

raising campaigns to give added momentum to the Decade;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the clearing-house function of the Secretariat by exploring possibilities, including the financial implications of implementing an international information system, and by encouraging Member States and organizations that have acquired experience in the disability field to inform the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat of their experience;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to disseminate relevant information, on a pilot basis, within existing resources and with voluntary contributions, on the activities of the Disabled Persons Unit of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs in forms accessible to blind persons, in order to facilitate the Secretary-General's examination of ways of making United Nations meetings, information materials and documents accessible to disabled persons, as well as his determination of the financial implications thereof, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 43/98, paragraph 7;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to determine the financial implications of the implementation of the recommendations contained in the three studies on accessibility to United Nations buildings, documents and information by persons with sensory disabilities, prepared in conjunction with the International Year of Disabled Persons 1981, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 35/133 of 11 December 1980;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General and Member States to pay special attention during the second half of the Decade to the functioning and reactivation of national bodies for disabled persons and to the development and strengthening of powerful and influential organizations of disabled persons;

7. *Calls upon* Member States to give due consideration to the close interrelationship between aging and disability and to give attention to the application of measures aimed at avoiding or curing disabilities of aging persons, and invites Member States that have conducted research in this field to provide the Secretariat with information on the results;

8. *Also calls upon* Member States and appropriate United Nations organizations and bodies, when planning their development co-operation and similar projects, to give increased attention to the needs of disabled persons in developing countries;

9. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in connection with the preparation of the feasibility study of alternative ways to mark the end of the Decade in 1992, to convene an expert meeting in 1990, within the existing resources, *inter alia*, to advise on the best possible ways of marking the end of the Decade and of continuing the work in the disability field;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General and Member States to give particular attention to improving the situation of vulnerable groups, as outlined in the World Programme of Action, emphasizing the need for social justice and the participation of those groups in each sector of society;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that contributions, in kind or cash, related to the Decade are channelled into the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, already established by the General Assembly; such contribu-

tions may be earmarked by the donors for special purposes;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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24 May 1989*

1989/53. Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future and follow-up to the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaimed by the Assembly in its resolution 217 A (III) of 10 December 1948, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, contained in the annex to its resolution 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966, and the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, proclaimed by the Assembly in its resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, as well as other relevant international instruments,

"Reaffirming the importance and value of strategies and plans of action concerning the situation of women, aging, youth, the disabled, crime prevention and drug abuse,

"Recalling its resolution 42/125 of 7 December 1987, in which, *inter alia*, it endorsed the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future and requested the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to ensure follow-up action to the Guiding Principles,

"Stressing the importance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/48 of 28 May 1987, by which the Secretary-General was requested to redeploy resources to ensure appropriate follow-up to the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes,

"Mindful of the critical importance of practical social welfare questions and the need to provide adequate resources to deal with them,

"Concerned about the lack of follow-up in the regions of Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Western Asia,

"1. Reaffirms the validity of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future as an appropriate framework for future action in the field of social welfare and development;

"2. Calls upon Governments to make use of the Guiding Principles, to apply the recommendations therein, as appropriate, in accordance with their national structures, needs and objectives, to inform the Secretary-General of problems of implementation at the national level, and to accelerate the follow-up to the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes.

"3. *Requests* the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions to give particular attention to the recommendations for action at the regional level contained in the Guiding Principles;

"4. *Urges* the Secretary-General and all organizations of the United Nations system concerned to include the implementation of the Guiding Principles in their respective programmes of work and to assist Governments, particularly those of the developing countries, in formulating appropriate social welfare policies and in setting up effective programmes according to their needs;

"5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the follow-up to the Interregional Consultation, focusing on, *inter alia*, integrated, family- and community-oriented cost-effective innovations in the design of social welfare policies and programmes;

"6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen technical support and co-operation to Governments, especially those of developing countries, focusing on the policy, planning, administration and training aspects of developmental social welfare;

"7. *Reiterates the request* to the Secretary-General to redeploy resources with a view to taking measures to follow up the Interregional Consultation;

"8. *Recommends* the organization of further regional expert group meetings devoted to issues raised in the Guiding Principles, such as the first regional follow-up international expert meeting, held at Bonn in January 1989;

"9. *Also recommends* that the efforts to reinforce the functioning of the United Nations inter-governmental machinery in the social field should continue in line with the view expressed in paragraph 95 of the report of the Interregional Consultation;⁸²

"10. *Decides* that social issues as conceived in the Guiding Principles should become a major part of the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade;

"11. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General on the results of and follow-up to the Interregional Consultation;⁸⁸

"12. *Takes note* of the progress made so far in developing the United Nations Office at Vienna as the nucleus for social policy and development;

"13. *Invites* funding agencies within the United Nations system to consider readjustment and appropriate increase of their input of resources in the field of social development to fully reflect the changing world situation and actual requirements;

"14. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

"(a) To enhance the monitoring functions of and within the United Nations Office at Vienna and to maintain effective co-ordination between its individual units;

"(b) To summarize, maintain and publicize an overview of social components and internationally accepted norms of the many international plans, covenants, declarations and strategies in the social field;

"(c) To ensure that all United Nations organizations consult the Centre for Social Development

and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat on the social components of their developmental programmes and projects;

"(d) To reflect appropriately the recommendations of the Guiding Principles in the draft medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 and in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991;

"(e) To report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the progress achieved in implementing and following up the Guiding Principles and the present resolution;

"15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled 'Implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future'."

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24 May 1989*

1989/54. Need to enhance international co-operation in the field of protection and assistance to the family

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 43/135 of 8 December 1988,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Social situation of families: results of the survey of national policies for families";⁸⁹ prepared in accordance with its resolution 1987/46 of 28 May 1987;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, Member States, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as appropriate, to implement fully General Assembly resolution 43/135.

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1989/55. The social dimension of the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 43/182 of 20 December 1988 on the preparation of an international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade,

Reaffirming the fundamental importance of social goals in the development process,

Recognizing that social and economic policy measures are complementary in the achievement of development objectives,

Recognizing also the importance for all countries of increasing and strengthening national and international, as well as public and private, co-operation in both the social and economic spheres,

Noting that the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Whole for the Preparation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, established by the General Assembly in its resolution 43/182, will submit a progress report to the Assembly at its forty-fourth session, with a view to finalizing the strategy in time for its adoption in 1990,

⁸⁸E/CN.5/1989/3.

⁸⁹E/CN.5/1989/4.