

(p) Laws and practices that support age discrimination should be discouraged;

(q) Income security programmes, including those related to pensions, employment opportunities and family assistance, should be supported to ensure dignity and opportunity in old age;

(r) Income security should be enhanced, where necessary, by the development and support of income-generating projects for and by the elderly.

## ANNEX II

### Draft programme of United Nations activities relating to the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Aging

1. A draft programme of organizational and substantive activities to mark the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Aging is given below, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 43/93 of 8 December 1988. The substantive focus reflects priority needs identified in the report of the Secretary-General on the second review and appraisal of the implementation of the Plan of Action.<sup>84</sup>

2. The draft programme aims at stimulating interest, research and responsive policies and programmes, and at promoting the celebration of aging as a significant phenomenon and achievement of the twentieth century. When implemented, the draft programme's substantive focus and organizational arrangements would vary among the entities concerned and from country to country.

3. The Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, as the focal point within the United Nations system for activities on aging, will co-ordinate the programmes of the anniversary year. Working within existing resources, it will endeavour:

(a) To mobilize national machinery on aging to launch national consciousness-raising events;

(b) To use the expertise of the organizations of the United Nations system for action-oriented programmes on aging in their respective areas of concern;

(c) To co-operate with non-governmental organizations in the production and distribution of specialized and general information for wide distribution within their respective networks;

(d) To ensure that the general public is informed of the year and its follow-up activities by increasing channels of communication between the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and United Nations information centres around the world;

(e) To raise extrabudgetary resources for supplementing those activities.

4. Issues selected for special attention during the year and in the course of the follow-up activities will include, in accordance with the findings of the second review and appraisal, policies and programmes relating to the following:

- (a) Income security and income-generating activities;
- (b) Health-care delivery and its financing in aging societies;
- (c) Community-based activities for and with the elderly;
- (d) Organizations of the elderly;
- (e) Training.

5. In addition to Governments, groups to be targeted during the year and in the course of the follow-up activities will include middle-aged and elderly persons, trade unions and employers' organizations, women's and youth organizations, schools and universities, and research and training institutions.

6. If extrabudgetary resources become available, the following specific activities will be undertaken to prepare for and mark the tenth anniversary:

- 1989 International meeting of non-governmental organizations to assist in the development and organization of concrete programmes and activities for 1992 and beyond;
- 1990 Regional meetings of developing countries, in co-operation with regional commissions and national machinery on aging, to promote the development of country-specific profiles and the preparation of national agenda on aging for the decade 1992-2001;

1991 Publication of a graphic and succinct status report entitled "Aging: highlights from the twentieth century, forecasts for the twenty-first century";

1992 Activities marking the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Aging, including:

(a) A public information campaign focusing on selected aging issues to stimulate the necessary preparation for or response to aging;

(b) An international art and literature campaign (including a poster competition) to enlist the general public, artists and writers in celebrating aging;

(c) The issue of United Nations stamps to commemorate the occasion;

(d) Publication of an agenda for the decade, entitled "Selected priorities for action on aging: 1992-2001". This would complement the broad-based Plan of Action, and priorities would be selected on the basis of national profiles and experience in implementing the Plan of Action at various levels. It would be for use by decision makers, practitioners and non-governmental organizations;

(e) An information packet containing technical reports, news features, human interest items and so forth for use by schools, universities, the media and non-governmental organizations

7. After 1992, substantive activities might focus on several specific issues within the general context of the aging of populations, with a view to ensuring that exchanges of knowledge and expertise can actually be operationalized. Four clusters of activities are suggested below, each one to begin with a draft paper prepared by the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, in consultation with the appropriate specialized agencies; the draft papers will be refined at regional meetings, in co-operation with the regional commissions, and finally published as technical manuals or monographs. The clusters of activities suggested are:

(a) Establishment of community-based organizations of the aged;

(b) Income security and income generation for and by the aged;

(c) Health-care delivery and financing in aging societies;

(d) Intersectoral co-operation on aging.

8. Information on the activities undertaken on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Plan of Action and the follow-up activities proposed for the decade 1992-2001 will be made available to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session when, in accordance with its Assembly resolution 43/93, the occasion will be commemorated in the plenary Assembly.

### 1989/51. Youth in the contemporary world

#### *The Economic and Social Council.*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1985/23 of 29 May 1985 and 1987/45 of 28 May 1987,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 40/14 of 18 November 1985 entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace", in which the Assembly requested the Commission for Social Development to examine, on a regular basis, specific youth issues, and resolution 43/94 of 8 December 1988, in which the Assembly called upon all States, all United Nations bodies, in particular the Economic and Social Council through its Commission for Social Development, the specialized agencies and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, in particular youth organizations, to continue to exert all possible efforts for the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth, in accordance with their experience, conditions and priorities,

*Recognizing* the necessity of adopting effective measures, particularly in the fields of education, above all, teaching, culture and information, in order

to strengthen the efforts for the promotion of understanding, mutual respect and friendship among nations and, primarily, among young people, for the creation of an international climate free from mistrust and discord,

*Convinced* that it is necessary to ensure full enjoyment by youth of all the rights stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 217 A (III) of 10 December 1948, and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, adopted by the Assembly in resolution 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth;<sup>86</sup>

2. *Recognizes* that the guidelines provide a constructive framework for a long-term strategy in the field of youth;

3. *Expresses its concern* that the lack of financial and human resources within the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat has hindered the effective implementation of the guidelines, especially in developing countries;

4. *Calls upon* all States, all governmental, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations and the United Nations system, in particular the Economic and Social Council through its Commission for Social Development, to continue to give appropriate attention to proper follow-up and implementation of the guidelines;

5. *Urges* the Secretary-General to strengthen the efforts aimed at proposing and monitoring action-oriented programmes to promote the process of implementation of the guidelines, *inter alia*, focusing on the promotion of regional and international co-operation;

6. *Invites* Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute generously, according to their ability, to the United Nations Youth Fund, taking into account the specific recommendations included in the guidelines;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-second session a report on the implementation of the guidelines;

8. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-third session to prepare a draft programme of action to mark the tenth anniversary of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace, for implementation at the international level, and to identify future strategies in the field of youth, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

*15th plenary meeting  
24 May 1989*

## **1989/52. United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which the Assembly adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled

<sup>86</sup>E/CN.5/1989/7.

Persons, and 37/53 of 3 December 1982, by which it proclaimed the period 1983-1992 the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, and other relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 43/98 of 8 December 1988, by which the Assembly adopted a list of priorities for global activities and programmes for the second half of the Decade and requested the Secretary-General to undertake a feasibility study on the substantive, financial and administrative implications of alternative ways of marking the end of the Decade in 1992, and to submit the study to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session,

*Noting with satisfaction* the strengthening of the Disabled Persons Unit of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat through the generous financial support of some Governments,

*Noting with appreciation* the installation at the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of a Thiel Braille Printer donated by a foundation,

*Noting with deep concern* that many developing countries are facing enormous difficulties in dealing with increasing numbers of disabled people, and recognizing the need for developed countries and appropriate United Nations bodies to take this into account when planning bilateral and multilateral development co-operation,

*Recognizing* the pivotal role of the United Nations in promoting the exchange of information, experience and expertise and closer regional and interregional co-operation to advance the status and welfare of disabled persons,

*Stressing* that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs is the focal point within the United Nations system for the implementation and monitoring of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,

*Mindful* that the incidence of disability rapidly increases with age, that the problems facing the aging are very often similar to those facing the disabled and that the number of aged persons affected by disability is increasing,

*Mindful also* of the often extremely difficult position of disabled women,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons for the second half of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,<sup>87</sup>

1. *Calls upon* Member States, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to further the practical implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons during the second half of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, based on the list of priorities for global activities and programmes set forth in the annex to General Assembly resolution 43/98;

2. *Urges* Member States, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide all possible support to the awareness and fund-

<sup>87</sup>E/CN.5/1989/6.