

2. *Notes with appreciation* the response of the Government and people of Somalia and the favourable reaction to date of the international community, the United Nations and voluntary agencies to the crisis caused by the drought;

3. *Appeals* to the Governments of Member States, United Nations organizations and voluntary agencies urgently to increase their assistance to the Government of Somalia so that all victims of the drought currently afflicting Somalia may receive the necessary aid, with a minimum of delay;

4. *Decides* to keep the situation in Somalia under review.

*15th plenary meeting  
17 May 1984*

#### **1984/8. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, by which the Assembly adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women annexed thereto,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 35/140 of 11 December 1980, 36/131 of 14 December 1981, 37/64 of 3 December 1982 and 38/109 of 16 December 1983,

*Taking into account* Council resolutions 1983/1 of 17 May 1983 and 1984/10 of 24 May 1984,

*Noting* that the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, in its rules of procedure,<sup>11</sup> provided that it would have summary records and would include Arabic among its official languages,

*Recognizing* the importance of the summary records of bodies established to monitor the implementation of international human rights instruments,

*Having considered* the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its second and third sessions,<sup>12</sup>

*Welcoming* the decision of the Committee to contribute to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be held in 1985,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its second and third sessions;

2. *Emphasizes* the importance of the strictest compliance by States parties with their obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

3. *Requests* States parties to make all possible efforts to submit their initial implementation reports in accordance with article 18 of the Convention and requests the Committee in organizing its work to

ensure that the reports of States parties are adequately reviewed within the quadrennial cycle envisaged;

4. *Notes* the decision of the Committee, as contained in paragraphs 366 and 367 of the report on its third session,<sup>13</sup> to consider at its fourth session the achievements and obstacles experienced by States parties in the implementation of the Convention as a contribution to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a compendium of information based upon the national reports on the achievements of and obstacles experienced by States parties in the implementation of the Convention, in conformity with article 17, paragraph 9, of the Convention, to assist the Committee in the preparation of a report on those issues as a contribution to the Conference;

6. *Takes note* of the discussion in the Committee concerning the inclusion in the agenda of a future session of an item on ways and means of implementing article 21 of the Convention, which provides that the Committee may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports;

7. *Recommends* the General Assembly to take the necessary steps to ensure the provision and distribution in all official languages of summary records of meetings of the Committee;

8. *Invites* the Committee, once it is provided with summary records on a regular basis, to review the format and content of its report, bearing in mind the provisions of paragraphs 13, 14 and 15 of General Assembly resolution 37/14 C of 16 November 1982;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, as well as to the Commission on the Status of Women, for information.

*17th plenary meeting  
22 May 1984*

#### **1984/9. Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* its important responsibilities under articles 16 and 17 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>14</sup>

*Recalling* its resolutions 1988 (LX) of 11 May 1976, 1979/43 of 11 May 1979, 1983/41 of 27 May 1983 and its decision 1981/158 of 8 May 1981,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 37/191 of 18 December 1982 and 38/116 of 16 December 1983,

*Having considered* the report of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>15</sup>

<sup>11</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/38/45), annex III.*

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/39/45), vols. I and II.*

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. II.

<sup>14</sup> General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

<sup>15</sup> E/1984/83.