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World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women

Austria, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Burundi, Egypt, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, India, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Venezuela and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in paragraph 20 of which it decided to convene at the mid-term of the Decade, a world conference to review and evaluate the progress made in implementing the objectives of the International Women's Year as recommended by the World Conference of the International Women's Year and, where necessary, to readjust existing programmes in the light of new data and research available,

Recalling further that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1999 (LX) of 12 May 1976, requested the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session to consider different aspects of the preparatory work for the World Conference of the Decade, including its agenda, and also decided to consider at its sixty-fourth session, in the spring of 1978, the preparatory work for the Conference,

Recalling likewise that, in accordance with the Council's request, the Commission on the Status of Women has considered various aspects of the material preparations and the organization of the Conference as well as the implications of the Conference for the programme budget, bearing in mind a note by the Secretary-General (E/CN.6/600),

Recalling further that the Council, at its sixty-second session, adopted resolution 2062 (LXII) of 12 May 1976, in which it:

(a) Requested the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-seventh session to give the highest priority to the consideration of the preparatory work for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women (para. 1);

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to prepare for the consideration of the Commission at its twenty-seventh session a report outlining a programme of concrete action for the second half of the Decade (para. 2);

(c) Decided to establish, not later than June 1978, a preparatory committee to make recommendations concerning the substantive and organizational arrangements for the World Conference (para. 3); and

(d) Invited the regional commissions to consider ways and means of contributing effectively to the World Conference (para. 4);

Noting that preliminary exchanges of views on the preparatory work for the World Conference have also taken place in the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination at the two special inter-agency meetings held in September 1976 and July 1977, which were brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session and will be brought to its attention at its twenty-seventh session,

1. Accepts the offer of the Government of Iran to act as host to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women;

2. Notes that the Conference will in principle be held at Teheran in May 1980 and will cover a period of two weeks;

3. Decides that the first session of the Preparatory Committee the establishment of which is called for in Council resolution 2062 (LXII) shall be held at United Nations Headquarters in June 1978;

4. Likewise notes the efforts made thus far by the Secretary-General and the Commission on the Status of Women with a view to undertaking the preparatory work for the World Conference;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, at its thirty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the work of the Preparatory Committee during its first session, to be held in June 1978.
