

Board and the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control will be transferred from Geneva to Vienna in 1979 and that the Secretary-General intends to call upon the Fund to meet partially the cost of that transfer,

Bearing in mind that contributions to the Fund by Governments, many of which actively participate as States members or observers in the work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, are solely and exclusively intended to assist the international community and Governments in need of such assistance, through appropriate programmes and projects financed by the Fund, to supplement and improve international and national drug control activities and to solve the manifold drug abuse problems in the world, and that such funds are therefore not intended, and should not be used, to cover the costs of the above-mentioned transfer,

Recognizing that some donor Governments may wish to reconsider their contribution to the Fund if its funds are not used in projects designed to solve drug abuse problems,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 31/194 of 22 December 1976 and 33/181 of 21 December 1978, according to which the Fund should finance the cost of the transfer of staff paid by it,

1. *Reiterates* the inadvisability, from the point of view of the donor and recipient Governments, of using resources of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control to cover costs emanating from or related to the above-mentioned transfer to Vienna;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account the views expressed by the members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its twenty-eighth session and by the members of the Council at its first regular session of 1979, to seek General Assembly approval for the financing, from existing regular budget resources, of the costs of the transfer of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control to Vienna.

*13th plenary meeting
9 May 1979*

1979/11. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1978/25 of 5 May 1978 on the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹⁴ submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 33/187 of 29 January 1979,

Taking note with appreciation of the offers received from Governments to provide host facilities for the Institute,

Recalling its resolution 1998 (LX) of 12 May 1976 in which it decided, *inter alia*, that the Institute should direct its activities with special attention to the needs of women in developing countries and that it should develop its activities in stages, starting by building on the collection of already existing data on ongoing research and training needs,

¹⁴ E/1979/27.

1. *Recommends* that the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women should be located in the Dominican Republic, a developing country;

2. *Recommends also* that, pending signature of the agreement between the host Government and the United Nations, the substantive and administrative preparations for the establishment of the Institute should continue in New York;

3. *Recommends further* that the appointment of the Board of Trustees should be postponed until the second regular session of 1979 of the Council, so that the Secretary-General may hold consultations with Member States for the purpose of identifying candidates for the Board;

4. *Recommends further* the termination of the arrangements provided for in its resolution 1998 (LX) whereby administrative costs for preparatory work to establish the Institute would be charged against the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women and decides that all further expenditures should be charged against the United Nations Trust Fund for the Institute, this decision to take effect immediately after the appointment of the Board of Trustees;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the progress achieved.

*14th plenary meeting
9 May 1979*

1979/12. Welfare of migrant workers and their families

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1926 A (LVIII) of 6 May 1975 and 1978/22 of 5 May 1978,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 31/127 of 16 December 1976, 32/120 of 16 December 1977 and 33/163 of 20 December 1978, on measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers,

Taking note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the welfare of migrant workers and their families,¹⁵

Aware of the contribution of migrant workers to the economic growth and social and cultural development of their host countries,

Noting that the problems of migrant workers continue to be of major importance to certain countries,

Noting also changing circumstances resulting from current economic trends and the needs to consider measures to prevent those circumstances from adversely affecting the welfare of migrant workers,

Recalling the World Population Plan of Action,¹⁶ adopted by the World Population Conference, in which, *inter alia*, both labour-employing and labour-supplying countries were urged, if they had not yet done so, to conclude bilateral or multilateral agree-

¹⁵ E/CN.5/568.

¹⁶ *Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

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

1. *Expresses its appreciation* for the proposals contained in the progress report of the Secretary-General concerning ways and methods of coping successfully with the problems and needs associated with international labour migration;

2. *Affirms* the need for the United Nations to consider the situation of migrant workers in an inter-related 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 culture and social welfare;

3. *Reaffirms* the need for concerted action among the Governments of both labour-employing and labour-supplying countries to solve the economic, social and human problems raised by migratory movements of labour across national boundaries, including those arising from current economic trends;

4. *Recommends* that further efforts pursued on behalf of the welfare of migrant workers and their families by the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and other specialized bodies concerned should reinforce each other through effective co-operation and co-ordination arrangements;

5. *Welcomes* the progress made at the international level in standard-setting activities, as well as efforts under way in that direction;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the specialized agencies and other organizations concerned, to prepare a report on existing national legislative and administrative regulations, including relevant provisions contained in bilateral and multilateral agreements, with regard to the welfare of migrant workers and their families;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit the above-mentioned report to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-seventh session in order to enable it to make an assessment of the main principles applicable in this matter and to make necessary recommendations as to the scope of its future action in this field.

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9 May 1979*

1979/13. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware of the need to achieve international co-operation by solving international economic, social, intellectual and humanitarian problems through the development and promotion of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling in that connexion the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹⁷ the Inter-

¹⁷ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

national Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination¹⁸ and the International Covenants on Human Rights,¹⁹

Considering the Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975,²⁰ and the Recommendation concerning Migrant Workers, 1975,²¹ adopted by the General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,

Considering the provisions relating to the question of migrant workers contained in the Declaration and Programme of Action²² adopted by the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Aware of the contribution of migrant workers to the economic growth and the socio-cultural development of host countries,

Noting the changes brought about by current economic trends and the need to consider measures aimed at ensuring that those changes shall not have an adverse effect on the situation of migrant workers and their families,

Noting, in particular, that the problems of migrant workers, which are growing more acute in certain regions for political and economic and for social and cultural reasons, are a cause for serious concern and continue to be of great importance to some countries,

Deeply concerned at the fact that, despite the overall effort made by Member States, regional intergovernmental organizations and the various organizations of the United Nations system, migrant workers are still unable to exercise fully their rights in the social and labour fields, as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Reaffirming its recognition of the fact that the relationship between workers and employers is in itself a source of rights and obligations and that a violation or even a limitation of such rights of migrant workers can therefore be tantamount to a violation of the principles set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Aware of the important contribution made by the International Labour Organisation in protecting the rights of migrant workers,

Appreciating, moreover, the efforts made by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization with regard to migrant workers,

Convinced, in particular, that a close co-operative effort by the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission for Social Development, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and other interested United Nations bodies and agencies will help to improve the situation of migrant workers,

Recalling its resolution 1978/22 of 5 May 1978,

Further recalling the relevant General Assembly resolutions, in particular resolutions 32/120 of 16 December 1977 and 33/163 of 20 December 1978,

¹⁸ General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

¹⁹ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

²⁰ International Labour Office, *Official Bulletin*, vol. LVIII, 1975, series A, No. 1, Convention No. 143.

²¹ *Ibid.*, No. 1, Recommendation No. 151.

²² *Report of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, Geneva, 14-25 August 1978* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.XIV.2), chap. II.