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MOBILIZATION AND INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENTReport of the Second Committee (Part V)Rapporteur: Ms. Martha DUEÑAS de WHIST (Ecuador)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 82 (see A/44/746, para. 2). Action to be taken on sub-item (d) was considered at the 16th and 41st meetings, on 20 October and 21 November 1989. An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/44/SR.16 and 41).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS A/C.2/44/L.10 and L.45

2. At the 16th meeting, on 20 October, the representative of Finland, also on behalf of Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, Iceland, Indonesia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden and Uganda, subsequently joined by Australia, Morocco, the Philippines, Poland, Samoa, Spain, Togo, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zaire, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.10), entitled "Integration of women in development", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 40/204 of 17 December 1985 on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development, in which it requested the Secretary-General to update the survey on the role of women in development on a regular basis,

"Also recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/64 of 23 July 1986 concerning the approach to be taken in updating the survey, Assembly resolution 42/178 of 11 December 1987 and Council resolution 1989/106 on 27 July 1989 on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development and Council resolution 1989/105 of 27 July 1989 on the co-ordination of activities of the United Nations system to advance the status of women and to integrate women in development,

"Stressing the need for the United Nations operational system to take fully into account the position of women in its activities and recognizing the catalytic role played by the United Nations Development Fund for Women,

"Taking note of the 1989 World Survey on the Role of Women in Development, 1/ and the report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development, 2/

"Recognizing the contribution of new concepts and methods in data collection of statistics on women which enhance the depth and coverage of the analysis,

"Bearing in mind that the fundamental assessment by the World Survey of the progress or lack of progress in the advancement of women should constitute the basic documentation for the world conference on women envisaged in the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, 3/

"Recognizing that for many women, in particular those in the developing countries, economic and social developments during the 1980s have not resulted in the benefits anticipated at the beginning of the decade,

"Recognizing also the significant contribution women make to economic activity and the major force they represent for change and development in all sectors of the economy, especially in key areas such as agriculture, industry and services, and convinced that the development process should seek to improve and encourage their greater participation in all areas of the economy,

"1. Requests the Secretary-General to give wide distribution to the 1989 World Survey on the Role of Women in Development, especially to national machineries for the advancement of women, ministries concerned with economic policy and universities;

1/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.89.IV.2.

2/ A/44/290-E/1989/105.

3/ Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A, para. 340.

"2. Urges Governments to take into account, as appropriate, the recommendations contained in the World Survey in designing national policies for development, adjustment and economic reform;

"3. Considers that the economic role and potential of women should be fully taken into account in the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, in co-operation with the organizations of the United Nations system, in a timely manner to allow proper consideration, the next regular update of the World Survey, on the general basis of the recommendations contained in the 1989 World Survey but with a particular focus on the socio-economic aspects with respect to women in education, health, population, income distribution, employment and the environment, as well as women's participation in economic and political decision-making and women's economic role at the national, regional and international levels and containing proposals for concerted national, regional and global action to enhance the role of women as development agents and beneficiaries;

"5. Also request the Secretary-General, in updating the World Survey, to ensure that its preparation is co-ordinated with that of the World Economic Survey, the medium-term plan and the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development;

"6. Further requests the Secretary-General to continue to develop gender disaggregated data and indicators concerning the role of women in development, including regular updates of the United Nations Women's Indicators and Statistics Data Base, at two-year intervals; in this context, particular attention should be given to economic statistics that take into account the remunerated and unremunerated contribution of women to development, to including the informal sector in the new systems of national accounts and balances and to ensuring that relevant studies and documents produced by the United Nations system contain such data;

"7. Calls upon the organizations of the United Nations system to assist national Governments at their request in monitoring the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;

"8. Calls upon the United Nations operational system to ensure that it collect and report gender disaggregated data covering national and international project personnel, including consultants, as well as beneficiaries of its programmes;

"9. Request the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to include in his 1991 report on operational activities a separate chapter on United Nations efforts in integrating women in development, both as a mainstream and specific activity of the United Nations system, and with particular attention to literacy, education, health, population, environment, employment and participation in decision-making."

3. At the 41st meeting, on 21 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. David Payton (New Zealand), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.45), submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.10.
4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.45 by consensus (see para. 7).
5. In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.45, the sponsors withdrew draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.10.
6. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Mexico made a statement (see A/C.2/44/SR.41).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

7. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Integration of women in development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 40/204 of 17 December 1985 on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development, in which it requested the Secretary-General to update the survey on the role of women in development on a regular basis,

Also recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/64 of 23 July 1986 concerning the approach to be taken in updating the survey, Assembly resolution 42/178 of 11 December 1987 and Council resolution 1989/106 of 27 July 1989 on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development as well as Council resolution 1989/105 of 27 July 1989 on the co-ordination of activities of the United Nations system to advance the status of women and to integrate women in development,

Stressing the need for the United Nations operational system to take fully into account the position of women in its activities and recognizing the catalytic role played by the United Nations Development Fund for Women,

Recalling the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women 4/ and stressing that activities for the integration of women in development should take into account the relevant recommendations contained therein,

4/ Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

Taking note of the 1989 World Survey on the Role of Women in Development 5/ and the report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development, 6/

Recognizing the contribution of new concepts and methods in data collection of statistics on women, which enhance the depth and coverage of the analysis,

Bearing in mind that the fundamental assessment by the World Survey of the progress or lack of progress in the advancement of women should constitute the basic documentation for the world conference on women envisaged in the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, 4/

Recognizing that for many women, in particular those in the developing countries, the evolution of the economic and social situation during the 1980s has not resulted in the benefits anticipated at the beginning of the decade,

Recognizing also the significant contribution women make to economic activity and the major force they represent for change and development in all sectors of the economy, especially in key areas such as agriculture, industry and services, and convinced that the development process should seek to improve and encourage their greater participation in all areas of the economy,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to distribute the 1989 World Survey on the Role of Women in Development, 5/ especially to national machineries for the advancement of women, ministries concerned with economic policy and universities;

2. Invites Governments to take into account, as appropriate, the recommendations contained in the 1989 World Survey in designing national policies for development, adjustment and economic reform;

3. Considers that the economic role and potential of women should be fully taken into account in the forthcoming international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session an annotated outline of the next regular update of the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development and requests that the completed update be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session in 1994, through the Economic and Social Council, in co-operation with the organizations of the United Nations system, in a timely manner, to allow proper consideration;

5/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.89.IV.2.

6/ A/44/290-E/1989/105.

5. Requests that the next edition of the World Survey, taking into account the recommendations contained in the 1989 World Survey, address the impact on women of the prevailing economic conditions in developing countries and identify obstacles to women's economic role in key areas of development, with particular focus on the socio-economic aspects with respect to women in education, health, population, income distribution, employment and the environment, and women's participation in economic and political decision-making and women's economic role at the national, regional and international levels, and contain proposals for concerted national, regional and international action to enhance the role of women as development agents and beneficiaries;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General, in updating the World Survey, to ensure that its preparation is co-ordinated with that of the World Economic Survey, the medium-term plan and the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development;

7. Further requests the Secretary-General to continue to develop gender disaggregated data and indicators concerning the role of women in development, including regular updates of the United Nations Women's Indicators and Statistics Data Base, at two-year intervals; in this context, particular attention should be given to economic statistics that take into account the remunerated and unremunerated contribution of women to development, to including the informal sector in the new systems of national accounts and balances to reflect adequately women's activities and to ensure that relevant studies and documents produced by the United Nations system contain such data;

8. Calls upon the organizations of the United Nations system to assist national Governments at their request in monitoring the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;

9. Calls upon the United Nations operational system to ensure that it collects and reports gender disaggregated data covering national and international project personnel, including consultants, as well as beneficiaries of its programmes;

10. Requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to include in his 1991 report on operational activities for development of the United Nations system a separate chapter on United Nations efforts in integrating women in development, both as a mainstream and specific activity of the United Nations system, and with particular attention to literacy, education, health, population, environment, employment and participation in decision-making;

11. Requests the Commission of the Status of Women to take the present resolution into account when reviewing, at its extended session in 1990, progress in implementing the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies.
