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AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC)  
BETWEEN 1981 AND 1988 ON THE SITUATION  
OF WOMEN AND THEIR INTEGRATION INTO  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**



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**A SELECTION OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED  
BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**



35/78. EFFECTIVE MOBILIZATION AND INTEGRATION  
OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201(S-VI) and 3202(S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281(XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, 3362(S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 2542(XXIV) of 11 December 1969 containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,

Recalling further its resolution 34/204 of 19 December 1979 on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development,<sup>1/</sup>

Bearing in mind the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>2/</sup>

Reaffirming the relevant recommendations made by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women on the implementation of measures to ensure greater participation and full integration of women in development,<sup>3/</sup>

Reiterating that accelerated development requires the real and effective participation of women and men in all aspects of the development process,

Noting with satisfaction the resolution on women and industrialization adopted by the Third General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, held at New Delhi from 21 January to 9 February 1980,<sup>4/</sup>

1. Welcomes the inclusion in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade of special provisions relating to the integration of women in over-all development, in particular the need for all countries to pursue the objective of securing women's equal participation both

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1/ A/35/82.

2/ See resolution 35/56 above, annex.

3/ See Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14 to 30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I.

4/ See ID/CONF.4/22 and Corr. 1, chap. IV, sect. B.

as agents and as beneficiaries in all sectors and at all levels of the development process;5/

2. Endorses the resolution on women and industrialization adopted by the Third General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as an important contribution towards the advancement of women and requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly at its thirty-six session the report of the Executive Director of that organization referred to in the resolution.

3. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the review and appraisal of progress made in implementing the recommendations related to the mobilization of women in development of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year 6/ and the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women 7/ is made part of the review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

4. Calls upon all appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to give sustained attention to the integration of women in the formulation, design and implementation of development projects and programmes, in the context of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

5. Calls upon all Governments, regional commissions and other organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to make every effort to implement the recommendations and resolutions of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women related to the integration of women in the development process;

6. Urges the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries as well as the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system concerned with the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, proclaimed by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/18 of

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5/ See resolution 35/56 above, annex, para. 51.

6/ See Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

7/ See Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14 to 30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.



10 November 1980, to take fully into account the needs and concerns of women;

7. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations, to continue the efforts to assess the effects of the present international economic structures on the economic and social situation of women in areas such as trade, technology transfer, agriculture and food prices, and industrialization;

8. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and with the specialized agencies and other bodies concerned within the United Nations system, to develop specific action-oriented research and training programmes in this regard, in particular in the field of technical co-operation for development;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of paragraph 1 of resolution 34/204 on the role of the relevant United Nations agencies and organizations in assisting Governments in the implementation of the provisions on the integration of women in rural development;

10. Further requests the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive and detailed outline for an interdisciplinary and multisectoral world survey on the role of women in over-all development, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, as well as the results of the relevant United Nations conferences on development issues, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

83rd plenary meeting  
5 December 1980

## 35/135. REFUGEE AND DISPLACED WOMEN

The General Assembly,

Having considered the resolutions adopted by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women and the recommendations contained in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace relating to refugee and displaced women,<sup>1/</sup> which are of concern to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

Recognizing that the problems of refugees and displaced persons affect every continent and place special burdens on developing countries,

Aware that the increasingly serious situations of refugees and displaced persons place heavy social and economic burdens on those countries which provide asylum, relief or rehabilitation,

Noting with great concern that women and children constitute the majority of refugees and displaced persons in most areas,

Recognizing that the needs of refugee and displaced women as mothers and as women who have sole responsibility for the support of their families require constructive recognition by all parties to their relief and rehabilitation,

Recognizing also the particular vulnerability of refugee and displaced women to intimidation, exploitation and physical and sexual abuse,

Aware that the special problems of refugee and displaced women have to date not been fully studied,

Strongly emphasizing the need for increased support from the international community for the large number of refugees and displaced persons,

1. Requests all States to co-operate with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in order to assure full protection of the well-being of women and children in particular, in accordance with their fundamental rights under international law and national legislation;

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<sup>1/</sup> See Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I.

2. Calls upon all States and donors providing immediate relief to refugees and displaced persons to endeavour to lessen the special vulnerability of women in these circumstances, by ensuring their access to emergency relief and to health programmes, and their active participation in decision making in centres or camps for refugees or displaced persons;

3. Urges the international community to provide urgent and adequate assistance to all refugee and displaced women and to developing countries providing asylum or rehabilitation, especially the least developed and most seriously affected countries;

4. Further calls upon all States and donors assisting in the rehabilitation, resettlement or repatriation of refugees and displaced persons to recognize the pivotal role of the mother in the family, and thus in the provision of family welfare, to ensure women's rights to physical safety and to facilitate their access to counseling services and material assistance;

5. Urges the High Commissioner to work with host country Governments to encourage the participation of women including refugee women, in the administration of refugee assistance programmes, notably the provision of essential food, shelter and medical services in countries of asylum and to promote their participation in training and orientation programmes in countries of asylum and resettlement;

6. Urges the High Commissioner to draw upon the expertise of all United Nations bodies concerned and, in consultation with the countries concerned, to carry out detailed studies and research to determine the extent to which refugee and displaced women are specially vulnerable and to formulate and implement programmes and projects based upon the results of these studies;

7. Recommends that the Office of the High Commissioner should co-ordinate with the United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned the collection and analysis of data and the conduct of research and case studies on the critical needs of refugee and displaced women;

8. Further recommends that the High Commissioner should ensure that the number of women at all levels on his staff, particularly in the field, is increased and that a high-level staff position is designated as a co-ordinator for women's programmes.

35/136. WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
DECADE FOR WOMEN

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3520(XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it proclaimed the period from 1976 to 1985 United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace and decided to convene a world conference at the mid-term of the Decade,

Recalling also its resolution 34/158 of 17 December 1979 on the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Recalling further its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, the annex to which contains the text of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Reaffirming the principles and objectives set forth in the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and Their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975,<sup>1/</sup> and in the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,<sup>2/</sup>

Bearing in mind its resolutions 3201(S-VI) and 3202(S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281(XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362(S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Bearing in mind further the consensus achieved on the text of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>3/</sup> in particular on the implementation of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women within the framework of the Strategy,

Having considered the Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,<sup>4/</sup>

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<sup>1/</sup> See Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. I.

<sup>2/</sup> Ibid., chap. II, sect. A.

<sup>3/</sup> See sect. V, resolution 35/56, annex.

<sup>4/</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum.

Convinced that the Conference, by adopting the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women and other relevant decisions and resolutions,<sup>5/</sup> has made an important and positive contribution to the attainment of the objectives of the Decade and permitted the maintenance of a policy framework to deal with the concerns of women,

Recognizing the need for the active participation of women in the achievement of a just and lasting peace and social progress, the establishment of the new international economic order, complete respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and the integration of women into the development process so that the equality of men and women may be affirmed and their situation improved,

Reaffirming that the realization of equal rights for women at all levels and in all areas of life will contribute to the struggle for the elimination of colonialism, neo-colonialism, all forms of racism and racial discrimination and apartheid,

Considering that the recommendations made in the Programme of Action and in other relevant decisions and resolutions adopted by the Conference should immediately be translated into concrete action by States, the organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

2. Endorses the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, as adopted at the Conference;

3. Recognizes that the Conference made an important and constructive contribution by appraising the progress achieved and the obstacles encountered in the implementation of the objectives of the Decade and by preparing and adopting a programme for the next five years;

4. Affirms that the implementation of the Programme of Action should result in the complete integration of women into the development process and the elimination of all forms of inequality between men and women and will guarantee broad participation by women in efforts to strengthen peace and security throughout the world;

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<sup>5/</sup> Ibid., chap. I.

5. Affirms, in particular, that the implementation of the Programme of Action and of the relevant recommendations decisions and resolutions of the Conference will contribute to the effective attainment of the objectives of the Decade;

6. Urges Governments to take appropriate measures to implement the Programme of Action and other relevant resolutions and decisions at the national, regional and international levels;

7. Requests, in particular, Member States when preparing and evaluating the execution of projects, programmes and plans of action at national, regional and international meetings to pay special attention to measures for the involvement and benefit of women;

8. Calls upon all Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to intensify, at regional levels, the dissemination of information and the exchange of experiences on the participation of women in all relevant programmes and information activities with a view to achieving the objectives of the Decade;

9. Requests the regional commissions to consider the Programme of Action with a view to formulating appropriate programmes for implementing the recommendations contained therein, including the organization of seminars, symposia and meetings which will contribute towards furthering the integration of women into the development process and the achievement of the objectives of the Decade;

10. Urges the regional commissions to report in full to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1982 on the specific aspects of the situation of women in all the sectors of their development programmes, in order to strengthen and reorient the reporting methods of those commissions so as to reflect more adequately the regional concerns of women, and thereafter to report on the same subject every two years;

11. Urges all the organizations of the United Nations system to take the necessary measures to ensure a concerted and sustained effort for the implementation of the Programme of Action and of other relevant resolutions and decisions of the Conference in the course of the second half of the Decade, with a view to achieving a substantial improvement in the status of women and to ensuring that all their programmes take into account the need for the complete integration of women;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1981 proposals for the implementation of the Programme of Action, taking into account the need for the speedy establishment of the new international economic order and the implementation of the

goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, which are indispensable for the advancement of women;

13. Also requests the Secretary-General to consider appropriate measures to enable the Commission on the Status of Women to discharge the functions assigned to it for the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year and the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, and also requests him to take immediate action to strengthen the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat at Vienna;

14. Further requests the Secretary-General and international organizations to take all the necessary action to establish, where they do not already exist, focal points in all sectors of the organizations of the United Nations system in order to co-ordinate questions relating to women and integrate them into their work programmes;

15. Invites the Secretary-General to circulate the report of the Conference among Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in order to ensure that it is publicized and disseminated as widely as possible;

16. Also invites the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session a report on the measures taken to implement the present resolution;

17. Decides to convene in 1985, at the conclusion of the Decade, a World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women;

18. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session the item entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace".

92nd plenary meeting  
11 December 1980

# 36/74. COMPREHENSIVE OUTLINE OF A WORLD SURVEY ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

## The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201(S-VI) and 3202(S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281(XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362(S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling further the provisions concerning the participation of women in development contained in the documents adopted at the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,<sup>1/</sup>

Recalling its resolution 35/78 of 5 December 1980 on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development, in which it, inter alia, called for the preparation of a comprehensive and detailed outline for an interdisciplinary and multisectoral world survey on the role of women in over-all development,

Bearing in mind the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, in particular the special provisions relating to the integration of women in over-all development with a view to securing women's equal participation both as agents and as beneficiaries in all sectors and at all levels of the development process,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive outline of a world survey on the role of women in development,<sup>2/</sup>

1. Emphasizes the need for a multisectoral and interdisciplinary survey on the role of women in development;

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<sup>1/</sup> See Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Quality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14 to 30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I.

<sup>2/</sup> A/36/590.



2. Recommends that the survey should analyse the role of women in relation to key developmental issues as envisaged in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, focusing in particular on trade, agriculture, industry, energy, money and finance, and science and technology;

3. Further recommends that, in its analysis, the survey should cover:

(a) The present role of women as active agents of development in each sector;

(b) An assessment of the benefits accruing to women as a result of their participation in development, namely, income, conditions of work, and decision-making;

(c) Ways and means of improving women's role as agents and beneficiaries of development at the national, regional and international levels;

(d) The potential impact of such improvements on the achievement of over-all development goals;

4. Invites the Secretary-General, in preparing the survey, to give due attention to the problems and requirements of women in every region and to the contribution of women to the achievement of goals of self-reliance and to economic and technical co-operation among developing countries;

5. Calls upon the Secretary-General to include in the survey an overview analysing interrelationships among key developmental issues with regard to women's current and future roles in development with a view to providing a basis for future action for women's effective mobilization and integration in development;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare the survey in close collaboration and co-operation with the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system and with contributions from all organs and organizations concerned of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, as well as national institutions having expertise on this subject;

7. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the preparation of the survey to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session and to submit the survey in its final form to the Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

36/126. UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY,  
DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, in which it endorsed the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,<sup>1/</sup> and decided to convene in 1985, at the conclusion of the Decade, a World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Bearing in mind its resolutions 3201(S-VI) and 3202(S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281(XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362(S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Emphasizing the importance attached in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade <sup>2/</sup> to the need to improve the status of women and ensure their full participation in the development process as agents and beneficiaries of development,

Taking note of chapter XXV, on the role of women in development, of the New Delhi Declaration,<sup>3/</sup> adopted by the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at New Delhi from 9 to 13 February 1981,

Emphasizing that the recommendations made in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the Decade and in other relevant decisions and resolutions adopted by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women should immediately be translated into concrete action by States, the organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

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<sup>1/</sup> See Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.

<sup>2/</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex.

<sup>3/</sup> A/36/116 and Corr.1, annex.

Welcoming the entry into force on 3 September 1981 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women 4/ and the growing number of States that have ratified it,

Convinced that the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women must be given the assistance needed to enable it to begin to function as early as possible in the host country,

Noting that the review and appraisal of the progress made by Governments in implementing the Programme of Action will be carried out by the Commission on the Status of Women every two years, beginning with the Commission's twenty-ninth session,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women,5/

1. Affirms that the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women and of the relevant recommendations, resolutions and decisions adopted by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women should result in the complete integration of women into the development process and in the effective realization of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

2. Calls upon Governments to continue taking the measures necessary for achieving substantial progress in the implementation of the relevant recommendations of the Programme of Action with a view to ensuring equal participation by women as agents and beneficiaries in all sectors and at all levels of the development process;

3. Calls upon the organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, to reserve adequate resources for, and pay increased attention to, the implementation of the Programme of Action, particularly as regards the dissemination of information on the participation of women;

4. Urges the regional commissions to report in full to the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1982, on the evolution of the situation of women in all the sectors of their development programmes, in order to strengthen and reorient the programmes and reporting methods of those commissions, so as to reflect more adequately the regional concerns of women;

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4/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

5/ A/36/564.

5. Requests the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1982, to consider the implementation of the Programme of Action, giving high priority in this regard to the report of the Commission on the Status of Women;

6. Emphasizes the role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat as the focal point for the organizations of the United Nations system with regard to the implementation of the Programme of Action, in order to achieve the goals and objectives of the Decade, and requests the Secretary-General to give the Centre the assistance required to enable it to carry out its mandate;

7. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-ninth session, to be held in February 1982, to give priority to the question of the preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1985, which will mark the end of the Decade, with a view to submitting to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, specific proposals on that question;

8. Stresses the need for close and continued co-operation between the United Nations system and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to allow the Institute to carry out its mandate;

9. Takes note with satisfaction of the effective contribution made by the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

10. Invites the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its thirty-seventh session, a report on the steps taken to implement the present resolution;

11. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-seventh session the item entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace".

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36/127. CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS  
OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ROLE OF WOMEN  
IN DEVELOPMENT

The General Assembly,

Recalling the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Recalling further its resolution 35/78 of 5 December 1980 in which it emphasized the need to integrate the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women into the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>1/</sup>

Having taken cognizance of the report prepared by the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations,<sup>2/</sup> established pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/45 of 11 May 1979, and, in particular, of paragraphs 80 to 82 of the report,

Having also taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General, which contains a comprehensive outline of a world survey on the role of women in development,<sup>3/</sup>

1. Recommends, in the light of paragraphs 80 to 82 of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations, that documents concerning the integration of women in development should be made available to the Third Committee under the relevant agenda item;

2. Expresses the desire that the recommendation in paragraph 1 above should be brought to the attention of the General Committee of the General Assembly;

3. Expresses also the desire that the Third Committee should be seized of the world survey on the role of women in development, whose comprehensive outline is contained in the report of the Secretary-General;

4. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women to give special attention at its twenty-ninth session, to be held in February 1982, to questions pertaining to the participation of women in development, under its agenda item 3 concerning the

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<sup>1/</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex.

<sup>2/</sup> E/1981/3.

<sup>3/</sup> A/36/590.

implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,<sup>4/</sup>

5. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Commission on the Status of Women is consulted in the preparation of the world survey on the role of women in development requested by the General Assembly in paragraph 10 of its resolution 35/78 and, to the extent possible, regarding any survey or proposed action concerning women.

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<sup>4/</sup> Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.I), chap. II, sect. A.

## 36/130. EQUAL RIGHTS TO WORK

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/155 of 17 December 1979, in which it called upon Governments to take steps to ensure the effective participation of women in the decision-making process with respect to foreign policy and international economic and political co-operation, including steps to ensure that they have equal access to diplomatic functions and that they are represented in the United Nations and other international organizations,

Recalling also its resolutions 33/184 of 29 January 1979 and 34/159 of 17 December 1979, in which it recommended that States should envisage in their policies all appropriate measures to create necessary conditions which will enable women to participate in work on an equal footing with men,

Noting that in some countries legal and administrative regulations hamper the possibilities of accompanying spouses of members of diplomatic missions or consular posts and of staff members of intergovernmental organizations to work,

Concerned that women continue to be under-represented in the professional staffs of international organizations, including the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and are not always exempt from discrimination when they are recruited,

Invites Governments in host countries to consider granting, when appropriate and to the extent possible, working permits for spouses accompanying members of diplomatic missions or consular posts and staff members of intergovernmental organizations.

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**36/131. STATUS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF  
ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN**

**The General Assembly,**

**Considering that one of the purposes of the United Nations, as stated in Articles 1 and 55 of the Charter, is to promote universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms without distinction of any kind, including any distinction as to sex,**

**Affirming that women and men should, on a basis of equality, participate in and contribute to the social, economic and political processes of development and should share equally in improved conditions of life,**

**Recalling its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, by which it adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,**

**Recalling also its resolution 35/140 of 11 December 1980,**

**Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention,<sup>1/</sup>**

**1. Notes with appreciation that a significant number of Member States have already ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;**

**2. Welcomes with great satisfaction the fact that, as a result, the Convention entered into force on 3 September 1981;**

**3. Notes further that an important number of Member States have signed the Convention;**

**4. Invites all States that have not yet done so to become parties to the Convention by ratifying or acceding to it;**

**5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session a report on the status of the Convention.**

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## 37/57. INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT 1/

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraphs 190 to 196 of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,<sup>2/</sup> in which the relevant agencies of the United Nations and intergovernmental, interregional and regional bodies were called upon to scrutinize all existing plans and projects with a view to extending their sphere of activities to include women and to develop new and innovative projects to include women,

Bearing in mind that development is one of the themes of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Recalling paragraphs 233 and 234 of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,<sup>3/</sup> in which it was recommended that numerous actions should be taken in the areas of technical co-operation, training and advisory services,

Also recalling paragraph 51 of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>4/</sup> which stated that full and effective participation by the entire population at all stages of the development process should be ensured,

Looking ahead to the world conference on women to be held in 1985, at which the achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women and the need to continue such achievements beyond the end of the Decade will be reviewed and appraised,

Convinced of the importance of integrating women fully into all areas of development, both as participants and as beneficiaries,

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1/ See also sect. X.B.4, decision 47/449.

2/ Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

3/ Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.

4/ Resolution 35/56, annex.

Aware that greater co-ordination and knowledge of activities in this area within the specialized agencies of the United Nations and the regional commissions and by Member States and non-governmental organizations would facilitate an exchange of experiences and concepts and be beneficial to all,

Expressing its appreciation to those organizations which have made regular reports on the implementation of the objectives of the World Plan of Action and the Programme of Action,

1. Calls upon the Secretary-General to encourage specialized agencies and regional commissions which have not yet done so to develop a comprehensive policy regarding the concerns of women, both as participants and as beneficiaries, in technical co-operation and development activities and to develop a strategy to ensure that women are an integral part of these activities;

2. Urges those organizations to take every appropriate action within existing resources to monitor the implementation of the above-mentioned policies and strategies and to help disseminate this information upon request to Member States and other interested parties;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to carry out all the activities called for in the present resolution within existing resources and to submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session for its consideration, bearing in mind Assembly resolution 36/127 of 14 December 1981 entitled "Consideration within the United Nations of questions concerning the role of women in development".

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37/58. UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY,  
DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind its resolutions 3201(S-VI) and 3202(S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281(XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362(S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling its resolutions 35/136 of 11 December 1980 and 36/126 of 14 December 1981, in which it endorsed the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,<sup>1/</sup>

Affirming the role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat as the focal point for the organizations of the United Nations system with regard to activities undertaken in implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Recalling also its resolution 36/128 of 14 December 1981 on the establishment of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/27 of 4 May 1982 concerning the programmes and activities of the Institute,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women,<sup>2/</sup> on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women <sup>3/</sup> and on the programmes and activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,<sup>4/</sup>

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women;<sup>5/</sup>

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1/ Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.

2/ A/37/421

3/ A/37/349 and Add. 1.

4/ E/1982/33.

5/ A/37/458 and Add. 1.

2. Welcomes the steps taken by Governments and by the organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, to achieve progress towards the effective realization of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

3. Calls upon Governments, the organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations to pay increased attention to the need to take practical measures to implement the relevant recommendations of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women and, in particular, to expand technical co-operation activities which would ensure women's full and equal participation, as agents and as beneficiaries, in all sectors and at all levels of development;

4. Emphasizes the continuing role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs as the focal point of organizations of the United Nations system with regard to activities undertaken in implementation of the Programme of Action;

5. Notes with satisfaction the contribution made by the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women to the implementation of the Programme of Action, mainly through innovative and experimental projects at the grassroots level;

6. Notes with satisfaction the commencement of the work of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and invites it to continue contributing to the objectives of the Decade;

7. Notes with satisfaction that, as at 1 November 1982, forty-five Member States had ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;6/

8. Invites all States that have not yet done so to become parties to the Convention;

9. Welcomes the commencement of the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, which held its first session at Vienna from 18 to 22 October 1982;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the steps taken to implement the present resolution;

11. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the status of the Convention;

12. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session the item entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace".

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# 37/59. IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION OF WOMEN IN RURAL AREAS

## The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Recalling its resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, in which it endorsed the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,<sup>1/</sup>

Reaffirming the importance attached in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade <sup>2/</sup> to the need to improve the status of women and ensure their full participation in the development process as agents and beneficiaries of development,

Reaffirming further the importance attached in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, as well as in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,<sup>3/</sup> to the need to improve the situation of women in rural areas in many parts of the world,

Recalling the Declaration of Principles and the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development,<sup>4/</sup> particularly with regard to the integration of women in rural development,

Bearing in mind that a majority of women, particularly in developing countries, live and work in rural areas and suffer most from the exploitation of agricultural labour, in particular by transnational corporations,

Convinced that the eradication of apartheid, all forms of racial discrimination, colonialism, neo-colonialism, aggression and foreign occupation and domination is essential to the further improvement of the situation of rural women,

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1/ Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.

2/ Resolution 35/56, annex.

3/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

4/ See Report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, Rome, 12-20 July 1979 (WCARRD/REP).

Considering that the strengthening of international peace and co-operation is one of the most important conditions for further improving the situation of rural women,

Convinced also that the effective implementation of fundamental human rights is essential for the improvement of the situation of rural women,

Recognizing the urgent need to take additional appropriate measures aimed at further improving the situation of women in rural areas,

Recognizing also the importance of exchanging experiences in this field among States,

1. Calls upon Member States to take additional appropriate measures for further improving the economic and social conditions of women in rural areas;

2. Requests the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on the Status of Women, the regional commissions and other bodies of the United Nations system, in particular the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to devote greater attention to the problem of elevating the status of rural women;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, within the framework of the integrated reporting system on the status of women which the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1980/38 of 2 May 1980, decided to continue, a comprehensive report containing the observations and comments received from Governments on national experience relating to the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas, paying special attention to such aspects as social insurance, mother and child care, health facilities, training, education and employment opportunities;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to consider holding, within the framework of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, as a matter of priority, an interregional seminar on national experience relating to the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas, with special emphasis on the problems of developing countries;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Commission on the Status of Women and the Economic and Social Council, the report requested in paragraph 3 above.

**37/60. PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO  
REVIEW AND APPRAISE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN**

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3520(XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it endorsed, inter alia, the action proposals contained in the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,<sup>1/</sup>

Recalling its resolution 3490(XXX) of 12 December 1975, in which it expressed its conviction that a comprehensive and thorough review and appraisal of progress made in meeting the goals of the World Plan of Action was of crucial importance for the success of the Plan and recognized that the results of the implementation of the Plan would contribute to the consideration of the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade <sup>2/</sup> and would consequently promote the role of women in the development process,

Recalling also its resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, in which it endorsed the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women <sup>3/</sup> as adopted at the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, and decided to convene in 1985, at the conclusion of the Decade, a World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Recalling further that the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade <sup>4/</sup> stressed that the important set of measures to improve the status of women, contained in the World Plan of Action adopted at Mexico City in 1975,<sup>5/</sup> and the important agreed measures relating to the International Development Strategy in the Programme of

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<sup>1/</sup> Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

<sup>2/</sup> Resolution 2626(XXV).

<sup>3/</sup> Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.

<sup>4/</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex.

<sup>5/</sup> Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.



Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, adopted at Copenhagen in 1980, should be implemented,

Recalling its resolution 36/126 of 14 December 1981, in which it requested the Commission on the Status of Women, at its session to be held in 1982, to give priority to the question of the preparations for the Conference,

Noting that the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1982, considered the recommendations of the Commission on the Status of Women as set forth in its report 6/ and adopted, on 4 May 1982, resolution 1982/26 on the preparations for the Conference,

Bearing in mind all its relevant resolutions and decisions regarding preparations for special conferences, in particular its resolution 33/189 of 29 January 1979,

1. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/26 on the preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1985;

2. Welcomes the decision of the Economic and Social Council that the Commission on the Status of Women should be the preparatory body for the Conference and that it should operate on the basis of consensus;

3. Endorses the decision of the Economic and Social Council to invite the widest possible participation by States in the preparatory meetings for the Conference and expresses the hope that they will designate representatives who will have the background and experience in the area of women and development;

4. Notes that the first session of the Commission on the Status of Women as the preparatory body of the Conference is to be held at Vienna from 23 February to 4 March 1983 and that the report on that session will be considered by the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1983;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take into account paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 33/189 when appointing the Secretary-General of the Conference;

6. Decides to consider at its thirty-eighth session the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1983 based on the report of the first session of the Commission on the Status of Women as the preparatory body

for the Conference, together with the observations, if any, of the Secretary-General;

7. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the preparation of a world survey on the role of women in development 7/ and recommends that the survey should be submitted to the Conference;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session an item entitled "Preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women".

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## 37/61. WOMEN IN PUBLIC LIFE

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Bearing in mind paragraphs 72 and 73 of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,<sup>1/</sup> in which equitable representation for women was called for at all levels in national government and in international bodies,

Recalling that in article 7 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women <sup>2/</sup> it was agreed that States Parties should ensure that women have the right, on equal terms with men, to participate in the formulation and implementation of government policy and to hold public office,

Recalling further that in article 8 of the Convention it was agreed that States Parties should ensure to women, on equal terms with men, the opportunity to represent their Governments at the international level and to participate in the work of international organizations,

Recognizing that only three years remain before the end of the United Nations Decade for Women,

1. Notes with concern that women are still not represented on an equitable basis with men in decision-making positions in a majority of national and international institutions;

2. Calls upon all Member States, by the end of the United Nations Decade for Women in 1985, to make special efforts to nominate and appoint women, on an equal basis with men and taking due account of the same professional criteria, to decision-making positions in those national and international bodies in which they are not equitably represented;

3. Calls upon the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to make, by the end of the United Nations Decade for Women in 1985, increased efforts to select and appoint

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<sup>1/</sup> Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.

<sup>2/</sup> Resolution 34/180, annex.

women, in conformity with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, to decision-making positions in the Secretariat and in the organs and agencies of the United Nations system.

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37/62. VOLUNTARY FUND FOR THE UNITED NATIONS  
DECADE FOR WOMEN

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 31/133 of 16 December 1976, containing the criteria and arrangements for the management of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women,

Recalling also its resolution 36/129 of 14 December 1981,

Welcoming the contributions made by Member States and non-governmental organizations towards the implementation of the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the Fund,<sup>1/</sup>

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the recommendations of the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women at its eleventh and twelfth sessions;<sup>2/</sup>

2. Considers that the Fund has a unique contribution to make in the technical assistance field to the implementation of the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

3. Considers further that the evaluation of projects has an important role to play in enabling the Fund to fulfil its objectives;

4. Notes with satisfaction the continuing increase in the number of projects submitted to and financed by the Fund, and the catalytic role played by the Fund in promoting the adoption of innovative and experimental activities by Governments and other funds;

5. Notes the appointment of senior women's programme officers at the regional commissions within regular budget resources available to them, and recognizes the valuable contribution that this is making to the work of the Fund and thus to the implementation of the goals of the Decade;

6. Urges the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to take further action to use available financial and personnel resources to strengthen their programmes for women;

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<sup>1/</sup> A/37/421.

<sup>2/</sup> Ibid., sect. IV.

7. Notes with concern that contributions to the Fund have not been sufficient to enable it to take on all the worthwhile projects submitted to it;

8. Considers that fund-raising and information activities have a vital role to play in maintaining and increasing the financial viability and effectiveness of the Fund;

9. Expresses its appreciation for the support which national committees for the Fund, national United Nations associations and other non-governmental organizations have given to the work of the Fund;

10. Expresses its appreciation also for the voluntary contributions to the Fund pledged by Member States, and its hope that the overall level of such contributions will be maintained or increased;

11. Notes the view of the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women, as expressed at its twelfth session that there are still grounds for concern regarding administrative matters relating to the Fund, and its hope that specific and concrete measures will be taken by the Secretary-General on an urgent basis to ensure that these issues are studied and the necessary action is taken;

12. Notes also the assurance given to the Consultative Committee that the Secretary-General will do everything possible to ensure that the Fund is administered efficiently;

13. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to report annually on the management of the Fund and on the progress of its activities;

(b) To continue to include the Fund, on an annual basis, as one of the programmes for which funds are pledged at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

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37/63. DECLARATION ON THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN  
PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND CO-OPERATION

The General Assembly,

Considering that the Charter of the United Nations expresses the determination of the peoples of the United Nations to reaffirm faith in the equal rights of men and women and to practise tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours,

Considering also that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1/ proclaims that recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

Considering further that the International Covenants on Human Rights 2/ provide for the equal rights of men and women to the enjoyment of all economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights,

Reaffirming the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Taking into account the resolutions, declarations, conventions, programmes and recommendations of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and international conferences designed to eliminate all forms of discrimination and to promote equal rights for men and women,

Recalling that the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975, 3/ states that women have a vital role to play in the promotion of peace in all spheres of life: in the family, the community, the nation and the world,

Recalling that the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women 4/ declares that discrimination against women violates the principles of equality of rights and respect for human dignity, is an obstacle to the participation of women, on equal terms with men, in the political, social, economic and cultural life of their countries

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1/ Resolution 217 A. (III).

2/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

3/ Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. I.

4/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

and makes more difficult the full development of the potentialities of women in the service of their countries and of humanity,

Recalling also that the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women affirms that the strengthening of international peace and security, the relaxation of international tension, mutual co-operation among all States irrespective of their social and economic systems, general and complete disarmament, in particular nuclear disarmament under strict and effective international control, the affirmation of the principles of justice, equality and mutual benefit in relations among countries and the realization of the right of peoples under alien and colonial domination and foreign occupation to self-determination and independence, as well as respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity, will promote social progress and development and as a consequence will contribute to the attainment of full equality between men and women,

Recognizing that the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women obligates States Parties to take all appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination against women in all its forms and in every field of human endeavour, including politics, economic activities, law, employment, education, health care and domestic relations,

Noting that, despite progress towards the achievement of equality between men and women, considerable discrimination against women continues to exist, thereby impeding the active participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation,

Welcoming the contribution which women have nevertheless made towards promoting international peace and co-operation, the struggle against colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of alien domination, and towards the unrestricted and effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Welcoming also the contribution of women towards a just restructuring of international economic relations and the achievement of a new international economic order,

Convinced that women can play an important and increasing role in these areas,



Solemnly proclaims the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation set forth in the annex to the present resolution.

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## ANNEX

DECLARATION ON THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN PROMOTING  
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND CO-OPERATION

## PART I

Article 1

Women and men have an equal and vital interest in contributing to international peace and co-operation. To this end, women must be enabled to exercise their right to participate in the economic, social, cultural, civil and political affairs of society on an equal footing with men.

Article 2

The full participation of women in the economic, social, cultural, civil and political affairs of society and in the endeavour to promote international peace and co-operation is dependent on a balanced and equitable distribution of roles between men and women in the family and in society as a whole.

Article 3

The increasing participation of women in the economic, social, cultural, civil and political affairs of society will contribute to international peace and co-operation.

Article 4

The full enjoyment of the rights of women and men and the full participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation will contribute to the eradication of apartheid, of all forms of racism, racial discrimination, colonialism, neo-colonialism, aggression, foreign occupation and domination and interference in the internal affairs of States.

Article 5

Special national and international measures are necessary to increase the level of women's participation in the sphere of international relations so that women can contribute, on an equal basis with men, to national and international efforts to secure world peace and economic and social progress and to promote international co-operation.

## PART II

Article 6

All appropriate measures shall be taken to intensify national and international efforts in respect of the participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation by ensuring the equal participation of women in the economic, social, cultural, civil and political affairs of society through a balanced and equitable distribution of roles between men and women in the domestic sphere and in society as a whole, as well as by providing an equal opportunity for women to participate in the decision-making process.

Article 7

All appropriate measures shall be taken to promote the exchange of experience at the national and international levels for the purpose of furthering the involvement of women in promoting international peace and co-operation and in solving other vital national and international problems.

Article 8

All appropriate measures shall be taken at the national and international levels to give effective publicity to the responsibility and active participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation and in solving other vital national and international problems.

Article 9

All appropriate measures shall be taken to render solidarity and support to those women who are victims of mass and flagrant violations of human rights such as apartheid, all forms of racism, racial discrimination, colonialism, neo-colonialism, aggression, foreign occupation and domination and of all other violations of human rights.

Article 10

All appropriate measures shall be taken to pay a tribute to the participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation.

### Article 11

All appropriate measures shall be taken to encourage women to participate in non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations concerned with the strengthening of international peace and security, the development of friendly relations among nations and the promotion of co-operation among States and, to that end, freedom of thought, conscience, expression, assembly, association, communication and movement, without distinction as to race, political or religious belief, language or ethnic origin, shall be effectively guaranteed.

### Article 12

All appropriate measures shall be taken to provide practical opportunities for the effective participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation, economic development and social progress including, to that end:

(a) The promotion of an equitable representation of women in governmental and non-governmental functions;

(b) The promotion of equality of opportunities for women to enter diplomatic service;

(c) The appointment or nomination of women, on an equal basis with men, as members of delegations to national, regional or international meetings;

(d) Support for increased employment of women at all levels in the secretariats of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, in conformity with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations.

### Article 13

All appropriate measures shall be taken to establish adequate legal protection of the rights of women on an equal basis with men in order to ensure effective participation of women in the activities referred to above.

### Article 14

Governments, non-governmental and international organizations, including the United Nations and the specialized agencies, as well as individuals, are urged to do all in their power to promote the implementation of the principles set forth in the present Declaration.

38/105. PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN PROMOTING  
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND CO-OPERATION

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 37/63 of 3 December 1982, by which it proclaimed the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Cooperation,

Believing that further efforts are required to eliminate discrimination against women in all its forms and in every field of human endeavour,

Wishing to encourage the active participation of women in promoting international peace and security and cooperation,

Conscious of the need to implement the provisions of the Declaration,

Desiring that publicity be given to the Declaration,

1. Calls upon the Secretary-General to disseminate widely the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation in the six official languages of the United Nations;

2. Invites all Governments to take the necessary measures to ensure wide publicity for the Declaration;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the Declaration to the attention of the appropriate specialized agencies, including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Labour Organization, the World Health Organization and other appropriate bodies within the United Nations system, for the consideration of measures to implement the Declaration;

4. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women to consider what measures may be necessary in order to implement the Declaration and to report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session:

5. Decides to consider at its thirty-ninth session the report of the Commission on the Status of Women under the item entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace", together with the preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1985.

100th plenary meeting  
16 December 1983

## 38/107. PREVENTION OF PROSTITUTION

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Taking into account the resolutions, declarations, conventions and recommendations of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and international conferences designed to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women, as well as those relating to the suppression of traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others, including Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/30 of 26 May 1983,

Convinced of the importance of the full integration of women in the social, political and economic activities of their community,

Bearing in mind the essential role of women in the welfare of the family and the development of society,

Considering that prostitution and the accompanying evil of the traffic in persons for the purposed of prostitution are incompatible with the dignity and worth of the human person and endanger the welfare of the individual, the family and community,

Further considering that women and children are still all too often victims of physical abuse and sexual exploitation,

Mindful that the prevailing economic and social conditions are largely responsible for the continued existence of the social problems of prostitution and traffic in persons,

1. Urges Member States to take all appropriate humane measures, including legislation, to combat prostitution, exploitation of the prostitution of others and all forms of traffic in persons;

2. Appeals to Member States to provide special protection to victims of prostitution through measures including education, social guarantees and employment opportunities for those victims with a view to their rehabilitation;

3. Requests the Economic and Social Council, the Commission of Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women, the regional commissions and other concerned bodies of the United Nations system to devote greater attention to the problem of prostitution and the means for its prevention;

4. Requests the Economic and Social Control to consider this question at its first regular session of 1985, together with the reports requested by the Council in its resolution 1983/30, and to transmit its comments to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

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**38/108. PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO REVIEW  
AND APPRAISE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN**

**The General Assembly,**

Recalling its resolution 3520(XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it endorsed, inter alia, the action proposals contained in the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,<sup>1/</sup>

Recalling its resolution 3490(XXX) of 12 December 1975, in which it expressed its conviction that a comprehensive and through review and appraisal of progress made in meeting the goals of the World Plan of Action was of crucial importance for the success of the Plan and recognized that the results of the implementation of the Plan would contribute to the consideration of the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade <sup>2/</sup> and would consequently promote the role of women in the development process,

Recalling its resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, in which it endorsed the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women <sup>3/</sup> as adopted at the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, and decided to convene in 1985, at the conclusion of the Decade, a World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Recalling also that the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade <sup>4/</sup> stressed that the important set of measures to improve the status of women contained in the World Plan of Action adopted at Mexico City in 1975,<sup>5/</sup> and the important agreed measures relating to the International Development Strategy in the Programme of Action of

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<sup>1/</sup> Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No.E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

<sup>2/</sup> Resolution 2626(XXV).

<sup>3/</sup> Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.

<sup>4/</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex.

<sup>5/</sup> Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.



the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, adopted at Copenhagen in 1980, should be implemented,

Recalling further its resolution 37/60 of 3 December 1982, in which it welcomed the decision of the Economic and Social Council that the Commission on the Status of Women should act as the preparatory body for the Conference and noted that the Commission would hold its first session in that capacity at Vienna from 23 February to 4 March 1983,

Taking into consideration Economic and Social Council decision 1983/132 of 26 May 1983 on the recommendations on the Status of Women as the preparatory body for the Conference as set forth in its report,<sup>6/</sup> and council resolution 1983/28 of 26 May 1983 on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparations for the Conference,

Bearing in mind all its relevant resolutions and decisions regarding preparations for special conferences,

Having considered the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on the work of its first session as the preparatory body for the Conference,<sup>7/</sup>

1. Decides to accept with appreciation the offer of the Government of Kenya to act as host at Nairobi, in 1985, to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women;

2. Takes note of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on the work of its first session as the preparatory body for the Conference;

3. Endorses the recommendations contained in the report of Commission;

4. Considers that, within the framework of item 7 of the provisional agenda proposed by the Commission at its first session as the preparatory body for the Conference,<sup>8/</sup> particular attention will be paid to the problems of women in Territories under racist colonial rule and in Territories under foreign occupation, on the basis of appropriate documentation from the international conferences on women, held at Mexico City and Copenhagen, with the theme equality, development and peace;

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<sup>6/</sup> A/CONF.116/PC/9 and Corr. 1, chap. I, sect. A.

<sup>7/</sup> A/CONF.116/PC/9 and Corr. 1 and Add. 1; transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.3/38/2 and Add. 1).

<sup>8/</sup> See A/CONF.116/PC/9 and Corr. 1, chap. I, sect. A, recommendation I.

5. Welcomes the decision of the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1983/28, to invite non-governmental organizations to participate in the preparations for the Conference;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session the item entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace".

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16 December 1983

39/124. PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL  
PEACE AND CO-OPERATION

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 37/63 of 3 December 1982, by which it proclaimed the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation,

Recalling its resolution 38/105 of 16 December 1983, in which it requested the Commission on the Status of Women to consider what measures might be necessary in order to implement the Declaration,

Believing that further efforts are required to eliminate discrimination against women in all its forms and in every field of human endeavour,

Wishing to encourage the active participation of women in promoting international peace and security and co-operation,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/16 of 24 May 1984, in which the Council took into account the fact that millions of women were still experiencing untold sufferings and violations of human dignity resulting from different forms and manifestations of colonialism, foreign domination, apartheid and racial discrimination,

Conscious of the need to implement the provisions of the Declaration,

1. Pledges its determination to encourage the full participation of women in the economic, social, cultural, civil and political affairs of society and in the endeavour to promote international peace and co-operation;

2. Invites all Governments to take the necessary measures to ensure wide publicity for the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation and the implementation thereof;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to take adequate steps to ensure that publicity is given to the Declaration;

4. Invites the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Labour Organisation, the World Health Organization and other appropriate bodies within the United Nations system to consider adequate measures to implement the Declaration;

5. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women, as the preparatory body for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to consider measures which may be necessary to implement the Declaration in the context of forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women for the period up to the year 2000;

6. Decides to consider the further implementation of the Declaration at its fortieth session, in the light of the report of the World Conference to be held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985, under the item entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace".

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14 December 1984

39/126. IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION OF WOMEN IN  
RURAL AREAS

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Recalling its resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, in which it endorsed the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,<sup>1/</sup>

Recalling also its resolution 37/59 of 3 December 1982 on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas,

Reaffirming the importance attached in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women and in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,<sup>2/</sup> as well as in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>3/</sup> to the need to improve the status of women and ensure their full participation in the development process as agents and beneficiaries of development,

1. Notes with appreciation the organization of the Interregional Seminar on National Experience Relating to the Improvement of the Situation of Women in Rural Areas, held at Vienna from 17 to 28 September 1984;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to compile the observations and comments made on the report of the above-mentioned Seminar at the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fortieth session the report of the Seminar, together with the observations and comments compiled in accordance with paragraph 2 above.

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<sup>1/</sup> Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.

<sup>2/</sup> Resolution 34/180, annex.

<sup>3/</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex.

39/128. INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN ALL ASPECTS  
OF DEVELOPMENT

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/57 of 3 December 1982, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/12 of 24 May 1984,

Recalling paragraphs 190 to 196 of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,<sup>1/</sup> in which the relevant agencies of the United Nations and intergovernmental, interregional and regional bodies were called upon to scrutinize all existing plans and projects with a view to extending their sphere of activities to include women and to develop new and innovative projects to include women,

Bearing in mind that development is one of the themes of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Recalling paragraph 51 of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>2/</sup> which stated that appropriate measures should be taken for profound social and economic changes and for the elimination of the structural imbalances which compound and perpetuate women's disadvantages,

Looking ahead to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985, and foreseeing the need to continue such achievements beyond the end of the Decade,

Convinced of the importance of integrating women fully into development in its political, economic, social, cultural and other dimensions, both as agents and as beneficiaries,

Reaffirming the central policy and advisory role of the Commission on the Status of Women within the United Nations in considering matters relating to women, including the achievement of the objectives of the Decade,

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<sup>1/</sup> Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

<sup>2/</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex.

Recognizing the efforts made by the specialized agencies to integrate women into their ongoing programmes, especially into the establishment of cross-sectoral mechanisms,

Welcoming Economic and Social Council decision 1984/101 of 10 February 1984, in paragraph 7 of which the Council decided to select the question of women in development for review on a cross-organizational basis at its first regular session of 1985,

Aware that greater co-ordination and knowledge of activities in this area within the specialized agencies and the regional commissions and by Member States and non-governmental organizations would facilitate an exchange of experience and concepts and be beneficial to all,

Reaffirming that within the United Nations system the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat remains the focal point for co-ordination, consultation, promotion and advice on questions concerning women,

Deeply concerned that international efforts on behalf of women should keep pace with the increasing efforts towards establishing effective national machineries and mobilizing resources to ensure the integration of women into all stages of planning, monitoring and development activities,

Noting that the progress report of the Secretary-General 3/ requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 37/57 was submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirtieth session,

1. Urges the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other organs, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system which have not yet done so to develop and implement comprehensive policies regarding the concerns of women, both as agents and as beneficiaries, in technical co-operation and development activities and to establish effective review measures to ensure that women are an integral part of these policies and activities;

2. Requests the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other organs, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system to ensure continued co-operation and co-ordination with the Commission on the Status of Women beyond the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, in order fully to achieve the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

3. Endorses the request of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1984/12 that the Secretary-General should report to the Commission on the Status of Women at each session on all significant developments pertaining to the advancement of women within the United Nations system that have occurred since the preceding session;

4. Invites the Commission on the Status of Women to give greater attention at its future sessions to the reports of the Secretary-General pertaining to the integration of women in development, by continuing to include in its agenda a specific item for that purpose, and to submit its comments on his reports to the Economic and Social Council and, as appropriate, through the Council to the General Assembly;

5. Reaffirms its resolution 36/127 of 14 December 1981, which provides for the consideration of issues relating to the integration of women in development in all the relevant organs of the General Assembly.

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39/129. PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO  
REVIEW AND APPRAISE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF  
THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN:  
EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE 1/

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3520(XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it endorsed, inter alia, the action proposals contained in the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year, 2/

Recalling also its resolution 3490(XXX) of 12 December 1975, in which it expressed its conviction that a comprehensive and thorough review and appraisal of progress made in meeting the goals of the World Plan of Action was of crucial importance for the success of the Plan and recognized that the results of the implementation of the Plan would contribute to the consideration of the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade 3/ and would consequently promote the role of women in the development process,

Recalling further that the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade 4/ stressed that the important set of measures to improve the status of women contained in the World Plan of Action adopted at Mexico City in 1975, and the important agreed measures relating to the International Development Strategy in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, 5/ should be implemented,

Recalling its resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, in which it decided to convene in 1985, at the conclusion of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, a World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women,

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1/ See also sect. X.B.1, decision 39/459.

2/ Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

3/ Resolution 2626(XXV).

4/ Resolution 35/56, annex.

5/ Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.

Reaffirming the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, with the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education",

Recalling also its resolution 37/60 of 3 December 1982, in which it welcomed the decision of the Economic and Social Council that the Commission on the Status of Women should act as the preparatory body for the Conference,

Recalling further its resolution 38/108 of 16 December 1983,

Having considered the report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory body for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace on its second session, 6/

Taking into consideration Economic and Social Council decision 1984/125 of 24 May 1984,

Bearing in mind the request of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1983/28 of 26 May 1983 that the Secretary-General should invite interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council to submit information to the preparatory body for the Conference, including their views on the progress made and the obstacles still to be overcome towards the attainment of the goals of the Decade, as well as their views on priorities and strategies looking to the year 2000,

Stressing the importance of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Bearing in mind the important role of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory body for the Conference, as well as the need for ensuring the high quality of the documents to be submitted to the Conference,

1. Reiterates its appreciation to the Government of Kenya for its offer to act as host to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985;

2. Urges all Member States to make all efforts to ensure the success of the Conference;

3. Takes note of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory body for the Conference on its second session and endorses the recommendations contained therein, as approved by the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1984;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the preparatory body for the Conference at its third session all the recommendations contained in the reports of each of the regional preparatory meetings;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the preparatory body for the Conference at its third session a report containing information from interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with Council resolution 1983/28;

6. Requests that the preparatory body for the Conference ensure the high quality of the documents to be submitted to the Conference, which should be distributed at least six weeks before the opening of the Conference;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fortieth session the item entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace".

101st plenary meeting  
14 December 1984

39/172. WORLD SURVEY ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN  
IN DEVELOPMENT

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/78 of 5 December 1980 on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development, in which it, inter alia, called for the preparation of a comprehensive and detailed outline for an interdisciplinary and multisectoral world survey on the role of women in overall development,

Recalling also its resolution 36/74 of 4 December 1981, in which it requested the Secretary-General to prepare the survey in close collaboration with the appropriate United Nations organs, organizations and bodies, as well as the relevant national institutions, and to submit the survey in its final form to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session,

Bearing in mind the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the preparation of the survey submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session,<sup>1/</sup>

Noting that the survey in its final form will be one of the basic documents at the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General <sup>2/</sup> concerning the preliminary results of the survey, including the emerging awareness of the important actual and potential contribution of women to economic development around the world,

Recognizing that further efforts will be required to collect adequate data on the participation of women in economic sectors and that further research is needed to determine the steps to be taken to ensure the effective mobilization and integration of women in development, especially in relation to the formulation and implementation of economic policies and to economic production and the use of resources,

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<sup>1/</sup> A/37/381.

<sup>2/</sup> A/39/566.

Recommends that the survey in its final form should be considered by the General Assembly at its fortieth session under the item entitled "Effective mobilization and integration of women in development", together with any comments on the survey and related decisions taken at the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace.

103rd plenary meeting  
17 December 1984

## 40/36. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/14 of 24 May 1984 on violence in the family,

Recalling also resolution 9 adopted by the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, in which the Congress called for the fair treatment of women by the criminal justice system,<sup>1/</sup>

Bearing in mind the recommendations made on the subject of domestic violence by the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,<sup>2/</sup>

Having regard to the Declaration on the Rights of the Child,<sup>3/</sup> in particular principle 9 concerning the protection of the child against exploitation, neglect and cruelty, and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,<sup>4/</sup>

Mindful of the important role of the family in ensuring the proper development of the young and their integration into the mainstream of society, and in preventing delinquency,

Mindful further of the social aspects of domestic violence and of the great importance of emphasizing and developing appropriate methods of conflict resolution between the parties involved,

Recognizing that abuse and battery in the family are critical problems that have serious physical and psychological effects on individual family members, especially the young, and jeopardize the health and survival of the family unit,

Recognizing further the adverse effects of exposure to domestic violence, especially at an early stage of human development, and the incalculable harm thereof,

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1/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

2/ See 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.

3/ Resolution 1386(XIV).

4/ Resolution 34/180.

Convinced that the problem of domestic violence is a multifaceted one which should be examined from the perspective of crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of socio-economic circumstances,

Convinced also of the necessity to improve the situation of the victims of domestic violence,

Concerned that the abuse of alcohol, narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances may be an exacerbating factor in domestic violence and that the effects thereof should be further examined,

1. Takes notes with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the situation of women as victims of crime;5/

2. Invites Member States concerned to take specific action urgently in order to prevent domestic violence and to render the appropriate assistance to the victims thereof;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to intensify research on domestic violence from a criminological perspective to formulate distinct action-oriented strategies that could serve as a basis for policy formulation and to report thereon to the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

4. Requests the Economic and Social Council to invite the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control to examine the problem of domestic violence;

5. Urges all relevant United Nations bodies, agencies and institutes to collaborate with the Secretary-General in ensuring a concerted and sustained effort to combat this problem;

6. Invites the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders to consider the problem of domestic violence under a separate agenda item dealing with domestic violence;

7. Invites Member States to adopt specific measures with a view to making the criminal and civil justice system more sensitive in its response to domestic violence, including the following:

(a) To introduce, if not already in existence, civil and criminal legislation in order to deal with particular problems of domestic violence, and to enact and enforce such laws in order to protect battered family members and punish the offender and to

offer alternative ways of treatment for offenders, according to the type of violence;

(b) To respect, in all instances of the criminal proceeding, starting with the police investigation, the special and sometimes delicate position of the victim, in particular in the manner in which the victim is treated;

(c) To initiate preventive measures, such as providing support and counselling to families, in order to improve their ability to create a non-violent environment, emphasizing principles of education, equality of rights and equality of responsibilities between women and men, their partnership and the peaceful resolution of conflicts;

(d) To inform the public, as necessary, through all available channels, about serious acts of violence perpetrated against children, in order to create public awareness of this problem;

(e) To deliver appropriate, specialized assistance to victims of domestic violence, as an integral part of social policy;

(f) To provide, as a temporary solution, shelters and other facilities and services for the safety of victims of domestic violence;

(g) To provide specialized training and units for those who deal in some capacity with victims of domestic violence;

(h) To initiate or intensify research and collect data on the background, extent and types of domestic violence;

(i) To make legal remedies to domestic violence more accessible and, in view of the criminogenic effects of the phenomenon, in particular on young victims, to give due consideration to the interests of society by maintaining a balance between intervention and the protection of privacy;

(j) To ensure that social welfare and health administration systems are engaged more intensely in providing assistance to victims of familiar violence and abuses, and to make all efforts to co-ordinate social welfare and criminal justice measures.

96th plenary meeting  
29 November 1985



40/98. IMPROVEMENT OF THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration on Social Progress and Development based on the Charter of the United Nations and solemnly proclaimed on 11 December 1969,<sup>1/</sup>

Recalling also its resolutions 3201(S-VI) and 3202(S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 33/48 of 14 December 1978 on world social development and 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Bearing in mind the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, adopted by the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,<sup>2/</sup> and the need for the implementation thereof,<sup>3/</sup>

Recalling resolution 40/14 of 18 November 1985 on the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace, adopted by the General Assembly acting as the United Nations World Conference for the International Youth Year,

Recalling also its resolution 39/25 of 23 November 1984 on the question of aging,

Referring to its resolution 39/26 of 23 November 1984 on the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

Recalling its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 in which it, inter alia, requested the United Nations Secretariat to prepare, on a regular basis, global economic and social surveys and projections,

Taking into account its resolutions 34/152 of 17 December 1979 and 37/54 of 3 December 1982 on the world social situation,

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<sup>1/</sup> See resolution 2542 (XXIV).

<sup>2/</sup> 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).

<sup>3/</sup> See resolutions 40/108.

Having regard to Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II) of 21 June 1946 establishing a permanent Social Commission, 830 J (XXXII) of 2 August 1961 on the strengthening of the work of the United Nations in the social field and 1139(XLI) of 29 July 1966 in which it adopted the present mandate and present designation of the Commission for Social Development,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/36 of 29 May 1985 entitled "Progress of work of the Commission for Social Development",

Taking into account the discussion of the Economic and Social Council, during its first regular session of 1985, on the work of the Commission,

Having considered the 1985 Report on the World Social Situation,<sup>4/</sup>

Noting with concern that, although recovery and growth are under way in some States, the recession that has afflicted the world economy in recent years has had a deep negative impact on the economies of many countries,

1. Notes with concern that the ideals of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development have not been implemented nor have the objectives and overall development goals adopted and reaffirmed in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade been achieved yet;

2. Reaffirms that the socio-economic aspects and goals of development are an integral part of the overall development process;

3. Reaffirms also the urgency of taking effective measures aimed at further promoting social progress and development;

4. Emphasizes the importance of making analyses of, and exchanging information on, the fundamental problems of socio-economic development in order to formulate and implement policy measures in the fields of employment, education, health, nutrition, housing facilities, crime prevention, the well-being of children, equal opportunities for the disabled and the aged, full participation of youth in the development process and the full integration and participation of women in development;

5. Calls upon the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to undertake measures aimed at improving social conditions and achieving the main objectives set forth in the Declaration on Social Progress and Development

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<sup>4/</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.2.

and in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

6. Notes the role of the Commission for Social Development in the field of social development and humanitarian affairs;

7. Invites the Economic and Social Council to consider, at its first regular session of 1986, existing ways and means of improving the work of the Commission.

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## 40/101. THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY 1/

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, as well as the importance of the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975,<sup>2/</sup> the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year <sup>3/</sup> and the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,<sup>4/</sup>

Welcoming the results of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985, in particular the adoption of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>5/</sup>

Noting that just and lasting peace and social progress, as well as the establishment of a new international economic order, require the active participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation and in the process of development,

Bearing in mind that economic inequality, colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, apartheid, foreign intervention, occupation, alien domination and terrorism in all its forms, acts of aggression and interference in the internal affairs of others and violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms constitute an impediment to the achievement of real and genuine equality and to the integration of women in society,

Convinced of the necessity to secure for all women full realization of the rights embodied in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,<sup>6/</sup> in

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1/ See also sect. I, footnote 17, and sect. V, resolution 40/204.

2/ Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. I.

3/ Ibid., chap. II, sect. A.

4/ Report of the World Conference on the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.

5/ 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.

6/ Resolution 34/180.

the International Covenants on Human Rights 7/ and in other relevant instruments in this field,

Recognizing that the achievement of equal and full participation of women in all spheres of activities constitutes an inseparable part of the political, economic, social and cultural development of all countries,

Aware that efforts to promote the status of women in all its aspects and their complete integration in society go beyond the problem of legal equality and that deeper structural transformations of society and changes in present-day economic relations, as well as elimination of traditional prejudices through education and dissemination of information, are required so as to create conditions for women to develop fully their intellectual and physical capacities and to participate actively in the decision-making process in political, economic, social and cultural development,

Mindful of the necessity to enlarge the possibilities for both men and women to combine parental duties and household work with paid employment and social activities,

Aware that the role of women in childbearing should not be the cause of inequality and discrimination, and that child rearing demands shared responsibilities among women, men and society as a whole,

Deeply appreciating the increasing participation of women in political, economic, social and cultural life and their contribution thereto,

1. Appeals to all Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to recognize in their activities the importance of all interrelated aspects of the role of women in society --as mothers, as participants in economic development and as participants in public life-- without underestimating any one of them;

2. Calls upon all Governments to encourage such social and economic development that would secure the participation of women in all spheres of work, equal pay for work of equal value and equal opportunities for education and for professional and vocational training, taking into consideration the necessity of combining all aspects of the role of women in society;

3. Appeals to Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to promote conditions that would enable women to participate as equal partners with men in public

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7/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

and political life, in the decision-making process at all levels and in the management of different spheres of life in society;

4. Calls upon Governments to recognize the special status and social importance of motherhood and to take, in the context of their specific abilities and conditions, all necessary measures to promote its protection, including maternity leave with pay, and to provide security for their jobs as long as necessary, so as to allow women, if they so wish, to fulfil their role as mothers without prejudice to their professional and public activities;

5. Appeals to Governments to promote the establishment of appropriate facilities for child-care and education of children as a means of combining parenthood with economic, political, social, cultural and other activities and thus to provide assistance to women in integrating fully into their societies;

6. Decides to consider the question of the role of women in society at its forty-first session under an item entitled "Forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women to the year 2000".

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40/102. PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN PROMOTING  
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND CO-OPERATION

The General Assembly,

Confirming the noble goal enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations to maintain peace and security in the world and the determination of the States Members of the United Nations expressed therein to save present and succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

Recalling that the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985, in adopting the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>1/</sup> underlined the importance of the participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation,

Convinced that the International Year of Peace, proclaimed for the year 1986 by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/3 of 24 October 1985, could give new impulses for safeguarding international peace and security,

Reaffirming its resolution 37/63 of 3 December 1982, by which it proclaimed the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation,

Recalling its resolution 39/124 of 14 December 1984, in which it requested the Commission on the Status of Women to consider what measures might be necessary in order to implement the Declaration,

Wishing to encourage the active participation of women in promoting international peace and security and co-operation,

Convinced that increased efforts are required to eliminate still existing forms of discrimination against women in every field of human endeavour,

Conscious of the need to implement the provisions of the Declaration,

1. Pledges its determination to encourage the full participation of women in the economic, social, cultural, civil

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<sup>1/</sup> 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.

and political affairs of society and in the endeavour to promote international peace and co-operation;

2. Appeals to all Governments to take the necessary measures for putting into practice the principles and provisions of the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation;

3. Invites all Governments to give wide publicity to the Declaration and its implementation;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to take adequate steps to ensure that publicity is given to the Declaration;

5. Invites the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and other appropriate bodies within the United Nations system to consider adequate measures to implement the Declaration;

6. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women to consider measures which may be necessary to implement the Declaration in the context of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women for the period up to the year 2000;

7. Decides to consider the further implementation of the Declaration at its forty-first session, as a sub-item of an item entitled "Forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women to the year 2000".

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## 40/103. PREVENTION OF PROSTITUTION

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Special Rapporteur on the subject of the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others, prepared in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 182/20 of 4 May 1982,<sup>1/</sup>

Recalling its resolution 38/107 of 16 December 1983 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/30 of 26 May 1983, as well as the report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,<sup>2/</sup>

Considering that the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others require a three-fold concerted effort, involving prevention, punishment of all forms of procuring and solidarity in order to facilitate the social rehabilitation of the victims,

1. Congratulates the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Tourism Organization for the action they have begun to take in implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/30;

2. Invites once again the Economic and Social Council to consider the whole question of the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others at its first regular session of 1986 in connection with the agenda item on human rights, together with the reports requested by the Council in its resolution 1983/30;

3. Invites the Working Group on Slavery of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to transmit its report to the Commission on the Status of Women at its next session;

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<sup>1/</sup> E/1983/7 and Corr. 1 and 2.

<sup>2/</sup> 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).

4. Requests the Secretary-General to expedite the issuance as a United Nations document of the report on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others prepared in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/20.

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40/105. INCORPORATION OF THE INTERESTS OF WOMEN IN THE  
WORK PROGRAMMES OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 39/127 of 14 December 1984, in particular the reference to the incorporation of women's concerns in the overall programme of work of each regional commission and to the regularization of senior women's programme officers posts,

Convinced that further efforts are needed to ensure adequate consideration of women's concerns within the regional commissions,

Recognizing the important contribution the senior women's programme officers can make to the integration of women in development at the national and regional levels,

1. Takes due note of the report of the Secretary-General on measures taken by the regional commissions to incorporate women's concerns at all levels in their overall work programmes and to establish senior women's programme officers posts;1/

2. Expresses deep concern at the inadequate response of the regional commissions to the need to incorporate the interests of women in their economic and social policies and programmes;

3. Stresses that the integration of women in economic development as well as in social development is essential to the well-being of society;

4. Invites the executive secretaries of the five regional commissions to propose to their governing bodies measures for reassessing all individual work programmes in order to incorporate women's concerns at all levels in their overall work programmes for the biennium 1988-1989, taking into account the roles and responsibilities of the regional commissions in developing and implementing the system-wide, medium-term plan for women and development 2/ and the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;3/

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take into account the important role of the regional commissions in promoting the

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1/ A/40/838.

2/ See E/1985/45.

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.

advancement of women when formulating the system-wide, medium-term plan for women and development and when implementing the Forward-looking Strategies;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session:

(a) On the progress made in implementing paragraphs 5 and 6 of its resolution 39/127;

(b) On the measures proposed by the five regional commissions to incorporate women's concerns at all levels in their overall work programmes for the biennium 1988-1989, as outlined in paragraph 4 above.

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40/106 NATIONAL EXPERIENCE RELATING TO THE IMPROVEMENT  
OF THE SITUATION OF WOMEN IN RURAL AREAS

The General Assembly,

Referring to the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, adopted by the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,<sup>1/</sup>

Recalling its resolutions 34/14 of 9 November 1979, 37/59 of 3 December 1982 and 39/126 of 14 December 1984, concerning the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas,

Reaffirming the importance attached in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women <sup>2/</sup> and in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women <sup>3/</sup> to the need to improve the status of women and ensure their full participation, both as agents and as beneficiaries, in the development process,

Recognizing the urgent need to take additional appropriate measures aimed at further improving the situation of women in rural areas,

Convinced that the eradication of apartheid, all forms of racial discrimination, colonialism, neo-colonialism, aggression, foreign occupation and domination is essential to the further improvement of the situation of rural women,

Considering that the strengthening of international peace and co-operation is one of the factors contributing to the further improvement of the situation of rural women,

1. Takes note of the report of the Interregional Seminar on National Experience Relating to the Improvement of the Situation of Women in Rural Areas, held at Vienna from 17 to 28 September 1984, as well as the compilation of observations and comments made by Member States;<sup>4/</sup>

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1/ 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.

2/ Report of the World Conference on the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.

3/ Resolution 34/180.

4/ See A/40/239 and Add. 1.

2. Calls upon Governments to elaborate and implement, as a part of national development strategies, special comprehensive programmes for improving the situation of women in rural areas and to establish monitoring and evaluating mechanisms, involving women themselves, for these programmes;

3. Requests the organizations and funds concerned within the United Nations system to pay greater attention to the needs of rural women and to assist Member States, especially the developing countries, in the implementation of their national policies and programmes aimed at the advancement of rural women;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with the Member States, a comprehensive report on the present status and perspectives for the improvement of the situation of rural women, paying special attention, inter alia, to:

(a) Participation of rural women in socio-economic and political life;

(b) Questions of the exercise by rural women of their rights;

(c) Role of agricultural co-operatives in the improvement of the situation of women;

(d) Agrarian reform, particularly in favour of rural women, with a view to improving their situation;

(e) Elimination of illiteracy among rural women and upgrading of their educational level;

(f) Assistance to rural women in the improvement of their situation;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit the report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session through the Economic and Social Council.

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40/108. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAIROBI  
FORWARD-LOOKING STRATEGIES FOR THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3520(XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it proclaimed the period from 1976 to 1985 the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Bearing in mind the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,<sup>1/</sup> which was adopted on 18 December 1979 and which came into force on 3 September 1981,

Recalling also the principles and objectives set forth in the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and Their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975,<sup>2/</sup> the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year <sup>3/</sup> and the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,<sup>4/</sup>

Bearing in mind also its resolutions 3201(S-VI) and 3202(S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281(XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, 3362(S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 2542(XXIV) of 11 December 1969 proclaiming the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,

Bearing in mind further the consensus achieved in the text of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, in particular regarding the implementation of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women within the framework of the Strategy,

Recalling also its resolution 37/63 of 3 December 1982, by which it proclaimed the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation,

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<sup>1/</sup> Resolution 34/180.

<sup>2/</sup> Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year. Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. I.

<sup>3/</sup> Ibid., chap. II, sect. A.

<sup>4/</sup> Report of the World Conference on the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.

Recalling further its resolution 39/29 of 3 December 1984 on the critical economic situation in Africa,

Recalling its resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, in which it decided to convene in 1985, at the conclusion of the Decade, a World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Conscious of the considerable and constructive contribution made by the Commission on the Status of Women acting as preparatory body for the Conference, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system, Member States and non-governmental organizations in the preparations for the Conference,

Aware of the continued contribution made by the Non-Governmental Organization Forum to the advancement of women,

Convinced that the full integration of women in all aspects of political, economic and social life, at the international, regional and national levels, is essential if the obstacles to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Decade are to be overcome,

Having considered the report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,<sup>5/</sup>

Convinced that the Conference, by adopting the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>6/</sup> has made an important and positive contribution to the attainment of the objectives of the Decade and provided a policy framework for advancing the status of women to the year 2000,

Further convinced that the Conference has made an important and constructive contribution by appraising the progress achieved and obstacles encountered in the implementation of the objectives of the Decade and by preparing and adopting strategies to advance the status of women for the next fifteen years,

Stressing that during the period 1986-2000 the primary responsibility for implementing the Forward-looking Strategies

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5/ 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).

6/ 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.



rests with individual countries, as they are intended to serve as guidelines for a process of continuous adaptation to diverse and changing situations at speeds and in modes determined by overall national priorities, within which the integration of women in development should rank high,

Reaffirming that the realization of equal rights for women at all levels and in all areas of life will contribute to the achievement of a just and lasting peace, to social progress and to respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and that the integration of women in the mainstream of the development process requires not only commitment at the national, regional and international levels, but also continuing financial and technical support, and also requires the establishment of the new international economic order,

Considering that the Forward-looking Strategies should immediately be translated into concrete action by Governments, as determined by overall national priorities, by organizations of the United Nations system, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, including women's organizations,

Persuaded of the importance of taking measures to ensure system-wide co-ordination within the United Nations in order to develop a comprehensive and integrated approach to the issues which are crucial to the advancement of women,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievement of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;7/

2. Endorses the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;8/

3. Affirms that the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies should result in the elimination of all forms of inequality between women and men and in the complete integration of women into the development process and that should guarantee broad participation by women in efforts to strengthen peace and security in the world;

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7/ 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).

8/ 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.

4. Declares that the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, with the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education", remain valid;

5. Calls upon Governments to allocate adequate resources and to take effective appropriate measures to implement the Forward-looking Strategies as a matter of high priority, including the establishment or reinforcement, as appropriate, of national machineries to promote the advancement of women, and to monitor the implementation of these strategies with a view to ensuring the full integration of women in the political, economic, social and cultural life of their countries;

6. Calls upon all Governments of Member States to appoint women to decision-making positions, bearing in mind their contribution to national development;

7. Invites Governments, when preparing and evaluating national plans and programmes of action, to incorporate measurable targets for overcoming obstacles to the advancement of women and to include measures for the involvement of women in development, both as agents and beneficiaries, on an equal basis with men, and to review the impact of development policies and programmes on women;

8. Invites governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to give high priority to the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies and, in particular, to ensure that sectoral policies and programmes for development include strategies to promote the participation of women as agents and beneficiaries on an equal basis with men;

9. Urges all Governments to contribute to the strengthening of institutional co-ordination in their regions and subregions in order to establish collaborative arrangements and to develop approaches for the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies at those levels;

10. Urges all organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions and all specialized agencies, to take the necessary measures to ensure a concerted and sustained effort for the implementation of the provisions of the Forward-looking Strategies with a view to achieving a substantial improvement in the status of women by the year 2000 and to ensure that all projects and programmes take into account the need for the complete integration of women and women's concerns;

11. Requests the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies and bodies of the United Nations system to establish, where they do not already exist, focal points on women's issues in all sectors of the work of the organizations of the United Nations system;

12. Urges the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to review periodically the system-wide implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies and to hold regular inter-agency meetings on women within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

13. Emphasizes the central role of the Commission on the Status of Women in matters related to the advancement of the status of women and calls upon it to promote the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies to the year 2000 based on the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, and the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education", and urges all organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate with the Commission in this task;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Commission on the Status of Women receives the support services it requires to fulfil its central role effectively;

15. Also requests the Secretary-General to invite Governments, organizations of the United Nations system, including regional commissions and specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to report periodically through the Commission on the Status of Women to the Economic and Social Council on the activities undertaken at all levels to implement the Forward-looking Strategies;

16. Further requests the Secretary-General, in preparing the note on the integrated reporting system for periodic review and appraisal of progress in the advancement of women for submission to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-first session, as called for in Economic and Social Council decision 1984/123 of 24 May 1984, to include proposals for a reporting system to facilitate the monitoring of the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies as set out in paragraph 15 above, taking into account the experience gained during the Decade, the views of Governments and the need not to duplicate existing reporting obligations, bearing in mind the need to carry out periodical in-depth sectoral reviews of progress achieved and obstacles encountered in implementing the Forward-looking Strategies to the year 2000;

17. Recommends that the Secretary-General prepare and submit to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-first session, bearing in mind the remarks and concrete recommendations made during the debate at the fortieth session, in particular the proposals about increasing the number of members and the frequency of meetings of the Commissions, a report on alternative measures to strengthen the Commission in the discharge of its functions following the United Nations Decade for Women, and also recommends that the recommendations of the Commission on the

matter be reported to the General Assembly at its forty-first session through the Economic and Social Council;

18. Reaffirms the role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, in particular the Branch for the Advancement of Women, as the substantive secretariat of the Commission and as focal point for matters on women, and requests the Secretariat to collect and disseminate information on system-wide activities related to the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies;

19. Takes note with satisfaction of the appointment of the Co-ordinator for the Improvement of the Status of Women in the Secretariat of the United Nations, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/245 of 18 December 1984, and, in this context, of the fact that the Secretary-General should continue to plan and implement positive actions and programmes to improve the status of women in the Secretariat and to monitor the progress achieved;

20. Calls upon the Secretary-General and the heads of the specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies to establish new five-year targets at each level for the percentage of women in Professional and decision-making positions in accordance with the criteria established by the General Assembly, in particular that of equitable geographical distribution, in order that a definite upward trend in the application of Assembly resolution 33/143 of 20 December 1978 be registered in the number of Professional and decision-making positions held by women by 1990 and to set additional targets every five years;

21. Welcomes Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/46 of 31 May 1985 regarding women and development and, noting the particular importance of paragraph 4 of that resolution, recommends that immediate measures be taken to ensure that future medium-term plans of the United Nations and the specialized agencies should contain intersectoral presentations of the various programmes dealing with issues of concern to women and that revisions of current plans should be considered in the light of the results of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, 9/

22. Requests the Secretary-General to take into account the requirements of the Forward-looking Strategies in preparing the

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9/ 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).

programme budget and programme of work for the biennium 1988-1989;

23. Urges all financial institutions and all international regional and subregional organizations, institutions, development banks and general funding agencies to ensure that their policies and programmes promote the full participation of women as agents and beneficiaries in the development process;

24. Invites the Secretary-General to circulate the report of the Conference among Member States, all organizations of the United Nations system and specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in order to ensure that the Forward-looking Strategies are publicized and disseminated as widely as possible, and encourages Governments to translate the Strategies into their national languages;

25. Requests the Secretary-General and the heads of all organizations within the United Nations system and of the specialized agencies to continue to give high priority in their public information programmes to disseminating information concerning women and, in particular, the Forward-looking Strategies and, in the light of the recommendations contained in the Strategies, further requests the Secretary-General to provide in the regular budget for the continuation of the existing weekly radio programmes on women, with adequate provision for distributing them in different languages;

26. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session on measures taken to implement the present resolution;

27. Decides to consider these questions further at its forty-first session under an item entitled "Forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women to the year 2000".

116th plenary meeting  
13 December 1985

40/204. EFFECTIVE MOBILIZATION AND INTEGRATION  
OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT 1/

The General Assembly,

Taking note with appreciation of the world survey on the role of women in development, 2/

Recognizing that although the survey was submitted to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, it has yet to receive the detailed attention it deserves,

Noting with satisfaction the adoption by the Conference of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, 3/ which constitute an important and positive contribution to the attainment of the objectives of the Decade and provide a policy framework for the advancement of women to the year 2000,

1. Invites the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-first session to make specific action-oriented recommendations based on the world survey on the role of women in development as a part of the overall implementation of and follow-up to the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, which should be for action at the national and international levels, including co-operation among developing countries, within an economic context, and should address sectoral and cross-sectoral problems identified in the survey, and requests that the report of the Commission be made available, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1986, to the General Assembly at its forty-second session under the sub-item entitled "Effective mobilization and integration of women in economic development";

2. Requests the Secretary-General to take those recommendations into account when formulating the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development, 4/ and to invite the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the International Labour Organisation,

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1/ See also sect. I, footnote 17, and sect. VI, resolution 40/101.

2/ A/CONF.116/4 and Corr. 1.

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.

4/ See Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/46 of 31 May 1985.

the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Training and Research Institute for the Advancement of Women, to take into account the implications of the world survey when preparing their contributions to that plan;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to update the survey on the role of women in development on a regular basis, focusing on selected emerging development issues that have an impact on the role of women in the economy at the local, national, regional and international levels;

4. Decides that the first update of the survey should be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, in 1989;

5. Invites the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-first session to make a recommendation on future updates of the survey after 1989, bearing in mind the need for effective co-ordination with the follow-up activities of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

6. Also invites the Commission on the Status of Women to suggest terms of reference for the first update of the survey, which should contain improved data and information on the role of women in development, including, inter alia, their role in the informal sector of the economy;

7. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to contribute to the preparation of the first update of the survey;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its forty-second session, a progress report on the preparation of the first regular update of the survey, including preliminary views on its scope and content, so that the Commission on the Status of Women, at its thirty-second session, can take that report into account, together with the comments on the subject made by delegations in the General Assembly;

9. Also requests the Secretary-General to utilize the input provided by the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-second session and by the Economic and Social Council in 1988 for the preparation of the first update of the survey.

119th plenary meeting  
17 December 1985

41/109. PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN PROMOTING  
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND CO-OPERATION

The General Assembly,

Confirming the noble goal enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations to maintain peace and security in the world and the determination of the States Members of the United Nations expressed therein to save present and succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

Recalling that the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, in adopting the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women <sup>1/</sup> for the period up to the year 2000, recognized that women should participate fully in all efforts to strengthen and maintain international peace and security and to promote international co-operation,

Expressing the need for equal participation of women in the decision-making process, including that related to peace, disarmament and security at national, regional and international levels, including the United Nations system,

Convinced that the International Year of Peace, proclaimed for the year 1986 by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/3 of 24 October 1985, could give new impulses for safeguarding international peace and security,

Reaffirming its resolution 37/63 of 3 December 1982, by which it proclaimed the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation,

Recalling its resolution 39/124 of 14 December 1984, in which it requested the Commission on the Status of Women to consider what measures might be necessary in order to implement the Declaration,

Bearing in mind its resolution 40/102 of 13 December 1985, in which it requested the Commission on the Status of Women to consider measures which may be necessary to implement the Declaration in the context of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women for the period up to the year 2000,

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<sup>1/</sup> 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.



Wishing to encourage the active participation of women in promoting international peace, security and co-operation,

Convinced that increased efforts are required to eliminate still existing forms of discrimination against women in every field of human endeavour,

Conscious of the need to implement the provisions of the Declaration,

1. Pledges its determination to encourage the full participation of women in the economic, social, cultural, civil and political affairs of society and in the endeavour to promote international peace and co-operation;

2. Appeals to all Governments to take the necessary measures for putting into practice the principles and provisions of the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation;

3. Invites all Governments to give wide publicity to the Declaration and its implementation;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to take adequate steps to ensure that publicity is given to the Declaration;

5. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/20 of 23 May 1986, in which the Council called upon Member States to take practical institutional, educational and organizational measures to facilitate women's participation on an equal footing with men in the decision-making process, including that related to peace, disarmament negotiations and the solution of conflicts, and to inform the Secretary-General of their activities undertaken at all levels to implement the Declaration as a contribution to the International Year of Peace;

6. Recommends that future medium-term plans of the United Nations and the specialized agencies should, in accordance with the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, contain intersectoral presentations of the various programmes dealing with issues of concern to women, including those relating to the participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation;

7. Invites the Commission on the Status of Women at its session in 1987 to consider, inter alia, guidelines for the long-term programme of work of the Commission up to the year 2000, including activities for the participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation;

8. Decides to consider the further implementation of the Declaration at its forty-second session, as a sub-item of the item entitled "Forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women to the year 2000".

97th plenary meeting  
4 December 1986

## 41/110. THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the validity of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Noting the importance of the documents adopted by the world conferences held during the Decade,

Reaffirming its resolution 40/101 of 13 December 1985, and taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/27 of 23 May 1986, which reiterated the expression by the Assembly of its awareness of the necessity to enlarge the possibilities for both men and women to combine parental duties and household work with paid employment and social activities, and of its awareness that the role of women in childbearing should not be the cause of inequality and discrimination and that child rearing demands shared responsibilities among women, men and society as a whole,

Convinced of the necessity to secure for all women full and effective enjoyment of the rights embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>1/</sup> the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,<sup>2/</sup> the International Covenants on Human Rights <sup>3/</sup> and other pertinent instruments in this field,

Emphasizing that the achievement of equal and full participation of women in all spheres of activity is an integral part of the political, economic, social and cultural development of all countries,

Commending the expanding participation of women in political, economic, social and cultural life and in the promotion of international peace and co-operation,

Convinced that the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women <sup>4/</sup> should be among the developmental and policy priorities of Governments, United Nations organs, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

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1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

3/ Resolution 2200 A (III).

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.

Bearing in mind that promotion of the status of women in all its aspects and complete integration of women in society go beyond the problem of legal equality and that deeper structural transformations of society and changes in current economic relations, as well as elimination of traditional prejudices through education and the dissemination of information, are required to create conditions in which women may develop fully their intellectual and physical capacities and participate actively in the decision-making process related to their political, economic, social and cultural development,

Bearing in mind also that economic inequality, colonialism, racism, racial discrimination in all its forms, apartheid, aggression and interference in the internal affairs of other States and violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms are obstacles to the active integration of women in all spheres of life,

Bearing in mind the resolution on equal opportunities and equal treatment for men and women in employment, adopted on 27 June 1985 by the International Labour Organisation,<sup>5/</sup>

1. Recommends that all Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations should pay due attention in their activities to the role of women in society in all its interrelated aspects --as mothers, as participants in the economic development process and as participants in public life;

2. Reaffirms that the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women should contribute to the elimination of all forms of inequality between women and men and to the integration of women in the development process, and should ensure the broad participation of women in efforts to strengthen international peace, security and co-operation;

3. Calls upon Member States to adopt the necessary effective measures with a view to the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies as a matter of priority, including the establishment or strengthening of appropriate mechanisms for the advancement of women and for the implementation of the Strategies, in order to ensure the full integration of women in the political, economic, social and cultural life of their countries;

4. Invites Member States to encourage such social and economic development as will ensure the equal participation of women in all spheres of work activity, equal pay for work of

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<sup>5/</sup> International Labour Office, Official Bulletin, vol. LXVIII, 1985, Series A, No. 2, p. 85.

equal value, and equal opportunities for education and vocational training;

5. Appeals to Member States to promote conditions that will enable women to participate as equal partners with men in public and political life, in the decision-making process at all levels and in the management of different spheres of life in society;

6. Urges Governments to recognize the special status and social importance of childbearing and child rearing and to take all necessary measures to encourage the support of parenthood, including paid maternity, parental and child-care leave, and to provide women with security for their jobs as long as necessary with a view to allowing them to fulfil their role as mothers without prejudice to their professional and public activities;

7. Appeals to Governments to promote the establishment of appropriate facilities for the care and education of children as a means of combining parenthood with economic, political, social, cultural and other activities, and thus to assist women towards full integration in their societies;

8. Requests the Secretary-General, when preparing future reports on the world social situation, to pay due attention to the question of the status of women, their role in society and the progress achieved in the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies;

9. Requests the Secretary-General, when preparing surveys on the role of women in development, to pay due attention to all the interrelated aspects of the role of women in society;

10. Invites the Commission on the Status of Women to consider the inclusion, in an appropriate form, of the question of the role of women in society in its agenda and programme of work for the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women.

97th plenary meeting  
4 December 1986

41/111. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAIROBI FORWARD-LOOKING  
STRATEGIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its relevant resolutions, in particular resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985, in which, inter alia, it endorsed the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women 1/ for the period up to the year 2000 and set out measures for their immediate implementation and for the overall achievement of the goals and objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Taking into consideration Economic and Social Council resolutions 1986/30 of 23 May 1986 and 1986/65 and 1986/71 of 23 July 1986,

Conscious of the considerable and constructive contribution to the advancement of the status of women made by the Commission on the Status of Women, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system, Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

Emphasizing the need for the immediate and full implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies and for their evaluation and follow-up,

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General concerning the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;2/

2. Reaffirms the need for the Forward-looking Strategies to be translated immediately into concrete action by Governments, as determined by overall national priorities, as well as by the organizations of the United Nations system, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

3. Reaffirms also the central role of the Commission on the Status of Women in matters related to the advancement of women and calls upon the Commission to promote the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies to the year 2000 based on the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality,

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1/ 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.

2/ A/41/623 and A/41/672.

Development and Peace and the sub-theme "Employment, Health and Education", and urges all organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate with the Commission in this task;

4. Reaffirms further, in the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies, the role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, in particular the Branch for the Advancement of Women, as the substantive secretariat of the Commission on the Status of Women and as a focal point for matters on women, the catalysing role of the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the role of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women in the advancement of women in the context of the participation of women in development;

5. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/30, in particular the decision by the Council to convene in January 1987 a session of the Commission on the Status of Women for five working days prior to the organizational session of the Council and its decision that the session be held in New York as an exception to the general principle, reaffirmed by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, that United Nations bodies shall plan to meet at their respective established headquarters;

6. Emphasizes, in the framework of the Forward-looking Strategies, the importance of the total integration of women in the development process, having in mind the specific and urgent needs of the developing countries;

7. Calls upon all Member States to establish specific targets at each level in order to increase the percentage of women in professional and decision-making positions in their countries;

8. Calls upon the Secretary-General and the heads of the specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies to establish new five-year targets at each level for the percentage of women in Professional and decision-making positions, in accordance with the criteria established by the General Assembly, in particular that of equitable geographical distribution, in order that a definite upward trend in the implementation of Assembly resolution 33/143 of 20 December 1978 be registered in the number of Professional and decision-making positions held by women by 1990, and to set additional targets every five years;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to invite Governments, organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions and the specialized agencies, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to report periodically, through the Commission on the Status of Women, to

the Economic and Social Council on activities undertaken at all levels to implement the Forward-looking Strategies;

10. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session on measures taken to implement the present resolution;

11. Decides to consider these questions further at its forty-second session under the item entitled "Forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women to the year 2000".

97th plenary meeting  
4 December 1986



42/60. CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS  
OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that one of the purposes of the United Nations, as stated in Articles 1 and 55 of the Charter, is to promote universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction of any kind, including distinction as to sex,

Affirming that women and men should participate equally in social, economic and political development, should contribute equally to such development and should share equally in improved conditions of life,

Recalling its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, by which it adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Recalling also its resolutions 35/140 of 11 December 1980, 36/131 of 14 December 1981, 37/64 of 3 December 1982, 38/109 of 16 December 1983, 39/130 of 14 December 1984, 40/39 of 29 November 1985 and 41/108 of 4 December 1986,

Aware of the important contribution that the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women 1/ can make to eliminating all forms of discrimination against women and to achieving legal and de facto equality between women and men,

Noting the emphasis placed by the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace on ratification of and accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its sixth session,2/ notably general recommendations 2, 3 and 4 on ways and means of implementing article 21 of the Convention,3/

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1/ 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.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/42/38).

3/ Ibid., sect. IV.

1. Welcomes the ratification of or accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women by an increasing number of Member States;

2. Urges all States that have not yet ratified or acceded to the Convention to do so as soon as possible;

3. Emphasizes the importance of the strictest compliance by States parties with their obligations under the Convention;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit annually to the General Assembly a report on the status of the Convention;

5. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention;4/

6. Takes note of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its sixth session;

7. Urges States parties to make all possible efforts to submit their initial reports on the implementation of the Convention in accordance with article 18 thereof and with the guidelines of the Committee;

8. Takes note of the views on the report of the Committee expressed by delegations at the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council of 1987;5/

9. Decides that no action shall be taken on decision 4 adopted by the Committee 6/ and requests the Committee to review that decision, taking into account the views expressed by delegations at the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council of 1987 and in the Third Committee 7/ of the General Assembly at its forty-second session;

10. Takes note of the general recommendations adopted by the Committee pursuant to the discussions at its sixth session on ways and means of implementing article 21 of the Convention;8/

11. Notes with concern the account by the Committee of the present constraints within which it operates with regard to the

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4/ A/42/627.

5/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Plenary Meetings, vol. I, 9th to 12th and 14th meetings (E/1987/SR.9-12 and 14).

6/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/42/38), sect. V.

7/ Ibid., Forty-second Session, Third Committee, 22nd, 24th to 30th, 44th and 49th meetings and corrigendum.

8/ Ibid., sect. IV.

backlog of reports awaiting consideration and encourages the Committee to intensify its discussion on ways and means of dealing with this problem, including possible adjustment of the reporting system, and to formulate in an appropriate way suggestions to that effect for consideration by the Economic and Social Council and by the General Assembly at its forty-third session;

12. Welcomes the efforts made by the Committee to rationalize its procedures and expedite the consideration of periodic reports, and encourages the Committee to continue its endeavours to those ends;

13. Decides, on an exceptional basis, that the Committee may hold no more than eight additional meetings during its session in 1988 in order to advance consideration of reports already submitted to it;

14. Invites the Committee and the States parties to consider the question of holding future sessions of the Committee at Vienna, taking into account the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 9/ and all relevant factors;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to ensure adequate servicing within existing resources for the effective functioning of the Committee;

16. Also requests the Secretary-General, within existing resources and drawing in particular on funds available to the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, to provide, facilitate and encourage public information activities relating to the Committee and the Convention, giving priority to the dissemination of the Convention in the official languages of the United Nations;

17. Further requests the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to the Commission on the Status of Women for information.

85th plenary meeting  
30 November 1987

42/61. PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN PROMOTING  
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND CO-OPERATION

The General Assembly,

Confirming the noble goal enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations to maintain peace and security in the world and the determination of the States Members of the United Nations expressed therein to save present and succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

Recalling that the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, in adopting the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women <sup>1/</sup> for the period up to the year 2000, recognized that women should participate fully in all efforts to strengthen and maintain international peace and security and to promote international co-operation,

Reaffirming the interrelationship of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Expressing the need for equal opportunity for participation by women in the decision-making process, including that related to peace, disarmament and security at national, regional and international levels, including the United Nations system,

Reaffirming its resolution 37/63 of 3 December 1982, by which it proclaimed the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation,

Bearing in mind its resolution 40/102 of 13 December 1985, in which it, inter alia, requested the Commission on the Status of Women to consider measures which may be necessary to implement the Declaration in the context of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women for the period up to the year 2000,

Reaffirming its resolution 41/109 of 4 December 1986, in which it recommended that future medium-term plans of the United Nations and the specialized agencies should, in accordance with the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies, contain intersectoral presentations of the various programmes dealing with issues of

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<sup>1/</sup> 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.

concern to women, including those relating to the participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/24 of 26 May 1987, in which the Council decided that the work of the Commission on the Status of Women relating to the priority themes of the long-term programme of work of the Commission should be closely related to the relevant provisions of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and of other policy documents,

Wishing to encourage the active participation of women in promoting international peace, security and co-operation,

Convinced that increased efforts are required to eliminate still existing forms of discrimination against women in every field of human endeavour,

Conscious of the need to implement the provisions of the Declaration,

1. Pledges its determination to encourage the full participation of women in the economic, social, cultural, civil and political affairs of society and in the endeavour to promote international peace and co-operation;

2. Appeals to all Governments to take the necessary measures to put into practice the principles and provisions of the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation;

3. Invites all Governments to give wide publicity to the Declaration and its implementation;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to take adequate steps to ensure that publicity is given to the Declaration;

5. Invites all appropriate bodies of the United Nations system that have not yet done so, including the regional commissions and the specialized agencies, to develop and implement comprehensive policies on the three objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace and to incorporate them in their medium-term plans, statements of objectives, programmes and other major policy statements;

6. Invites the Commission on the Status of Women to give adequate attention to all the priority themes under the headings of equality, development and peace on account of the complexity of all the matters addressed in the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women and in other policy

documents, including the participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation;

7. Decides to consider the further implementation of the Declaration of its forty-third session, as a sub-item of the item entitled "Forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women to the year 2000".

85th plenary meeting  
30 November 1987

42/62. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAIROBI FORWARD-LOOKING  
STRATEGIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its relevant resolutions, in particular resolutions 40/108 of 13 December 1985 and 41/111 of 4 December 1986, in which, inter alia, it endorsed the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women 1/ for the period up to the year 2000 and set out measures for their immediate implementation and for the overall achievement of the goals and objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Taking into consideration Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/18, 1987/19, 1987/20, 1987/21, 1987/22, 1987/23, 1987/24, 1987/25 and 1987/26 of 26 May 1987,

Taking note of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future,2/ adopted by the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes, held at Vienna from 7 to 15 September 1987,

Noting with concern the serious impact of the world economic situation on the programmes and plans for the advancement of women, especially in the global context,

Conscious of the important and constructive contribution to the advancement of the status of women made by the Commission on the Status of Women, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system, Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

Emphasizing once again the priority of the implementation, monitoring, review and appraisal of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies,

Welcoming the significant progress made by the Commission on the Status of Women at its special session in 1987 in restructuring its agenda along functional lines, developing a systematic long-term programme of work, strengthening and rationalizing its role and functions and mobilizing the resources

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1/ 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.

2/ See E/CONF.80/10, chap. III.

of the United Nations system as a whole towards the advancement of women by integrating this objective into the programme planning and budgeting processes of the Organization,

Welcoming also the designation by the Secretary-General of the advancement of women as one of two priorities of the Organization for the next biennium,

Recognizing the need for the Commission on the Status of Women to consider at its regular sessions the priority themes for the next five sessions of the Commission, contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/24,

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General 3/ concerning the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;

2. Takes note also of resolutions 1, 2 and 4 adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women at its special session in 1987, 4/ in particular its recommendation that the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and the status of women in general should be incorporated as a global priority for the period 1990-1995 in the introduction of the Organization's next medium-term plan;

3. Reaffirms the need for the Forward-looking Strategies to be translated immediately into concrete action by Governments, as determined by overall national priorities, as well as by the organizations of the United Nations system, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

4. Reaffirms also the central role of the Commission on the Status of Women in matters related to the advancement of women and calls upon the Commission to promote the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies to the year 2000 based on the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace and the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education", and urges all organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate with the Commission in this task;

5. Reaffirms further, in the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies, the role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, in particular the Branch for the Advancement of Women, as the substantive secretariat of the Commission on the Status of Women and as a focal point for matters on women, the catalyzing role of

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3/ A/42/516 and A/42/528.

4/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 2 (E/1987/15), chap. I, sect. C.



the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the role of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women in the promotion of the role of women in the context of the participation of women in development;

6. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/21, in which the Council, inter alia, decided that the Commission on the Status of Women, commencing with its thirty-second session, should meet annually until the year 2000, with a long-term programme of work that would allow sufficient preparation for each session;

7. Endorses also Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/24, in particular the annex thereto containing the priority themes for the next five sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, which should be considered at regular sessions of the Commission under the agenda item entitled "Priority themes", notwithstanding world conferences and preparatory meetings or any process of review and appraisal that might take place;

8. Requests the relevant United Nations bodies to provide focused and action-oriented input when reporting to the Commission on the priority themes;

9. Reaffirms the need for the United Nations to develop an integrated reporting system with the Commission on the Status of Women at its centre and, building upon existing information and resources, to monitor the review and appraisal of progress with regard to the advancement of women, based on clear and relevant statistical and other measurable indicators which will assist Member States in identifying problems and in developing remedial measures, at the national, regional and international levels;

10. Encourages the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields to take into consideration the unique multidisciplinary and cross-organizational mandate of the Commission on the Status of Women, which is of particular importance in co-ordinating the efforts of the United Nations in the economic and social fields towards the advancement of women;

11. Emphasizes, in the framework of the Forward-looking Strategies, the importance of the total integration of women in the development process, bearing in mind the specific and urgent needs of the developing countries, and calls upon Member States to establish specific targets at each level in order to increase the participation of women in professional and decision-making positions in their countries;

12. Emphasizes also, the need to give urgent attention to redressing socio-economic inequities at the national and

international levels as a necessary step towards the full realization of the goals and objectives of the Forward-looking Strategies;

13. Urges that particular attention be given by the United Nations and Governments to the situation of disabled women, and that Governments take steps to ensure the equalization of opportunities and social justice for and political participation of disabled women in each sector of society;

14. Once again calls upon the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies to establish five-year targets at each level for the percentage of women in Professional and decision-making positions, in accordance with the criteria established by the General Assembly, in particular that of equitable geographical distribution, in order that a definite upward trend in the implementation of Assembly resolution 41/206 D of 11 December 1986 be registered in the number of Professional and decision-making positions held by women by 1990, and to set additional targets every five years;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to extend the term of office of the Co-ordinator for the Improvement of the Status of Women in the Secretariat of the United Nations for a satisfactory period to ensure that the action programme,<sup>5/</sup> in which inter alia, it is recommended that the situation of women in the Secretariat be improved, will continue to be implemented;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to invite Governments, organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions and the specialized agencies, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to report periodically, through the Commission on the Status of Women, to the Economic and Social Council on activities undertaken at all levels to implement the Forward-looking Strategies;

17. Also requests the Secretary-General to include in his report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies an assessment of recent developments that are relevant to the priority themes to be considered at the subsequent session of the Commission on the Status of Women and to transmit to the Commission a summary of relevant views expressed by delegations during the Assembly's debate;

18. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on measures taken to implement the present resolution;

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<sup>5/</sup> A/C.5/40/30, sect. III B.

19. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide for the existing weekly radio programmes on women in the regular budget of the United Nations, with adequate provisions for broadcasts in different languages, and to develop the focal point for issues relating to women in the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, which, in concert with the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, should provide a more effective public information programme relating to the advancement of women;

20. Decides to consider these questions further at its forty-third session under the item entitled "Forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women to the year 2000".

85th plenary meeting  
30 November 1987

42/64. THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the validity of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Noting the importance of the documents adopted by the world conferences held during the Decade,

Stressing that just and lasting peace requires the active participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation,

Stressing also that sustained economic and social progress, including the establishment of a new international economic order, requires the integration of women in the development process,

Bearing in mind that economic inequality, colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, apartheid, foreign intervention, occupation, alien domination, terrorism in all its forms, acts of aggression and interference in the internal affairs of others and violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms constitute impediments to the achievement of real and genuine equality and to the active integration of women in all spheres of life,

Convinced of the necessity of securing for all women full realization of the rights embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>1/</sup> the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,<sup>2/</sup> the International Covenants of Human Rights <sup>3/</sup> and other relevant instruments in this field,

Emphasizing that the achievement of equal and full participation of women in all spheres of activity constitutes an integral part of the political, economic, social and cultural development of all countries,

Aware that efforts to promote the status of women in all its aspects and their complete integration in society go beyond the problem of legal equality and that deeper structural transformations of society and changes in present-day economic relations, as well as elimination of traditional prejudices through education and the dissemination of information, are required to create conditions for women to develop fully their

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<sup>1/</sup> Resolution 217 A (III).

<sup>2/</sup> Resolution 34/180, annex.

<sup>3/</sup> See resolution 2200 A (XXI).

intellectual and physical capacities and to participate actively in the decision-making processes in political, economic, social and cultural development,

Mindful, according to respective national legislation, of the need to increase possibilities for both men and women of combining parental duties and household work with paid employment and social activities, and to ensure that the role of women in childbearing should not be the cause of inequality and discrimination and that child rearing demands shared responsibilities among women, men and society as a whole,

Commending and encouraging the increasing participation of women in political, economic, social and cultural life and in the promotion of international peace and co-operation,

Taking note of the meetings, including those of non-governmental organizations, at the World Congress of Women held in Moscow from 23 to 27 June 1987,

Bearing in mind the resolution on equal opportunities and equal treatment for men and women in employment, adopted on 27 June 1985 by the International Labour Organisation,<sup>4/</sup>

Reiterating that the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women <sup>5/</sup> should be among the developmental and policy priorities of Governments, United Nations organizations, including the specialized agencies, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

1. Appeals to all Governments, international organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to pay due attention in their activities to the importance of the role of women in society in all its interrelated aspects --as mothers, as participants in political, economic, social and cultural development and as participants in public life;

2. Reaffirms that the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women should contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, leading to the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women, to genuine equality of women and men and to the full integration of women in the development process;

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<sup>4/</sup> International labour Office, Official Bulletin, vol. LXVIII, 1985, Series A, No. 2, p. 85.

<sup>5/</sup> 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.

3. Invites all Governments to encourage such social and economic development as will ensure the equal participation of women in all spheres of work, equal pay for work of equal value and equal opportunities for education and vocational training, taking into consideration the necessity of combining all aspects of the role of women in society as well as the challenges faced by women in all countries when seeking to combine parental duties and family responsibilities with their full involvement in political, social, economic and cultural development;

4. Appeals to all Governments to promote conditions that will enable women to participate as equal partners with men in public and political life, in the decision-making process at all levels and in the management of different spheres of life in society;

5. Urges all Governments to recognize the special status and social importance of childbearing and child rearing and to take all necessary measures to encourage the support of parenthood, including paid maternity, parental and child-care leave, and to provide women with security for their jobs as long as necessary with a view to allowing them, if they so wish, to fulfil their role as mothers without prejudice to their professional and public activities;

6. Appeals to Governments to promote the establishment of appropriate facilities for the care and education of children as a means of combining parenthood with economic, political, social, cultural and other activities, and thus to assist women towards full integration in society;

7. Calls upon Member States to adopt the necessary effective measures with a view to implementing the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies as a matter of priority, including the establishment of strengthening of appropriate mechanisms for the advancement of women, in order to ensure the full participation of women in all spheres of life in their countries;

8. Requests the Secretary-General, when preparing surveys on the role of women in development as well as reports on the world social situation and other relevant surveys, to pay due attention to all the interrelated aspects of the role of women in society;

9. Invites the Commission on the Status of Women to pay due attention to the provisions of the present resolution during the consideration at its next sessions of the priority themes under the heading "Equality", with a view to formulating recommendations for appropriate action by concerned United Nations organs and bodies.

43/100. CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS  
OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that one of the purposes of the United Nations, as stated in Articles 1 and 55 of the Charter, is to promote universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction of any kind, including distinction as to sex,

Affirming that women and men should participate equally in social, economic and political development, should contribute equally to such development and should share equally in improved conditions of life,

Recalling its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, by which it adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Recalling also its previous resolutions on the Convention, in particular resolution 42/60 of 30 November 1987, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988/26 of 26 May 1988 and 1988/48 of 27 May 1988,

Taking note of the decisions taken on 7 and 8 March 1988 at the Fourth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention,<sup>1/</sup>

Aware of the important contribution that the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women <sup>2/</sup> can make to eliminating all forms of discrimination against women and to achieving legal and de facto equality between women and men,

Noting the emphasis placed by the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace on ratification of and accession to the Convention,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its seventh session,<sup>3/</sup>

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<sup>1/</sup> See CEDAW/SP/14.

<sup>2/</sup> 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.

<sup>3/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/43/38).

Noting that the Committee agreed, in examining reports, to take due account of the different cultural and socio-economic systems of States parties to the Convention,

1. Takes note with concern of the declining rate of ratification of or accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women by Member States;

2. Urges all States that have not yet ratified or acceded to the Convention to do so as soon as possible;

3. Emphasizes the importance of the strictest compliance by States parties with their obligations under the Convention;

4. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention 4/ and requests him to submit annually to the General Assembly a report on the status of the Convention;

5. Takes note of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its seventh session;

6. Urges States parties to make all possible efforts to submit their initial reports on the implementation of the Convention in accordance with article 18 thereof and with the guidelines of the Committee;

7. Takes note of the general recommendations adopted by the Committee pursuant to its discussion at its seventh session on ways and means of implementing article 21 of the Convention;5/

8. Takes note with concern of the account by the Committee of the present constraints within which it operates and of the problems it has encountered as a result of its lack of resources;

9. Welcomes the efforts made by the Committee to rationalize its procedures and expedite the consideration of periodic reports and to develop procedures and guidelines for the consideration of second reports, and strongly encourages the Committee to continue its endeavours to those ends;

10. Decides to keep under review the Committee's request for additional meeting time;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to make available within existing resources the necessary staff and facilities for the effective performance by the Committee of its functions;

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4/ A/43/605.

5/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/43/38), chap. V, para. 770.



12. Reaffirms that, to this end, the resources of the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat should be reinforced through various means, including redeployment, without prejudice to the current allocation of resources to the United Nations Office at Vienna;

13. Also requests the Secretary-General, in preparing the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, to take due account of article 17, paragraph 9, of the Convention in providing the necessary staff and facilities for the effective performance by the Committee of its functions in order to enable it to carry out its mandate as efficiently as other human rights treaty bodies;

14. Requests the Committee to continue to take into account considerations of cost and effectiveness, as well as other relevant matters, when determining where it will meet;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Committee with an assessment of the costs of holding meetings at the United Nations Office at Vienna and at United Nations Headquarters in New York based on full servicing of the Committee, including attendance by relevant professional staff from the Division for the Advancement of Women, legal staff expert in human rights treaty implementation and adequate secretarial staff, and to transmit this information to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1989;

16. Requests the Secretary-General, within existing resources and drawing, in particular, on funds available to the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, to provide, facilitate and encourage public information activities relating to the Committee and the Convention, giving priority to the dissemination of the Convention in the official languages of the United Nations;

17. Also requests the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Committee to the Commissions on the Status of Women for information;

18. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution, and to transmit the report to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-fourth session.

75th plenary meeting  
8 December 1988

43/101. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAIROBI FORWARD-LOOKING  
STRATEGIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its relevant resolutions, in particular resolutions 40/108 of 13 December 1985 and 42/62 of 30 November 1987, in which, inter alia, it endorsed the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women 1/ for the period up to the year 2000 and set out measures for their immediate implementation and for the overall achievement of the goals and objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Taking into consideration Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/18, 1987/19, 1987/20, 1987/21, 1987/22, 1987/23, 1987/24, 1987/25 and 1987/26 of 26 May 1987 and 1988/19, 1988/21, 1988/22 and 1988/29 of 26 May 1988,

Recalling the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future,2/ adopted by the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes, held at Vienna from 7 to 15 September 1987,

Noting with concern the serious impact of the world economic situation on the programmes and plans for the advancement of women, especially in the global context,

Conscious of the important and constructive contribution to the advancement of the status of women made by the Commission on the Status of Women, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system, Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

Emphasizing once again the priority of the implementation, monitoring, review and appraisal of the Forward-looking Strategies,

Welcoming the significant progress made by the Commission at its special session in 1987 in restructuring its agenda along functional lines, developing the systematic long-term programme of work and strengthening its role and functions, and noting the

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1/ 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.

2/ See E/CONF.80/10, chap. III.

outcome of the thirty-second session of the Commission, held at Vienna from 14 to 23 March 1988 <sup>3/</sup> and, in particular, Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988/19, 1988/21, 1988/22 and 1988/29.

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolutions on issues relating to women,

Welcoming the designation by the Secretary-General of the advancement of women as one of the priorities of the Organization for the biennium 1988-1989,

Recognizing the need for the Commission to consider at its regular sessions the priority themes for its next five sessions, contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/24,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General <sup>4/</sup> concerning the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;

2. Recalls resolutions 1, 2 and 4 adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women at its special session in 1987, <sup>5/</sup> in particular its recommendation that the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies and the status of women in general should be incorporated as one of the priorities in the introduction of the Organization's medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997;

3. Reaffirms the need for the Forward-looking Strategies to be translated immediately into concrete action by Governments, as determined by overall national priorities, as well as by the organizations of the United Nations system, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

4. Reaffirms also the central role of the Commission in matters related to the advancement of women and calls upon it to promote the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies for the year 2000 based on the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace and the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education", and urges all organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate with the Commission in this task;

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<sup>3/</sup> E/1988/15.

<sup>4/</sup> A/43/638.

<sup>5/</sup> See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 2 (E/1987/15), chap. I, sect. C.

5. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/19, in which, inter alia, the Council decided that the duration of the thirty-fourth session of the Commission, to be held in 1990, should be extended to ten days;

6. Reaffirms further, in the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies, the role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, in particular the Division for the Advancement of Women, as the substantive secretariat of the Commission and as a focal point for matters on women, the catalyzing role of the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the role of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women in the promotion of the role of women in the context of the participation of women in development;

7. Requests the relevant United Nations bodies to continue to provide focused and action-oriented input when reporting to the Commission on the priority themes;

8. Endorses the comprehensive reporting system to monitor, review and appraise the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies, as outlined in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/22, which will assist Member States in identifying problems and in developing remedial measures at the national, regional and international levels, and invites Governments and the organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions and the specialized agencies, to report accordingly, through the Commission, to the Economic and Social Council;

9. Emphasizes, in the framework of the Forward-looking Strategies, the importance of the total integration of women in the development process, bearing in mind the specific and urgent needs of the developing countries, and calls upon Member States to establish specific targets at each level in order to increase the participation of women in professional and decision-making positions in their countries;

10. Emphasizes also the need to give urgent attention to redressing socio-economic inequities at the national and international levels as a necessary step towards the full realization of the goals and objectives of the Forward-looking Strategies;

11. Urges that particular attention be given by the United Nations and Governments to the situation of disabled women, and that Governments take steps to ensure the equalization of opportunities and social justice for and political participation of disabled women in each sector of society;

12. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/29, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to convene a seminar on women and rural development, using the resources available in the trust Fund for the Preparatory Activities of the 1985 World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women established under Council decision 1983/132;

13. Endorses also Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/21, in which the Council recommended that in updating the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development,<sup>6/</sup> particular emphasis should be given to those factors that contribute to the deteriorating status of women in developing countries, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/49 of 26 July 1988 in which the Council called upon the Secretary-General to devote a separate section in the World Economic Survey to economic aspects of the situation of women and their contribution to economic development;

14. Requests the Commission to explore, at its thirty-third session, the possibility of holding, during the period 1990-1991, an interregional consultation on women in public life;

15. Once again calls upon the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies to establish five-year targets at each level for the percentage of women in Professional and decision-making positions, in accordance with the criteria established by the General Assembly, in particular that of equitable geographical distribution, in order that a definite upward trend in the implementation of Assembly resolution 41/206 D of 11 December 1986 be registered in the number of Professional and decision-making positions held by women by 1990, and to set additional targets every five years;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to invite Governments, organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions and the specialized agencies, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to report periodically to the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission, on activities undertaken at all levels to implement the Forward-looking Strategies;

17. Also requests the Secretary-General to include in his report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies on assessment of recent developments that are relevant to the priority themes to be considered at the following session of the Commission and to

transmit to the Commission a summary of relevant views expressed by delegations during the Assembly's debate;

18. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on measures taken to implement the present resolution;

19. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide for the existing weekly radio programmes on women in the regular budget of the United Nations, with adequate provisions for broadcasts in different languages, and to develop the focal point for issues relating to women in the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, which, in concert with the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, should provide a more effective public information programme relating to the advancement of women;

20. Decides to consider these questions further at its forty-fourth session under the item entitled "Forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women to the year 2000".

75th plenary meeting  
8 December 1988

43/104. PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN PROMOTING  
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND CO-OPERATION

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the interrelationship of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Expressing the need for equal opportunity for participation by women in the decision-making process, including that related to peace, disarmament and security at national, regional and international levels, including the United Nations system,

Reaffirming its resolution 37/63 of 3 December 1982, by which it proclaimed the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation,

Recalling that the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, in adopting the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women <sup>1/</sup> for the period up to the year 2000, emphasized that the main principles and directions formulated in the Declaration for women's activities aimed at strengthening peace should be put into practice,

Convinced that increased efforts are required to eliminate still existing forms of discrimination against women in every field of human endeavour,

Conscious of the need to implement the provisions of the Declaration,

1. Pledges its determination to encourage the full participation of women in the economic, social, cultural, civil and political affairs of society and in the endeavour to promote international peace and co-operation;

2. Appeals to all Governments to give publicity to the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation and to take practical institutional, educational and organizational measures to facilitate the participation of women on an equal footing with men in the decision-making process, including that related to peace, disarmament negotiations and the resolution of conflicts;

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<sup>1/</sup> 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.

3. Invites all Governments, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/28 of 26 May 1988, to inform the Secretary-General of their activities undertaken at all levels to implement the Declaration;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to take adequate steps to ensure that publicity is given to the Declaration;

5. Invites the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, the United Nations University and other bodies within the United Nations system to undertake activities that will further involve women in the process aimed at strengthening international peace and co-operation;

6. Decides to consider the further implementation of the Declaration of its forty-fourth session under the item entitled "Forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women to the year 2000".

75th plenary meeting  
8 December 1988



A SELECTION OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC)



1981/12. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION  
FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
DECADE FOR WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, in which the Assembly endorsed the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, as adopted at the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,<sup>1/</sup>

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/78 of 5 December 1980, in which the Assembly called upon all regional commission and other organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to make every effort to implement the recommendations and resolutions of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women related to the integration of women in the development process,

Recognizing the need for women's active participation in the achievement of a just and lasting peace and social progress, the establishment of the new international economic order, complete respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and the integration of women into the development process so that the equality of men and women may be affirmed and their situation improved,

Reaffirming that the realization of equal rights for women at all levels and in all areas of life would contribute to the struggle for the elimination of colonialism, neo-colonialism, all forms of racism and racial discrimination and apartheid,

Emphasizing the need for urgent and full implementation of the special measures of assistance to women called for in the Programme of Action,

1. Reaffirms the importance of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women and stresses the need for its urgent and full implementation at the international, regional and national levels for the further promotion of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women;

2. Takes note of the proposals for the implementation of the Programme of Action contained in the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>2/</sup>

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<sup>1/</sup> Ibid., sect. A.

<sup>2/</sup> E/1981/32.

3. Recognizes that the resident co-ordinators of the operational activities for development of the United Nations should ensure co-ordination among the organizations of the United Nations system for the implementation of the Programme of Action;

4. Reaffirms the importance of strengthening and enhancing the role of the regional commissions, which should be kept informed of the progress achieved and actions taken at the global level by the United Nations system, in order to facilitate necessary follow-up at the regional level;

5. Takes note with interest of the system of co-ordination at the national level being developed by the Economic Commission for Africa;

6. Invites relevant specialized agencies, regional commissions and other United Nations organizations to provide information to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1982 on the follow-up action taken by them with a view to integrating their activities into the global effort to implement the Programme of Action;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to make available to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-ninth session the information referred to in paragraph 6 above;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session a report containing concrete proposals and specific measures to ensure urgent and full implementation for the Programme of Action, including the special measures of assistance called for therein.

14th plenary meeting  
6 May 1981

## 1981/26. WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-seventh session,1/

Recalling the contents of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations,2/

Conscious that women, like men, are an integral part of the population of the world,

Aware that women, like men, participate in the economic, social and cultural development of their country, although too frequently in a subordinate capacity,

1. Invites all the organizations of the United Nations system to refrain from perpetuating the widely accepted idea that women constitute a marginal category relating only to social welfare;

2. Calls upon all the organizations of the United Nations system to emphasize the right of women to participate, as agents and as beneficiaries, in all aspects of economic and social development.

14th plenary meeting  
6 May 1981

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1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 6 (E/1981/26).

2/ E/1981/3.

1982/17. CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF  
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, in which the Assembly adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women contained in the annex thereto,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 35/140 of 11 December 1980,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 36/131 of 14 December 1981,

Stressing the central role of the Commission on the Status of Women in considering within the United Nations Matters relating to the achievement of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Reaffirming its conviction that the ratification or, or accession to, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the implementation of its provisions are important for the attainment of the three objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

1. Welcomes with great satisfaction the entry into force on 3 September 1981 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

2. Urges States that have not yet become parties to the Convention to ratify it or to accede to it;

3. Expresses its interest in the earliest possible commencement of the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women provided for in part V of the Convention, in particular with a view to considering national reports on the implementation of the Convention in accordance with article 18 thereof;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the reports of the Committee to the Commission on the Status of Women for its information;

5. Recommends that the Commission on the Status of Women should include the question of the status of the Convention in the agenda of its thirtieth session;

6. Recommends to the Secretary-General that he should consider a concerted information effort to spread knowledge regarding the Convention.

22nd plenary meeting  
4 May 1982

1982/19. ROLE OF WOMEN IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, in which the Assembly endorsed the Programme of Action of the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,<sup>1/</sup>

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 3201(S-VI) and 3202(S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281(XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362(S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Emphasizing the importance of women's full participation in the development process as agents and beneficiaries of development,

Aware that improvement in the economic condition and role of women is a necessary prerequisite for an improvement in the status of women,

Aware that at present women are not equal beneficiaries of the fruits of economic and social development,

1. Recommends that the General Assembly should request all specialized agencies and other relevant organizations, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, to consider including special financial components, within existing budgetary resources, in their technical co-operation programmes for the development of women in the economic field, enhancing the entrepreneurial and technological capacity of women, particularly in the co-operative and non-traditional sectors and in developing countries;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirtieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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<sup>1/</sup> Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.



1982/22. ABUSES AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the continued and consistent concern expressed by the international community at the blatant and inhuman abuses of women and children,

Recognizing the evils of such abuses as kidnapping, abduction, forced child labour, battered women and children, violence in the family, rape, prostitution, and the inevitable serious problems of mental and physical health,

Appalled by the resulting exploitation, oppression and violence to human dignity,

Believing that the abuse of women and children is an intolerable offence to the dignity of the human being and is a harsh indictment of any claim to be civilized,

1. Calls upon Member States to take immediate and energetic steps to combat these social evils and to inform the Secretary-General of the action taken;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to compile a study on the action taken by Member States for submission as a report to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women to be held in 1985, if the Preparatory Committee for the Conference so decides.

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1982/23. ELDERLY WOMEN AND THE WORLD ASSEMBLY ON AGING

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 32/131 of 16 December 1977, 33/52 of 14 December 1978, 34/153 of 17 December 1979 and 35/129 of 11 December 1980,

Recalling also resolution 13, entitled "Social security and family security for women, including the elderly and the handicapped", adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year,<sup>1/</sup> and resolution 4, entitled "Elderly women and economic security", adopted by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,<sup>2/</sup>

Emphasizing the fact that, because of the increasing life expectancy of women exceeds that of men in many developing and more developed societies, elderly women are a rapidly increasing segment of the national population,

Aware that elderly women have suffered from past discrimination and lack of opportunity and that in many countries the economic plight of elderly women is becoming more serious,

Concerned that this situation is further complicated by increased migration of family members and other cultural phenomena resulting in socio-economic hardships for the aging,

Bearing in mind the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,<sup>3/</sup>

1. Urges that the special problems faced by elderly women, such as income security, education, employment, housing, health and community support services, should be given explicit and full attention by the World Assembly on Aging to be held at Vienna from 26 July to 6 August 1982, and should be dealt with in the plan of action to be adopted by the World Assembly;

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<sup>1/</sup> Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. III.

<sup>2/</sup> Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. 1, sect. B.

<sup>3/</sup> General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex.

2. Requests Member States to ensure that women are included in the preparations for the World Assembly on Aging and are appointed as members of their delegations to that Assembly;

3. Requests Member States and the relevant United Nations bodies to continue to collect data on the situation of elderly women to serve as a basis for formulating and implementing policies and programmes to define their special economic and social planning needs;

4. Urges all Governments, national and international organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, the mass media, educational bodies and all individuals concerned to strengthen their efforts to adopt or change national laws to ensure that elderly women have equal opportunities to live in health, dignity, self-reliance and self-fulfilment.

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1982/26. PREPARATIONS FOR THE 1985 WORLD CONFERENCE TO  
REVIEW AND APPRAISE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the General Assembly, in its resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, decided to convene in 1985, at the conclusion of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, a world conference to review and appraise the achievements of the decade,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 36/126 of 14 December 1981, in which the Commission on the Status of Women was requested to give priority at its twenty-ninth session to the question of the preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, with a view to submitting to the Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, specific proposals on that question,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 35/10C of 3 November 1980, by which the Assembly decided that preparatory committees should be established for special conferences only if that function could not be appropriately performed by an existing intergovernmental organ,

Emphasizing the importance of undertaking at the conclusion of the Decade a critical review and appraisal of progress at international, regional and national levels in the achievements of the goals of the Decade --equality, development and peace-- and the subthemes of education, health and employment, and the obstacles encountered in the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year 1/ and the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, 2/ and also of developing a forward-looking perspective on the status of women,

Emphasizing also the need to identify the most effective strategies and methods of work at the international level and to establish priorities for the United Nations system,

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1/ Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

2/ Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.

Bearing in mind the positive response of many Governments to the World Plan of Action, in the form of national mechanisms or legislation,

Also bearing in mind the need in the coming years to realize the full potential of those mechanisms or legislation to enable women to maintain and consolidate gains made during the Decade,

Taking note of the Report of the Secretary-General on the preparation of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women,<sup>3/</sup> to be held in 1985,

1. Decides that the Commission on the Status of Women, shall be the preparatory body for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women and shall operate on the basis of consensus, and invites the widest possible participation by Member States in the deliberations of the preparatory body;

2. Recommends that the Commission on the Status of Women, acting as the preparatory body for the Conference, should meet at Vienna in extraordinary session in 1983 and again in 1985 with conference preparations as the sole item of the agenda, and that its thirtieth regular session, in 1984, should be extended to allow additional time for conference preparations;

3. Decides also to recommend to the General Assembly that the Advancement of Women Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat should serve as the secretariat of the preparatory body, as well as of the Conference;

4. Recommends also that the General Assembly should make the necessary budgetary allocations, in the light of the proposals made by the preparatory body at its first session, to enable the Advancement of Women Branch to perform those duties;

5. Recommends further that, with a view to the achievement of the goals of the Decade, a forward-looking draft perspective on the status of women to the year 2000 should be prepared by the preparatory body for consideration by the Conference based on the experience gained in the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year and the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women;

6. Encourages Member States to consider establishing national committees to assist, for example, in national-level preparations for the Conference, consultations on issues and themes and the preparation of national reports;

7. Invites the regional commissions to conduct consultations, within existing resources, on issues and themes for the Conference and on organization arrangements at the regional level to prepare for the Conference, and to submit the results of those consultations to the preparatory body;

8. Invites Member States to submit in writing, by 1 July 1982, their views on the proposed goals and specific themes of the Conference so that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs can prepare a report based on those views by 31 January 1983, for consideration by the Commission, in its capacity as preparatory body, at its extraordinary session in 1983;

9. Also invites non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and intergovernmental organizations to submit their views, in writing, on their contributions to the Conference and on possible issues and themes for the Conference to the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, for consolidated presentation to the preparatory body;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake interagency consultations on issues and themes for the Conference with a view to presenting an interagency report on the question to the preparatory body at its first session;

11. Decides to consider at its first regular session of 1983, in connexion with the question of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its first session as preparatory body for the World Conference.

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1982/27. INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR  
THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1998(LX) of 12 May 1976, and 1981/13 of 6 May 1981 on the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on developments relating to the organizational aspects of the Institute,1/

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its second session,2/

Expressing its satisfaction with the approved programme of activities of the Institute for 1982-1983,

Taking note with appreciation of the host country's effort to ensure the completion of the Institute's premises at Santo Domingo by June 1982,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to ensure the transition of the functioning of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to its headquarters in the Dominican Republic;

2. Emphasizes that the research and training activities of the Institute should aim at strengthening the links between issues affecting women and mainstream development activities at all levels;

3. Endorses the network concept to be developed in stages with the organizations of the United Nations system and regional and national institutions as a mode of operation for the execution of the programmes of the Institute;

4. Reiterates the need for close and continued co-operation between the United Nations system and other organizations and the Institute, particularly in research and training, which would lead to increased technical co-operation for development;

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2/ E/1982/II.

5. Requests the regional commissions, the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies in the United Nations system to co-operate fully and to give support to the Institute, particularly in the programming and implementation of joint activities;

6. Calls upon all Member States to contribute to the United Nations Trust fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women or to co-operate in other ways with the Institute so as to ensure regular and effective financing for its programme development;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session of the activities and programme of the Institute.

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1983/23. ROLE OF THE FAMILY IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 33/48 of 14 December 1978 on world social development, 34/59 of 29 November 1979 on the implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development 1/ and 34/152 of 17 December 1979 and 37/54 of 3 December 1982 on the world social situation,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 3201(S-VI) and 3202(S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281(XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, 3362(S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, and 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Having considered the 1982 Report on the World Social Situation,2/

Taking note of chapter II of the 1982 Report on the World Social Situation dealing with the family, in which is quoted article 4 of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, where it is stated that the family as a basic unit of society and the natural environment for the growth and well-being of all its members, particularly children and youth, should be assisted and protected so that it may fully assume its responsibilities within the community,

Recognizing that the institution of the family takes many forms and is undergoing important transformations in the process of development,

Concerned that the changes have an impact on the social fabric and the solidarity network, and that ways and means, therefore, need to be evolved to analyse those changes and take them into consideration in social policies,

Taking into account article 16 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,3/ which

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1/ For the text of the Declaration, see General Assembly resolution 2542(XXIV).

2/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.IV.2 and Corr. 1 and 2,

3/ General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex.

deals with the rights and responsibilities of women and men in marriage and family matters,

Stressing the fact that the relevant organs, organizations and bodies within the United Nations system should give due attention to the role of the family in the development process,

1. Invites Member States to expand their efforts at the national and community levels to consider, examine, identify and evaluate the needs of families and the ways in which those needs may be more effectively met;

2. Calls upon Member States to promote economic and social progress through the formulation and implementation of measures addressed to the welfare of the family as a whole, in order to achieve goals and objectives within the framework of national priorities and interests and the development process;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to enhance awareness among decision makers and the public of the problems and needs of the family, as well as effective ways of meeting those needs;

4. Urges the Secretary-General to continue studies and field-oriented activities, within the limits of available resources, aimed at enhancing the role of the family in development;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to study the data available in the reports and action plans developed in the course of recent United Nations activities such as the International Year of the Child and the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, as well as the World Assembly on Aging, the International Year of Disabled Persons and others, taking into account the need to strengthen policies for the welfare of the entire society;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to study further the impact of development on the family as a fundamental unit of society and to submit a progress report to the Council at its first regular session of 1985, through the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-ninth session, in consultation with the Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, containing an analysis of policies influencing the role and nature of the family and its members in the context of development and, in particular, an examination of the changing forms and roles of families.

## 1983/27. COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 76(V) of 5 August 1947 and 304(XI) of 14 and 17 July 1950, which continue to form the basis for the mandate of the Commission on the Status of Women to receive at each of its regular sessions a list of confidential and non-confidential communications relating to the status of women,

Recalling also its resolution 1980/39 of 2 May 1980,

Recognizing the desirability of strengthening the capacity of the Commission on the Status of Women to deal with communications and, in this respect, taking note of paragraph 274 of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,<sup>1/</sup> in which it was emphasized that the Commission's ability to consider communications should be improved,

Considering that, since the beginning of the United Nations Decade for Women, the volume of communications on the status of women has increased substantially,

Affirming that discrimination against women is incompatible with human dignity and that women and men should participate on the basis of equality, irrespective of race or creed, in the social, economic and political processes of their countries,

1. Reaffirms the mandate of the Commission on the Status of Women to consider confidential and non-confidential communications on the status of women;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission, beginning at its thirtieth session, a report on confidential and non-confidential communications on the status of women, which shall include:

(a) Communications received under Council resolutions 76(V) and 304 I(XI), including the comments of Governments thereon, if any;

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<sup>1/</sup> See Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.

(b) Communications received by the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other United Nations bodies, together with information on action that may have been taken following the receipt of such communications;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to solicit the co-operation of the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other United Nations bodies in compiling the report called for under paragraph 2 above;

4. Authorizes the Commission on the Status of Women henceforth to appoint a working group consisting of not more than five of its members, selected with due regard for geographical distribution, to meet in closed meetings during each session of the Commission in order that it may perform the following functions:

(a) Consideration of all communications, including the replies of Governments thereon, if any, with a view to bringing to the attention of the Commission those communications, including the replies of Governments, which appear to reveal a consistent pattern of reliably attested injustice and discriminatory practices against women;

(b) Preparation of a report, based on its analysis of the confidential and non-confidential communications, which will indicate the categories in which communications are most frequently submitted to the Commission;

5. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women to examine the report of the working group and to avoid duplication of the work undertaken by other organs of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission being, in this respect, empowered only to make recommendations to the Council, which shall then decide what action may appropriately be taken on the emerging trends and patterns of communications;

6. Decides that all actions envisaged in the implementation of the present resolution by the Commission on the Status of Women shall remain confidential until such time as the Commission may decide to make recommendations to the Economic and Social Council;

7. Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to provide, within existing budgetary resources, the services and facilities necessary for the implementation of the present resolution.

14th plenary meeting  
26 May 1983

## 1984/13. QUESTION OF ELDERLY WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the important conclusions and recommendations of the International Plan of Action on Aging adopted by the World Assembly on Aging,<sup>1/</sup> in particular paragraphs 11, 20(b) and (c), 25(m), 31(g), 45, 66 (recommendations 25 and 26), 67 (recommendations 27, 28 and 29), 72 (recommendation 36(c)) and 89, concerning elderly women,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 38/27 of 22 November 1983, in which the Assembly recognized that women had a longer life expectancy than men and that they would increasingly constitute a majority of the elderly population of the world,

Reaffirming resolution 4 of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,<sup>2/</sup> in which the Conference emphasized that the increase in the life expectancy of women had not been dealt with comprehensively,

Appreciating that at the World Assembly on Aging special attention was given to the problems faced by some elderly women, namely, income security, education, employment, housing, health and community support services and absence of social contacts,

Believing that more data on the situation of the aging should be collected, specifically to determine the needs of elderly women and to formulate appropriate solutions,

Recalling the request made by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace in its resolution 4 that such data should be submitted to Member States participating in the Conference and to the Commission on the Status of Women,<sup>2/</sup>

1. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, within existing budgetary resources and in accordance with the established priorities of the work of the Commission on the Status of Women, an information report on the status and situation of elderly women in their societies, their social,

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<sup>1/</sup> See Report of the World Assembly on Aging, Vienna, 26 July-6 August 1982 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.16), chap. VI, sect. A.

<sup>2/</sup> See Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. B.

health and economic needs, and their entitlements as compared to those of men, comparing single, divorced and married women and widows on the basis of reports, discussions and recommendations, in particular those of the World Assembly on Aging;

2. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit that report to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-first session with a view to recommending necessary action relating to the plight of elderly women throughout the world;

3. Decides to include the question of elderly women under the appropriate item of the agenda of the thirty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

19th plenary meeting  
24 May 1984

## 1984/14. VIOLENCE IN THE FAMILY

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, and the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education",

Recalling resolution 5 of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace on battered women and violence in the family,<sup>1/</sup>

Recalling also Council resolution 1982/22 of 4 May 1982 on abuses against women and children,

Recognizing that violence within the family has serious negative consequences for all the individuals concerned and follows patterns of abuse that are frequently cyclical, presenting serious problems for society as a whole,

Further recognizing that violence within the family is found among various population groups,

Concerned that information on the nature of this problem and its causes is often concealed and thus is not widely available and that efforts to prevent violence in the family, to provide assistance to the victims and to prevent recurrences need greater public awareness and publicity,

Aware that many Governments and non-governmental organizations have conducted research into this issue and initiated programmes both to support victims and to treat abusers,

Recognizing that the problem of family violence is a long-standing and complex issue and needs serious and thoughtful attention,

Convinced that a more thorough exchange of information and experiences on this subject between States Members of the United Nations, organizations of the United Nations and non-governmental organizations could draw increasing attention to the problem and contribute to the development of international solutions,

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<sup>1/</sup> See Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. B.

1. Calls upon the Secretary-General to invite Member States, organizations of the United Nations and non-governmental organizations to provide the United Nations Secretariat with information on family violence and descriptions of successful programmes on the subject, or to supplement information already provided;

2. Urges Member States to take appropriate steps to effect a systematic exchange of information on this subject, to draw attention to the negative consequences of family violence for the men, women and children involved and for society as a whole, and to formulate solutions at the national level;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to convene a seminar of experts on family violence, with emphasis on its effects on women, within the resources for the biennium 1986-1987, taking into account what may emanate on this subject from the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, to be held in 1985, with a view to making recommendations to combat this abuse;

4. Decides to include the subject of family violence under the appropriate item of the agenda of the thirty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women on the basis of information to be supplied in response to paragraph 1 of the present resolution.

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## 1984/15. PROMOTION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that 1985 is the culminating year of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Recognizing also that 1985 has been designated International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,<sup>1/</sup>

Recognizing further that 1985 presents an opportunity to focus on the roles of young women and their participation in all activities, such as festivals, meetings, and other international youth forums to mark the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

Bearing in mind that young women were singled out for priority attention by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, particularly in its resolution 27,<sup>2/</sup>

Affirming that youth is the period of growth, development and apprenticeship for the adult roles of work, citizenship and parenthood, from which all of society will benefit,

Affirming also that youth should be a period of discovery and joy in living,

Considering that young women who become mothers too early are not only deprived of their youth but are not prepared for the responsibilities of parenthood and are subject to a higher health risk,

Recognizing that, while girls and young women are found in societies at all levels of development, the world is in a period of technological revolution affecting all and women must therefore be equal partners with men in shaping and benefiting from that revolution,

Stressing that those young women who lack sufficient nutrition, education, appropriate training and health are ill prepared for their adult roles in this changing world and are thus vulnerable to economic, social and sexual exploitation,

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<sup>1/</sup> See General Assembly resolution 34/151.

<sup>2/</sup> See Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. B.

1. Recommends that Member States should take appropriate steps to ensure that girls and young women are motivated to choose, and sufficiently trained to be chosen for, work at all levels and all the functions of a developing economy and society;

2. Recommends also that Member States should assist families to give equal support, guidance and encouragement to young women and men;

3. Recommends further that Member States should direct special assistance to girls and young women who are socially and economically disadvantaged;

4. Recommends that specialized agencies should undertake projects to promote global, regional and local action to accelerate the improvement in the education and training, employment and health status of girls and young women in accordance with their needs and with global, regional and local conditions;

5. Recommends also that specialized agencies, Member States and non-governmental organizations should undertake projects to develop cultural and sports activities aimed at promoting better international understanding and the equal right of young women and young men to fitness;

6. Recommends that special attention should be paid, in multilateral and bilateral co-operation programmes and projects, to the training and development of young women as managers of projects and as participants in articulating the development needs of youth;

7. Recommends that the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year and the Secretary-General should, in all their reports, take special account of the needs of young women in rural and urban areas and of the problems they face.

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1984/16. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering General Assembly resolutions 3520(XXX) of 15 December 1975 and 35/136 of 11 December 1980,

Reaffirming the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Emphasizing the importance of undertaking, at the conclusion of the Decade, a critical review and appraisal of progress at the international, regional and national levels in the achievement of the goals of the Decade --equality, development and peace-- and of the obstacles encountered in the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year 1/ and the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,2/ and also in developing a forward-looking perspective on the status of women,

Looking ahead to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be held in 1985, at which the achievements of the Decade and the need to continue such achievements beyond the end of the Decade will be reviewed and appraised,

Conscious that further efforts are necessary to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women in every area of human activity,

Stressing that the objectives, strategies and measures to improve the socio-economic conditions of women should be an integral part of national development plans, as well as of international and development strategies, including the efforts for the establishment of the new international economic order,

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1/ Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

2/ See Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.

Reaffirming the existence of the undeniable link between peace and development and the imperative need to halt the arms race, thereby releasing valuable additional resources that could be used for the development of the developing countries and could contribute to the well-being and prosperity of all,

Noting that, until genuine disarmament is achieved, women and men throughout the world must maintain their vigilance and do their utmost to achieve peace,

Taking into account the fact that millions of women are still experiencing untold sufferings and violations of human dignity resulting from different forms and manifestations of colonialism, foreign domination, apartheid and racial discrimination,

1. Reaffirms the urgent need to fulfil the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace and the socio-economic development objectives established by the international community, inter alia, the elimination of hunger and malnutrition, the achievement of full employment by the year 2000, health for all by the year 2000, appropriate population policies, the reduction of the infant mortality rate, the availability of safe water and adequate sanitary facilities by 1990, the attainment of a life expectancy of 60 years as a minimum by the year 2000, universal primary school enrolment by the year 2000, and the full participation of women as both agents and beneficiaries in all sectors and at all levels of the development process;

2. Emphasizes that foreign occupation, colonialism, apartheid, racism and racial discrimination, and the denial of the right of peoples to self-determination and of all universally recognized human rights, are serious impediments to peace and development;

3. Recommends that States, especially militarily significant States, in preparing their national programmes for social and economic development, should consider taking measures to convert some resources spent for military purposes to the promotion of social progress;

4. Considers that the objectives of the Decade --equality, development and peace-- as reflected in the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year and in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women have not yet been achieved;

5. Considers that the activities of the world community and of the United Nations should continue beyond the end of the United Nations Decade for Women and should be directed towards equal treatment for women and their full integration in development under conditions of peace.

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1984/19. PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AGAINST DETAINED WOMEN  
THAT IS SPECIFIC TO THEIR SEX

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with grave concern that the Commission on the Status of Women, in the report on its thirtieth session under the question of communications concerning the status of women,<sup>1/</sup> drew attention to a pattern of physical violence against women while detained --cases of rape and other sexual abuse, including violence against pregnant women,

Considering that women are especially vulnerable to sexual violence,

Considering also that pregnant women require special protection and care by society,

Recalling its resolutions 76(V) of 5 August 1947 and 304 I(XI) of 14 and 17 July 1950,

Recalling also its resolutions 1980/39 of 2 May 1980 and 1983/27 of 26 May 1983, by which it reaffirmed the mandate of the Commission on the Status of Women to consider communications relating to the status of women, including the replies of Governments thereon, if any, and to draw to the attention of the Council emerging trends and patterns so that it may decide what action to take,

1. Calls upon Member States concerned to take appropriate measures urgently to eradicate such violations;

2. Invites all Member States to submit their views on physical violence against detained women that is specific to their sex to the Secretary-General to enable him to report to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-first session under the appropriate item of the agenda;

3. Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to provide, from within existing budgetary resources, the services and facilities necessary for the implementation of the present resolution.

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1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 5 (E/1984/15), chap. IV.

1984/20. FUTURE WORK OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS  
OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the mandate of the Commission on the Status of Women established by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 11(II) of 21 June 1946,

Considering that the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace continue to be valid, are closely interrelated and constitute a significant basis for the work of the Commission on the Status of Women,

Considering that, as the end of the Decade approaches, it is urgently necessary to reinforce the future work of the Commission on the Status of Women so that it may discharge its important role in promoting the implementation of the strategies for the year 2000 that will emanate from the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be held in 1985,

Emphasizing the importance of the role of women in development as both agents and beneficiaries,

Taking into account resolution 40 of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,<sup>1/</sup> General Assembly resolutions 2263(XXII) of 7 November 1967, 2626(XXV) of 24 October 1970 and 35/56 of 5 December 1980, Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/38 of 2 May 1980 and any other relevant resolutions,

Welcoming the decision of the General Assembly to declare 1986 the International Year of Peace <sup>2/</sup> as a contribution to the improvement of the international climate, which will alleviate existing tensions and the grave threats to the maintenance of peace which jeopardize the possibility of improving the status of women,

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<sup>1/</sup> See Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. B.

<sup>2/</sup> See General Assembly resolution 37/16.

1. Recommends that the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-first session, as a contribution to the International Year of Peace, should consider recommendations for concrete proposals to ensure the full participation of women in the establishment of conditions conducive to the maintenance of peace and to the elimination of inequality and poverty;

2. Also recommends that the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-first session should propose concrete measures to overcome the general and specific trends that impede the advancement of women, in particular by proposing the establishment, by other organs of the United Nations, of training programmes and socially and economically profitable projects that give women a part in the development process on a footing of equality.

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## 1985/6. STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN AND POPULATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace is scheduled to be held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985,

Recalling that the International Conference on Population, in its recommendations for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action,<sup>1/</sup> identified the role and status of women as an area of priority action in the field of population,

Recalling also that the Mexico City Declaration on Population and Development <sup>2/</sup> emphasized the fact that the improvement of the status of women and the enhancement of their role were important goals in themselves and that the achievement of those goals would influence family life and size in a positive way,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 39/228 of 18 December 1984, in which the Assembly, inter alia, reaffirmed the importance attached to the formulation and implementation of concrete policies which would enhance the status and role of women in the area of population policies and programmes,

1. Urges all Governments participating in the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to incorporate fully into the forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women for the period up to the year 2000 those aspects of the Mexico City Declaration on Population and Development and the recommendations for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action which relate to the status and role of women in the context of population;

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<sup>1/</sup> Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda), chap. I, sect. B.

<sup>2/</sup> Ibid., chap. I, sect. A.

2. Requests the Secretary-General, in the framework of the ongoing monitoring, review and appraisal of progress made towards the implementation of the recommendations of the World Population Plan of Action, to focus periodically on those recommendations which make special reference to the relation between the role and status of women and population, and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council, through the Population Commission.

22nd plenary meeting  
28 May 1985

## 1985/46. WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1982/50 of 28 July 1982 and 1983/78 of 29 July 1983, as well as its decision 1984/101 of 10 February 1984, by which it decided to review the question of women and development at its first regular session of 1985,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General reviewing the issue of women and development in the medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system,<sup>1/</sup>

Confirming the importance of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Convinced of the importance of integrating women fully into all aspects of the development process both as agents and as beneficiaries,

Recognizing the need for greater coherence and efficiency of the policies and programmes related to women and development of the organizations of the United Nations system,

Bearing in mind its resolution 1984/12 of 24 May 1984, pursuant to which the Commission on the Status of Women, at its thirty-first session, will review the ways in which the needs and concerns of women can be integrated into all planning and programme activities of the United Nations system,

1. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General reviewing the issue of women and development in the medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system, and the recommendations contained therein, as a first step towards a coherent approach by the organizations of the United Nations system to policies and programmes related to women and development;

2. Urges all United Nations bodies, including the regional commissions, and the specialized agencies which have not yet done so, to develop and implement comprehensive policies for women and development and to incorporate them into their medium-term plans, statements of objectives, programmes and other major policy statements;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to take the initiative in formulating a system-wide medium-term plan

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<sup>1/</sup> E/1985/45.

for women and development, taking into account the priorities recommended by the Council, the recommendations of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985, and the relevant decisions of the respective governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system, to be submitted, through the Committee on the Status of Women at its thirty-first session, to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-sixth session and to the Council at its second regular session of 1986;

4. Recommends that future medium-term plans of the United Nations and the specialized agencies should contain intersectoral presentations of the various programmes dealing with issues of concern to women and that revisions of current plans should be considered in the light of the results of the Nairobi Conference;

5. Also recommends that in formulating programmes and projects it should explicitly be indicated where women constitute a significant proportion of the intended beneficiaries;

6. Invites the Commission on the Status of Women, beginning in 1986, to review regularly the priorities and strategies for the advancement of women of the organizations of the United Nations system and to report biennially to the Council on progress made system-wide in their implementation;

7. Requests the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to undertake in 1989 a cross-organizational programme analysis in order to review systematically the activities for and resources allocated to the advancement of women, and requests the Secretary-General to submit the proposed general framework and approach of that cross-organizational programme analysis for comment to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-second session;

8. Decides to transmit the report of the Secretary-General <sup>1/</sup> to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace for its consideration in formulating forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women at the international and regional levels;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its regular sessions of 1986 on the implementation of the present resolution.

26th plenary meeting  
31 May 1985

1986/17. ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND  
EXERCISE OF ALL THEIR RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council,

Mindful of the extreme importance of eliminating discrimination against women to ensure the economic, social, cultural, political and civil rights of women,

Convinced of the necessity of securing conditions under which women can fully enjoy all their rights as embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>1/</sup> the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>2/</sup> and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,<sup>2/</sup>

Considering that Member States should take all the necessary measures at the national level to create the conditions required for women to play an active role in the political, economic and social development of their countries,

Recalling the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women <sup>3/</sup> adopted by the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Affirming the importance and interrelationship of the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace and the need to pursue them,

Recalling the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,<sup>4/</sup>

Considering that existing international tension leads to the diversion, as a result of the accumulation of arms in many parts of the world, of immense resources from the implementation of the tasks directly or indirectly related to the advancement of women,

Recognizing that in some countries a considerable number of women living under conditions of economic and social crisis face serious problems in exercising their rights, including the rights to life in peace, to education and to work,

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<sup>1/</sup> General Assembly resolution 217 A(II).

<sup>2/</sup> See General Assembly resolution 2200 A(XXI), annex.

<sup>3/</sup> 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.

<sup>4/</sup> General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex.

Noting with concern that, in general, the level of unemployment among women exceeds that among men, making it more difficult for women to exercise their political, economic and social rights,

Aware that the insufficient educational level resulting in lower skills, the lack of political freedom, and social inequality limit the possibilities for women to participate in the development process, and stressing the importance of women's education and of providing women with access to technical training programmes,

1. Calls upon all States, all governmental and non-governmental organizations and the specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies concerned to continue to pay priority attention to the development and implementation of effective measures to secure the exercise by women of their rights;

2. Invites all the United Nations bodies concerned to take an active part in the realization of specific programmes and activities under the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women which are to be implemented following the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to take into account those opinions expressed in the Commission on the Status of Women that concern the ways and means for women to exercise their rights, including the rights to life in peace, to education and to work;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in the preparation of reviews on the role of women in development, to pay the necessary attention to the progress achieved in the elimination of discrimination against women and the exercise of their rights;

5. Recommends the inclusion of an item on the elimination of discrimination against women and the exercise of their rights in the agenda of the 1988 session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

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23 May 1986

1986/20. PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL  
PEACE AND CO-OPERATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the necessity of the full participation of women in all activities related to the decision-making process at all levels, including those related to lasting peace and international co-operation,

Affirming the need for equal participation of women in the decision-making process, including that related to peace, disarmament and security at national, regional and international levels, and within the United Nations system,

Referring to the relevant provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,<sup>1/</sup> and to General Assembly resolutions 37/63 of 3 December 1982, by which the Assembly proclaimed the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation, and 39/124 of 14 December 1984, in which it requested the Commission on the Status of Women to consider what measures might be necessary to implement the Declaration,

Bearing in mind that the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985, in adopting the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>2/</sup> emphasized that the main principles and directions formulated in the Declaration for women's activities aimed at strengthening peace should be put into practice,

Taking note with satisfaction of General Assembly resolution 40/102 of 13 December 1985, in which the Assembly, inter alia, requested the Commission on the Status of Women to consider measures which might be necessary to implement the Declaration in the context of the Forward-looking Strategies for the period up to the year 2000,

Reaffirming Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/20 of 24 May 1984 on the future work of the Commission on the Status of Women, in which the Council recommended, inter alia, that the Commission at its thirty-first session, as a contribution to the

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<sup>1/</sup> General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex.

<sup>2/</sup> 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.

International Year of Peace, should consider recommendations for concrete proposals to ensure the full participation of women in the establishment of conditions conducive to the maintenance of peace and to the elimination of inequality and poverty,

1. Urges the Commission on the Status of Women to consider the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation in the context of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, in order to elaborate action-oriented recommendations aimed at the increased participation of women in all spheres of life, including that of the promotion of peace;

2. Calls upon Member States to take practical institutional, educational and organizational measures to facilitate women's participation on an equal footing with men in the decision-making process, including that related to peace, disarmament negotiations and the solution of conflicts, and to inform the Secretary-General of their activities undertaken at all levels to implement the Declaration as a contribution to the International Year of Peace;

3. Invites Member States and the Secretary-General to support increased participation of women in all United Nations bodies, including those dealing with peace, disarmament and international negotiations;

4. Urges the Secretary-General to continue to take adequate steps to give wide publicity to the Declaration and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session.

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## 1986/26. ELDERLY WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Mindful of the International Plan of Action on Aging <sup>1/</sup> adopted by the World Assembly on Aging, in which it is indicated that women will increasingly constitute a majority of the older population and that gender-based differences in longevity have implications for living arrangements, income, health care and other support needs,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 37/51 of 3 December 1982, in which the Assembly endorsed the International Plan of Action on Aging,

Commending the report of the Secretary-General on the question of elderly women, <sup>2/</sup> prepared in response to Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/13 of 24 May 1984, which documents the increasing number of elderly women and the challenges faced in addressing their needs,

Noting with appreciation the work of non-governmental organizations on behalf of and with the elderly, as well as the statement submitted by a broad group of non-governmental organizations to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-first session, <sup>3/</sup>

Noting with concern the continued undeserved and cumulative vulnerability of elderly women in a number of developed and developing countries,

Stressing the need for effective long-term policies and programmes to prepare women and men equally for a secure and dignified old age,

Reaffirming the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, <sup>4/</sup> in particular paragraph 286, which states specific concerns and needs of elderly women,

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<sup>1/</sup> See Report of the World Assembly on Aging, Vienna, 26 July-6 August 1982 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.16), chap. VI, sect. A.

<sup>2/</sup> E/CN.6/1986/10.

<sup>3/</sup> E/CN.6/1986/NGO/8.

<sup>4/</sup> 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.

Further reaffirming the need to implement the Forward-looking Strategies in a timely, effective manner,

1. Recommends that Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and concerned intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations should effectively harmonize the essential features of the International Plan of Action on Aging with the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, on behalf of elderly women, to ensure their economic and social security and to promote systems of social support and primary health care appropriate to their needs;

2. Further recommends that elderly women should be accorded a respected role in society which would reduce their isolation and permit their full participation in society, including participation in the development of policies and programmes that affect their well-being;

3. Urges the Secretary-General to ensure that in all future reports on the question of aging, data are presented and analysed by sex and age cohorts, and that information is included on the needs and risks of the very elderly, most of whom are women, and the most disadvantaged among elderly women;

4. Recommends that the Secretary-General should encourage the exchange of information, knowledge and experience and that he should report on successful measures in both the developing and the developed countries in meeting the economic, social, health and cultural needs of elderly women and in reducing the risks to which they are exposed;

5. Calls upon the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to compile relevant data and prepare appropriate strategies for the development and improvement of reporting systems to permit monitoring and comparison of the condition of elderly women with that of elderly men and younger women and, in time, better appraisal of the impact of various circumstances, policies and programmes on the status of elderly women.

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## 1986/27. ROLE OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the validity of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Noting the importance of the documents adopted by the world conferences held during the Decade,

Convinced of the necessity to secure for all women full and effective enjoyment of the rights embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>1/</sup> the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,<sup>2/</sup> the International Covenant on Human Rights<sup>3/</sup> and other pertinent instruments in this field,

Emphasizing that the achievement of equal and full participation of women in all spheres of activity is an integral part of the political, economic, social and cultural development of all countries,

Commending the expanding participation of women in political, economic, social and cultural life, and in the promotion of international peace and co-operation,

Convinced that the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women <sup>4/</sup> should be among the developmental and policy priorities of Governments, United Nations organs, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

Bearing in mind that the promotion of the status of women in all its aspects and the complete integration of women in society go beyond the problem of legal equality and that deeper structural transformations of society and changes in current economic relations, as well as the elimination of traditional prejudices through education and dissemination of information, are required to create conditions in which women may develop fully their intellectual and physical capacities and participate actively in the decision-making process related to their political, economic, social and cultural development,

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1/ General Assembly resolution 217 A(III).

2/ General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex.

3/ General Assembly resolution 2200 A(XXI), annex.

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.

Bearing in mind also that economic inequality, colonialism, racism, racial discrimination in all its forms, apartheid, aggression and interference in the internal affairs of other States, and violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms are obstacles to the active integration of women in all spheres of life,

Bearing in mind the resolution on equal opportunities and equal treatment for men and women in employment adopted on 27 June 1985 by the International Labour Conference,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 40/101 of 13 December 1985, in which the Assembly stated its awareness of the necessity to enlarge the possibilities for both men and women to combine parental duties and household work with paid employment and social activities, that the role of women in child bearing should not be the cause of inequality and discrimination, and that child rearing demands shared responsibilities among women, men and society as a whole,

1. Recommends that all Governments and international and non-governmental organizations pay due attention in their activities to the role of women in society in all its interrelated aspects --as mothers, as participants in the economic development process, and as participants in all aspects of public life;

2. Reaffirms that the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women should contribute to the elimination of all forms of inequality between women and men and to the integration of women in the development process, and should ensure the broad participation of women in the efforts to strengthen international peace and security;

3. Calls upon Member States to adopt necessary effective measures with a view to the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies as a matter of priority, including the establishment or strengthening of appropriate mechanisms for the advancement of women and for the implementation of the Strategies, in order to ensure the full integration of women in the political, economic, social and cultural life of their countries;

4. Invites Member States to encourage such social and economic development as would ensure the equal participation of women in all spheres of work activity, equal pay for work of equal value and equal opportunities for education and vocational training;

5. Appeals to Member States to promote conditions that would enable women to participate as equal partners with men in public and political life, in the decision-making process at all levels and in the management of different spheres of life in society;

6. Urges Governments to recognize the special status and social importance of child bearing and child rearing and to take all necessary measures to encourage the support of parenthood, including paid maternity, parental and child-care leave, and to provide women with security for their jobs as long as necessary with a view to allowing them to fulfil their role as mothers without prejudice to their professional and public activities;

7. Appeals to Governments to promote the establishment of appropriate facilities for the care and education of children as a means of combining parenthood with economic, political, social, cultural and other activities, and thus to assist women towards full integration into their societies;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to pay due attention to the questions of the situation of women, their role in society and the progress achieved in the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies when preparing future reports on the world social situation;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to pay due attention to all the interrelated aspects of the role of women in society when preparing surveys on the role of women in development;

10. Invites the Commission on the Status of Women to pay due attention to all aspects of the role of women in society in its consideration of the question of women and development.

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1986/30. IMPLICATIONS OF THE FORWARD-LOOKING STRATEGIES FOR THE  
PROGRAMME PLANNING SYSTEM AND THE PROGRAMME OF FUTURE WORK  
OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the mandate of the Commission on the Status of Women, which is to promote the rights, status and advancement of women in all their dimensions,

Recalling further that in the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>1/</sup> which were endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985, it is stated that the functions of the Commission should include the monitoring of the implementation of the Strategies to the year 2000, which would necessitate the expansion of the functions of the Commission,

Bearing in mind the need for the Commission to review and appraise the Forward-looking Strategies to the year 2000 in order to ensure their expeditious and universal application,

Aware that since its inception the mandate of the Commission has expanded considerably,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 40/108, recommended that immediate measures be taken to ensure that future medium-term plans of the United Nations and the specialized agencies should contain intersectoral presentations of the various programmes dealing with issues of concern to women and that revision of current plans should be considered in the light of the results of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

1. Decides to convene in January 1987 a session of the Commission on the Status of Women of five working days prior to the organizational session of the Economic and Social Council, and that the session shall be held in New York as an exception to the general principle, reaffirmed by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, that United Nations bodies shall plan to meet at their established headquarters;

2. Decides also that at that session the Commission shall consider the following:

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<sup>1/</sup> 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.

(a) Revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 intended to fully integrate the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women into both economic and social development programmes, prepared for consideration by the General Assembly at its forty-first session;

(b) Proposals for the preparation by the Secretariat of the medium-term plan for the period 1990-1995;

(c) Programme narrative of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989, prepared for consideration by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-seventh session;

(d) Final draft of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development, prepared for consideration by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-seventh session and by the Economic and Social Council;

(e) Monitoring, review and appraisal of the Forward-looking Strategies with a view to facilitating their expeditious and universal application, prepared for consideration by the Commission at its thirty-first session;

(f) Proposed guidelines for the long-term programme of work of the Commission to the year 2000;

(g) Proposals for the strengthening of the Commission in discharging its functions, prepared for consideration by the Commission at its thirty-first session;

and invites the Commission to concentrate its deliberations on matters which it considers to be priority issues;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission, well in advance of the 1987 session, concise reports, including those identified in the provisional agenda for the 1987 session, and relevant documentation on the matters referred to in paragraph 2 above;

4. Approves the provisional agenda and documentation for the 1987 session of the Commission on the Status of Women contained in the annex to the present resolution.

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## 1986/31. NATIONAL MACHINERY TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3275(XXIX) of 10 December 1976 and 33/186 of 29 January 1979, in which the Assembly recommended that Member States establish appropriate national machinery to accelerate the integration of women in all spheres of national life,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1978/26 of 5 May 1978 and 1980/35 of 2 May 1980, concerning the important role of machinery at the national governmental level in the implementation of the objectives and goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace and in the attainment of national priorities for the advancement of women,

Stressing the need, expressed in General Assembly resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985, for Governments to allocate adequate resources and to take effective appropriate measures to implement the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women 1/ as a matter of high priority, including the establishment or reinforcement, as appropriate, of national machinery to promote the advancement of women, and to monitor the implementation of the Strategies with a view to ensuring the full integration of women in the political, economic, social and cultural life of their countries,

Taking note of paragraph 106 of the Forward-looking Strategies, in which it is stated that appropriate national machinery is lacking or, where it exists, lacks the resources, focus, responsibility and authority to be effective, which is a serious obstacle to the effective integration of women in the development process,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to convene, subject to the availability of financial resources, an interregional seminar, including heads of national machinery, to examine the question of national machinery and to make recommendations for consideration by the Commission on the Status of Women with a view to strengthening that machinery for the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women at national, regional and international levels;

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1/ 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.



2. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a document for the seminar, on the basis of information provided by Member States and others concerned on the current status of national machinery to promote the advancement of women, to identify issues for discussion and to develop for that purpose a number of case studies;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit a report for in-depth consideration by Member States at the 1988 session of the Commission on the Status of Women, based on information obtained from Member States and others concerned, in the proposals of the seminar and on the basis of experience gained during the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, and to propose guidelines for national machinery to promote the advancement of women and ways to ensure effective implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies;

4. Invites the Secretary-General, in preparing the above-mentioned report, to draw upon all relevant information, including reports of States members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

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1986/32. INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE  
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1985/45 of 31 May 1985, concerning the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 40/38 of 29 November 1985,

Having considered the report of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on its sixth session,<sup>1/</sup>

Noting that the programmes implemented by the Institute, as well as those included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 as approved by the Board of Trustees at its sixth session, are consistent with the goals of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>2/</sup>

Recognizing that it is important for the Institute to have the necessary resources to implement its programme of work,

Convinced of the importance of the Institute's mode of operation through networks for its activities at the national, regional and international levels,

1. Takes note of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its sixth session and the decisions contained therein;

2. Expresses its satisfaction at the fact that the Institute implemented its programme of work for the biennium 1984-1985, making adequate use of its resources;

3. Invites the regional commissions to keep the Board of Trustees of the Institute informed about their most recent activities and future programmes, in order to facilitate continuous co-operation between them and the Institute;

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<sup>1/</sup> E/1986/39.

<sup>2/</sup> 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.

4. Renews its appeal to Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other potential donors to contribute to the Trust Fund for the Institute.

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1986/64. UPDATING OF THE WORLD SURVEY ON THE ROLE OF  
WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the General Assembly, in its resolution 40/204 of 17 December 1985, invited the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-first session to suggest terms of reference for the first update of the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development,<sup>1/</sup> which is to be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-fourth session, in 1989,

Emphasizing the need to update the multidisciplinary and multisectoral survey on the integration of women in development,

Aware that the majority of the developing countries are at present suffering from a serious financial, economic and social crisis and that their precarious situation is leading to deterioration in the condition of broad groups of the population, particularly women,

Bearing in mind that the problems of the developing countries caused by the critical situation are aggravated by increasing external debt, deterioration in the terms of trade, protectionism, and other measures that affect their exports,

Conscious of the urgent need to study and propose alternative courses of action to face the critical situation at minimum cost to the well-being of women,

Emphasizing the interrelationship between the preparations for updating the survey and the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>2/</sup> including, inter alia, the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on the Status of Women at its 1988 session a first draft of the updated world survey on the role of women in development, taking into account the integrity of the three themes of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, namely, equality, development and peace;

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<sup>1/</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.3.

<sup>2/</sup> 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.

2. Recommends the Secretary-General, in preparing the update of the survey and in linking it closely to the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women:

(a) To analyse the impact on women of the adjustment policies resulting from financial indebtedness, deterioration in the terms of trade, protectionism, and other measures that affect exports from developing countries and resource flows to those countries;

(b) To identify and assess the effectiveness and efficiency of selected innovative policies to promote women's integration into the economy, in particular to draw conclusions regarding any changes in the data in the light of such policies;

(c) To include other emerging development trends, to be identified in consultation with the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations co-operating in this effort, in particular to focus on one or two areas where women are most disadvantaged or most prominent in the work-force, such as the informal sector, agriculture and food production, including livestock raising, and issues relating to women and population;

(d) To examine the impact of the reduction in spending on programmes for the advancement of women in those countries where such reduction has taken place, particularly in the fields of health, education and housing;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to make all efforts, through the Statistical Office of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women in co-operation with the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations, to improve the availability and reliability of data on women in the economy, including the informal sector, for the updated survey, bearing in mind the need for standardization of data and consistency between chapters of the updated survey;

4. Requests all the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, including all the regional commissions and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, to co-operate in the preparation of the first update of the survey;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to pay attention to the concrete implications for action of the survey and the updates by disseminating the results, especially to national machineries by way of information notes and training seminars;

6. Recommends that the first update of the survey should be submitted, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session and to the Commission on the Status of Women in 1990;

7. Requests the Secretary-General, in the preparation of the updates, to draw as far as possible on existing and already planned studies.

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23 July 1986

1986/65. STRENGTHENING THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN  
INTEGRATING WOMEN EFFECTIVELY IN ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2626(XXV) of 24 October 1970 setting forth the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, the first instrument to include as an objective the full integration of women in the total development effort,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 3201(S-VI) and 3202(S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and 35/56 of 5 December 1980, to which is annexed the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling further General Assembly resolutions 3342(XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3505(XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/175 of 21 December 1976, 33/200 of 29 January 1979, 34/204 of 19 December 1979, 35/78 of 5 December 1980, 36/74 of 4 December 1981, 39/172 of 17 December 1984, 40/108 of 13 December 1985 and 40/204 of 17 December 1985 concerning the effective mobilization and integration of women in development,

Fully recognizing the economic value of women's contribution to overall growth and development, including food and agriculture,

Emphasizing the vital importance to national economic growth and development of the effective mobilization and integration of women in economic life,

Aware that the General Assembly, in its resolution 40/108, invited intergovernmental organizations to give high priority to the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women <sup>1/</sup> and, in particular, to ensure that sectoral policies and programmes for development included strategies to promote the participation of women as agents and beneficiaries on an equal basis with men, and requested those organizations to report periodically through the Commission on the Status of Women to the Economic and Social Council on the

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<sup>1/</sup> 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.

activities undertaken at all levels to implement the Forward-looking Strategies,

Recalling that the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985, reiterated and extended to the year 2000 the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Considering that the measures to integrate women effectively, in all aspects of development outlined in chapter II of the Forward-looking Strategies have major implications for the work programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, in particular in the economic sector,

Further considering that the full participation of women in the formulation and implementation of the above-mentioned work programmes will enhance their effectiveness and efficiency,

Convinced that the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 <sup>2/</sup> should take into account the legislative mandate to integrate women in economic development activities, projects and programmes provided by the Conference and by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/108,

Bearing in mind the recent initiatives taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food programme, the Commission on Human Settlements, the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development, the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Economic Commission for Africa, as well as by the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization, to take into account the relevant recommendations of the Forward-looking Strategies when drawing up their respective programmes of work,

Noting paragraph 338 of the Forward-looking Strategies, in which the Economic and Social Council is encouraged to play a more forceful and dynamic role in reviewing and co-ordinating all activities of the United Nations system relevant to women's issues,

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2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/41/6).



1. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To propose activities for the implementation of those measures contained in chapter II of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women that relate to programmes of work of the United Nations in such economic fields specifically identified in the Strategies as employment, education, energy, the environment, food, water and agriculture, housing, settlement, community development and transport, trade and commercial services, science and technology, and communications, in order to provide for effective programme planning to integrate women in economic development, for review by the relevant intergovernmental and expert bodies within their respective spheres of competence;

(b) To include in his instructions for the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 a reminder to programme managers in the area of economic development to take the Forward-looking Strategies into account when preparing their programme proposals and to ensure that the necessary checks are applied during the review of the proposals to determine that the instructions have been followed;

(c) To take account of the relevant policy orientations and goals of the Forward-looking Strategies in the formulation of the objectives and strategies in all sectors of economic development when preparing the draft medium-term plan for the period 1990-1995;

(d) To prepare an intersectoral analysis of the various United Nations programmes dealing with women, with cross-referencing in the context of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development to related work of all other organizations of the United Nations system, to accompany the medium-term plan for the period 1990-1995.<sup>3/</sup>

2. Requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate steps, in particular for the period 1988-1989, to implement chapter V of the Forward-looking Strategies, on international and regional co-operation, taking into account the need to assess the performance, achievements and effectiveness of the work of the United Nations system in integrating women in economic development activities by means of technical co-operation, training and advisory services, research and policy analysis and the dissemination of information;

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<sup>3/</sup> As recommended by the Secretary-General (E/1985/45, para. 83).

3. Requests the Secretary-General, bearing in mind section VIII of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, to make the necessary arrangements for the effective, system-wide implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies in the economic field and to ensure that specific measures are taken to co-ordinate the application of the Strategies at the regional and international levels, taking particular account of the need:

(a) To ensure coherence among approaches to the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies by central, regional and sectoral bodies;

(b) To provide to intergovernmental bodies of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations a compilation of United Nations intergovernmental mandates which have specific reference to women;

(c) To harmonize the implementation and monitoring of the Forward-looking Strategies with all relevant United Nations intergovernmental and international strategies and programmes of action;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to include, in his comprehensive report on co-ordination to be prepared in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 40/177 of 17 December 1985, a review of intersecretariat arrangements for the co-ordination of administrative, operational and programme activities relating to the integration of women in economic development, as well as specific recommendations aimed at enhancing co-ordination in the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies, having due regard for the need:

(a) To give priority attention to joint planning and programming;

(b) To ensure in-depth consideration of the question at periodic intervals;

(c) To develop concrete measures to improve the delivery of technical co-operation activities;

(d) To integrate women in the decision-making and policy-formulating process of the United Nations system;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1987.

1986/71. SYSTEM-WIDE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT  
AND SYSTEM-WIDE CO-ORDINATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE NAIROBI FORWARD-LOOKING STRATEGIES FOR  
THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1985/46 of 31 May 1985, in which it requested the Secretary-General to take the initiative in formulating a system-wide medium-term plan for women and development,

Bearing in mind paragraphs 311, 338 and 339 of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>1/</sup> outlining measures to improve system-wide co-ordination of activities for the advancement of women and as a means of implementing the Strategies,

Noting General Assembly resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985, in which the Assembly endorsed the Forward-looking Strategies,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed framework of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development,<sup>2/</sup>

1. Takes note of the proposed framework of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development;

2. Emphasizes the importance for the comprehensive implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women of programme 2, on access to productive resources, income and employment, and programme 3, on access to services,<sup>3/</sup>

3. Decides that the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development should pay particular attention to programme 2, which includes activities of the highest priority for integrating women into economic development, and to programme 3;

4. Recommends that future medium-term plans of the United Nations and the specialized agencies should contain intersectoral presentations of the various programmes dealing with issues of

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1/ 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.

2/ E/1986/8.

3/ Ibid., para. 14.

concern to women, particularly those relating to the access of women to productive resources, income and employment and the access of women to services;

5. Recommends also that priority areas addressed in programmes 2 and 3 of the system-wide medium-term plan should be reflected in technical co-operation activities carried out for the benefit of women;

6. Emphasizes that the system-wide medium-term plan should be formulated so as to permit verification and monitoring of the progress made towards the achievement of its objectives;

7. Further emphasizes the importance of the plan of action formulated by the United Nations Development Programme in consultation with the United Nations Development Fund for Women for the more active and deliberate involvement of women in development through technical co-operation;

8. Requests the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to undertake in 1989 a cross-organizational programme analysis in order to review systematically the activities for and resources allocated to the advancement of women;

9. Decides that the Commission on the Status of Women shall review the final draft of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development before its consideration by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1987.

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23 July 1986

1987/18. MONITORING AND REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE NAIROBI FORWARD-LOOKING STRATEGIES FOR THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the importance attached by the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace to monitoring and review and appraisal, as outline in the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>1/</sup>

Recalling General Assembly resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985, in which the Assembly recommended, inter alia, the further development of the integrated reporting system for monitoring and review and appraisal of progress in the advancement of women, and noting Assembly resolution 41/111 of 4 December 1986,

Stressing the importance of the submission of regular and relevant reports to the Commission on the Status of Women by all Member States and organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commission and the specialized agencies, to provide statistical information and analysis on the situation of women at the national, regional and international levels,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the reporting system for periodic review and appraisal of progress in the advancement of women,<sup>2/</sup> which identifies past and present problems and suggests remedial measures,

Recognizing that effective monitoring and review and appraisal should be conducted at the sectoral, national, regional and international levels to achieve optimal results,

Mindful of the need to avoid duplication of reporting obligations, especially given the burden that coexisting reporting systems place on Member States, especially those with limited resources, and the financial stringencies facing the United Nations system,

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<sup>1/</sup> 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, paras., 317-321.

<sup>2/</sup> E/CN.6/1986/2 and Add. 1 and Add. 1/Corr. 1.

1. Requests the Secretary-General, in further developing and implementing the reporting system for monitoring and review and appraisal of progress in the advancement of women, to take into account the following guidelines:

(a) Questionnaires and data-gathering instruments should be as simple, clearly focused and practical as possible and, to the extent possible, existing reporting systems should be relied on;

(b) A clear and relevant set of statistical and other measurable indicators, such as the level of participation of women in decision-making, in the paid labour force and in the informal sector, comparative earnings of women and men, literacy, training and education and life expectancy, should be identified to facilitate the collection, comparison and analysis of data and the identification of shortfalls in information requirements;

(c) United Nations focal points should be strengthened and regular inter-agency meetings should be held to promote co-ordination among organizations of the United Nations system in review and appraisal;

(d) Reporting at the global level should address the priority themes identified by the Commission on the Status of Women in its future programme of work, and the reports should be made available to the Commission for its consideration of those themes;

(e) The reports submitted by States to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women are of direct relevance to the Commission's task of monitoring and appraising the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;

2. Affirms the appropriateness of a two-year cycle of system-wide monitoring of progress made in implementing the Forward-looking Strategies and a five-year cycle of longer-term review and appraisal to continue the cycle established by the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

3. Invites Member States to co-operate fully with the Commission on the Status of Women in its monitoring and review and appraisal activities and, in particular, to take into account the needs of the United Nations in this regard when developing national machinery and reporting systems;

4. Invites the Secretary-General, the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to develop and implement, as an integral part of their programmes, a simple, concise and direct system of

reporting to the Commission on the impact of their programmes and activities on women and the effectiveness of those programmes and activities in bringing the interests and needs of women into the mainstream of their organizations, and to ensure that such reports are submitted in a timely manner to permit them to be taken into account in the United Nations programming and budgeting process;

5. Authorizes the Commission on the Status of Women, in consultation with the Statistical Commission, the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and other appropriate bodies, to establish formal arrangements for the collection and distribution of the information required for the Commission on the Status of Women to carry out its monitoring and review and appraisal functions;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report, through the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-second session, to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1988 on the implementation of the present resolution, with particular regard to paragraph 1.

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26 May 1987

## 1987/20. FUTURE WORLD CONFERENCES ON WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985, in which the Assembly endorsed the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>1/</sup>

Recognizing the importance of periodically assessing at the global level the activities undertaken to implement the Forward-looking Strategies,

1. Recommends that a session of the Commission on the Status of Women of extended duration be held in 1990, with high-level representation of Member States, to review and appraise the progress achieved in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;

2. Calls upon non-governmental organizations to co-operate in and support activities undertaken to implement the Forward-looking Strategies and the preparations for the session of the Commission in 1990;

3. Recommends that world conferences to review and appraise the progress achieved in the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies be held during the decade of the 1990s, at a date to be determined by the General Assembly not later than 1990, and in 2000;

4. Decides that the Commission on the Status of Women shall be designated as the preparatory body for those world conferences.

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<sup>1/</sup> 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.



1987/24. LONG-TERM PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COMMISSION ON THE  
STATUS OF WOMEN TO THE YEAR 2000

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the central role of the Commission on the Status of Women in promoting and monitoring the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>1/</sup> in accordance with General Assembly resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985,

Bearing in mind the responsibilities of the Commission as the competent intergovernmental body on matters concerning the status of women, especially with regard to its policy development function,

Aware of the continued importance of the interrelationships between the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women --equality, development and peace-- and the subtheme --employment, health and education,

Mindful of the importance of adopting a co-ordinated and integrated approach to the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies by the United Nations system, whereby recommendations of the Commission would take into account the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development and relate to the medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system,

Reaffirming its resolution 1982/50 of 28 July 1982 on the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council, especially as it relates to the subsidiary bodies of the Council, and particularly paragraph 4 of the annex thereto, in which the Council called for the streamlining of documentation and programmes of work in order to enable its subsidiary bodies to perform effectively the functions entrusted to them,

1. Endorses the priority themes for the next five sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women set out in the annex to the present resolution; the themes should be considered at regular sessions of the Commission under an agenda item entitled "Priority themes", notwithstanding world conferences and preparatory meetings or any process of review and appraisal that might take place; the first set of priority themes should be considered by the Commission at its thirty-second session;

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<sup>1/</sup> 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.

2. Decides that the work of the Commission in relation to the priority themes should be closely related to the relevant provisions of the Forward-looking Strategies and of other policy documents, the programmes elaborated in the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development and the relevant chapters of the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development,<sup>2/</sup> with a view to ensuring the effective implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies and lasting improvement in the situation of women; the recommendations of the Commission should be addressed, at the national level, primarily to Governments, but also to non-governmental organizations --in particular women's groups-- and research institutions, and, at the regional and international levels, to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and research institutions;

3. Agrees that in the discussion of the priority themes, appropriate emphasis should be placed on issues of women and development, in recognition of the number and complexity of subject areas addressed in chapter II of the Forward-looking Strategies and in the programmes of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development;

4. Recommends, as part of the regular programme of work of the United Nations Secretariat in areas related to the advancement of women, in particular that of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, when regular budgetary or extrabudgetary resources are available, the convening of expert group meetings, as required by the Commission, to assist in the preparation of the work of the Commission on priority themes; the expert groups should be composed of an appropriate number of specialists, taking into account equitable geographical distribution and the involvement of non-governmental organizations, in the field or fields of study addressed under specific priority themes in order to prepare an analysis and preliminary proposals to assist the Commission in making informed, practical and action-oriented policy recommendations; each expert group meeting should be structured like the Expert Group Meeting on Violence in the Family, held at Vienna from 8 to 12 December 1986, and should be timed so as to permit the results of the meeting to be made available to Member States in advance of sessions of the Commission;

5. Recommends that every effort be made to avoid duplication in the collection of data and production of documentation for expert group meetings and for sessions of the Commission, and that the documentation include, where possible, an indication of the extent of major research undertaken or planned in the fields of study addressed under a particular priority theme;

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<sup>2/</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.3.

6. Invites the Commission, at each session, when considering the provisional agenda for its next session, to identify and develop the specific work programme required to prepare for the in-depth consideration of the priority themes scheduled for that session.

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1987/65. STRENGTHENING THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN  
INTEGRATING WOMEN EFFECTIVELY IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware of its central role in co-ordinating the activities of United Nations organizations and programmes to integrate women in economic development,

Recalling paragraph 338 of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>1/</sup> in which the Economic and Social Council is encouraged to play a more forceful and dynamic role in reviewing and co-ordinating all activities of the United Nations system relevant to women's issues,

Aware of the continued importance of the interrelatedness of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women --equality, development and peace,

1. Takes note of the information contained in the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the work of the United Nations in integrating women effectively in economic development programmes and activities;<sup>2/</sup>

2. Requests the Secretary-General, bearing in mind the goals and principles of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, to prepare for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, on the basis of the information already included in his report, an addendum containing a compilation of all legislative mandates governing the integration of women in economic development, including the appropriate sections of international strategies, plans and programmes of action, in order to assist the General Assembly in assessing their continuing relevance for the work programme of the Commission on the Status of Women, and to identify all subprogrammes and major programmes in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 which contain activities related to the integration of women in economic development, including regional subprogrammes, as requested by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1986/65 of 23 July 1986;

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1/ 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.

2/ A/42/273-E/1987/74.

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to make specific recommendations aimed at enhancing co-ordination in the implementation of the economic development measures contained in the Forward-looking Strategies, having due regard to the matters set out in paragraph 4(a), (b) and (c) of its resolution 1986/65 and bearing in mind the proposals relating to co-ordination at the intersecretariat level made in section IV of the report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination in the United Nations and the United Nations system;3/

4. Decides to consider those questions and, in particular, the activities related to the integration of women in economic development set out in the relevant chapters of the draft medium-term plan for the period 1990-1995 at its second regular session of 1988, in the light of the views expressed at the thirty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

35th plenary meeting  
8 July 1987

**1987/86. SYSTEM-WIDE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT  
AND SYSTEM-WIDE CO-ORDINATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
NAIROBI FORWARD-LOOKING STRATEGIES FOR THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN**

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the measures to promote institutional co-ordination contained in chapter V of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>1/</sup>

Recognizing the need to systematize intersecretariat arrangements for the co-ordination of administrative, operational and programme activities having a bearing on the status of women,

Welcoming the significant contribution made by the formulation of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development for the period 1990-1995 and emphasizing the need to focus on activities at the regional and international levels,

Having considered part one of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its twenty-seventh session,<sup>2/</sup>

1. Requests the Secretary-General and the other members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, when translating the relevant provisions of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development for the period 1990-1995 <sup>3/</sup> into the respective planning and programming documents of the United Nations and the organizations of the United Nations system, to take into account the views expressed by delegations at the second regular session of 1987 of the Council and at the twenty-seventh session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;

2. Urges the five regional commissions to implement the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development and to make every effort to develop fully its regional dimensions;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the plan to the attention of all intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations working in the field of economic development;

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1/ 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, paras. 338-344.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No.16 (A/42/16).

3/ See the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the proposed plan (E/1987/52).

4. Requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to include a section on women and development in his annual report on operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

5. Recommends the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to make appropriate arrangements for implementing the system-wide medium-term plan, including, as necessary, the designation of lead agencies and arrangements for ad hoc meetings of focal points on women, and for monitoring the implementation of the plan including the assignment of that responsibility to a subsidiary body, and to report thereon to the Council through the Commission on the Status of Women;

6. Requests the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to initiate the preparation of a cross-organizational programme analysis on matters related to the advancement of women to be examined in 1989, in order to provide baseline data for verifying and monitoring the extent to which progress has been made towards the achievement of the objectives of the system-wide medium-term plan and, in that context, requests the Secretary-General to transmit a report on the cross-organizational programme analysis to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-second session;

7. Invites the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system to give due consideration to the system-wide medium-term plan, particularly as it affects their own work programmes, and to make provision for its implementation in their medium-term plans, or equivalent documents, and programme budgets;

8. Requests all organizations concerned to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the measures taken or proposed to implement the system-wide medium-term plan.

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1988/18. PROGRAMME PLANNING AND ACTIVITIES TO ADVANCE  
THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the high priority that Member States attach to activities to advance the status of women,

Welcoming the priority given by the Secretary-General to the advancement of women in the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989,

Noting the important roles played by the Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in achieving the global equality of women,

Concerned that activities to advance the status of women should not suffer disproportionately from the impact of restructuring and retrenchment measures,

Stressing the need to ensure that budgetary resources allocated to activities for the advancement of women are commensurate with the priorities of Governments,

Referring to the reports of the Secretary-General on programme planning matters pertaining to the status of women,<sup>1/</sup>

I. MEDIUM-TERM PLANNING MATTERS

1. Reiterates the recommendation made by the Commission on the Status of Women <sup>2/</sup> that the Secretary-General should identify the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women <sup>3/</sup> and the status of women in general as a global priority for the period 1990-1995 in the introduction to the next medium-term plan;

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<sup>1/</sup> A/42/273-E/1987/74 and Add. 1, A/42/512, E/CN.6/1988/10, E/CN.6/1988/CRP.1 and E/CN.6/1988/CRP.4.

<sup>2/</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 2 (E/1987/15), chap. I, sect. C, resolution 4.

<sup>3/</sup> See 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.



2. Requests the Secretary-General, in preparing his proposals for the next medium-term plan, to formulate a separate major programme on the advancement of women, which should include the four existing or proposed subprogrammes of the global social development issues programme which relate to women and incorporate the intersectoral presentation of activities called for by the General Assembly in resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985;

## II. PROGRAMME BUDGET MATTERS

1. Decides that the Secretary-General's proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 and subsequent programme budgets should provide for full funding from the regular budget for the implementation of all aspects of legislative mandates for the advancement of women;

2. Also decides that the Trust Fund for the Preparatory Activities for the 1985 World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, established by the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 1983/132 of 26 May 1983, should be continued on an interim basis for the biennium 1988-1989 as a special trust fund for the monitoring, review and appraisal of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the advancement of Women, for the purpose of facilitating global exchange of information, enhancing the preparation of the work of the Commission on the Status of Women regarding priority themes, and disseminating the results of its discussions of those themes and on monitoring, review and appraisal to a wider audience, in conformity with paragraph 1 of section I above;

3. Recommends that the Trust Fund maintain a close and continuous relationship with other United Nations organs, in particular the United Nations Development Fund for Women, with a view to avoiding duplication;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the future of the Trust Fund to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-third session;

5. Reiterates the recommendation made by the Commission 4/ that the Secretary-General should accord the highest priority in the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 to the programme elements concerned with policy development in support of the Commission and include activities to that end in the subprogramme

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4/ Ibid., resolution 3.

on the participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation;

6. Reaffirms the view of the Commission, as expressed in its resolution 32/1 of 16 March 1988, on the level of resources necessary to implement its mandates effectively and efficiently, expressed in its submission to the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields;<sup>5/</sup>

7. Recommends that the Branch for the Advancement of Women be renamed the Division for the Advancement of Women, such a change to be carried out without financial implications.

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<sup>5/</sup> See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1988, Supplement No. 5 (E/1988/15/Rev. 1), chap. I.

1988/19. SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN 1990  
TO REVIEW AND APPRAISE PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
NAIROBI FORWARD-LOOKING STRATEGIES FOR THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1987/20 of 26 May 1987, in which it recommended that an extended session of the Commission on the Status of Women be held in 1990, at which Member States would be represented at a high level, in order to review and appraise progress in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>1/</sup>

Bearing in mind its resolution 1987/24 of 26 May 1987, in which it endorsed the priority themes to be considered at the next five sessions of the Commission, regardless of any process of review and appraisal that might take place,

Considering the importance of the review and appraisal process to the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies in accordance with General Assembly resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985, and of the role of non-governmental organizations in that process,

Recalling its resolution 1987/18 of 26 May 1987, in which it established a five-year cycle of review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies,

Recognizing the role of non-governmental organizations in contributing to the preparations for the session of the Commission in 1990,

Bearing in mind its resolution 1988/22 of 26 May 1988 on the establishment of a comprehensive reporting system to monitor, review and appraise the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies.

Concerned about the limited time and resources available to the Commission and Governments to prepare for the session in 1990,

1. Decides that the duration of the thirty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, to be held in 1990, shall be ten days, in order that the Commission may review and appraise

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<sup>1/</sup> See 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.

progress made by Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to provide additional interpretation facilities, within available resources, so that the Commission may establish a subsidiary body during its thirty-fourth session, in order to make maximum use of the time available;

3. Decides that the Commission should review preparations for the 1990 review and appraisal at its thirty-third session, under the agenda item entitled "Monitoring and implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women";

4. Also decides that the documentation for the 1990 review and appraisal should be prepared according to the requirements of the comprehensive reporting system set out in Council resolution 1988/22 and according to the provisional agenda outlined in the annex to the present resolution;

5. Encourages Governments to provide responses of high quality to the questionnaire on which the review and appraisal will be based;

6. Proposes that assistance be made available to Governments, on request, for the preparation of their responses to the questionnaire;

7. Requests the five regional commissions to hold, within available resources, regional review and appraisal meetings in preparation for the global review and appraisal;

8. Invites non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to submit their views, in writing, on their contribution to the 1990 session of the Commission, for presentation in consolidated form to the Commission at its thirty-third session;

9. Recommends that in 1990 the Commission make a recommendation to the General Assembly on the convening of a world conference to review and appraise progress in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies.

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## 1988/20. WOMEN AND PEACE IN CENTRAL AMERICA

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that in adopting the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, recognized that women must participate fully in all efforts to strengthen and maintain international peace and security and to promote international co-operation,<sup>1/</sup>

Recalling also that the World Conference also recognized that the situation of violence and destabilization in Central America hindered the fulfilment of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies, which were essential to the advancement of women,<sup>2/</sup>

Taking note of the agreement on "Procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace in Central America",<sup>3/</sup> signed at the Esquipulas II summit meeting, at Guatemala City, on 7 August 1987, by the Presidents of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua,

Recognizing the valuable contribution of the Contadora Group and its Support Group to the process of bringing peace to Central America,

Convinced of the exceptional importance to the peoples of Central America, particularly the women, of achieving peace, reconciliation, development and social justice in the region, as well as ensuring their economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights,

Considering that the General Assembly, in its resolution 42/1 of 7 October 1987, requested the Secretary-General to promote a special plan of co-operation for Central America,

Eager to encourage the active participation of women in the promotion of peace and development in Central America,

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<sup>1/</sup> 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. 240.

<sup>2/</sup> Ibid., para. 247.

<sup>3/</sup> Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-second Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1987, document S/19085, annex.

1. Expresses its gratification at the strong desire for peace manifested by the Presidents of the Central American countries in their signing of the agreement on "Procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace in Central America";

2. Calls upon the Presidents of the Central American countries to continue their joint efforts to achieve peace in Central America, particularly the efforts aimed at establishing the Central American Parliament, in order to guarantee propitious conditions for the attainment in the region of the objectives of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, and requests the international community to support those efforts;

3. Urges all States to support the peace efforts, fully respecting the principles of self-determination of peoples and non-intervention;

4. Also urges the international community to ensure that programmes of technical, economic and financial co-operation for the region take account of the particular needs and interests of Central American women;

5. Recommends to the Secretary-General that the special plan of co-operation for Central America should include specific activities in support of the advancement of women in the region;

6. Exhorts the Governments of the Central American countries and of the countries of the Contadora Group and its Support Group to encourage and guarantee the full participation of women at all levels in the search for peace, pluralism, democracy and comprehensive development in the Central American region;

7. Urges national and international, governmental and non-governmental women's organizations to participate in and support actively the process of peace and development in Central America.

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1988/21. UPDATING OF THE WORLD SURVEY ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN  
IN DEVELOPMENT IN THE LIGHT OF THE DETERIORATION IN  
THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that, in compliance with resolution 1986/64 of 23 July 1986, the Secretary-General submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women, at its thirty-second session, a first draft of the updated World Survey on the Role of Women in Development,<sup>1/</sup>

Taking into account the fact that the preliminary assessments of that survey and of other studies prepared by specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system point to a deterioration in the status of women in developing countries, which is apparent in worsening working conditions, reduction of income, declining or stagnating health services and reduced access to education,

Considering that this deterioration, which is in marked contrast to expectations for an improvement in the status of women, makes it difficult to achieve the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace and is becoming an obstacle to the effective implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>2/</sup>

Reaffirming the need to examine in depth the role of women in development, in particular the situation of women in developing countries and the problems hindering their advancement,

1. Recommends that in updating the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development particular emphasis be given to those factors that contribute to the deteriorating status of women in developing countries, namely:

(a) The economic crisis, including the problem of external debt servicing, which has resulted in worsening working conditions, particularly in low-paying employment and in the informal sector of the economy;

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<sup>1/</sup> E/CN.6/1988/7.

<sup>2/</sup> See 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.

(b) The long-term effects of the inability of certain sectors of the economy adequately to absorb female labour;

(c) The decline in women's income, particularly in agricultural regions;

(d) The gap that evidently exists between the income levels of men and women;

(e) The long-term effects of the decline in the levels of education, nutrition and health that is evident in a large number of developing countries as a result of adjustment policies;

2. Also recommends that when preparing the updated survey, the Secretary-General make a special effort to adopt approaches that strike a balance between traditional viewpoints on adjustment policies and more innovative approaches that take into account the social cost to women of adjustments arising from, among other things, debt servicing;

3. Considers that in the updated survey attention should be devoted to alternative policies for managing the problem of external indebtedness in developing countries, which might in turn help eliminate the current obstacles to the achievement of the objectives of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women.

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1988/22. ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING SYSTEM  
TO MONITOR, REVIEW AND APPRAISE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE NAIROBI FORWARD-LOOKING STRATEGIES FOR THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the importance attached by the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace to monitoring, review and appraisal as outlined in the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>1/</sup>

Bearing in mind the guidelines set out in its resolution 1987/18 of 26 May 1987, which the Secretary-General was requested to take into account in further developing and implementing the reporting system to monitor, review and appraise progress in the advancement of women,

Recalling its resolution 1987/22 of 26 May 1987, in which it decided to expand the terms of reference of the Commission on the Status of Women to include the functions of promoting the objectives of equality, development and peace, monitoring the implementation of measures for the advancement of women, and reviewing and appraising progress made at the national, subregional, regional, sectoral and global levels,

Reaffirming the request made by the General Assembly, in its resolution 42/62 of 30 November 1987, that the Secretary-General invite Governments, organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions and the specialized agencies, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to report periodically to the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission, on activities undertaken at all levels to implement the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies,

Reaffirming the appropriateness of a two-year cycle of system-wide monitoring of progress made in implementing the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and a five-year cycle of longer-term review and appraisal to continue the cycle established by the World Conference,

Recognizing that effective monitoring, review and appraisal should be conducted at the national, regional, sectoral and international levels to achieve optimal results,

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<sup>1/</sup> 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, paras. 317-321.

Mindful of the need to avoid duplication of reporting obligations, in view of the burden that coexisting reporting systems place on Member States, especially those with limited resources, and in view of the financial stringencies facing the United Nations system,

1. Endorses the comprehensive reporting system to monitor, review and appraise the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2. Decides that its intergovernmental subsidiary bodies, including the regional commissions, should monitor, as necessary, the follow-up to their recommendations relating to the advancement of women;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to include the resolutions of those bodies in the report requested by the General Assembly in resolution 42/178 of 11 December 1987 and the results of their monitoring activities in his biennial report to the Commission on the Status of Women on monitoring the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to invite Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to report to the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission, on monitoring, review and appraisal of progress at all levels in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies, in the manner set out in the annex to the present resolution;

5. Decides that the biennial reports of the Secretary-General on monitoring of progress made by the organizations of the United Nations system in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies should be considered by the Commission in even-numbered years, beginning in 1990;

6. Also decides that, for the purpose of monitoring progress at the national level, the Secretary-General should, within existing resources, make available a summary compilation of available statistical indicators relating to the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and submit a progress report on national reporting of statistics and indicators on women to the Commission in odd-numbered years, beginning in 1989;

7. Urges the organizations of the United Nations system to incorporate in their regular work programmes, as necessary, monitoring, review and appraisal of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and to submit reports thereon to their governing bodies;

8. Decides that the first quinquennial report on review and appraisal of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies will be considered by the Commission at its thirty-fourth session, in 1990, and that subsequent reports will be considered in 1995 and 2000, so as to continue the five-year cycle of reporting established during the United Nations Decade for Women;

9. Encourages Member States to make use of the reports prepared for the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and other relevant international bodies in the preparation of the quinquennial review and appraisal reports, in order to minimize duplication of effort;

10. Encourages the provision of technical assistance to national machinery for the advancement of women and the sharing of support and expertise among such machineries, particularly those in developing countries, to facilitate the preparation of the national reports for the quinquennial review and appraisal;

11. Requests the Commission to make action-oriented recommendations for the further implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies following the quinquennial review and appraisal;

12. Decides that, after consideration by the Commission, the monitoring, review and appraisal reports should be made available to the General Assembly so that the Assembly may be kept informed of progress in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies.

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1988/28. PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL  
PEACE AND CO-OPERATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the interrelationship of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Expressing the need for equal participation of women in all efforts to strengthen and maintain international peace and security and to promote international co-operation, disarmament, the process of détente and respect for the principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Referring to General Assembly resolution 37/63 of 3 December 1982, by which the Assembly proclaimed the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation,

Recalling that the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, in adopting the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women 1/ for the period up to the year 2000, emphasized that the main principles and directions for women's activities aimed at strengthening peace, formulated in the Declaration, should be put into practice,2/

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 42/61 of 30 November 1987, in which the Assembly invited the Commission on the Status of Women to give adequate attention to all the priority themes under the headings of equality, development and peace in recognition of the complexity of all the subject areas addressed in the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and in other policy documents, including the participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation,

Stressing that access to information, education for peace and the eradication of violence against women within the family and society are important for the implementation of the Declaration,

Welcoming the Treaty between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Elimination of Their Intermediate-range and Shorter-range Missiles, signed in

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1/ See 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.

2/ Ibid., para. 239.

Washington, D.C., on 8 December 1987, as an important step in promoting international peace and co-operation and a contribution to the creation of favourable conditions for the attainment of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Noting that the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament will provide manifold opportunities to support the participation of women in all activities related to peace, disarmament and security at the national, regional and international levels,

Wishing to encourage the active participation of women in promoting international peace, security and co-operation and the elimination of violence against women within the family and society,

1. Urges the Commission on the Status of Women to continue to give adequate attention to the implementation of the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation and to the elimination of violence against women within the family and society;

2. Appeals to all Governments to take practical institutional, educational and organizational measures to facilitate the participation of women on an equal footing with men in activities related to peace, disarmament negotiations and the resolution of conflicts, and to inform the Secretary-General of the activities that they have undertaken at all levels to implement the Declaration;

3. Invites Member States to use the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament as an occasion to support the full participation of women in the establishment of conditions conducive to the maintenance of peace and to the elimination of inequality, poverty and violence against women within the family and society;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its third special session devoted to disarmament on programmes and activities undertaken by the United Nations system relating to women and peace, in particular those activities relating to the implementation of the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation and the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to take adequate steps to ensure that publicity is given to the Declaration.

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## 1988/29. RURAL WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1987/24 and its decision 1987/121, both of 26 May 1987, in which it endorsed the decision of the Commission on the Status of Women to consider problems of rural women as the priority theme under the objective of development at its thirty-second session,

Recognizing that the economic and financial crises that are affecting most of the developing countries have severely affected the socio-economic status of women,

Bearing in mind the enormous burden on women engaged in food production,

Bearing in mind also that the majority of women in developing countries are active in agriculture as farmers in their own right or as wage labourers in commercial agriculture,

Recognizing women's limited access to and control of agricultural resources, such as land, appropriate agricultural technologies, credit and training,

Recognizing that better health and sanitation are among the goals of development,

Bearing in mind that fetching water for domestic use is a major time-consuming task and primarily the responsibility and concern of women,

Recognizing that education is the basis for improving the status of women,

Aware that the lack of education and training for women in developing countries reduces their socio-economic options, particularly employment opportunities,

1. Urges Governments:

(a) To undertake projects exclusively designed for rural women;

(b) To involve women in the design, planning and implementation of such projects;

(c) To design projects to improve access to water supplies and sanitation and to promote the development of agricultural technologies and extension services for women;

2. Urges Governments to provide women with adequate education and training facilities to ensure their access to equal employment opportunities;

3. Appeals to donor countries to increase aid and fellowships to improve the status of women in developing countries;

4. Requests the development agencies of the United Nations system to pay particular attention in their programmes to the general role of women in rural development, especially in the areas of food, water supply, access to credit facilities and appropriate technologies;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to convene a seminar on women and rural development, using the resources available in the Trust Fund for the Preparatory Activities of the 1985 World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women and drawing on the results of the Interregional Seminar on National Experience Relating to the Improvement of the Situation of Women in Rural Areas,<sup>1/</sup> held at Vienna from 17 to 28 September 1984 in preparation for the World Conference.

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<sup>1/</sup> A/40/239, annex.

## 1988/30. NATIONAL MACHINERY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985, in which the Assembly endorsed the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>1/</sup>

Bearing in mind its resolution 1986/31 of 23 May 1986, in which it requested the Secretary-General, inter alia, to propose guidelines for national machinery to promote the advancement of women and ways to ensure the effective implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies,

Recalling its resolution 1987/24 of 26 May 1987, in which it recommended the convening of expert group meetings to assist in the preparation of the work of the Commission on the Status of Women on priority themes and endorsed the topic entitled "National machinery for monitoring and improving the status of women" as one of the three priority themes of the thirty-second session of the Commission,

Recognizing that national machinery or its equivalent is an essential element in the promotion and implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women,<sup>2/</sup>

Bearing in mind the recommendations of the Seminar on National Machinery for Monitoring and Improving the Status of Women, held at Vienna from 28 September to 2 October 1987,<sup>3/</sup> and the Seminar on Information Systems for the Advancement of Women for National Machinery, held at Vienna from 25 to 29 January 1988,

1. Urges countries that have not yet done so to establish national machinery for the advancement of women, or its equivalent, including such machinery at the highest political level;

2. Urges Governments that have already established such machinery or its equivalent to recognize its essential importance in the promotion and implementation of national policies for the advancement of women, the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for

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<sup>1/</sup> See 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.

<sup>2/</sup> General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex.

<sup>3/</sup> See E/CN.6/1988/3.



the Advancement of Women and the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, and therefore requests Governments to provide adequate political, financial and human resources to enable such machinery or its equivalent to function effectively;

3. Encourages Governments, in accordance with their own administrative systems, to make every effort in establishing or strengthening national machinery for the advancement of women, or its equivalent, to do so, as appropriate, on the basis of the recommendations of the Seminar on National Machinery for Monitoring and Improving the Status of Women and the Seminar on Information Systems for the Advancement of Women for National Machinery;

4. Stresses the importance, for Governments, of establishing and maintaining formal and informal mechanisms for co-operation between national machinery or its equivalent and specialized centres of responsibility in sectoral departments and ministries, including mechanisms to support greater co-ordination of efforts to promote the interests of women in both national and international policies;

5. Calls upon Governments to develop information systems that include statistics and indicators on the status of women;

6. Invites national machineries or their equivalents to exchange information, bilaterally and multilaterally, on issues of common interest, including information on innovative policies, programmes and research;

7. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the regional commissions, to promote such information exchange by supporting regional and subregional meetings of national machineries or their equivalents, using resources from the regular programme of advisory services for the biennium 1988-1989 and from the regular budgets of the five regional commissions thereafter, and by annually updating and distributing the Directory of National Machinery for the Advancement of Women;

8. Invites Governments of developing countries to give priority, within the context of their overall requests for development assistance, to proposals for assistance to strengthen national machinery for the advancement of women or its equivalent;

9. Recommends that international development agencies respond positively to requests from Governments for assistance in strengthening national machinery for the advancement of women or its equivalent;

10. Urges the national machinery for the advancement of women or its equivalent in each Government to participate actively in the preparation of and follow-up to the work of the Commission on the Status of Women by co-ordinating the collection of all forms of information for the comprehensive reporting system to review and appraise the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and for reports for the Commission's consideration of priority themes;

11. Endorses the continuation of the information system on women initiated by the Secretary-General and its further development in official languages of the United Nations, consistent with the priorities determined by Governments and taking advantage of all sources of funding beyond those already mandated, including the contributions of interested Governments;

12. Recommends that statistics and other information on women be an integral part of all relevant major statistical and public information programmes of the United Nations system, including those of the United Nations Office at Vienna and the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat;

13. Recommends that the services of an interregional adviser be made available, through the regular programme of technical co-operation, to assist, on request, national machineries or their equivalents in carrying out effectively their review and appraisal of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and in preparing the reports called for in the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women;

14. Decides that the questionnaire to be prepared by the Secretary-General to collect information for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies should contain a specific section on national machinery or its equivalent;

15. Recommends that Governments make every effort to support women's non-governmental organizations working to improve the status of women in accordance with the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

16. Calls upon Governments to ensure the effective participation of women and women's non-governmental organizations in decision-making at all levels in order to bring about a lasting improvement in the welfare of societies.

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26 May 1988

## 1988/49. ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 42/178 of 11 December 1987 and the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>1/</sup> particularly paragraphs 120, 137, 142, 147, 282 and 312 thereof,

Having reviewed annex I of the World Economic Survey 1988 <sup>2/</sup> on selected indicators of the socio-economic attainment of women and taking into consideration the useful comments made thereon,<sup>3/</sup>

Recognizing the essential role of the economic activities of women in both the formal and the informal sectors of the economies of all countries and the positive role of women in promoting growth and development,

Convinced that further analysis of the economic activities of women in developing and developed countries is necessary for the design and implementation of social and economic policies,

Calls upon the Secretary-General to devote a separate section in the World Economic Survey to the economic aspects of the situation of women and their contribution to economic development, taking into account, inter alia, their participation in the evolution of labour markets.

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26 July 1988

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<sup>1/</sup> 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.

<sup>2/</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.88.II.C.1.

<sup>3/</sup> See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1988, Plenary Meetings, 28th meeting (E/1988/SR.28).

1988/60. SYSTEM-WIDE CO-ORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES TO ADVANCE  
THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND TO INTEGRATE WOMEN  
IN DEVELOPMENT

## A

CO-ORDINATING ROLE OF THE COMMISSION ON THE  
STATUS OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Convinced that it must play a more forceful and dynamic role in reviewing and co-ordinating all activities of the United Nations system relevant to women's issues,

Referring to the reports of the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on co-ordination matters pertaining to the status of women,<sup>1/</sup>

Considers that the central substantive co-ordinating role of the Commission on the Status of Women in advancing the status of women and integrating women in development has three distinct aspects:

(a) Intergovernmental co-operation, which relates to action taken by the United Nations central, regional and sectoral intergovernmental bodies to achieve a coherent and complementary approach to implementing the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women <sup>2/</sup> within the United Nations;

(b) Inter-agency co-ordination, which relates to measures taken by organizations of the United Nations system to co-ordinate the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies;

(c) Legislative linkage, which relates to action taken by the Commission on the Status of Women to link the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies to all relevant United Nations intergovernmental decisions and other international strategies and plans and programmes of action.

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<sup>1/</sup> A/42/273-E/1987/74 and Add. 1, A/42/232-E/1987/68, E/1987/52 and E/AC.51/1988/2.

<sup>2/</sup> 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.

## B

INTERGOVERNMENTAL CO-OPERATION TO INTEGRATE WOMEN EFFECTIVELY  
IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind its resolutions 1986/65 of 23 July 1986 and 1987/65 of 8 July 1987,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 42/178 of 11 December 1987,

Emphasizing the central role of the Commission on the Status of Women in promoting co-operation among intergovernmental bodies to integrate women fully in economic development programmes and activities,

1. Considers that intergovernmental co-operation in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women 3/ would be considerably strengthened if each of the United Nations intergovernmental bodies concerned were to include in its agenda an item on activities for the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies within its field of competence, in particular, activities concerned with monitoring, technical co-operation, institutional co-ordination, research and policy analysis, the participation of women in decision-making, and public information, and transmit its report on that agenda item to the Commission on the Status of Women;

2. Decides that the reports requested in Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/65 and decision 1987/182 of 8 July 1987 should first be submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-third session for consideration and then to the Council at its second regular session of 1989;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the measures taken in 1986, 1987 and 1988:

(a) To ensure coherent implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies by central, regional and sectoral intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations;

(b) To harmonize the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies with all relevant United Nations intergovernmental decisions and other international strategies and plans and programmes of action;

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3/ Ibid.

4. Further requests that the reports referred to in paragraph 2 of the present resolution be consolidated in a single report structured according to the three aspects of co-ordination defined in resolution 1988/60 A;

5. Recommends that, in the light of the importance of the overall co-ordination of United Nations activities, particularly between the units of the Secretariat in New York and Vienna, provision continue to be made for the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs to maintain liaison in New York.

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## C

INTERAGENCY CO-ORDINATION IN IMPLEMENTING THE NAIROBI  
FORWARD-LOOKING STRATEGIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT  
OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1985/46 of 31 May 1985, 1986/71 of 23 July 1986 and 1987/86 of 8 July 1987 concerning the preparation of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development and the cross-organizational programme analysis of activities related to the advancement of women,

Concerned that many provisions of the Commission on the Status of Women resolution 1987/5 of 16 January 1987 4/ relating to the preparation of the final draft of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development are as yet unimplemented,

1. Stresses that the cross-organizational programme analysis to be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in 1989 should present a comprehensive factual picture of the United Nations system's mandates and activities related to the advancement of women, attempt a comprehensive diagnosis of co-ordination problems and suggest remedial action;

2. Recommends that the activities analysed should include programme activities at the programme element level, technical co-operation projects and regular programmes of technical assistance, grant-based development assistance, and funding by international development-financing institutions;

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4/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 2 (E/1987/15), chap. I, sect. C.

3. Decides that the legislative mandates to be analysed should include international instruments, intergovernmental resolutions and decisions, other legislative instructions, directives and guidelines, and international strategies, plans and programmes of action relating to the status of women that are still in force;

4. Further decides that the directions given by the Commission on the Status of Women, in its resolution 1987/5 and the annex thereto, for the preparation of the final draft of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development should be fully implemented.

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#### D

### LEGISLATIVE LINKAGE AS A MEANS OF CO-ORDINATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAIROBI FORWARD-LOOKING STRATEGIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

#### The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling paragraph 320 of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>5/</sup> in which it is stated that specific, appropriate attention should be paid to the advancement of women in the preparation of new instruments and strategies,

Welcoming the decision <sup>6/</sup> of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office at its 238th session to place on the agenda of the International Labour Conference in 1989 the question "Night work", as defined in the Night Work (Women) Convention (Revised), 1948 (No. 89) and other relevant conventions,<sup>7/</sup>

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<sup>5/</sup> 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.

<sup>6/</sup> International Labour Office, Official Bulletin, vol. LXXI, 1988, Series A, No. 1.

<sup>7/</sup> See International Labour Conventions and Recommendations, 1919-1981 (Geneva, International Labour Office, 1982).

Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to ensure that specific action is taken to integrate the concerns of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women into the activities mandated by the General Assembly in the following resolutions: resolution 42/104 of 7 December 1987 on the International Literacy Year, resolution 42/106 of 7 December 1987 on the International Conference on the Plight of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Southern Africa, resolution 42/163 of 8 December 1987 on the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, resolution 42/177 of 11 December 1987 on the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, resolution 42/186 of 11 December 1987 on the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond, resolution 42/187 of 11 December 1987 on the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, and resolution 42/193 of 11 December 1987 on the preparation of the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations Development Decade.

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