

16. *Calls upon* Governments to ensure the effective participation of women and women's non-governmental organizations in decision-making at all levels in order to bring about a lasting improvement in the welfare of societies.

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1988/31. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1987/25 of 26 May 1987,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 42/65 of 30 November 1987,

Having considered the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its eighth session,⁵⁷

Convinced that the programme activities of the Institute have helped to promote greater general awareness of the linkages between research, training and information in questions relating to women and development, which is an essential prerequisite for bringing about developmental changes benefiting women and society,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its eighth session and the decisions contained therein;

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the work done by the Institute in its innovative research on economic activities of women, particularly in the informal sector of the economy, and with its flexible modular approach to training, which strengthens national training capabilities and should be further developed;

3. *Takes note* of the programme budget of the Institute for the biennium 1988-1989, approved by the Board of Trustees at its eighth session, which is consistent with the goals of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;³⁰

4. *Recommends* that the Institute, in keeping with its statute, continue to co-operate with the organizations of the United Nations system in the implementation of its programmes and possibly implement research and training projects within its area of competence funded by the United Nations Development Programme;

5. *Renews its appeal* to Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other potential donors to contribute to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.

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⁵⁷ E/1988/28.

1988/32. Measures to combat racism and racial discrimination and the role of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

The Economic and Social Council,

Mindful of its resolution 1984/24 of 24 May 1984, in which it authorized the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to entrust Mr. Asbjørn Eide, Special Rapporteur, with carrying out a study on the achievements of, and obstacles encountered during, the first Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Having considered Sub-Commission resolution 1987/6 of 31 August 1987⁵⁸ and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1988/15 of 29 February 1988,⁷

1. *Authorizes* the Special Rapporteur to proceed with the collection of the information he needs to complete the study, as specified in his progress report;⁵⁹

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the Special Rapporteur in his efforts to collect the information he needs.

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1988/33. The right to food

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its decision 1983/140 of 27 May 1983, in which it authorized the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to entrust Mr. Asbjørn Eide, Special Rapporteur, with the preparation of a study on the right to adequate food as a human right and recommended that he give special attention to the normative content of the right to food and its significance in relation to the establishment of the new international economic order,

Noting with satisfaction that a comprehensive final study on this subject was presented by the Special Rapporteur to the Sub-Commission at its thirtieth session,⁶⁰

Recalling Sub-Commission resolution 1987/27 of 3 September 1987⁵⁸ and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1988/29 of 7 March 1988,⁷

1. *Decides* that the study should be published by the United Nations and given the widest possible circulation;

2. *Decides* to take steps to ensure better co-ordination between specialized agencies and bodies dealing with food-related matters and human rights bodies of the United Nations, if possible through inter-agency co-operative arrangements;

3. *Draws the attention* of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to the study prepared by the Special Rapporteur, and invites the

⁵⁸ E/CN.4/1988/37 and Corr.1, chap. II, sect. A.

⁵⁹ E/CN.4/Sub.2/1987/6.

⁶⁰ E/CN.4/Sub.2/1987/23.