

1984/14. Violence in the family

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, and the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education",

Recalling resolution 5 of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace on battered women and violence in the family,²³

Recalling also Council resolution 1982/22 of 4 May 1982 on abuses against women and children,

Recognizing that violence within the family has serious negative consequences for all the individuals concerned and follows patterns of abuse that are frequently cyclical, presenting serious problems for society as a whole,

Further recognizing that violence within the family is found among various population groups,

Concerned that information on the nature of this problem and its causes is often concealed and thus is not widely available and that efforts to prevent violence in the family, to provide assistance to the victims and to prevent recurrences need greater public awareness and publicity,

Aware that many Governments and non-governmental organizations have conducted research into this issue and initiated programmes both to support victims and to treat abusers,

Recognizing that the problem of family violence is a long-standing and complex issue and needs serious and thoughtful attention,

Convinced that a more thorough exchange of information and experiences on this subject between States Members of the United Nations, organizations of the United Nations and non-governmental organizations could draw increasing attention to the problem and contribute to the development of international solutions,

1. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to invite Member States, organizations of the United Nations and non-governmental organizations to provide the United Nations Secretariat with information on family violence and descriptions of successful programmes on the subject, or to supplement information already provided;

2. *Urges* Member States to take appropriate steps to effect a systematic exchange of information on this subject, to draw attention to the negative consequences of family violence for the men, women and children involved and for society as a whole, and to formulate solutions at the national level;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene a seminar of experts on family violence, with emphasis on its effects on women, within the resources for the biennium 1986-1987, taking into account what may emanate on this subject from the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, to be held in 1985, with

²³ *Ibid.*

a view to making recommendations to combat this abuse;

4. *Decides* to include the subject of family violence under the appropriate item of the agenda of the thirty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women on the basis of information to be supplied in response to paragraph 1 of the present resolution.

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1984/15. Promotion of opportunities for young women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that 1985 is the culminating year of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Recognizing also that 1985 has been designated International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,²⁴

Recognizing further that 1985 presents an opportunity to focus on the roles of young women and their participation in all activities, such as festivals, meetings, and other international youth forums to mark the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

Bearing in mind that young women were singled out for priority attention by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, particularly in its resolution 27,²⁵

Affirming that youth is the period of growth, development and apprenticeship for the adult roles of work, citizenship and parenthood, from which all of society will benefit.

Affirming also that youth should be a period of discovery and joy in living,

Considering that young women who become mothers too early are not only deprived of their youth but are not prepared for the responsibilities of parenthood and are subject to a higher health risk,

Recognizing that, while girls and young women are found in societies at all levels of development, the world is in a period of technological revolution affecting all and women must therefore be equal partners with men in shaping and benefiting from that revolution,

Stressing that those young women who lack sufficient nutrition, education, appropriate training and health are ill prepared for their adult roles in this changing world and are thus vulnerable to economic, social and sexual exploitation,

1. *Recommends* that Member States should take appropriate steps to ensure that girls and young women are motivated to choose, and sufficiently trained to be chosen for, work at all levels and all the functions of a developing economy and society;

²⁴ See General Assembly resolution 34/151.

²⁵ See *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. B.