integral part of over-all development policies and that all countries will continue to integrate their population measures and programmes into their social and economic goals and strategies,

Also noting with satisfaction resolution 1 of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,⁴⁵ in which the Conference called upon Governments to take all appropriate measures to provide information, education and means to enable women and men to exercise freely the right to determine their family size and to set aside an appropriate proportion of their resources for population programmes,

Recalling that its resolution 1979/32 included fourteen priority areas for action identified in the first review and appraisal of the progress made towards the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action,⁴⁶

Emphasizing the important role of technical co-operation in implementing the World Population Plan of Action,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on monitoring of population trends,⁴⁷ which shows that, although there has been some decline in the rate of growth of the world's population, there are indications that some developing countries are not succeeding in reducing infant and general mortality to the levels set out in the World Population Plan of Action and that,

⁴⁴ General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

⁴⁵ See *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.

⁴⁶ For the text of the World Population Plan of Action, see *Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. 1.

⁴⁷ E/CN.9/347 and Corr. 1.