

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".

14th plenary meeting
9 May 1979

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.

14th plenary meeting
9 May 1979

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.

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,

“*Recalling further* its resolution 33/48 of 14 December 1978 on world social development and Economic and Social Council resolution 2072 (LXII) of 13 May 1977 on the co-ordination of the results of the world conferences in the field of social development in the 1970s, as well as its resolution 33/193 of 29 January 1979 on the preparations for an international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade,

“*Conscious* of the fact that further social development contributes to peaceful coexistence, détente and the strengthening of international peace and security,

“*Conscious* of the growing importance of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development for the formulation and implementation of national policies and measures and for undertaking joint and individual actions to promote higher and improved standards of living, full employment and conditions conducive to rapid economic and social progress,

“*Strongly desirous* of achieving effective realization of the provisions of the Declaration,

“*Noting* the limited progress achieved in implementing the Declaration since its adoption, and taking into account the scope of still unexploited possibilities,

“1. *Recommends* that all Governments should in their policies, plans, programmes and implementation machinery continuously take into consideration the principles, objectives, means and methods of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development;

“2. *Decides* that the Declaration shall be taken into account in the formulation of the international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade and in the implementation of programmes of international action to be carried out during the decade;

“3. *Invites* all Governments to take into account the provisions of the Declaration in their forthcoming bilateral and multilateral co-operation;

“4. *Recommends* that international organizations and agencies concerned with development should continue to utilize the provisions of the Declaration, as an important international document, in the formulation of strategies and programmes aimed at social progress and development, and that those provisions should be taken into consideration in the drafting of instruments that the United Nations may employ in the field of social progress and development;

“5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue, in co-operation with Governments, to record, analyse and disseminate as widely as possible significant national and international progress made towards realizing the commendable objectives contained in the universally accepted Declaration;

“6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to inform the General Assembly, in a summary form in annexes to the reports on the world

social situation, of the measures adopted by Governments—and not included in other reports provided on a regular basis—and by the international organizations concerned for the realization of the provisions of the Declaration and for the implementation of the present resolution.”

*14th plenary meeting
9 May 1979*

1979/16. Youth in the contemporary world

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with great interest the importance attached by the General Assembly to the concerns of youth,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 33/6 of 3 November 1978 on channels of communication with youth and youth organizations, 33/7 of 3 November 1978 on the International Youth Year and 33/8 of 3 November 1978 on physical education and sports exchanges among young people,

Noting with satisfaction that the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples²⁶ continues to provide a useful basis and incentive for further action in the field of youth, at the national, regional, interregional and international levels,

Convinced that the preservation and strengthening of international peace and security are prerequisites for a secure and happy future for the youth of all countries,

Fully aware of the urgent need to provide young people, without any discrimination, with equal rights to education, productive employment, equal opportunities, equal pay for work of equal value, vocational training and working conditions suited to their age,

Reaffirming the importance of taking measures at all levels designed to enable young people to participate fully in the economic and social development of their country and to acquire education, skills and experience facilitating their subsequent economic activity on a lasting basis and promoting their contribution to economic and social development,

Convinced of the imperative need to harness the energies, enthusiasms and creative abilities of young people to the tasks of nation building and the struggle for national independence and self-determination, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and against foreign domination and occupation, as well as to the economic, social and cultural advancement of peoples, the implementation of the new international economic order, the preservation of world peace and the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

Recognizing the need for wider and more effective use of the communications media and all other channels that would allow young people to participate in a concrete and effective manner in national development and in the activities of the United Nations at the national, regional, interregional and international levels,

Convinced of the necessity to intensify and consolidate the efforts of the United Nations so as to give

²⁶ General Assembly resolution 2037 (XX).