

Status of Women was requested to give priority at its twenty-ninth session to the question of the preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, with a view to submitting to the Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, specific proposals on that question,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 35/10 C of 3 November 1980, by which the Assembly decided that preparatory committees should be established for special conferences only if that function could not be appropriately performed by an existing intergovernmental organ,

Emphasizing the importance of undertaking at the conclusion of the Decade a critical review and appraisal of progress at international, regional and national levels in the achievement of the goals of the Decade—equality, development and peace—and the subthemes of education, health and employment, and the obstacles encountered in the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year³⁷ and the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,³⁸ and also of developing a forward-looking perspective on the status of women,

Emphasizing also the need to identify the most effective strategies and methods of work at the international level and to establish priorities for the United Nations system,

Bearing in mind the positive response of many Governments to the World Plan of Action, in the form of national mechanisms or legislation,

Also bearing in mind the need in the coming years to realize the full potential of those mechanisms or legislation to enable women to maintain and consolidate gains made during the Decade,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women,³⁹ to be held in 1985,

1. *Decides* that the Commission on the Status of Women shall be the preparatory body for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women and shall operate on the basis of consensus, and invites the widest possible participation by Member States in the deliberations of the preparatory body;

2. *Recommends* that the Commission on the Status of Women, acting as the preparatory body for the Conference, should meet at Vienna in extraordinary session in 1983 and again in 1985 with conference preparations as the sole item of the agenda, and that its thirtieth regular session, in 1984, should be extended to allow additional time for conference preparations;

3. *Decides also* to recommend to the General Assembly that the Advancement of Women Branch of the

³⁷ *Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June–2 July 1975* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

³⁸ *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.

³⁹ E/CN.6/1982/8.

Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat should serve as the secretariat of the preparatory body, as well as of the Conference;

4. *Recommends also* that the General Assembly should make the necessary budgetary allocations, in the light of the proposals made by the preparatory body at its first session, to enable the Advancement of Women Branch to perform those duties;

5. *Recommends further* that, with a view to the achievement of the goals of the Decade, a forward-looking draft perspective on the status of women to the year 2000 should be prepared by the preparatory body for consideration by the Conference based on the experience gained in the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year and the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women;

6. *Encourages* Member States to consider establishing national committees to assist, for example, in national-level preparations for the Conference, consultations on issues and themes and the preparation of national reports;

7. *Invites* the regional commissions to conduct consultations, within existing resources, on issues and themes for the Conference and on organizational arrangements at the regional level to prepare for the Conference, and to submit the results of those consultations to the preparatory body;

8. *Invites* Member States to submit in writing, by 1 July 1982, their views on the proposed goals and specific themes of the Conference so that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs can prepare a report based on those views by 31 January 1983, for consideration by the Commission, in its capacity as preparatory body, at its extraordinary session in 1983;

9. *Also invites* non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and intergovernmental organizations to submit their views, in writing, on their contributions to the Conference and on possible issues and themes for the Conference to the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, for consolidated presentation to the preparatory body;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake interagency consultations on issues and themes for the Conference with a view to presenting an interagency report on the question to the preparatory body at its first session;

11. *Decides* to consider at its first regular session of 1983, in connexion with the question of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its first session as preparatory body for the World Conference.

23rd plenary meeting
4 May 1982

1982/27. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1998 (LX) of 12 May 1976 and 1981/13 of 6 May 1981 on the International Re-

search and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on developments relating to the organizational aspects of the Institute,⁴⁰

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its second session,⁴¹

Expressing its satisfaction with the approved programme and activities of the Institute for 1982-1983,

Taking note with appreciation of the host country's effort to ensure the completion of the Institute's premises at Santo Domingo by June 1982,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to ensure the transition of the functioning of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to its headquarters in the Dominican Republic;

2. *Emphasizes* that the research and training activities of the Institute should aim at strengthening the links between issues affecting women and mainstream development activities at all levels;

3. *Endorses* the network concept to be developed in stages with the organizations of the United Nations system and regional and national institutions as a mode of operation for the execution of the programmes of the Institute;

4. *Reiterates* the need for close and continued co-operation between the United Nations system and other organizations and the Institute, particularly in research and training, which would lead to increased technical co-operation for development;

5. *Requests* the regional commissions, the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies in the United Nations system to co-operate fully and to give support to the Institute, particularly in the programming and implementation of joint activities;

6. *Calls upon* all Member States to contribute to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women or to co-operate in other ways with the Institute so as to ensure regular and effective financing for its programme development;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session of the activities and programme of the Institute.

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1982/28. Co-ordination and information in the field of youth

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1979/27 of 9 May 1979, 1980/25 of 2 May 1980 and 1981/25 of 6 May 1981 on co-ordination and information in the field of youth,

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

⁴⁰ E/1982/33.

⁴¹ E/1982/11.

Development, Peace, and resolution 36/28 of 13 November 1981, by which the Assembly endorsed the specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year.

Noting that the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year will hold its second session at Vienna from 14 to 23 June 1982,

Considering that the implementation of the specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year will contribute to intensifying and improving the co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations and specialized agencies relating to youth,

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,

Recalling the conclusions contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-first session regarding the cross-organizational programme analysis of the youth activities of the United Nations system,⁴²

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination and information in the field of youth,⁴³

1. *Endorses* the conclusions contained in the report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination and information in the field of youth;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into account the ideas expressed in the Economic and Social Council on ways and means for improving the activities of co-ordination and information in the field of youth in the preparation of the documentation to be submitted to the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year at its second session;

3. *Invites* all United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, regional commissions and other international intergovernmental organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations concerned, to pay particular attention to the improvement of co-ordination and information in the field of youth in the context of the implementation of the specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year;

4. *Decides* to consider at its first regular session of 1983, on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General, the progress achieved in co-ordination and information in the field of youth.

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1982/29. Preparations for the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, with special reference to its agenda

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950, the Seventh

⁴² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/36/38), para. 445*

⁴³ E/1982/36.