

### 38/105. Participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation

*The General Assembly.*

*Reaffirming* its resolution 37/63 of 3 December 1982, by which it proclaimed the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation,

*Believing* that further efforts are required to eliminate discrimination against women in all its forms and in every field of human endeavour,

*Wishing* to encourage the active participation of women in promoting international peace and security and co-operation,

*Conscious* of the need to implement the provisions of the Declaration,

*Desiring* that publicity be given to the Declaration,

1. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to disseminate widely the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation in the six official languages of the United Nations;

2. *Invites* all Governments to take the necessary measures to ensure wide publicity for the Declaration;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the Declaration to the attention of the appropriate specialized agencies, including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Labour Organisation, the World Health Organization and other appropriate bodies within the United Nations system, for the consideration of measures to implement the Declaration;

4. *Requests* the Commission on the Status of Women to consider what measures may be necessary in order to implement the Declaration and to report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session;

5. *Decides* to consider at its thirty-ninth session the report of the Commission on the Status of Women under the item entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace", together with the preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1985.

*100th plenary meeting  
16 December 1983*

### 38/106. 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, in which it decided that the Fund should continue its activities beyond the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

*Recalling further* its resolution 37/62 of 3 December 1982 and, in particular, its view that the appointment of senior women's programme officers at the regional commissions represents a valuable contribution to the implementation of the goals of the Decade.

*Reaffirming* that questions concerning women should be approached and dealt with as an integral part of overall

policies and programmes in the field of social and economic development.

*Noting with appreciation* the effective management and continuing expansion of the activities of the Fund and the co-operation extended by relevant bodies of the United Nations, including the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme and the regional commissions, and by non-governmental organizations,

*Welcoming* the contributions made by Member States and non-governmental organizations towards the implementation of the goals of the Decade,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Fund,<sup>133</sup>

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the recommendations of the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women at its thirteenth and fourteenth sessions, referred to in the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>134</sup>

2. *Expresses its concern* that the question of senior women's programme officers posts at the regional commissions is still unresolved and that lack of progress in this regard is seriously impeding work on the women's programmes in several regions;

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, to give priority to solving the question of senior women's programme officers and to take urgently appropriate measures to ensure that all temporary and permanent senior women's programme officers posts at the regional commissions should be continued within the regular budget resources available to them;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the continuing increase in the number of projects submitted to and financed by the resources of the Fund and their contribution to promoting the involvement of women in development;

5. *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;

6. *Stresses* that the Fund also has a unique contribution to make to the achievement of the goals of the Third United Nations Development Decade, and even beyond it;

7. *Expresses its appreciation* for the voluntary support given to the Fund by Member States, national committees for the Fund, national United Nations associations and other non-governmental organizations;

8. *Notes with concern* that contributions to the Fund have not been sufficient to enable it to take on all the worthwhile projects submitted to it;

9. *Notes* that contributions by Governments have a vital role to play in maintaining and increasing the financial viability and effectiveness of the work of the Fund;

10. *Urges* Governments, accordingly, to continue and increase, where possible, their contributions to the Fund and calls upon those Governments that have not yet done so to consider contributing to the Fund;

11. *Decides* that, when considering the reports of the Secretary-General to be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session pursuant to Assembly resolution 36/129, all possible options for continuing the Fund's activities beyond the end of the Decade will be reviewed in depth;

12. *Requests* that the results of the forward-looking assessment that is being undertaken on the activities assisted by the Fund be reflected in the reports of the Sec-

<sup>133</sup> A/38/530.

<sup>134</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. V.

retary-General on the Fund to be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session;

13. *Takes note with appreciation* of the measures taken by the Secretary-General, in response to resolution 37/62, to improve and streamline the administration of the Fund;

14. *Commends* the United Nations Development Programme on its continuing technical and resource assistance to the Fund;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to report annually on the management of the Fund and on the progress of its activities and to include in his report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session information on the implementation of measures taken in response to paragraph 3 above;

(b) To continue, on an annual basis, to include the Fund among the programmes for which funds are pledged at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

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### 38/107. Prevention of prostitution

*The General Assembly,*

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

*Taking into account* the resolutions, declarations, conventions and recommendations of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and international conferences designed to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women, as well as those relating to the suppression of traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others, including Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/30 of 26 May 1983,

*Convinced* of the importance of the full integration of women in the social, political and economic activities of their community,

*Bearing in mind* the essential role of women in the welfare of the family and the development of society,

*Considering* that prostitution and the accompanying evil of the traffic in persons for the purpose of prostitution are incompatible with the dignity and worth of the human person and endanger the welfare of the individual, the family and the community,

*Further considering* that women and children are still all too often victims of physical abuse and sexual exploitation,

*Mindful* that the prevailing economic and social conditions are largely responsible for the continued existence of the social problems of prostitution and traffic in persons,

1. *Urges* Member States to take all appropriate humane measures, including legislation, to combat prostitution, exploitation of the prostitution of others and all forms of traffic in persons;

2. *Appeals* to Member States to provide special protection to victims of prostitution through measures including education, social guarantees and employment opportunities for those victims with a view to their rehabilitation;

3. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women, the regional commissions and other

concerned bodies of the United Nations system to devote greater attention to the problem of prostitution and the means for its prevention;

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to consider this question at its first regular session of 1985, together with the reports requested by the Council in its resolution 1983/30, and to transmit its comments to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

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### 38/108. 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,<sup>135</sup>

*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<sup>136</sup> and would consequently promote the role of women in the development process,

*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<sup>137</sup> as adopted at the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 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 also* that the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade<sup>138</sup> 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,<sup>135</sup> 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 further* its resolution 37/60 of 3 December 1982, in which it welcomed the decision of the Economic and Social Council that the Commission on the Status of Women should act as the preparatory body for the Conference and noted that the Commission would hold its first session in that capacity at Vienna from 23 February to 4 March 1983,

*Taking into consideration* Economic and Social Council decision 1983/132 of 26 May 1983 on the recommendations of the Commission on the Status of Women as the preparatory body for the Conference as set forth in its report,<sup>139</sup> and Council resolution 1983/28 of 26 May

<sup>135</sup> 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.

<sup>136</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>137</sup> 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. I, sect. A.

<sup>138</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex.

<sup>139</sup> A/CONF.116/PC/9 and Corr.1, chap. I, sect. A.