

1989/49. Follow-up to the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future

The Economic and Social Council.

Recalling its resolution 1987/48 of 28 May 1987 on the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 42/125 of 7 December 1987, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, endorsed the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future,⁸² adopted by the Interregional Consultation,

Taking note of the recommendation made to the Interregional Consultation by the Conference of European Ministers Responsible for Social Affairs, held at Warsaw in April 1987, that the United Nations should look into ways in which the international community could in the future deal with pressing problems related to alcohol use,⁸³

Guided by the recommendations set out in the Guiding Principles for action at the national, regional and interregional levels to identify social measures that may appropriately be taken to meet the challenges posed to social structures, values, traditions and attitudes by, *inter alia*, the negative social consequences of alcohol use,

Mindful of the important contribution made by the World Health Organization in highlighting the negative health aspects of alcohol use,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to consider ways of following up the recommendations of the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes by, *inter alia*, carrying out a study on the negative social consequences of alcohol use, based on the report of an expert meeting to be convened in 1990 under the auspices of the United Nations;

2. Takes note with appreciation of the offer of the Government of Norway to act as host to the expert meeting on the negative social consequences of alcohol use;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, within existing resources and drawing on support from interested Governments and appropriate intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to make the necessary preparations for the expert meeting;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to consult with Member States on the nomination of experts to attend the meeting and to invite Member States to participate in the preparatory work by, *inter alia*, contributing national reports on relevant aspects of the questions deemed of particular importance;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-second session on the outcome of the expert meeting and to distribute the report of the meeting to Member States, inviting their comments on the recommendations contained therein.

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⁸²E/CONF.80/10, chap. III.

⁸³See E/CONF.80/9.

1989/50. Second review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging

The Economic and Social Council.

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the second review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging, conducted by the Commission for Social Development in accordance with General Assembly resolution 37/51 of 3 December 1982,⁸⁴

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his comprehensive report on the second review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging;

2. Decides to adopt the set of priorities and recommendations to encourage further implementation of the Plan of Action, contained in annex I to the present resolution;

3. Endorses the draft programme of United Nations activities relating to the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Plan of Action, in 1992, contained in annex II to the present resolution;

4. Reaffirms the recommendation made in the Plan of Action that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat should continue to serve as the focal point in the United Nations system for activities related to aging and that, to that end, the Secretary-General, within the existing global resources of the United Nations, should give due consideration to the provision of appropriate increased resources for the implementation of the Plan of Action;⁸⁵

5. Recommends the establishment of an open-ended *ad hoc* working group of the Third Committee of the General Assembly at the forty-fourth session of the Assembly to focus on the conclusions of the second review and appraisal;

6. Decides to establish an open-ended *ad hoc* working group of the Economic and Social Council to monitor the preparatory activities for the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Plan of Action, in 1992;

7. Recommends the convening of an *ad hoc* working group of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-second session to monitor the activities for the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Plan of Action;

8. Decides that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs should co-ordinate, within existing resources or with extrabudgetary resources, activities to mark the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Plan of Action, as suggested in paragraph 103 of the report of the Secretary-General;⁸⁴

9. Urges the Aging Unit of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs to place special emphasis on developing expertise in, and providing technical assistance to, Member States on social and economic developmental issues related to aging;

10. Urges the Commission on the Status of Women to give particular attention to the specific problems faced by elderly women;

⁸⁴E/1989/13.

⁸⁵See *Report of the World Assembly on Aging, Vienna, 26 July to 6 August 1982* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.16), chap. VI, Sect. A.IV B.