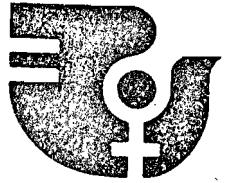




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THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT  
PROCESS AS EQUAL PARTNERS WITH MEN

Colombia, Cuba, India, Kenya, Mexico, Sri Lanka,  
Thailand, and Venezuela: draft resolution

Condition of women in rural areas

The World Conference of the International Women's Year,

Bearing in mind that in order to achieve the objectives of the International Women's Year: equality, development and peace, they should be obtained in an integral and simultaneous way,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV), on the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, as adopted, so far as human development is concerned,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1707 (LIII) on agrarian reform,

Recalling resolution I (Population and the Status of Women), resolution II (The rural family) and resolution III (Rural populations) adopted by the World Population Conference held in Bucharest in August 1974,

Recalling particularly resolution II (Priorities for agricultural and rural development), resolution V (Policies and Programmes to improve nutrition), and resolution VIII (Women and Food) adopted by the World Food Conference held in Rome in November 1974,

Considering that rural women in the developing world account for a substantial share of food production,

Knowing that women everywhere generally play the main role in procuring and preparing food for family consumption and in all aspects of family life, but that these roles have hitherto had insufficient acknowledgement,

Aware that rural self-reliance and popular mobilization are essential if expansion of agriculture and improvement of its productivity are to take place effectively,

Stressing the severe problems of rural unemployment, underemployment, and misallocation of human resources both over-all and as they affect women,

Reiterating that the contribution of the rural women furthers vigorously and positively all aspects of productive life and that such contribution is neither known nor appreciated in its due value,

With the deep conviction that the struggle against under-development is the primary responsibility of all peoples, that it is indispensable that the principles contained in the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States will be transformed into concrete action that will make possible the productive and peaceful coexistence and social welfare shared with justice and equity,

1. Calls on Governments

(a) to identify needs and to formulate and implement with greater financial and policy support, rural development programmes and particularly those which benefit women living in situations of rural poverty and of disadvantage relative to men;

(b) to carry out the statistical and information works to identify and evaluate the participation of women in the productive life and to measure the results of programmes in the betterment of rural life;

2. Suggests that further research should be undertaken with regard to the most effective design of systems of rural non-formal education, needed to equip women in rural areas with necessary and additional skills relevant to their social and economic roles;

3. Endorses proposals for rural development as a total integrated process involving in many cases fundamental structural changes in socio-economic institutions, in national employment policies, education, health and welfare services, pricing, marketing and credit facilities, the strengthening of popular and elected participation in decision-making, with a view to reallocation of resources to disadvantaged groups living in rural areas.

4. Requests international and bilateral agencies to review the criteria which they use for financial, technical and other assistance for rural development and to support the efforts of developing countries in the field of agricultural productivity, agro-based industries and integrated rural development with due attention to the interests of rural women and girls.

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