

to the convening of a world assembly on aging, including appropriate proposals on ways in which either or both of these undertakings might be carried out;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-third session an item entitled "Problems of the elderly and the aged" under which the Secretary-General's report and pertinent observations by Member States would be considered.

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32/133. International Year for Disabled Persons

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/123 of 16 December 1976, by which it proclaimed the year 1981 International Year for Disabled Persons and decided to devote that year to the realization of a set of objectives, including:

(a) Helping disabled persons in their physical and psychological adjustment to society,

(b) Promoting all national and international efforts to provide disabled persons with proper assistance, training, care and guidance, to make available to them opportunities for suitable work and to ensure their full integration into society,

(c) Encouraging study and research projects designed to facilitate the practical participation of disabled persons in daily life, for example by improving their access to public buildings and transportation systems,

(d) Educating and informing the public of the rights of disabled persons to participate in and contribute to various aspects of economic, social and political life,

(e) Promoting effective measures for the prevention of disability and for the rehabilitation of disabled persons,

Recalling, in particular, paragraph 4 of its resolution 31/123 in which it requested the Secretary-General to elaborate, in consultation with Member States, the specialized agencies and the organizations concerned, a draft programme for the International Year for Disabled Persons,

Recalling its resolution 31/93 of 14 December 1976 on the medium-term plan, in paragraph 6 of which it urged organs to refrain from undertaking new activities not programmed in the medium-term plan and the subsequent programme budget unless a pressing need of an unforeseeable nature arises as determined by the General Assembly,

Having considered with satisfaction the report of the Secretary-General on the International Year for Disabled Persons⁸⁰ and the draft programme for the Year annexed thereto,

1. *Approves* the proposals of the Secretary-General, contained in his report, for preparatory work for the period 1978-1979;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to undertake the measures required to implement these proposals, including the necessary information activities prior to and during the International Year for Disabled Persons;

3. *Decides* that the International Year for Disabled Persons represents such a pressing need of an unforeseeable nature;

4. *Decides* to establish an Advisory Committee for the International Year for Disabled Persons, composed of the representatives of fifteen Member States to be appointed, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, by the Chairman of the Third Committee, in concurrence with the regional groups;⁸¹

5. *Decides* that the task of the Advisory Committee shall be to consider, and to consult with Member States and specialized agencies on, the draft programme for the International Year for Disabled Persons prepared by the Secretary-General;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene the Advisory Committee no later than March 1979 at the Headquarters of the United Nations and to submit the report on that meeting to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-fourth session;

7. *Appeals* to Member States to make in due time generous voluntary contributions for the International Year for Disabled Persons;

8. *Encourages* Member States and the organizations concerned to take specific action in the preparation of the observance of the International Year for Disabled Persons;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session the item entitled "International Year for Disabled Persons".

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32/134. Youth in the contemporary world

The General Assembly,

Recalling that since 1965 numerous resolutions on the situation, needs and aspirations of youth have been adopted by both the General Assembly⁸² and the Economic and Social Council,⁸³

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

Convinced of the imperative need to harness the energies, enthusiasms and creative abilities of youth to the tasks of nation building, 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,

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

⁸¹ The composition of the Advisory Committee will be announced subsequently.

⁸² Resolutions 2037 (XX), 2447 (XXIII), 2497 (XXIV), 2633 (XXV), 2770 (XXVI), 3022 (XXVII), 3023 (XXVII), 3024 (XXVII), 3140 (XXVIII), 3141 (XXVIII), 31/129, 31/130, 31/131 and 31/132.

⁸³ Resolutions 1086 J (XXXIX), 1353 (XLV), 1354 (XLV), 1407 (XLVI), 1752 (LIV), 1922 (LVIII), 1923 (LVIII), 1966 (LIX) and 2078 (LXII).

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, including, *inter alia*, publications designed to disseminate information on programmes of youth participation in development, co-operative arrangements with institutions engaged in youth research, and the preparation of studies on youth organizations and the training of youth workers,

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,

1. *Invites* all States to make known their views concerning the proclamation of an international youth year and to send their proposals and observations in this regard to the Secretary-General before 1 July 1978;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report containing the views of Member States on the proclamation of an international youth year and to propose possible ways and means for the observance of such a year;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a brief synopsis of the legislative history and programme activities of the United Nations in the field of youth since 1965, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session for further discussion;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-third session the item entitled "Policies and programmes relating to youth" and to grant it the highest priority, due consideration being given to the idea of proclaiming an international youth year at that session.

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32/135. Channels of communication with youth and youth organizations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 31/131 and 31/132 of 16 December 1976 and Economic and Social Council resolution 2078 (LXII) of 13 May 1977,

Convinced of the need to improve the efforts of the United Nations with regard to the participation of youth in achieving the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations,

Convinced also 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 in the work of the United Nations at the national, regional, interregional and international levels,

1. *Adopts* the guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations contained in the annex to the present resolution;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution, together with its annex, to all Member States, regional commissions and regional and international youth organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Invites* Member States to communicate the substance of the present resolution and its annex to national youth organizations and ask for their comments and suggestions;

4. *Invites* Member States and the regional commissions to comment upon the guidelines contained in the annex to the present resolution and to offer additional suggestions regarding the further development of these guidelines;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake the necessary action for the implementation of the guidelines, in particular through:

(a) Joint consultations with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme concerning the youth activities dealt with in the guidelines;

(b) The interagency task force drawn from the secretariats of the United Nations and the specialized agencies directly concerned with youth policies and programmes, established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2078 (LXII);

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session a report on comments and suggestions offered by Member States and regional commissions relating to the guidelines contained in the annex to the present resolution and on the progress achieved in their implementation with specific, action-oriented recommendations for the further development of the guidelines and of the co-operation between the United Nations system and national and international youth organizations.

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ANNEX

Guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations

A. NATIONAL

1. The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme should be requested to continue exploring, in