

and the right to national independence and sovereignty,

*Recognizing* that the mass uprooting from their homeland obstructs the participation and integration of women in efforts to achieve progress,

1. *Appeals* to all women of the world to proclaim their solidarity with and support for the Palestinian women and people in their drive to put an end to the flagrant violation by Israel of fundamental human rights in the occupied territories;

2. *Also appeals* to all States and international organizations to extend all moral and material assistance to the Palestinian and Arab women and people in their struggle for the restoration of their inalienable right to return to their homes and property from which they have been displaced and uprooted;

3. *Further appeals* to all women of the world to take the necessary measures to secure the release of thousands of persons, including women and children, fighters for the cause of self-determination, liberation and independence, held arbitrarily in the prisons of the occupying forces;

4. *Requests* the United Nations and its organs and specialized agencies, as well as all national, regional and international women's organizations, to extend their help, both moral and material, to the Palestinian women and their organizations and institutes.

*22nd plenary meeting  
4 May 1982*

#### **1982/19. Role of women in economic development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* 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,<sup>29</sup>

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly 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 of women's full participation in the development process as agents and beneficiaries of development,

*Aware* that improvement in the economic condition and role of women is a necessary prerequisite for an improvement in the status of women,

*Aware* that at present women are not equal beneficiaries of the fruits of economic and social development,

1. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should request all specialized agencies and other relevant organizations, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, to consider including special fi-

ancial components, within existing budgetary resources, in their technical co-operation programmes for the development of women in the economic field, enhancing the entrepreneurial and technological capacity of women, particularly in the co-operative and non-traditional sectors and in developing countries;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirtieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*23rd plenary meeting  
4 May 1982*

#### **1982/20. Suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* the terms of General Assembly resolution 317 (IV) of 2 December 1949,

*Referring* to resolution 1 (XXVII) of 4 April 1978 of the Commission on the Status of Women,<sup>30</sup>

*Recalling* its resolutions 1980/4 of 16 April 1980 and 1981/40 of 8 May 1981,

*Taking into account* the work of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and the report on its thirty-fourth session,<sup>31</sup>

*Having taken note* of the report presented orally to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-ninth session,

*Aware* of the contribution that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs can make by reason of its interdisciplinary competence,

*Convinced* that the scope of the problem raised by the traffic in persons, in particular women and children, requires consultation and co-ordination by all the competent agencies in the United Nations system or outside the system—the regional commissions, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the World Health Organization, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Tourism Organization, INTERPOL and non-governmental organizations interested in this problem,

*Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint a special rapporteur who, within existing budgetary resources, will make a synthesis of the surveys and studies on the traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others that have been or are being carried out within the agencies in the United Nations system or outside the system, and will present that synthesis and propose appropriate measures to prevent and suppress those practices that are contrary to the fundamental rights of human beings at the first regular session of 1983 of the Council.

*23rd plenary meeting  
4 May 1982*

<sup>29</sup> *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, sect. A.

<sup>30</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 2* (E/1978/32/Rev.1), chap. IX.

<sup>31</sup> E/CN.4/1512.