

Second Committee  
Agenda items 9 and 10

The status of women and their fuller integration into the  
development process, population and general development

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

Draft resolution

THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

Recalling that the World Population Conference (which emphasised the inter relationships between population, development, resources and the environment) adopted a resolution urging governments to give the improvement of the status of women highest priority, and that on considering the recommendation of the Conference, the General Assembly gave full recognition to the relationship between the role of women in development and population questions;

Recalling also the importance accorded to the overall development process with reference to the integration of women, and to population factors, expressed variously by the World Food Conference, the United Nations Development Programme, the 1974 General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the twenty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development, the eighteenth session of the Population Commission, the twenty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, the Economic and Social Council at many sessions but particularly its fifty ninth session, and the General Assembly;

Recognizing that the findings of the Special Rapporteur on the Inter-relationship of the Status of Women and Family Planning, as endorsed by the Commission on the Status of Women and the Economic and Social Council, stressed the inter-relationship between promotion of family planning and social welfare and the role and status of women in the context inter alia of national development;

Recognizing also that the importance of the overall development process, the status and role of women, and population factors was explicitly recognized by the Seminars held in the regions of Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America, on the subject of "The Integration of Women in Development with Special Reference to Population Factors";

Aware that women all over the world are demanding access to family planning services and that lack of access has caused hardship and suffering to women and their families as well as giving rise to substantial social cost.

Endorsing the view that population is but one factor in the development process, and must therefore be considered equally with other economic, social and environmental factors;

Calls on governments, the Specialised Agencies and the organizations within the UN system, to implement in full the WPPA;

Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the Administrator of the United Nations Fund for IWY to coordinate their activities to ensure the optimum utilisation of existing resources.

Considers that the expansion of the activities of the organizations of the United Nations family in the form of projects that benefit women should pay particular attention to the welfare aspects of ventures designed to remedy the situation of disadvantage in which many women live all over the world, but particularly in the poorest countries;

Requests the Secretary General to invite the Commission on the Status of Women and the Population Commission to consider measures to achieve the fuller integration of women in the development process, and to submit such recommendations for consideration by ECOSOC at its 62nd Session.