

Programme to the Government of Ethiopia in relation to its relief and rehabilitation programmes in the drought-stricken areas of the country,<sup>3</sup>

*Noting also* the statement of the Commissioner for Relief and Rehabilitation of Ethiopia outlining the measures taken by the Government of Ethiopia to deal with emergency relief and rehabilitation in the drought-stricken areas of the country,<sup>4</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* the determined efforts being made by the Government of Ethiopia through its National Development Campaign to mitigate the effects of drought and to make the country self-sufficient in food,

*Noting further* the call made in the multi-donor mission's report for urgent assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia,

*Deeply concerned* at the gravity of the food situation due to the drought and other natural disasters,

*Noting with appreciation* in this regard the continued efforts of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, as well as those of the World Food Programme, in particular the assistance given by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations through its Office for Special Relief Operations and the emergency food aid provided by the World Food Programme as approved by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

*Recalling also* that, despite the generous assistance offered to the Government of Ethiopia by the Governments of Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and voluntary agencies, enormous difficulties of rehabilitation and recovery still persist,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the oral report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia as presented by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and other United Nations organizations and specialized agencies to continue and intensify their assistance to Ethiopia in its relief and rehabilitation efforts, particularly the Government's resettlement programme, in their respective areas of competence and to implement promptly and fully the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, 3441 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and 31/172 of 21 December 1976, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1833 (LVI) of 8 May 1974, 1876 (LVII) of 16 July 1974, 1971 (LIX) of 30 July 1975, 1986 (LX) of 6 May 1976 and 1978/2 of 2 May 1978;

3. *Appeals* to Governments of Member States and to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and all voluntary agencies to continue and increase their assistance to the Government of Ethiopia for relief, rehabilitation and recovery of the drought-stricken areas;

4. *Decides* to keep the matter under review.

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<sup>3</sup> See E/1980/SR.7.

### 1980/3. Programme of action for the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women: institutions responsible for implementing the World Plan of Action at the international and regional levels

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, invited all relevant organizations of the United Nations system to submit their proposals and suggestions for implementing the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year<sup>5</sup> and related resolutions of the World Conference of the International Women's Year,<sup>6</sup> to develop and implement a joint interagency medium-term programme for the integration of women in development, with special emphasis on technical co-operation in programmes relating to women and development, and to render, in accordance with requests of Governments, sustained assistance in the formulation, design, implementation and evaluation of projects and programmes which would enable women to be integrated in national and international development.

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 33/185 of 29 January 1979, in which the Assembly invited the relevant organizations of the United Nations system to review progress made as well as constraints and specific problems encountered in their technical and operational areas, and to suggest appropriate programmes for the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women, with special emphasis on the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education",

*Noting with appreciation* the reports of United Nations bodies and specialized agencies on their activities of special interest to women,

1. *Requests* the specialized agencies to include in their reports to the Commission on the Status of Women information on the institutional mechanisms and procedures established to promote the incorporation of women's needs into their programmes and activities;

2. *Also requests* the inclusion in the reports of the specialized agencies to the Commission on the Status of Women of measures being taken on behalf of women and their impact, both quantitatively and qualitatively;

3. *Recommends* that the draft programme of action for the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women should include at the international and regional levels:

(a) An increase in the effectiveness of special mechanisms established within United Nations bodies, including the regional commissions and the specialized agencies, to realize the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year, to increase the incorporation of women's needs into all their programmes and activities and also to increase women's participation in and benefit from those programmes and activities;

(b) Provision of adequate financial, human and technical resources on a regular basis, including those from voluntary sources, to such special mechanisms to enable them to carry out their tasks effectively;

(c) Establishment of guidelines, wherever they do not already exist, for the study of all programmes and

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. III.

projects in respect of their likely impact on women, and measures for monitoring and evaluating such programmes in respect of the extent of their benefits to women;

4. *Urges* the specialized agencies and United Nations bodies to increase their co-ordination and co-operation, using the interagency programme for the United Nations Decade for Women and the Advancement of Women Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat as effective mechanisms.

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16 April 1980*

#### **1980/4. Measures to prevent the exploitation of prostitution**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Referring* to the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 317 (IV) of 2 December 1949,

*Referring also* to the resolution adopted on 2 July 1975 by the World Conference of the International Women's Year concerning the combating of prostitution and the illicit traffic in women,<sup>7</sup> especially young girls, and to resolution 1 (XXVII) of 4 April 1978 of the Commission on the Status of Women,<sup>8</sup>

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the application of the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, emphasizing in particular the causes and socio-economic conditions which encourage the development of prostitution;

2. *Recommends* that the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, at its third session, should include this serious problem in the draft programme of action to be submitted to the Conference.

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16 April 1980*

#### **1980/5. Influence of the mass communication media on attitudes towards the roles of women and men in present-day society**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2063 (LXII) of 12 May 1977 regarding the influence of the mass communication media on attitudes towards the roles of women and men in present-day society,

*Taking note* of the report of the special rapporteur of the Commission on the Status of Women, Mrs. Esmeralda Arboleda Cuevas, on the influence of the mass communication media on attitudes towards the roles of women and men in present-day society,<sup>9</sup> and of the importance of the problems raised in that report,

*Emphasizing* the enormous potential of the mass communication media for the training and education of the general public, in particular the potential of television

and its applicability in schools and adult education centres,

*Taking into account* the increasing amount of time devoted by the general public to television and its influence on public attitudes and patterns of behaviour,

*Considering* that the influence of the mass communication media is likely to increase during the next few years,

*Regretting* a tendency in mass communication media to present women in stereotyped roles and pointing to the need to correct this tendency,

1. *Calls upon* those responsible for the content and presentation of material by mass communication media to make additional efforts to present in a more comprehensive and balanced way the right of women to enjoy equal rights and equal opportunities with men;

2. *Encourages* all relevant organizations, institutions and other associations to exercise their influence on those responsible in order to achieve the aforementioned aims;

3. *Suggests* that the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women should decide, at its third session, to recommend that the report of the special rapporteur should serve as a background document, under item 8 of the provisional agenda for the Conference,<sup>10</sup> after appropriate revision in the light of the comments made during the twenty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

*9th plenary meeting  
17 April 1980*

#### **1980/6. Programme of action for the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which the Assembly decided that in 1980, at the mid-term of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, a world conference would be convened to review and evaluate the progress made in implementing the recommendations of the World Conference of the International Women's Year,<sup>11</sup> and to readjust programmes for the second half of the Decade in the light of new data and research,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 2062 (LXII) of 12 May 1977, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to prepare, for the consideration of the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-seventh session, a report outlining a programme of concrete action for the second half of the Decade,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 33/185 of 29 January 1979, in which the Assembly adopted the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education" for the Conference and recommended that the Conference should place emphasis on elaborating action-oriented plans for integrating women in the development process, particularly by promoting economic activities and employment opportunities on an equal footing with men through, *inter alia*, the provision of adequate health and educational facilities,

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. III, resolution 7.

<sup>8</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 2 (E/1978/32/Rev.1), chap. IX.*

<sup>9</sup> E/CN.6/627.

<sup>10</sup> General Assembly resolution 33/189, annex.

<sup>11</sup> See *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).