

to be included in its provisional agenda, in order to permit all Member States to make comments on the best ways and means of improving the co-ordination and information in the field of youth within the United Nations system.

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1980/26. World Assembly on the Elderly

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 33/52 of 14 December 1978, by which the Assembly decided to organize a World Assembly on the Elderly in 1982, as a forum to launch an international action programme aimed at guaranteeing economic and social security to older persons, as well as opportunities to contribute to national development,

Recognizing the interdependence and interrelationship of humanitarian and development aspects with regard to the well-being of the aging within the general population, and being aware, in particular, of the importance of finding practical and effective ways and means of strengthening the role of the aging within the family,

Recognizing that the World Assembly on the Elderly should be conceived as an important means of stimulating and providing guidelines for action by national Governments and international organizations,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme and arrangements for the World Assembly on the Elderly,⁵⁴

Concerned that the preparation for the World Assembly on the Elderly should be given the full attention that it warrants, at the highest levels, in view of the importance of the question,

Bearing in mind the provisions of General Assembly resolution 34/225 of 20 December 1979,

Believing that it would be desirable for the person in charge of arrangements for the World Assembly on the Elderly to be able to devote full time and attention to the preparations for the Assembly and to the Assembly itself,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to designate from outside the United Nations, a full-time Secretary-General for the World Assembly on the Elderly, who shall be a recognized expert on the aging and shall have experience with the United Nations system;

2. *Requests* that, concurrently with the implementation of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 34/225, every effort should be made to absorb the costs associated with the establishment of the position of Secretary-General of the World Assembly on the Elderly through existing resources and/or voluntary contributions, without prejudice to the regular programme of social development activities and the proposed activities for the Assembly, as outlined by the Secretary-General in his report;⁵⁴

3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should approve the proposals of the Secretary-General regarding the World Assembly on the Elderly and should:

(a) Authorize the Secretary-General to undertake the measures required to implement these proposals;

(b) Decide to establish an advisory committee for the World Assembly on the Elderly composed of not more than twenty-three Member States, designated by

⁵⁴ A/35/130.

the Chairman of the Third Committee of the General Assembly after consultation with the different regional groups, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to convene the advisory committee as early as possible in 1981 at the Vienna International Centre, to ensure that the preparations for the World Assembly on the Elderly shall be well under way by early 1981 and to advise him on all matters stated in his programme;

(d) Request the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, to prepare a draft international plan of action in time to be considered by the advisory committee;

(e) Request the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps before, during and after the World Assembly on the Elderly to bring to public attention the issues before it, as well as its deliberations and recommendations;

(f) Call upon Governments, specialized agencies, regional commissions and non-governmental organizations to participate fully in the preparatory work for the World Assembly on the Elderly and in the Assembly itself;

(g) Recommend that specialized agencies which are particularly concerned with a broad area within the purview of the World Assembly should designate staff members to serve as focal points to ensure full co-operation and co-ordination with the Secretariat;

(h) Request the regional commissions to give the fullest possible co-operation to the Secretary-General in the preparations for the World Assembly on the Elderly and to convene regional meetings in order to promote national and regional activities in this field;

(i) Request the World Assembly on the Elderly to submit, if possible, such proposals and recommendations as it deems appropriate to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

4. *Requests* that an item entitled "World Assembly on the Elderly" should be included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly and that the Secretary-General should prepare a progress report on the preparations for the World Assembly.

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1980/27. Ad Hoc Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1979/45 of 11 May 1979 on the establishment of an *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations,

Having taken note of the preliminary report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group,⁵⁵

Recognizing that the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group would have programme budget, administrative and other implications relating to the work of the United Nations and its specialized agencies,

Recognizing also the complexity of the task of making recommendations for improvements in dealing with the social aspects of development within the United Nations,

⁵⁵ E/1980/31.