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33/6. Channels of communication with youth and youth organizations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/135 of 16 December 1977 in which it adopted the guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General of 22 September 1978,²

Convinced of the need to improve the efforts of the United Nations and the specialized agencies with regard

to the participation of youth in achieving the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations,

Equally convinced of the valuable contribution that youth can make in promoting co-operation among States and in the implementation of the new international economic order based on equity and justice,

Bearing in mind the importance of the existence of the channels of communication and of practical and effective opportunities for youth and youth organizations to participate, through national focal points where they exist, in the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies at the national, regional, inter-regional and international levels,

² A/33/261.

1. *Invites* Member States and regional commissions which have not yet done so on the basis of General Assembly resolution 32/135 to comment on the guidelines and to offer additional suggestions regarding the further development of these guidelines;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session a report on comments and suggestions offered by Member States and regional commissions relating to the guidelines;

3. *Invites* the Commission for Social Development to make appropriate recommendations for the further development of the guidelines adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 32/135, taking into account the suggestions and comments of Member States and regional commissions and the debate on the subject during the thirty-third session and to report to the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session a report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the guidelines with specific, action-oriented recommendations aimed at the further development and practical implementation of the guidelines and at the promotion and support of co-operation between the United Nations and the specialized agencies on the one hand, and national and international youth organizations on the other;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session the item entitled "Policies and programmes relating to youth".

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33/7. International Youth Year

The General Assembly,

Recalling that since 1965 numerous resolutions on the situation, needs and aspirations of youth have been adopted by both the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council,

Also recalling its resolution 32/134 of 16 December 1977, by which it was decided to give due consideration to the idea of proclaiming an international youth year at the thirty-third session,

Recognizing the profound importance of the direct participation of youth in shaping the future of humanity,

Convinced of the necessity of meeting the legitimate needs and aspirations of youth and ensuring their active participation in all fields of national life,

Considering it necessary to disseminate among youth the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, human solidarity and dedication to the objectives of progress and development,

Convinced of the imperative need to harness the energies, enthusiasms and creative abilities of youth to the tasks of nation building, the struggle for national independence and self-determination, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and against foreign domination and occupation, the economic, social and cultural advancement of peoples, the implementation of the new international economic order,

the preservation of world peace and the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

Recognizing the necessity of consolidating the efforts of all States in carrying out specific programmes concerning youth,

Noting the wide variety of proposals that have been made to the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to improve channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations and to ensure the active participation of young people in all stages of development at the local, national and international levels,

Believing that it is urgently desirable to consolidate the efforts of the United Nations concerning the situation, needs and aspirations of youth into specific, practical and effective means of bringing about such objectives,

Affirming the importance of current and projected United Nations activities designed to increase opportunities for youth to be integrated into development activities and to assess the needs and aspirations of youth,

Convinced that an international youth year could usefully serve to mobilize efforts at the local, national, regional and international levels in order to promote the best educational, professional and living conditions for young people to ensure their active participation in the over-all development of society and to encourage the preparation of new national and local policies and programmes in accordance with each country's experience,

Recognizing the necessity of taking into account experiences of previous international years for establishing uniform criteria and procedures to be applied to the organization and evaluation of international years with the view of maximizing their impact and practical efficiency,

1. *Decides* to proclaim an International Youth Year and to designate the most suitable period for its celebration, as well as the ways and means for its observance, at its thirty-fourth session;

2. *Decides also* that in its examination of the question it will take full account of the report of the Secretary-General, to be prepared on the basis of Economic and Social Council decision 1978/47 of 1 August 1978;

3. *Takes note* of the reports entitled "International Youth Year"³ and "Legislative history and programme activities of the United Nations in the field of youth"⁴ submitted by the Secretary-General;

4. *Invites again* all States to make known their views and to offer additional suggestions concerning the International Youth Year and to send their proposals and observations in this regard to the Secretary-General before 1 July 1979;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report which should present analytically the opinions expressed by States with respect to the various practical aspects of the celebration of the International Youth Year on the basis of the views and proposals which have been made and will be made,

³ A/33/257 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.

⁴ A/33/193.