

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.

1983 on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparations for the Conference.

*Bearing in mind* all its relevant resolutions and decisions regarding preparations for special conferences,

*Having considered* the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on the work of its first session as the preparatory body for the Conference,<sup>140</sup>

1. *Decides* to accept with appreciation the offer of the Government of Kenya to act as host at Nairobi, in 1985, to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on the work of its first session as the preparatory body for the Conference;

3. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in the report of the Commission;

4. *Considers* that, within the framework of item 7 of the provisional agenda proposed by the Commission at its first session as the preparatory body for the Conference,<sup>141</sup> particular attention will be paid to the problems of women in Territories under racist colonial rule and in Territories under foreign occupation, on the basis of appropriate documentation from the international conferences on women, held at Mexico City and Copenhagen, with the theme equality, development and peace;

5. *Welcomes* the decision of the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1983/28, to invite non-governmental organizations to participate in the preparations for the Conference;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session the item entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace".

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### 38/109. Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that one of the purposes of the United Nations, as stated in Articles 1 and 55 of the Charter, is to promote universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms without distinction of any kind, including distinction as to sex,

*Reaffirming* that women and men should, on a basis of equality, participate in and contribute to the social, economic and political processes of development and should share equally in improved conditions of life,

*Recalling* its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, by which it adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 35/140 of 11 December 1980, 36/131 of 14 December 1981 and 37/64 of 3 December 1982, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/1 of 17 May 1983,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention,<sup>142</sup>

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its first session,<sup>143</sup>

1. *Notes with appreciation* the increasing number of Member States that have ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

2. *Invites* States that have not yet done so to become parties to the Convention by ratifying or acceding to it;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its first session;

4. *Welcomes* the fact that the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women has successfully started its work and, *inter alia*, has adopted general guidelines regarding the form and contents of reports received from States parties under article 18 of the Convention;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session a report on the status of the Convention.

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### 38/110. Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* its resolution 36/55 of 25 November 1981, in which it proclaimed the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief,

*Recalling* its resolution 37/187 of 18 December 1982, in which it requested the Commission on Human Rights to consider what measures might be necessary to implement the Declaration,

*Believing* that further efforts are required to promote and protect the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion or whatever belief,

*Taking note* of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1983/40 of 9 March 1983,<sup>144</sup> in which the Commission requested the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to undertake a comprehensive and thorough study of the current dimensions of the problems of intolerance and of discrimination on grounds of religion or belief, using as terms of reference the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief,

*Expressing its satisfaction* with the action taken by the Sub-Commission regarding the designation of a Special Rapporteur to undertake this study,<sup>145</sup>

*Noting* that the Economic and Social Council, in its decision 1983/150 of 27 May 1983, endorsed the request of the Commission on Human Rights to the Secretary-General to hold, within the framework of the advisory services programme in the period 1984-1985, a seminar on the encouragement of understanding, tolerance and respect in matters relating to freedom of religion or belief,

1. *Pledges* its determination to encourage understanding, tolerance and respect in matters relating to freedom of religion or belief and expresses the hope that the seminar will contribute towards the realization of these aims;

2. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to continue its consideration of measures to implement the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance

<sup>140</sup> A/CONF.116/PC/9 and Corr.1 and Add.1; transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.3/38/2 and Add.1).

<sup>141</sup> See A/CONF.116/PC/9 and Corr.1, chap. I, sect. A, recommendation 1.

<sup>142</sup> A/38/378.

<sup>143</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/38/45).*

<sup>144</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 3 (E/1983/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVII, sect. A.*

<sup>145</sup> See E/CN.4/1984/3-E/CN.4/Sub.2/1983/43 and Corr.1 and 2, chap. XXI, sect. A, resolution 1983/31.