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Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1984, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its thirty-ninth session 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) Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women: report of the Secretary-General"

and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Third Committee considered the item jointly with items 92 and 94 at its 23rd to 33rd, 41st, 47th, 50th and 53rd meetings, on 26, 30 and 31 October and 1, 2, 5 to 7, 15, 21, 26 and 28 November 1984. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/39/SR.23-33, 41, 47, 50 and 53).

3. The Committee had before it the follow documentation:

(a) Report of the Economic and Social Council, chapter V, section C (A/39/3 (Part I)); 1/

(b) Situation of women in rural areas: note by the Secretary-General (A/39/58-E/1984/5);

(c) Views of Member States on continuation of the activities of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women: report of the Secretary-General (A/39/146 and Corr.1 and Add.1);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the preparation of a world survey on the role of women in development (A/39/566), submitted under agenda item 80 (k) (Effective mobilization and integration of women in development);

(e) Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women: report of the Secretary-General (A/39/569 and Add.1);

(f) Possible future options for continuing the activities of the Fund: report of the Secretary-General (A/39/571);

(g) Note by the Secretary-General (A/C.3/39/7) transmitting the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on the work of its second session 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/19 and Corr.1 and Add.1);

(h) Letter dated 17 April 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/39/185-S/16486).

4. At the 23rd meeting, on 26 October, 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 DRAFT PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.3/39/L.19/Rev.1

5. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Bulgaria introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/39/L.19/Rev.1) entitled "The role of women in society", sponsored by Argentina, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cuba, the German Democratic Republic, Greece, Mongolia, Nigeria, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Zambia, subsequently joined by Bangladesh and Guinea-Bissau.

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/39/3).

6. At the 50th meeting, on 26 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/39/L.19/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 22, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution A/C.3/39/L.20

7. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the representative of the German Democratic Republic introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/39/L.20) entitled "Participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation", sponsored by Afghanistan, Angola, the Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, the German Democratic Republic, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Iraq, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Mali, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Viet Nam as well as Mozambique.

8. At the 50th meeting, on 26 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/39/L.20 without a vote (see para. 22, draft resolution II).

C. Draft resolution A/C.3/39/L.24/Rev.1

9. At the 47th meeting, on 21 November, the representative of Norway introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/39/L.24/Rev.1) entitled "Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women: future arrangements for the management of the Fund", sponsored by Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, the German Democratic Republic, Guyana, India, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Morocco, the Netherlands, Norway, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, subsequently joined by Australia, the Central African Republic, New Zealand and Togo.

10. At the 50th meeting on 26 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/39/L.24/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 22, draft resolution III).

D. Draft resolution A/C.3/39/L.27

11. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Mongolia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/39/L.27) entitled "Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas", sponsored by Benin, Cuba, the German Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Morocco, Nicaragua, Nigeria, the Philippines, Sierra Leone and Viet Nam as well as Burkina Faso, Cameroon and the Ivory Coast, subsequently joined by Bangladesh, Guinea, Rwanda and Suriname.

12. at the 50th meeting, on 26 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/39/L.27 without a vote (see para. 22, draft resolution IV).

E. Draft resolution A/C.3/39/L.28

13. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Jamaica introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/39/L.28) entitled "Senior women's programme officers

posts at the regional commissions", sponsored by the Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Guyana, India, the Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Kenya, Norway, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as well as Australia, subsequently joined by Cameroon, Costa Rica and the Philippines.

14. At the 50th meeting, on 26 November, the Director of the Budget Division made a statement in answer to questions raised by delegations.

15. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/39/L.28 by a recorded vote of 124 to 1, with 10 abstentions (see para. 22, draft resolution V). The voting was as follows: 2/

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Benin, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Israel, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

2/ The delegation of the Bahamas indicated that, had it been present during the voting, it would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

F. Draft resolution A/C.3/39/L.29

16. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Australia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/39/L.29) entitled "Integration of women in all aspects of development", sponsored by Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Cameroon, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Germany, Federal Republic of, Indonesia, Ireland, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Mali, Nepal, New Zealand, Norway, the Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, the United States of America, Venezuela, and Viet Nam as well as Denmark, France, the Gambia, Guinea, the Ivory Coast and Portugal, subsequently joined by the Bahamas, Bangladesh, the Central African Republic, Ecuador and Suriname.

17. At the 50th meeting, on 26 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/39/L.29 without a vote (see para. 22, draft resolution VI).

G. Draft resolution A/C.3/39/L.21

18. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Egypt, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/39/L.21) 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 programme budget implications of the draft resolution was circulated in document A/C.3/39/L.44.

20. At the 53rd meeting, on 28 November, the Secretary of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women made a statement.

21. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/39/L.21 without a vote (see para. 22, draft resolution VII).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

22. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

The role of women in societyThe General Assembly,

Reaffirming the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, as well as the importance of the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and their Contribution to Development and

Peace, 1975, 3/ the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of Objectives of the International Women's Year 4/ and the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, 5/

Noting that just and lasting peace and social progress as well as the establishment of a new international economic order require the active participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation and in the process of development,

Bearing in mind that economic inequality, colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, apartheid, acts of aggression and interference in the internal affairs of others and violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms constitute an impediment to the achievement of real and genuine equality and to the integration of women in society,

Convinced of the necessity to secure for all women full realization of the rights embodied in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 6/ the International Covenants on Human Rights 7/ and in other relevant instruments in this field,

Recognizing that the achievement of equal and full participation of women in all spheres of activities constitutes an inseparable part of the political, economic, social and cultural development of all countries,

Aware that the efforts to promote the status of women in all its aspects and their complete integration in society go beyond the problem of legal equality and that deeper structural transformations of society and changes in the present-day economic relations, as well as elimination of traditional prejudices through education and dissemination of information, are required so as to create conditions for women to develop fully their intellectual and physical capacities and to participate actively in the decision-making process in the political, economic, social and cultural development,

Mindful of the necessity to enlarge the possibilities for both men and women to combine parental duties and household work with paid employment and social activities,

3/ 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. I.

4/ Ibid., chap. II, sect. A.

5/ 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.

6/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

7/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

Aware that the role of women in child-bearing should not be the cause of inequality and discrimination, and that child-rearing demands shared responsibilities among women, men and society as a whole,

Highly appreciating the increasing participation and the contribution of women in the political, economic, social and cultural life,

1. Appeals to all Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to recognize in their activities the importance of all interrelated aspects of the role of women in society - as mothers, as participants in economic development and as participants in public life - without underestimating any one of them;

2. Encourages such social and economic development that would secure the participation of women in all spheres of work, equal pay for work of equal value, equal opportunities for education and professional and vocational training, taking into consideration the necessity of combining all the aspects of the role of women in society;

3. Appeals to Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to promote the creation of conditions that would enable women to participate as equal partners with men in public and political life, in the decision-making process at all levels and in the management of different spheres of life in society;

4. Appeals to Governments to recognize the special status and social importance of motherhood and to take, within their special abilities and conditions, all necessary measures to promote the protection of motherhood, including maternity leave with pay, and to provide security for their jobs as long as necessary, so as to allow women, if they so wish, to fulfil their role as mothers without prejudice to their professional and public activities;

5. Appeals to Governments to promote the establishment of appropriate facilities for child-care and education of children as a means of combining motherhood with economic, political, social, cultural and other activities of women and to provide thus assistance to women in their full integration in their societies;

6. Recommends to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, in reviewing and appraising the achievements of the Decade and in formulating future policies in this field, to take duly into account all aspects of the role of women in society.

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, by which it

proclaimed the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation,

Recalling its resolution 38/105 of 16 December 1983, in which it requested the Commission on the Status of Women to consider what measures may be necessary in order to implement the Declaration,

Believing that further efforts are required to eliminate discrimination against women in all its forms and in every field of human endeavour,

Wishing to encourage the active participation of women in promoting international peace and security and co-operation,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/16 of 24 May 1984, in which the Council takes into account that millions of women are still experiencing untold sufferings and violations of human dignity resulting from different forms and manifestations of colonialism, foreign domination, apartheid and racial discrimination,

Conscious of the need to implement the provisions of the Declaration,

1. Pledges its determination to encourage the full participation of women in the economic, social, cultural, civil and political affairs of society and in the endeavour to promote international peace and co-operation;
2. Invites all Governments to take the necessary measures to ensure wide publicity for the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation and its implementation;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to take adequate steps to ensure that publicity shall be given to the Declaration;
4. Invites 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 to consider adequate measures to implement the Declaration;
5. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women as the preparatory body for the World Conference to consider measures which may be necessary to implement the Declaration in the context of forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women for the period up to the year 2000;
6. Decides to consider the further implementation of the Declaration at its fortieth session, in the light of the report of the World Conference to be held in 1985, under the item entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace".

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Future arrangements for the management of the 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,

Stressing the urgency of determining at its current session the most effective arrangements for continuing the Fund's activities beyond the United Nations Decade for Women in view of the need for ensuring the long-term stability of the Fund,

Recalling further its resolution 38/106 of 16 December 1983, in which it, inter alia, decided that, when considering the reports of the Secretary-General on the future of the Fund, all possible options would be reviewed in depth,

Reaffirming 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,

Recognizing the important actual and potential contribution by women to development as evidenced in the forward-looking assessment of the activities assisted by the Fund and the crucial role of the Fund as a specialized resource base for development co-operation, and the need for continued assistance to activities directly benefiting women,

Considering it accordingly to be of paramount importance to establish a future organizational framework that will secure the Fund's ability to act as a catalytic agent on the main United Nations development co-operation system,

Considering also the innovative and experimental activities of the Fund directed to strengthening both governmental and non-governmental institutional capacities to ensure access for women to development co-operation resources and their full participation at all levels in the development process,

Stressing that general questions of development and access of women to development resources have as a common objective to create conditions which will improve the quality of life for all,

Welcoming the completion of the forward-looking assessment of the activities assisted by the Fund and the findings and conclusions as regards

women and development and their implications for technical co-operation agencies and organizations,

Conscious of the highly specialized professional competence of the Fund in the area of development activities for women and the need for strengthening that competence,

Aware of the broad range of linkages of the Fund with national Governments, national women's groups, non-governmental organizations and women's research institutes besides its close co-operation with United Nations development agencies, including the regional commissions,

Taking into consideration the moderate size of the Fund and its continued need to draw on the operational capacity of other agencies and, in this regard, expressing its appreciation to the United Nations Development Programme for its continuing technical and resource assistance to the Fund,

Expressing appreciation to the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and its Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs for their contribution to the work of the Fund during its initial operational years,

Taking note of the reports of the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women on its fifteenth and sixteenth sessions, referred to in the report of the Secretary-General, 8/

Taking note also of the reports of the Secretary-General on the Fund 9/ contained in A/39/571, A/39/569 and A/39/146,

1. Decides that the activities of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women shall be continued through establishment of a separate and identifiable entity in autonomous association with the United Nations Development Programme, which will play an innovative and catalytic role in relation to the United Nations overall system of development co-operation;
2. Endorses the modalities for the future management arrangements between the Fund and the United Nations Development Programme, as contained in the annex to the present resolution, and decides that these arrangements shall enter into force at the latest on 1 January 1986;
3. Reaffirms the criteria laid down in resolution 31/133 on the use of the resources of the Fund and the guidelines established on the advice of the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women, emphasizing the use of these resources for technical co-operation benefiting women;

8/ See A/39/569.

9/ A/39/146 and Add.1, A/39/569 and Add.1 and A/39/571.

4. Requests the Consultative Committee at its seventeenth session to propose an appropriate future title for the Fund;
5. Stresses the need for close and continuous working relationships between the Fund and those bodies, organs and organizations of the United Nations system concerned with women's issues and development co-operation, in particular with the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and its Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs;
6. Expresses its appreciation of the contributions to the Fund made by Governments and non-governmental organizations which have a vital role to play in maintaining and increasing the financial viability and effectiveness of the work of the Fund;
7. Notes with concern that contributions to the Fund have not been sufficient to enable it to take up all the deserving requests received for technical assistance received;
8. Urges, accordingly, Governments to continue and, where possible, increase their contributions to the Fund, and calls upon those Governments that have not yet done so to consider contributing to the Fund;
9. Requests the Secretary-General, after consultation with the Consultative Committee at its seventeenth session, to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the arrangements he has made with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for the future of the Fund;
10. Requests that the Consultative Committee on the Fund to monitor the process of implementing the arrangements for management annexed to the present resolution and that the Committee's views on this matter be fully reflected in the annual report on the Fund to the General Assembly, particularly in its initial years.

Annex

Arrangements for the Management of the () Fund

1. The (name) Fund (acronym), hereinafter referred to as "the Fund", is hereby established as a separate and identifiable entity in autonomous association with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The Administrator of UNDP, hereinafter referred to as "the Administrator", shall be accountable for all aspects of the Fund's management and operations. There shall be a Consultative Committee to advise the Administrator on all policy matters of the Fund's activities in accordance with paragraph 13 below. The following arrangements for the management of the Fund shall apply:

I. Transfer of existing resources and solicitation, acknowledgement and collection of contributions pledged

2. The Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women and its subsidiary Supplementary Trust Fund, which was established by a memorandum of understanding between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Administrator of UNDP on 25 June 1980, are hereby liquidated and their assets transferred to the Fund.

3. Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other persons may contribute to the Fund.

4. The Fund shall be included in the annual United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The Administrator shall assist with financial resources mobilization for the Fund. The contributions to the Fund and the bank accounts into which they are deposited shall be in accordance with the applicable UNDP Financial Regulations and Rules.

II. Operations and control

5. All operations of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women are hereby transferred to the Fund.

6. The Administrator, in consultation with the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women shall appoint a Director of the Fund (the Director) bearing in mind the relevant qualifications and experience with technical co-operation including those benefiting women. The Administrator shall appoint the staff of the Fund in consultation with the Director, pursuant to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations and the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations.

7. The Administrator shall delegate the management of the Fund and its administration, including responsibility for resource mobilization to the Director, who shall have the authority to conduct all matters related to its mandate and who shall be accountable directly to the Administrator.

8. The Fund's operations shall be conducted taking into account the innovative and catalytic nature of the Fund's development co-operation activities for women and its existing criteria and operational procedures. The present procedures of the Fund, including those governing the identification, formulation, approval, appraisal, execution and evaluation of projects that have been established in view of the requirements set out in the criteria approved by the General Assembly in resolution 31/133 and the advice of the Consultative Committee, shall remain in force. Subject to the provisions of this annex, the UNDP regulations, rules and directives shall be applied to the operations of the Fund.

9. The resources of the Fund shall be used mainly within two priority areas: firstly, to serve as catalyst, with the goal to ensure the appropriate involvement of women in mainstream development activities, as often as possible at the pre-investment stages. Secondly, the Fund shall support innovative and experimental activities benefiting women in line with national and regional priorities. Fund resources should be a supplement to and not a substitute for the mandated responsibilities of other United Nations development co-operation organizations and agencies, including UNDP.

10. All the administrative and programme support costs of the Fund shall be met from its own resources.

11. The regional bureaux of UNDP, other UNDP organizational units and UNDP field offices shall continue to assist the operations of the Fund, inter alia, by joint programming missions to ensure the involvement of women in UNDP-financed technical co-operation activities and by supporting the project cycle activities of projects financed by the Fund. For its part, the Fund shall participate in existing machineries for co-ordination of technical co-operation at headquarters and field levels.

12. The proposed biennial budget for the administrative costs of the Fund shall be initially reviewed by the Consultative Committee prior to its submission by the Administrator for approval by the Governing Council.

III. The Consultative Committee and the relationship of the Fund to other organizations

13. The President of the General Assembly shall, with due regard for the financing of the Fund from voluntary contributions and to equitable geographical distribution, designate five Member States to serve on the Consultative Committee of the Fund for a period of three years. Each State member of the Consultative Committee shall designate a person with relevant expertise and experience in development co-operation activities including those benefiting women, to serve on the Committee. The Committee shall advise the Administrator on all matters of policy affecting the Fund's activities, including the application of the criteria set forth by the General Assembly in respect of the use of the Fund.

14. The Fund shall establish and maintain close and continuous working relationships with other United Nations organs, in particular its Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, its Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, the United Nations regional commissions, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, as well as through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and with the specialized agencies and other United Nations entities concerned, in particular the International Fund for Agricultural Development. Co-operation shall also be established for the sharing of information with the Commission on the Status of Women and other relevant

global and regional intergovernmental bodies concerned with development and with women. As appropriate, the activities of the Fund may be drawn to the attention of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women.

IV. Reporting and auditing

15. The Director shall prepare substantive and financial progress reports on the use of the Fund for the Administrator to submit to the Consultative Committee.

16. Taking into account the advice of the Consultative Committee, the Administrator shall submit to the UNDP Governing Council an annual report on the operations, management and budget of the Fund. He shall submit a similar report to the General Assembly, to be referred to the Second Committee for consideration of its technical co-operation aspects, and also to the Third Committee.

17. The Commission on the Status of Women shall also be provided with the annual reports referred to in paragraph 16.

18. The Administrator shall be responsible for reporting all financial transactions of the Fund and shall issue annual financial statements in accordance with UNDP Financial Regulations and Rules.

19. The Fund shall be subject to the internal and external auditing procedures provided under the financial regulations, rules and directives of UNDP.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

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, 10/

Recalling also its resolution 37/59 of 3 December 1982 on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas,

10/ 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.

Reaffirming the importance attached in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 11/ as well as in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 12/ to the need to improve the status of women and ensure their full participation in the development process as agents and beneficiaries of development,

1. Notes with appreciation the organization of the interregional seminar on national experience relating to the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas, held at Vienna from 17 to 28 September 1984;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to compile the observations and comments made on the report of the above-mentioned seminar at the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fortieth session the report of the interregional seminar on national experience relating to the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas mentioned in paragraph 1 above, together with the observations and comments compiled in accordance with paragraph 2 above.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Senior women's programme officers posts at the regional commissions

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 33/188 of 29 January 1979, 35/137 of 11 December 1980 and 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 United Nations Decade for Women,

Recalling also its resolution 38/106 of 16 December 1983, in particular the reference to the question of senior women's programme officers posts at the regional commissions contained in paragraphs 2 and 3,

Reaffirming that questions concerning women should be approached and dealt with as an integral part of overall policies and programmes in the field of social and economic development,

11/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

12/ Resolution 35/56, annex.

Convinced that further efforts are needed to ensure the maintenance and continuation, at the appropriate level, of posts assigned to women's programmes at the regional commissions,

Recognizing that these posts are integral to the successful outcome of national and regional programmes for women,

1. Takes due note of the report of the Secretary-General on the situation of senior women's programme officers posts at the regional commissions; 13/
2. Notes further the decision of the Secretary-General to continue posts through temporary arrangements during 1985;
3. Expresses deep concern that there has been a lack of progress in regularizing senior women's programme officers posts at the regional commissions and that work with the women's programmes is thereby seriously impeded;
4. Stresses 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 United Nations Decade for Women and beyond;
5. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive secretaries of the five regional commissions, to reassess all individual work programmes, with a view to incorporating women's concerns at all levels in the overall programmes of work of each Commission;
6. Further requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive secretaries of the five regional commissions, to allocate sufficient budgetary resources to staff, including where possible by redeployment, within the context of the 1986-1987 programme budget in order to regularize all temporary and permanent senior women's programme officers posts at the regional commissions before the end of the Decade, in order to allow for the integration of policies and programmes concerning women;
7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on measures taken in response to paragraph 5 above.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Integration of women in all aspects of development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/57 of 3 December 1982 as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/12 of 24 May 1984,

Recalling paragraphs 190 to 196 of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year, 14/ which called upon the relevant agencies of the United Nations and intergovernmental, interregional and regional bodies to scrutinize all existing plans and projects with a view to extending their sphere of activities to include women and to develop new and innovative projects to include women,

Bearing in mind that development is one of the themes of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Noting paragraph 51 of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 15/ which stated that appropriate measures should be taken for profound social and economic changes and for the elimination of the structural imbalances which compound and perpetuate women's disadvantages,

Looking ahead to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women and the need to continue such achievements beyond the end of the Decade,

Convinced of the importance of integrating women fully into development in its political, economic, social, cultural and other dimensions, both as agents and as beneficiaries,

Reaffirming the central policy and advisory role of the Commission on the Status of Women within the United Nations in considering matters relating to women, including the achievement of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Recognizing the efforts made by the specialized agencies to integrate women into their ongoing programmes, especially into the establishment of cross-sectoral mechanisms,

Welcoming Economic and Social Council decision 1984/101 of 10 February 1984 to select the question of women in development for review by the Council on a cross-organizational basis at its first regular session of 1985,

Aware that greater co-ordination and knowledge of activities in this area within the specialized agencies of the United Nations and the regional commissions and by Member States and non-governmental organizations would facilitate an exchange of experience and concepts and be beneficial to all,

14/ 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.

15/ Resolution 35/56, annex.

Reaffirming that within the United Nations system the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs remains the focal point for co-ordination, consultation, promotion and advice on matters relevant to women,

Deeply concerned that international efforts on behalf of women should keep pace with the increasing efforts towards establishing effective national machineries and mobilizing resources to ensure the integration of women into all stages of planning, monitoring and development activities,

Noting that the report of the Secretary-General requested in resolution 37/57 was presented to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirtieth session,

1. Urges the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other organs, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system which have not yet done so to develop and implement comprehensive policies regarding the concerns of women, both as agents and as beneficiaries in technical co-operation and development activities and to establish effective review measures to ensure that women are an integral part of these activities and policies;

2. Requests the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other organs, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system to ensure continued co-operation and co-ordination with the Commission on the Status of Women beyond the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1985, in order fully to achieve the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

3. Endorses the request of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1984/12 that the Secretary-General should report to the Commission on the Status of Women at each session on all significant developments pertaining to the advancement of women within the United Nations system that have occurred since the previous session;

4. Invites the Commission on the Status of Women to give greater attention at its future sessions to the reports of the Secretary-General pertaining to the integration of women in development, by continuing to include a specific agenda item for that purpose, and to submit its comments on the Secretary-General's reports to the Economic and Social Council and, as appropriate, through the Council to the General Assembly;

5. Reaffirms its resolution 36/127 of 14 December 1981, which provides for the consideration of issues relating to the integration of women in development in all the relevant organs of the General Assembly.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

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, 16/

Recalling also 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 17/ and would consequently promote the role of women in the development process,

Recalling further that the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade 18/ 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, 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 its resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, in which it decided to convene in 1985, at the conclusion of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, a World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Reaffirming the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, and the sub-themes "Employment, Health and Education",

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,

16/ 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.

17/ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

18/ Resolution 35/56, annex.

Recalling further its resolution 38/108 of 16 December 1983,

Having considered the report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory body for the World Conference, on the work of its second session, held from 27 February to 7 March 1984, 19/

Taking into consideration Economic and Social Council decision 1984/125 of 24 May 1984,

Bearing in mind the request of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1983/28 of 26 May 1983 that the Secretary-General should invite interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council to submit information to the preparatory body, including their views on the progress made and the obstacles still to be overcome towards attainment of the goals of the Decade, as well as their views on priorities and strategies looking to the year 2000,

Stressing the importance of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women to be held in 1985,

Bearing in mind the important role of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory body of the Conference, as well as the need for ensuring the high quality of the documents to be submitted to the Conference,

1. Reiterates its appreciation to the Government of Kenya for its offer to host the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985;
2. Calls upon and urges all Member States to make all efforts to ensure the success of the Conference;
3. Takes note of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on the work of its second session as the preparatory body for the Conference and endorses the recommendations contained therein as adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session in May 1984;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the third session of the preparatory body for the Conference all the recommendations contained in the reports of each of the regional preparatory meetings;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the third session of the preparatory body for the conference containing the information from interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in accordance with Council resolution 1983/28;

6. Requests that the preparatory body for the Conference ensure the high quality of the documents to be submitted to the Conference, which should be distributed at least six weeks before the opening of the Conference;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fortieth session the item entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace".
