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UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 24 September 1982, the General Assembly decided to include in its agenda the item entitled

"United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace:

"(a) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women: report of the Secretary-General;

"(b) Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women: report of the Secretary-General;

"(c) Draft Declaration on the Participation of Women in the Struggle for the Strengthening of International Peace and for the Solution of Other Vital National and International Problems: report of the Secretary-General"

and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Committee considered this item jointly with item 92 at its 30th, 32nd to 37th, 49th and 54th meetings, on 2, 3, 5 to 9, 22 and 24 November. An account of the discussion of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/37/SR.30, 32-37, 49 and 54).

3. The Committee had before it the following documentation:

- (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council, chapter V, section B (A/37/3 (Part I)); 1/
- (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women: report of the Secretary-General (A/37/458 and Add.1);
- (c) Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women: report of the Secretary-General (A/37/421);
- (d) Draft Declaration on the Participation of Women in the Struggle for the Strengthening of International Peace and for the Solution of Other Vital National and International Problems: report of the Secretary-General (A/37/144 and Corr.1 and Add.1);
- (e) Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the preparation of a world survey on the role of women in development (A/37/381), submitted under agenda item 71 (k) (Effective mobilization and integration of women in development);
- (f) Letter dated 18 October 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/551).

4. At the 30th meeting, on 2 November, the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and the Director of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women made introductory statements.

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.3/37/L.33

5. At the 49th meeting, on 22 November, the representative of Argentina introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/37/L.33) entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women", sponsored by Algeria, Angola, Argentina, the Bahamas, Belgium, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, India, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Morocco, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zaire, as well as the Congo, Greece, Guinea and Tunisia, subsequently joined by Panama, the United Republic of Cameroon and Zimbabwe.

6. At the 54th meeting, on 24 November, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 31, draft resolution I).

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/37/3).

B. Draft resolution A/C.3/37/L.36/Rev.1

7. At the 49th meeting, on 22 November, the representative of the United States of America introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/37/L.36/Rev.1) entitled "Integration of women in development", sponsored by Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Morocco, Nepal, Norway, the Philippines, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, as well as Indonesia, subsequently joined by Italy and Trinidad and Tobago.

8. At the 54th meeting, on 24 November, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 31, draft resolution II).

C. Draft resolution A/C.3/37/L.40

9. At the 49th meeting, on 22 November, the representative of Bangladesh introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/37/L.40) entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace", on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77.

10. At the 54th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Denmark proposed the following amendments:

(a) To add the words "as adopted at the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women held at Copenhagen in 1980" at the end of the second preambular paragraph;

(b) To insert the words "the relevant recommendations of" after the words "to implement" in operative paragraph 3.

11. The representative of Bangladesh, on behalf of the sponsors, accepted the amendments and revised the draft resolution accordingly.

12. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 31, draft resolution III).

D. Draft resolution A/C.3/37/L.32

13. At the 49th meeting, on 22 November, the representative of Mongolia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/37/L.32) entitled "Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas", sponsored by Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Benin, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, the German Democratic Republic, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua and the Syrian Arab Republic, as well as Viet Nam, subsequently joined by Cape Verde, Mali and Sierra Leone.

14. At the 54th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Mongolia orally revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) The following new paragraph was added as the fifth preambular paragraph:

"Recalling the Declaration of Principles and the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, particularly the integration of women in rural development,"

(b) The fifth preambular paragraph (now sixth) which read:

"Bearing in mind, that a majority of women, particularly in developing countries, live and work in rural areas and are the most affected by the recent expansion of agricultural exploitation by the transnational corporations,"

was reworded as follows:

"Bearing in mind, that a majority of women, particularly in developing countries, live and work in rural areas and are consequently those who suffer most from negative effects of agricultural expansion in particular by transnational corporations,"

(c) In the seventh preambular paragraph (now eighth), the word "security" was replaced by the word "co-operation" and the word "prerequisites" by "conditions";

(d) The following new paragraph was added as the ninth preambular paragraph:

"Convinced also that the effective implementation of fundamental human rights is essential for the improvement of the situation of rural women,";

(e) In operative paragraph 2, the words "in particular the Food and Agricultural Organization" were inserted after the words "bodies of the United Nations";

(f) In operative paragraph 3, the words "within the framework of the integrated reporting system on the status of women decided on in Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/38," were inserted after the words "to prepare".

At the same meeting, the representative of Mongolia, on behalf of the sponsors, further orally revised the text as follows:

(a) In the tenth preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 1, taking into account a proposal by the representative of Morocco, the word "additional" was added before the words "appropriate measures";

(b) Following proposals by the representatives of Argentina and India, the fifth preambular paragraph (now sixth) was reworded to read:

"Bearing in mind, that a majority of women, particularly in developing countries, live and work in rural areas and suffer most from the exploitation of agricultural labour, in particular by transnational corporations,".

15. At the same meeting, the Committee voted as follows on the draft resolution (A/C.3/37/L.32), as orally revised:

(a) The sixth preambular paragraph was adopted by 75 votes to 1 with 43 abstentions;

(b) The draft resolution as a whole, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote (see para. 31, draft resolution IV).

E. Draft resolution A/C.3/37/L.34

16. At the 49th meeting, on 22 November, the representative of Bangladesh introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/37/L.34) entitled "Preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women", on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77.

17. At the 54th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Bangladesh, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised operative paragraph 3 by deleting the word "Member" before the word "States".

18. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 31, draft resolution V).

F. Draft resolution A/C.3/37/L.37

19. At the 49th meeting, on 22 November, the representative of Canada introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/37/L.37) entitled "Women in public life", sponsored by Canada as well as Chile, Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Iceland, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the United States of America, subsequently joined by Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Italy, Jordan and the Philippines. The operative part of the draft resolution read as follows:

"1. Notes with regret that women are still not represented on an equitable basis with men in decision-making positions in a majority of national and international institutions (Boards, committees, commissions, delegations, etc.);

"2. Calls upon all Member States, by the end of the United Nations Decade for Women in 1985, to make special efforts to nominate and appoint women, taking due account of their professional competence and on an equal basis with men, to decision-making positions in those national and international bodies in which they are not equitably represented;

"3. Calls upon the Secretary-General of the United Nations and on the executive heads of the United Nations organizations and the specialized agencies, by the end of the United Nations Decade for Women in 1985, to make increased efforts to select and appoint women, taking due account of their professional competence and on an equal basis with men, to decision-making positions in the Secretariat, the organs and agencies of the United Nations."

20. At the 54th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Canada orally revised the text of the draft resolution as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 1, taking into account proposals by Pakistan, Trinidad and Tobago, and Kuwait, the words "Notes with regret" were replaced by "Notes with concern" and the words between parenthesis were deleted;

(b) In operative paragraph 2, taking into account a proposal by the representative of Morocco, the words "taking due account of their professional competence and on an equal basis with men" were replaced by "on an equal basis with men and taking due account of the same professional criteria";

(c) In operative paragraph 3, taking into account a proposal by the representative of Morocco, the words "taking due account of their professional competence and on an equal basis with men" were replaced by the words "in conformity with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations";

(d) The word "system" was added after the words "United Nations" at the end of the paragraph.

21. Morocco then joined in co-sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

22. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 31, draft resolution VI).

G. Draft resolution A/C.3/37/L.24

23. At the 49th meeting, on 22 November, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/37/L.24) entitled "Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women", sponsored by the German Democratic Republic, India, Jamaica, Nigeria, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

24. At its 54th meeting, on 24 November, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 31, draft resolution VII).

H. Draft resolution A/C.3/37/L.38

25. At the 49th meeting, on 22 November, the representative of the German Democratic Republic introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/37/L.38) entitled "Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation", sponsored by Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Iraq, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nigeria, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Viet Nam, as well as Mali and Nicaragua, subsequently joined by Guinea-Bissau and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

26. At the 54th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of the German Democratic Republic, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised the text of the draft resolution as follows:

(a) Article 9, which read:

"All appropriate measures shall be taken to render solidarity and support to those women who are victims of apartheid, of all forms of racism, racial discrimination, colonialism, neo-colonialism, aggression, foreign occupation and domination and all other mass and flagrant violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms."

was reworded as follows:

"All appropriate measures shall be taken to render solidarity and support to those women who are victims of mass and flagrant violations of human rights such as apartheid, all forms of racism, racial discrimination, colonialism, neo-colonialism, aggression, foreign occupation and domination and of other violations of human rights;"

(b) In article 12, subitem (d), which read:

"(d) to support increased employment of women at all levels in the Secretariat of the United Nations and its specialized agencies in accordance with the principle of equitable geographical distribution."

was reworded to read:

"(d) to support increased employment of women at all levels in the Secretariat of the United Nations and its specialized agencies taking account of their efficiency, professional competence and integrity and in accordance with the principle of equitable geographical distribution.";

(c) Article 14 which read:

"Governments, non-governmental and individuals are urged to do all in their power to promote the implementation of the principles contained in this Declaration."

was reworded to read:

"Governments, non-governmental and international organizations including the United Nations and its specialized agencies and individuals are urged to do all in their power to promote the implementation of the principles contained in this Declaration."

27. At the same meeting, the representative of Morocco proposed to replace, in article 12, subitem (d), the words "taking account of their efficiency, professional competence and integrity and in accordance with the principle of equitable geographical distribution" by the words "in conformity with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations".

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28. At the same meeting, the representative of the United States of America proposed to add the word "all" before the words "other violations" in Article 9.

29. At the same meeting, the representative of the German Democratic Republic, on behalf of the sponsors, accepted the proposals by Morocco and the United States of America and revised the text accordingly.

30. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 31, draft resolution VIII).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

31. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 36/128 of 14 December 1981, in which it underlined the importance of the contributions of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to the work of all United Nations bodies, agencies and institutions involved with the advancement of women,

Further recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/27 of 4 May 1982, in which the Council, inter alia, took note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on developments relating to the organizational aspects of the Institute 2/ and the report of the Board of Trustees of the Institute 3/ and expressed its satisfaction with the approved programme and activities of the Institute for 1982-1983,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the progress made in the implementation of the Institute's programme of work;

2. Endorses the network concept to be developed in stages with the organizations of the United Nations system and regional and national institutions as a mode of operation for the execution of the programme of the Institute;

2/ E/1982/33.

3/ E/1982/11.

3. Reiterates the need for the Institute to carry out research and training which would lead particularly to a better understanding of the role of women in development, more effective methods for enhancing the role of women in development and an increase in activities for the fuller participation of women in development, particularly in the field of technical co-operation;
4. Reaffirms that the research and training activities of the Institute should aim at strengthening the links between issues affecting women and mainstream development activities at all levels;
5. Calls upon the regional commissions, the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to continue to co-operate with the Institute and to ensure its participation in the activities relevant to women in development;
6. Stresses the need for all Member States to consider contributing financially to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women or co-operating in other ways with the Institute in order to assure its regular and effective financing so as to facilitate the implementation of its programme;
7. Invites the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session a report on the programme activities of the Institute;
8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session an item entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women".

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Integration of women in development

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraphs 190 to 196 of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year, 4/ which called upon the relevant agencies of the United Nations, and intergovernmental, interregional and regional bodies to scrutinize all existing plans and projects with a view to extending their sphere of activities to include women and to develop new and innovative projects to include women,

Bearing in mind that development is one of the themes of the United Nations Decade for Women,

4/ 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.

Further recalling paragraphs 233 and 234 of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, 5/ which recommended that numerous actions should be taken in the areas of technical co-operation, training and advisory services,

Noting paragraph 50 of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 6/ which stated that full and effective participation by the entire population at all stages of the development process should be ensured,

Looking ahead to the world conference on women, to be held in 1985, which will review and appraise the achievements of the Decade and the need to continue such achievements beyond the end of the Decade,

Convinced of the importance of fully integrating women into all areas of development, both as participants and as beneficiaries,

Aware that greater co-ordination and knowledge of activities in this area within the specialized agencies of the United Nations and the regional commissions and by Member States and non-governmental organizations would facilitate an exchange of experiences and concepts and be beneficial to all,

Expressing appreciation to those organizations which have made regular reports on the implementation of the objectives of the World Plan of Action and the Programme of Action,

1. Calls upon the Secretary-General to encourage the specialized agencies and the regional commissions which have not yet done so to develop a comprehensive policy regarding the concerns of women both as participants and as beneficiaries in technical co-operation and development activities and to develop a strategy to ensure that women are an integral part of these activities;
2. Urges the above organizations to take every appropriate action within existing resources to monitor the implementation of the above-mentioned policies and strategies and to help disseminate this information upon request to Member States and other interested parties;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to carry out all the activities called for in the present resolution within existing resources and to submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session for its consideration, bearing in mind Assembly resolution 36/127 of 14 December 1981 entitled "Consideration within the United Nations of questions concerning the role of women in development".

5/ Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. II, sect. A.

6/ Resolution 35/56, annex.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

United Nations Decade For Women: Equality, Development and Peace

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a 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 its resolutions 35/136 of 11 December 1980 and 36/126 of 14 December 1981, in which it endorsed the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, as adopted at the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, held at Copenhagen in 1980,

Affirming the role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat as the focal point for the organizations of the United Nations system with regard to the activities undertaken in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Recalling also its resolution 36/128 of 14 December 1981 on the establishment of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/27 of 4 May 1982 concerning the Programme and activities of the Institute,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women, 7/ on the Status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women 8/ and on the activities and programmes of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women; 9/

2. Welcomes the steps taken by Governments and by the organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, to achieve progress towards the effective realization of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

7/ A/37/421.

8/ A/37/349 and Add.1.

9/ A/37/458 and Add.1.

3. Calls upon Governments, the organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to pay increased attention to the need to take practical measures to implement the relevant recommendations of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women and, in particular, to expand technical co-operation activities which would ensure women's full and equal participation, as agents and as beneficiaries, in all sectors and at all levels of development;
4. Emphasizes the continuing role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs as the focal point for the organizations of the United Nations system with regard to activities undertaken in implementation of the Programme of Action;
5. Notes with satisfaction the contribution made by the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women to the implementation of the Programme of Action, mainly through innovative and experimental projects at the grass-roots level;
6. Notes with satisfaction the commencement of the work of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and invites it to continue contributing to the objectives of the Decade;
7. Notes with satisfaction that, as at 1 November 1982, forty-five Members States had ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;
8. Invites all States that have not yet done so to become parties to the Convention;
9. Welcomes the commencement of the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, which held its first meeting at Vienna from 18 to 22 October 1982;
10. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the steps taken to implement the present resolution;
11. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at the same session on the status of the Convention;
12. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session the item entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace".

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Recalling its resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, in which it endorsed the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Reaffirming the importance attached by the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade 10/ to the need to improve the status of women and ensure their full participation in the development process as agents and beneficiaries of development,

Reaffirming further the importance attached in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women as well as in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women 11/ to the need to improve the situation of women in rural areas in many parts of the world,

Recalling the Declaration of Principles and the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, 12/ particularly concerning the integration of women in rural development,

Bearing in mind that a majority of women, particularly in developing countries, live and work in rural areas and suffer most from the exploitation of agricultural labour, in particular by transnational corporations,

Convinced that the eradication of apartheid, all forms of racial discrimination, colonialism, neo-colonialism, aggression, foreign occupation and domination is essential to the further improvement of the situation of rural women,

Considering that the strengthening of international peace and co-operation is one of the most important conditions for further improving the situation of rural women,

Convinced also that the effective implementation of fundamental human rights is essential for the improvement of the situation of rural women,

Recognizing the urgent need to take additional appropriate measures aimed at further improving the situation of women in rural areas,

Recognizing also the importance of exchanging experiences in this field among States,

1. Calls upon Member States to take additional appropriate measures for further improving the economic and social conditions of women in rural areas;

10/ Resolution 35/56, annex.

11/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

12/ See Report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, Rome, 12-20 July 1979 (WCARRD/REP); transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/34/485).

2. Requests the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on the Status of Women, the regional commissions and other bodies of the United Nations system, in particular the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to devote greater attention to the problems of elevating the status of rural women;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, within the framework of the integrated reporting system on the status of women decided upon by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1980/38 of 2 May 1980, a comprehensive report containing the observations and comments received from Governments on national experience in improving the situation of women in rural areas, paying special attention to such aspects as social insurance, mother and child care, health facilities, training, education and employment opportunities;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to consider holding within the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, as a matter of priority, an interregional seminar on national experience relating to the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas, with special emphasis on the problem of developing countries;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Commission on the Status of Women and the Economic and Social Council, the report mentioned in paragraph 3 above.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it endorsed, inter alia, the action proposals contained in the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year, adopted at the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City in 1975, 13/

Recalling its resolution 3490 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, in which it expressed its conviction that a comprehensive and thorough review and appraisal of progress made in meeting the goals of the World Plan of Action was of crucial importance for the success of the Plan and recognized that the results of the implementation of the Plan would contribute to the consideration of the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and would consequently promote the role of women in the development process, 14/

13/ 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.

14/ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

Recalling also its resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, in which it endorsed the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the Decade 15/ as adopted at the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, held at Copenhagen in 1980, and decided to convene in 1985, at the conclusion of the Decade, a World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Recalling further that the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade 16/ stressed that the important set of measures to improve the status of women contained in the World Plan of Action adopted at Mexico City in 1975 13/ and the important agreed measures relating to the International Development Strategy in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, adopted at Copenhagen in 1980, should be implemented,

Recalling its resolution 36/126 of 14 December 1981, in which it requested the Commission on the Status of Women, at its session to be held in 1982, to give priority to the question of the preparations for the Conference,

Noting that the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1982, considered the recommendations of the Commission on the Status of Women as set forth in its report 17/ and adopted resolution 1982/26 of 4 May 1982 on the preparations for the Conference,

Bearing in mind all its relevant resolutions and decisions regarding preparations for special conferences in particular its resolution 33/189 of 29 January 1979,

1. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/26 of 4 May 1982 on the preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1985;
2. Welcomes the decision of the Economic and Social Council that the Commission on the Status of Women should be the preparatory body for the Conference and that it should operate on the basis of consensus;
3. Endorses the decision of the Economic and Social Council to invite the widest possible participation by States in the preparatory meetings for the Conference and expresses the hope that they will designate representatives who will have the background and experience in the area of women and development;

15/ Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. II, sect. A.

16/ Resolution 35/56, annex.

17/ E/1982/14; E/CN.6/1982/14.

4. Notes that the first session of the Commission on the Status of Women as the preparatory body of the Conference is to be held at Vienna from 23 February to 4 March 1983 and that the report on that session will be considered by the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1983;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take into account paragraph 9 of resolution 33/189 when appointing the Secretary-General of the Conference;

6. Decides to consider at its thirty-eighth session the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1983 based on the report of the first session of the Commission on the Status of Women as the preparatory body for the Conference, together with the observations, if any, of the Secretary-General;

7. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the preparation of a world survey on the role of women in development 18/ and recommends that the survey should be submitted to the Conference;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session an item entitled "Preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women".

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Women in public life

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Bearing in mind paragraphs 72 and 73 of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women 19/ which call for women to be equitably represented at all levels within national governments and in international bodies,

Recalling that the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women 20/ calls upon States Parties to ensure that women are

18/ A/37/381.

19/ Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. II, sect. A.

20/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

given the right to participate, on equal terms with men, in the formulation and implementation of government policy and to hold public office, 21/

Recalling further that the Convention calls on States Parties to ensure to women, on equal terms with men, the opportunity to represent their Governments at the international level and to participate in the work of international organizations, 22/

Recognizing that only three years remain before the end of the United Nations Decade for Women,

1. Notes with concern that women are still not represented on an equitable basis with men in decision-making positions in a majority of national and international institutions;

2. Calls upon all Member States, by the end of the United Nations Decade for Women in 1985, to make special efforts to nominate and appoint women, on an equal basis with men and, taking due account of the same professional criteria, to decision-making positions in those national and international bodies in which they are not equitably represented;

3. Calls upon the Secretary-General of the United Nations and on the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, by the end of the United Nations Decade for Women in 1985, to make increased efforts to select and appoint women, in accordance with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, to decision-making positions in the Secretariat and in the organs and agencies of the United Nations system.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/133 of 16 December 1976, containing the criteria and arrangements for the management of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women,

Recalling also its resolution 36/129 of 14 December 1981,

Welcoming the contributions made by Member States and non-governmental organizations towards the implementation of the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

21/ Ibid., part II, article 7 (b).

22/ Ibid., part II, article 8.

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the Fund, 23/

1. Notes with satisfaction the decisions of the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women during its eleventh and twelfth sessions;
2. Considers that the Fund has a unique contribution to make in the technical assistance field to the implementation of the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;
3. Considers further that the evaluation of projects has an important role to play in enabling the Fund to fulfil its objectives;
4. Notes with satisfaction the continuing increase in the number of projects submitted to and financed by the Fund, and the catalytic role played by the Fund in promoting the adoption of innovative and experimental activities by Governments and other funds;
5. Notes the appointment of senior women's programme officers at regional commissions within regular budget resources available to them, and recognizes the valuable contribution that this is making to the work of the Fund and, through that, to the implementation of the goals of the Decade;
6. Urges the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions to take further action to use available financial and personnel resources to strengthen their programmes for women;
7. Notes with concern that contributions to the Fund have not been sufficient to enable it to take up all the deserving projects submitted to it;
8. Considers that fund-raising and information activities have a vital role to play in maintaining and increasing the financial viability and effectiveness of the Fund;
9. Expresses its appreciation for the support which national committees for the Fund, national United Nations associations and other non-governmental organizations have given to the work of the Fund;
10. Expresses its appreciation also for the voluntary contributions to the Fund pledged by Member States, and its hope that the over-all level of such contributions will be maintained or increased;
11. Notes the view of the Consultative Committee for the Fund, as expressed in the report on its twelfth session, that there are still grounds for concern regarding administrative matters relating to the Fund, and its hope that specific and concrete measures will be taken by the Secretary-General on an urgent basis to ensure that these issues are studied and the necessary action taken;

12. Notes also the assurance given to the Consultative Committee that the Secretary-General would do everything possible to ensure that the Fund would be administered efficiently;

13. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to report annually on the management of the Fund and on the progress of its activities;

(b) To continue to include the Fund on an annual basis as one of the programmes of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation

The General Assembly,

Considering that the Charter of the United Nations expresses the determination of the peoples of the United Nations to reaffirm faith in the equal rights of men and women and to practise tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours,

Considering also that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 24/ proclaims that the inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

Considering further that the International Covenants on Human Rights provide for the equal right of men and women to the enjoyment of all economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights,

Reaffirming the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Taking into account the resolutions, declarations, conventions, programmes and recommendations of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and international conferences designed to eliminate all forms of discrimination and to promote equal rights for men and women,

Recalling that the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and Their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975, 25/ states that women have a vital role to play in the promotion of peace in all spheres of life: in the family, the community, the nation and the world,

24/ Resolution 217 A (III).

25/ Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap.I.

Recalling that the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women 26/ declares that discrimination against women violates the principles of equality of rights and respect for human dignity, is an obstacle to the participation of women, on equal terms with men, in the economic, social, cultural, civil and political life of their countries and makes more difficult the full development of the potentialities of women in the service of their countries and of humanity,

Recalling also that the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women affirms that the strengthening of international peace and security, the relaxation of international tension, mutual co-operation among all States irrespective of their social and economic systems, general and complete disarmament and in particular, nuclear disarmament under strict and effective international control, the affirmation of the principles of justice, equality and mutual benefit in relations among countries and the realization of the right of peoples under alien and colonial domination and foreign occupation to self-determination and independence, as well as respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity, will promote social progress and development and as a consequence, will contribute to the attainment of full equality between men and women,

Recognizing that the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women obligates States Parties to take all appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination against women in all its forms and in every field of human endeavour, including politics, economic activities, law, employment, education, health care and domestic relations,

Noting that, despite progress towards the achievement of equality between men and women, considerable discrimination against women continues to exist, thereby impeding the active participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation,

Welcoming the contribution which women have nevertheless made towards promoting international peace and co-operation, the struggle against colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of alien domination, and towards the unrestricted and effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Welcoming also the contribution of women for a just restructuring of international economic relations and the achievement of a new international economic order,

Convinced that women can play an important and increasing role in these areas,

Solemnly proclaims the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation set forth in the annex to the present resolution.

26/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

ANNEX

Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting
International Peace and Co-operation

PART I

Article 1

Women and men have an equal and vital interest in contributing to international peace and co-operation. To this end women must be enabled to exercise their right to participate in the economic, social, cultural, civil and political affairs of society on an equal footing with men.

Article 2

The full participation of women in the economic, social, cultural, civil and political affairs of society and in the endeavour to promote international peace and co-operation is dependent on a balanced and equitable distribution of roles between men and women in the family and in society as a whole.

Article 3

The increasing participation of women in the economic, social, cultural, civil and political affairs of society will contribute to international peace and co-operation.

Article 4

The full enjoyment of the rights of women and men and the full participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation will contribute to the eradication of apartheid, of all forms of racism, racial discrimination, colonialism, neo-colonialism, aggression, foreign occupation and domination and interference in the internal affairs of States.

Article 5

Special national and international measures are necessary to increase the level of women's participation in the sphere of international relations so that women can contribute, on an equal basis, with men to national and international efforts to secure world peace and economic and social progress and to promote international co-operation.

PART II

Article 6

All appropriate measures shall be taken to intensify national and international efforts in respect of the participation of women in promoting
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