

1981/21 to prepare, in co-operation with the specialized agencies and other organizations concerned, a report on the situation of migrant workers and their families in which the needs and problems emerging as a result of the changing conditions of international migration will be fully taken into account, and to submit that report to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-ninth session.

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**1983/17. Youth participation in social and economic development and their exercise of the rights to life, employment and education**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Drawing attention* to the exceptional importance of all forms of assistance in the large-scale integration of young people into the social and economic development of their respective countries for ensuring the economic, social, cultural, political and civil rights of youth, in particular the rights of youth to life, education and employment in conditions of peace,

*Convinced* that youth can make a valuable contribution to efforts to create a new international economic order,

*Considering* that States should take measures at the domestic level to create conditions for young persons in which they can play an effective and active role in the social and economic development of their respective countries,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 36/28 of 13 November 1981, by which the Assembly endorsed the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year, 37/48 of 3 December 1982 on the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace, and 37/49 of 3 December 1982 on efforts and measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work in conditions of peace,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 1979/16 of 9 May 1979 and 1981/16 of 6 May 1981, in which, in particular, it recognized the importance of integrating young people into the overall life of society and of taking fully into account their special needs when formulating national plans and programmes,

*Recognizing* the fact that insufficient education and unemployment among young people limit their opportunities for participating in the process of development, and in this context emphasizing the importance of secondary and higher education, and also of the access of youth to suitable programmes of vocational and technical training,

*Considering* that in many countries the majority of young people, under the prevailing conditions of social and economic crisis, are facing serious problems in the exercise of their rights, mainly as regards employment and education,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on the situation of youth in the 1980s;<sup>26</sup>

2. *Notes with concern* that at present there is a rapidly growing number of unemployed young people in the

<sup>26</sup> E/1983/3.

world, many of whom have never had work, and that with the growth of unemployment it is becoming increasingly difficult to implement the basic social and economic rights of youth, especially the rights to life, employment and education;

3. *Strongly urges* all Governments, all governmental and non-governmental organizations and interested United Nations bodies to give priority to the formulation and implementation of effective measures for ensuring the employment of young people, for the implementation of their rights to social and economic development, education and employment in conditions of peace, and also to make provision in national development plans and country budgets for the adoption of specific programmes and for allocation of the necessary resources for ensuring the employment, education and vocational training of youth;

4. *Invites* all interested United Nations bodies to take an active part in the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities which has been developed in the United Nations and is to be implemented during the International Youth Year and in the preceding period;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into account the views expressed in the Commission for Social Development concerning ways and means of realizing the rights of youth, in particular the rights to employment and education, and also the provisions of the present resolution, in the preparation of documentation for the third session of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace;

6. *Resolves* to consider at the twenty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development the progress achieved in connection with the participation of young people in the development of their respective countries and in the realization and exercise of their rights to life, employment and education.

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**1983/18. Adverse effects of the arms race on social progress and development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the 1982 Report on the World Social Situation,<sup>27</sup> as well as the report of the Secretary-General on some social trends in developing countries and the influence of current economic conditions,<sup>28</sup>

*Recalling* the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, contained in General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, which draws attention to the need to achieve general and complete disarmament and to channel the progressively released resources to be used for economic and social progress for the welfare of people everywhere and, in particular, for the benefit of developing countries,

*Recalling also* the provision of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade<sup>29</sup> concerning the need to achieve concrete progress towards the goals of general and complete disarmament,

<sup>27</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.IV.2 and Corr.1 and 2.

<sup>28</sup> E/1983/4.

<sup>29</sup> General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

*Referring* to General Assembly resolutions 32/75 of 12 December 1977, 35/141 of 12 December 1980 and 37/70 of 9 December 1982 on the economic and social consequences of the armaments race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 37/189 of 18 December 1982 on human rights and scientific and technological developments, in which the Assembly expressed the firm conviction that all peoples and all individuals have an inherent right to life and that the safeguarding of this foremost right is an essential condition for the enjoyment of the entire range of economic, social and cultural, as well as civil and political, rights,

*Recalling also* its resolution 1981/19 of 6 May 1981, in which it requested the Secretary-General to pay full attention in his reports on the world social situation to emerging social issues of international concern in connection with the changes in the world situation, giving special attention to the relationship between disarmament and development,

*Deeply concerned* that the arms race, particularly in nuclear armaments, and military expenditures continue to increase at an alarming speed, constituting a grave danger to world peace and security,

*Recalling further* the conclusions of the Final Documents of the tenth<sup>30</sup> and twelfth<sup>31</sup> special sessions of the General Assembly, devoted to disarmament, to the effect that the vastly increased military budgets have also contributed to current economic problems in certain States and that existing and planned military programmes constitute a colossal waste of precious resources which might otherwise be used to elevate living standards of all peoples and solve the problems confronting developing countries in achieving economic and social development,

*Noting with concern* the worsening of social conditions in many countries of the world, a situation which represents a threat to the attainment of the goals and tasks of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development and of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, every three years, through the Commission for Social Development and in the framework of his report on the world social situation, a section on the adverse effects of the arms race on social progress and development in the world;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to pay full attention in his reports on the world social situation to a redistribution of resources released as a result of implementation of disarmament measures for the purpose of economic and social development of all countries, including developing countries, and to contribute to the bridging of the economic gap between developed and developing countries;

3. *Calls upon* States, when preparing their national programmes of social and economic development, to take measures for reallocating the resources which are being spent for military purposes, in the interest of ensuring social progress;

4. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development, at its thirtieth session, to consider the question of the adverse effects of the arms race on social progress.

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<sup>30</sup> General Assembly resolution S-10/2.

<sup>31</sup> A/S-12/32.

## 1983/19. United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking into consideration* General Assembly resolutions 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which the Assembly adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,<sup>32</sup> and 37/53 of 3 December 1982 on the implementation of the World Programme of Action, in which the Assembly proclaimed the period 1983-1992 United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons<sup>33</sup> and on the prevention of disability and on activities concerning disabled persons<sup>34</sup> and of the conclusions reached in those reports,

*Concerned* with the necessity of keeping alive the momentum generated by the International Year of Disabled Persons in order to ensure the continuous implementation of the Year's main theme of "Full participation and equality",<sup>35</sup>

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a progress report containing national experiences in the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the related activities of the United Nations and other international organizations, to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council through the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-ninth session;

2. *Requests* that that report should integrate in one document all other documentation on the subject, such as that requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 31/82 of 13 December 1976 on the implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons, and by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1979/14 of 9 May 1979, on prevention of disability, and that it should include a brief account of the progress achieved in developing criteria for monitoring the World Programme of Action;

3. *Calls upon* all governmental and non-governmental organizations interested in disabled persons to take action to implement the objectives of the World Programme of Action and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, and invites full and direct participation of disabled persons themselves;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to promote these activities, paying special attention to the situation of disabled persons in the developing countries, in accordance with the recommendations of the Vienna Affirmative Action Plan<sup>36</sup> adopted by the World Symposium of Experts on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries and Technical Assistance in Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation, held at Vienna from 12 to 23 October 1981;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to monitor and support the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons by enlisting extra-budgetary resources.

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<sup>32</sup> See A/37/351/Add.3 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII.

<sup>33</sup> E/CN.5/1983/13.

<sup>34</sup> E/CN.5/1983/14.

<sup>35</sup> See General Assembly resolution 34/154.

<sup>36</sup> IYDP SYMPL.2:R.3.1.