

sanctions against the racist régime in South Africa called for in relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

5. *Calls upon* the Governments of home countries of transnational corporations to implement fully the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/56, and to consider adopting further measures to prohibit all forms of collaboration by transnational corporations with the racist minority régime in South Africa, including not only direct investments, but also services, non-equity forms of business arrangements, technology licensing, distribution and franchising agreements and other such activities;

6. *Urges* all transnational corporations to stop immediately any operations in South Africa and all forms of trade and economic links with the racist minority régime;

7. *Calls upon* all multilateral financial and development institutions to cease immediately any kind of support or other form of collaboration with the racist régime in South Africa;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to expedite the implementation of paragraph 9 of Council resolution 1988/56 and to report on the results thereof to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its sixteenth session;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue the useful work of collecting and disseminating information on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and in Namibia until the attainment of its independence, including the compiling of a list of transnational corporations still conducting operations there;

(b) To prepare studies on the level and forms of operations by transnational corporations in South Africa and in Namibia until the attainment of its independence, including their non-equity business arrangements and their involvement in particular sectors of the South African and Namibian economies, and an updated study on the responsibilities of home countries with respect to the transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia in violation of the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations;

(c) To report annually to the Commission on Transnational Corporations, the Economic and Social Council, the General Assembly and the Security Council on the implementation of the present resolution.

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1989/28. Role of transnational banks in developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 43/198 of 20 December 1988 entitled "External debt crisis and development: towards a durable solution of the debt problems",

Recalling its resolution 1988/58 of 27 July 1988 on strengthening the role of the Commission on Transnational Corporations and the activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations in support of developing countries,

Reaffirming the importance of continuing the consideration by the Commission on Transnational

Corporations of issues related to the activities of transnational banks,

Taking into account the linkage existing between the activities of transnational banks on the one hand, and the financial flow of resources to, and the external indebtedness of, the developing countries on the other,

Taking into account also the role of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations in the context of the interrelatedness of the activities and policies of all relevant actors in the field of external indebtedness,

Taking into account further the contribution transnational banks can make to a solution of the external debt problems of developing countries and certain other countries with serious debt-servicing problems,

Requests the Secretary-General to prepare for submission to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its sixteenth session a report on the present and potential activities of transnational banks related to the external indebtedness of developing countries and certain other countries with serious debt-servicing problems, taking into account the recent proposals that emphasize, *inter alia*, reduction of the stock and service of commercial debt.

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1989/29. Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

The Economic and Social Council,

Welcoming the decision of the Secretary-General to deploy on a full-time basis a senior-level officer, preferably a woman, within existing resources, in a position designated as the focal point within the Office of Human Resources Management of the Secretariat to monitor and facilitate the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat,

Noting the absence of the progress report requested by the General Assembly in resolution 43/224 C of 21 December 1988,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 43/101 of 8 December 1988 on the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, 43/103 of 8 December 1988 and 43/224 C of 21 December 1988 on the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat, and 43/226 of 21 December 1988 on the United Nations common system, and all of their relevant provisions, as well as other related resolutions and decisions and their relevant provisions,

Recalling also the priorities identified by the Steering Committee for the Improvement of the Status of Women in the Secretariat in its fourth report,⁵³

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts and to consider additional measures to increase the number of women in posts subject to geographical distribution, particularly in senior policy-making and decision-making posts, with a view to achieving an overall participation rate of 30 per cent of the total by 1990;

2. *Also requests* that such additional measures meet the goal of ensuring equitable representation of women from developing countries;

⁵³A/C.5/43/14, annex I

3. *Reiterates* the request to all Member States to continue to support the efforts of the United Nations and its specialized agencies to increase the proportion of women in the Professional category and above by, *inter alia*, nominating more women candidates and encouraging women to apply for vacant posts and to participate in national competitive examinations;

4. *Urges* the Secretary-General to take note of the view of the Commission on the Status of Women that budgetary constraints should not interfere with the important goal, in accordance with the action programme for the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat,⁵⁴ of rectifying the underrepresentation of women in the Secretariat and, in particular, of recruiting and promoting women to senior policy-making and decision-making positions;

5. *Requests* the Commission on the Status of Women to continue monitoring the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat and within the United Nations system;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the progress achieved in the continued implementation of the action programme for the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat to the Economic and Social Council and to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, as well as to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-fourth session.

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1989/30. Programme planning and activities to advance the status of women

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the high priority that Member States attach to activities to advance the status of women and the important role played by the Commission on the Status of Women in achieving that objective,

Stressing the need to ensure that, in the allocation of budgetary resources, activities for the advancement of women do not suffer disproportionately from the impact of restructuring and retrenchment measures,

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General concerning programme planning matters,⁵⁵

Recalling previous resolutions on programme planning and activities to advance the status of women, including resolution 32/3 of 23 March 1988 of the Commission on the Status of Women,⁵⁶ and, in particular, Council resolution 1988/18 of 26 May 1988,

Concerned that not all elements of the recommendations contained in Council resolution 1988/18 have been fully implemented, particularly those contained in section I, paragraph 1, and section II, paragraph 1,

Stressing that in subsuming the programme on the advancement of women under a major programme entitled "International co-operation for social development" of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, women's issues should not be limited to the rubric of social issues,

⁵⁴A/C.5/40/30, sect. III.B.

⁵⁵A/43/329, E/CN.6/1989/10 and E/CN.6/1989/CRP.2.

⁵⁶See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1988, Supplement No. 5 (E/1988/15/Rev.1), chap. I.*

1. *Welcomes* the decision of the Secretary-General to include a separate programme on the advancement of women in his draft proposal for the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997,⁵⁷ as recommended by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1988/18 and by the Commission on the Status of Women in its resolution 32/3;

2. *Decides* that the inclusion of paragraph 65 in the draft introduction to the medium-term plan beginning 1992⁵⁸ is not an adequate response to the recommendation contained in Council resolution 1988/18, section I, paragraph 1;

3. *Reiterates* that the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women⁵⁹ and the status of women in general should be identified as a global priority in the introduction to the medium-term plan;

4. *Urges* the Secretary-General to ensure that women's issues are not marginalized under the rubric of social issues and that they are reflected in particular in the economic programmes of the medium-term plan, as well as in other programmes;

5. *Endorses* the view expressed by the Secretary-General that the proposed subprogramme entitled "Monitoring, review and appraisal of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies" should be given high priority, and urges that the highest priority be accorded to addressing the fundamental needs of women in developing countries, particularly in such areas as literacy, education, employment, health and population, with a view to ensuring their full integration in the development process and full participation in decision-making;

6. *Decides* that the proposed subprogramme entitled "Development" should be reoriented to focus on the fundamental needs of women in developing countries, particularly the least developed countries;

7. *Reaffirms* the decision contained in its resolution 1988/18, section II, paragraph 1, that the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 and subsequent programme budgets should provide for full funding from the regular budget for the implementation of all aspects of legislative mandates for the advancement of women;

8. *Decides* that the Trust Fund for the Preparatory Activities for the 1985 World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, established by the Secretary-General pursuant to Council decision 1983/132 of 26 May 1983, should be continued for the biennium 1990-1991 under the terms of reference set out in Council resolution 1988/18, section II, paragraph 2, as indicated in the proposed programme of work for the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat for the biennium 1990-1991;⁶⁰

9. *Urges* the Secretary-General, in carrying out this decision, to improve collaboration with the specialized agencies and the United Nations Development Fund for Women in consultation with their respective governing bodies, as required;

⁵⁷E/CN.6/1989/CRP.2.

⁵⁸A/43/329, annex.

⁵⁹*Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

⁶⁰See E/CN.6/1989/CRP.1.