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UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women

Austria: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 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 resolutions 31/194 of December 1976 and 33/181 of 21 December 1978 concerning the transfer to Vienna of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs,

Bearing in mind that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs is the focal point of the activities of the United Nations Decade for Women, and that the work of the Fund is a valuable component of the programme of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Desiring to see the activities carried out in implementation of the programme of the Decade by the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, including the Fund as its operational basis, further strengthened and expanded,

Expressing its satisfaction with the expansion of activities supported by the Fund, the procedural improvements made for submission and review of project proposals and with the increased co-operation of the Fund with the United Nations system,

Welcoming, in particular the continued co-operation of the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, especially FAO, ILO, UNESCO, UNIDO, UNDP and UNICEF, as well as the regional commissions, with the Fund,

Taking note of the valuable support which UNIDO can lend to the activities of the Fund,

1. Notes with satisfaction the decisions of the Consultative Committee during its fifth and sixth sessions;
2. Stresses the need for continuous co-operation between the Fund and the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions;
3. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General, expressed in its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, to ensure, if possible within the existing resources, that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs as the secretariat unit responsible for women's questions, possesses adequate personnel and budgetary resources in order to discharge its functions under the World Plan of Action;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Fund receives adequate personnel and budgetary resources within the resources allocated to the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, and, if necessary, to strengthen those resources;
5. Requests, furthermore the Secretary-General to provide, through UNIDO, the necessary assistance in the operational activities of the Fund;
6. Requests the President of the General Assembly to appoint, in consultation with the regional groups, five member States to be represented in the Consultative Committee on the Fund for a period of three years, in accordance with operative paragraph 3 of resolution 31/133;
7. Expresses its hope that the operations carried out by the Fund be continued beyond the United Nations Decade for Women;
8. Expresses its appreciation to those countries which have pledged contributions to the Fund in the recent Pledging Conference;
9. Strongly appeals to all member States, in a position to do so, to consider giving generous and increased contributions to the Fund, in order to enable it to further expand its activities;
10. Requests the Secretary-General to continue:
 - (a) to report annually on the management of the Fund as well as on the progress in the implementation of Fund activities;
 - (b) to include, on an annual basis, the Fund as one of the programmes of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.