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UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY ISA COL

Report of the Third Committee

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1983, 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) Preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women;
- (c) International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women: report of the Secretary-General;
- (d) Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women: report of the Secretary-General".

At its 4th plenary meeting, on the same day, the Assembly decided to refer the item to the Third Committee.

2. The Committee considered this item jointly with item 92 at its 30th to 38th, 53rd and 55th to 59th meetings, from 1 to 9 November and from 28 November to 1 December 1983. An account of the discussion of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/38/SR.30-38, 53 and 55-59).

- 3. The Committee had before it the following documents:
  - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council, chapter V, section C; 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/38/146);
  - (c) International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women: note by the Secretary-General (A/38/406);
  - (d) Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women: report of the Secretary-General (A/38/530);
  - (e) Note by the Secretary-General (A/C.3/38/2 and Add.1) transmitting the report of the Commission on the Status of Women as the Preparatory Body for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women (A/CONF.116/PC/9 and Corr.1 and Add.1);
  - (f) Letter dated 11 May 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Democratic Kampuchea addressed to the Secretary-General (A/38/203).
- 4. At the 30th meeting on 1 November, the Assistant-Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women made introductory statements.

#### II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

#### A. Draft resolution A/C.3/38/L.20

- 5. At the 53rd meeting, on 28 November, the representative of Argentina introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/38/L.20), entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women", sponsored by Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Austria, the Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Colombia, the Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, India, Japan, Madagascar, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zaire as well as Afghanistan, Guinea-Bissau, Jamaica, Jordan and the Sudan, subsequently joined by Trinidad and Tobago and the United Republic of Cameroon.
- 6. At the 57th meeting, on 30 November, the Secretary of the Commission made a statement on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution.

<sup>1/</sup> To be included in Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/38/3).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/38/L.20 without a vote (see para. 21, draft resolution I).

### B. Draft resolution A/C.3/38/L.21

- 8. At the 53rd meeting, on 28 November, the representative of the German Democratic Republic introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/38/L.21), entitled "Participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation", sponsored by Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, the German Democratic Republic, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Iraq, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Mali, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Poland and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic as well as Cape Verde, the Congo, Democratic Yemen, Sao Tome and Principe and Viet Nam.
- 9. At the 57th meeting, on 30 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/38/L.21 without a vote (see para. 21, draft resolution II).

## C. Draft resolution A/C.3/38/L.22

- 10. At the 53rd meeting, on 28 November, the representative of Jamaica introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/38/L.22), entitled "Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women", sponsored by the <u>German Democratic Republic</u>, <u>India</u>, <u>Jamaica</u>, <u>Kenya and Norway</u>. In introducing the draft resolution, the representative of <u>Jamaica orally revised</u> it by inserting the words "to give priority to solving the question of senior women's programme officers and" after the words "Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions" in operative paragraph 3.
- 11. A statement by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution was circulated to the Committee in document A/C.3/38/L.42.
- 12. At the 57th meeting, on 30 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/38/L.22, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 21, draft resolution III).

#### D. Draft resolution A/C.3/38/L.28/Rev.1

- 14. At the 57th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the sponsors, taking into account proposals made at the 56th meeting by the representatives of Costa Rica, Ethiopia and Canada, orally revised the draft resolution as follows:

- (a) The title of the draft resolution, which read "Suppression of prostitution", was reworded to read "Prevention of prostitution";
- (b) In the fifth preambular paragraph, the words "the social evil of" were deleted before the word "prostitution";
- (c) In operative paragraph 1, the word "suppress" was replaced by the word "combat" before the word "prostitution";
- (d) In operative paragraph 3, the words "the Commission on Human Rights" were inserted after the words "the Economic and Social Council"; and the word "suppression" was replaced by the word "prevention" at the end of the paragraph;
  - (e) The last operative paragraph, which read:
  - "4. <u>Decides</u> to include this issue in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session, under the item relating to the United Nations Decade for Women."

was replaced by the following text:

- "4. Requests the Economic and Social Council to consider this question at its first regular session of 1985, together with the reports requested in Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/30, and to transmit its comments to the General Assembly at its fortieth session under the item relating to the United Nations Decade for Women".
- 15. Morocco then joined as co-sponsor of the revised draft resolution.
- 16. At the 58th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the sponsors, following consultations, further orally revised the draft resolution as follows:
  - (a) The fifth preambular paragraph, which read:

"Considering that prostitution is incompatible with human dignity and the welfare of society,"

was replaced by the following text:

"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,";

(b) In operative paragraph 4, the words "under the item relating to the United Nations Decade for Women" were deleted.

17. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/38/L.28/Rev.1, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 106 to none, with 28 abstentions (see para. 21, draft resolution IV). The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

None.

Abstaining:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Guyana, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

### E. Draft resolution A/C.3/38/L.27

- 18. At the 55th meeting, on 29 November, the representative of <a href="Mexico">Mexico</a>, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/38/L.27) entitled "Preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women".
- 19. A statement by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of recommendations II, III et V contained in the report of the Commission on the Status of Women Acting as the Preparatory Body for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Results of the United Nations Decade for Women was circulated to the Committee in document A/C.3/38/2/Add.1.

- 20. At the 59th meeting, on 1 December, the Committee voted on the draft resolution as follows:
- (a) Operative paragraph 4 was adopted by a roll-call vote of 107 to 8, with 14 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

## Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahamas, In favour: Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab

Against: Belgium, Canada, Germany, Federal Republic of, Israel,
Italy, Netherlands, United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Iceland, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden.

Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen,

- (b) Draft resolution A/C.3/38/L.27, as a whole, was adopted by a roll-call vote of 122 to 2, with 7 abstentions (see para. 21, draft resolution V). The voting was as follows:
  - In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran

(Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Belgium, Canada, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, Ivory
Coast, Netherlands, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern
Ireland.

#### III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

21. 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 37/56 of 3 December 1982 in which it invited the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session a report on the programme activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the programme activities of the Institute, 2/

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/29 of 26 May 1983 on the work programme of the Institute for the biennium 1984-1985,

<sup>2/</sup> A/38/406.

Bearing in mind that the operation of the Institute depends solely on voluntary contributions,

- 1. Expresses its satisfaction at the official inauguration of the International Training and Research Institute for the Advancement of Women at its permanent headquarters at Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic;
- 2. Takes note with satisfaction of the work programme of the Institute as contained in the report of the Secretary-General and requests that the Institute continue activities that contribute to the full integration of women in the mainstream of development and that due attention be given to the interdependence of micro and macro economy and its impact on the role of women in the development process;
- 3. Requests the Secretary-General to take into account, when preparing the statute of the Institute, all relevant factors, including the fact that the Institute and its work are funded from voluntary contributions, as well as the principle of equitable geographical distribution applied to the membership of the Board of Trustees;
- 4. Similarly requests the Economic and Social Council, when considering the statute of the Institute, to take the above-mentioned elements into account;
- 5. <u>Urges</u> the Secretary-General to continue to provide support to the Institute through the various departments of the Secretariat and to secure office space at United Nations Headquarters for liaison purposes in order to ensure prompt execution of the Institute's programme of work as well as to maintain channels of communication between the Institute and the United Nations in conformity with the decision of the Board of Trustees;
- 6. <u>Invites</u> Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the United Nations Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to meet the urgent need for financial resources in order to implement the Institute's programme of work;
- 7. <u>Decides</u> to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session a separate item entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women".

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION II

## Participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation

#### The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 37/63 of 3 December 1982, in 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,

<u>Wishing</u> 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. <u>Calls upon</u> 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;
- 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 in 1985.

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION III

## 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 women's affairs 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 Fund's activities 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 non-governmental organizations,

<u>Welcoming</u> the contributions made by Member States and non-governmental organizations towards the implementation of the goals of the Decade,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Fund, 3/

- Notes with satisfaction the recommendations of the Consultative Committee
  for the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women during its
  thirteenth and fourteenth sessions, referred to in the report of the
  Secretary-General;
- 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 the work with the women's programmes in several regions;
- 3. <u>Urges</u> 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 should be continued at the regional commissions within 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 has a unique contribution to make to the achievement of the goals of the Third United Nations Development Decade, and even beyond it;

<sup>3/</sup> A/38/530.

- 7. Expresses its appreciation for the voluntary support 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 up all the deserving projects submitted to it;
- 9. Notes further 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. <u>Urges</u>, accordingly, Governments 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 at the thirty-ninth session pursuant to General 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 Secretary-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 its 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 implementation of the measures taken in response to operative paragraph 3 above;
- (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 IV

## 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 and 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. <u>Urges</u> 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, 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 in Council resolution 1983/30, and to transmit its comments to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

#### 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, 4/

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 5/ 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 6/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 further that the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade 7/ 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, 4/ 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 also its resolution 37/60 of 3 December 1982, in which it decided that the Commission on the Status of Women should act as the preparatory body for the Conference and should hold its first session as the preparatory body at Vienna from 23 February to 4 March 1983,

<sup>4/</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>5/</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>6/</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>7/</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex.

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 of the Conference and as set forth in its report, 8/ and Council resolution 1983/28 of 26 May 1983 on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparation 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 work of its first session on the Status of Women as the preparatory body of the Conference,

- 1. <u>Decides</u> to accept, with appreciation, the offer of the Government of Kenya to host at Nairobi, in 1985, 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 work of its first session on the Status of Women as the preparatory body for the Conference; 8/
  - 3. Endorses the recommendations contained in the report of the Commission;
- 4. Considers that, within the framework of agenda item 7 as proposed by the Commission at its first session in its capacity as the preparatory body for the Conference, 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, held at Mexico City and Copenhagen, on women under the themes equality, development and peace;
- 5. Welcomes the decision of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1983/28 to invite the participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparation of the Conference;
- 6. <u>Decides</u> to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session the item entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace".