

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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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.

Having taken note of the reports on the work done in this field by the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-sixth session²³ and by the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-fifth session,²⁴

1. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights, at its thirty-sixth session, to give all necessary attention to the provisions of its resolution 25 (XXXV) of 14 March 1979, in particular paragraphs 2 and 7, with a view to their implementation;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and other interested United Nations bodies to continue their co-operation towards the preparation by the General Assembly of an international convention on protection of the rights of all migrant workers in accordance with the relevant recommendations contained in the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and to submit to the Council at its first regular session of 1980 a report on the results of this co-operation covering the activities being conducted by them in their respective spheres of competence;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to communicate to Member States at the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly the results of the consultations which the Assembly requested him to undertake pursuant to resolution 33/163 in order to explore the possibility of drawing up an international convention on the rights of migrant workers;

4. *Decides* to include in the agenda of its first regular session of 1980 the item entitled "Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers".

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1979/14. Prevention of disability

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the goals stated in its resolutions and in those of the Commission for Social Development concerning action to improve the welfare of the disabled can be attained only by the combination and co-ordination of measures covering both integration into society and prevention of risks,

Aware that the number of disabled persons is growing year by year and that there are still major difficulties standing in the way of the implementation of programmes with regard to both resources and the various equipment sectors,

Desiring that efforts to rehabilitate disabled persons so that they may live a normal life should be continued, particularly with regard to education, equipment, transportation, care and employment, and that the human and social relations of disabled persons in the community should be developed so that they may enjoy equal opportunities,

1. *Takes note* of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the prevention of disability and the

²³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 4 (E/1979/24)*, chap. VII.

²⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6 (E/1979/36), chap. XII.

rehabilitation of disabled persons²⁵ and approves the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;

2. *Considers* that priority measures should be taken during the third United Nations development decade for the prevention of the various hazards that cause disabilities;

3. *Recommends* that Governments should give particular attention to the development of a plan of protection against dangers of all kinds and should promote all preventive measures designed:

(a) To inform children and adults of dangers and risks so that they may be on guard against them;

(b) To educate the population and inculcate in it the idea of protection of the individual in all the activities of daily life;

(c) To develop prenatal and postnatal supervision and improve knowledge of the importance of vaccination as a preventive measure;

(d) To expand the activity of medical, para-medical and health services;

(e) To establish and ensure the observance of safety regulations in places of work, in the streets and in other public places;

(f) To train specialist personnel in the dissemination of safety instructions and prevention techniques;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Commission for Social Development informed of the progress achieved with respect to prevention and to bring to its attention general policy measures and relevant programmes carried out by Member States which could usefully be made known to other countries if they so wished;

5. *Requests* the specialized agencies concerned and non-governmental organizations to co-ordinate their activities with those of the United Nations in order to promote effective measures for the prevention of disability and the rehabilitation of disabled persons, *inter alia*, by providing assistance to developing countries.

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1979/15. Implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"*The General Assembly,*

"*Recalling* its resolutions 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, and 2543 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, concerning the implementation of the Declaration,

"*Recalling also* its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a

²⁵ E/CN.5/565.