

Aware that about one of every four hundred adults in the world today is infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, of which three million are females, and that as heterosexual transmission of HIV infection increases, the percentage of women infected will rise to equal that of men,

Considering the extensive health, economic and psychological implications of HIV infection and AIDS for women, children and families,

Emphasizing that the prevention and control of HIV infection and AIDS for women and children call for the strengthening and improvement of the primary health care system and for educational and other psychological, social and economic support programmes for women, children and families,

Recalling the resolutions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the World Health Assembly concerning the need to respect the human rights and dignity of all people, including those affected by the human immunodeficiency virus, their families and those with whom they live,

1. Takes note of the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS;⁵⁴

2. Requests the Secretary-General, in view of the adverse impact of HIV infection and AIDS on the health and economic and social well-being of women, children and families, to intensify his efforts, in close collaboration with the Director-General of the World Health Organization and all other relevant organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Population Fund, to mobilize technical and other relevant resources to deal with this aspect of the problem;

3. Calls upon organizations of the United Nations system, Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to co-ordinate their efforts with the World Health Organization in implementing the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS;

4. Invites the General Assembly to consider the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization and the response of the United Nations system to the AIDS pandemic and to take an appropriate decision on further action, taking the present resolution into account.

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⁵⁴ A/45/256-E/1990/58, annex.

1990/87. United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/141 of 15 December 1989, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to co-ordinate at the inter-agency level the development of a United Nations system-wide action plan on drug abuse control aimed at the full implementation of all existing mandates and subsequent decisions of intergovernmental bodies throughout the United Nations system,

Noting that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination has presented the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control to all Member States,

Noting also that the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination considered the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control at the first part of its thirtieth session, held from 7 May to 11 June 1990,⁵⁵

Recognizing the commendable efforts of the Secretary-General in the development of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control as an instrument to facilitate co-ordination, complementarity and non-duplication in drug control activities within the United Nations system and recognizing also that further efforts are needed to improve the methodology used for its preparation and updating,

Recognizing further that the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control should adequately reflect the balance achieved in the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution S-17/2 of 20 February 1990,

Recalling that the Secretary-General has appointed a group of experts to advise and assist him in order to enhance the efficiency of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control, as requested in General Assembly resolution 44/141, and thus the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control may need to be updated in the light of further relevant decisions that may be made by the General Assembly,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control;⁵⁶

2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination with regard to the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control;

3. Stresses the need to revise the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control in

⁵⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/45/16)*, chap. IV, sect. D.

⁵⁶ E/1990/39 and Corr.1 and 2.

time for the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly in order to incorporate fully all the mandates and activities contained in the Global Programme of Action adopted by the Assembly in its resolution S-17/2 and to comply with the guidelines set out by the Assembly in its resolution 44/141.

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1990/88. World Decade for Cultural Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/238 of 22 December 1989, in which the Assembly expressed its support for the conduct of an evaluation at the mid-point of the World Decade for Cultural Development in 1993, under the auspices of the United Nations and the United

Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Taking into account its own resolution 1989/107 of 27 July 1989,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the mid-term review of the World Decade for Cultural Development;⁵⁷

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General and the Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue their inquiry into the appropriate means for undertaking a mid-term review of the World Decade for Cultural Development.

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⁵⁷ A/45/277-E/1990/77.

DECISIONS

1990/259. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

1. At its 16th plenary meeting, on 4 July 1990, the Economic and Social Council adopted the agenda of its second regular session of 1990,⁵⁸ approved the organization of work for the session,⁵⁹ and decided to consider in plenary meeting the question of the implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries (item 7 (h)).

2. At its 18th plenary meeting, on 5 July 1990, the Council approved the requests made by non-governmental organizations to be heard by the Council at its second regular session of 1990.⁶⁰

1990/260. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its 31st plenary meeting, on 17 July 1990, the Economic and Social Council decided to transmit the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees⁶¹ to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.

⁵⁸ E/1990/92, sect. I.

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, sect. III, and E/1990/L.31.

⁶⁰ E/1990/98.

⁶¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/45/12).*

1990/261. Inclusion of Liberia in the list of the least developed countries

At its 33rd plenary meeting, on 19 July 1990, the Economic and Social Council decided:

(a) To endorse the conclusion and recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning regarding the inclusion of Liberia in the list of the least developed countries;⁶²

(b) To recommend that the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session approve the inclusion of Liberia in the list of the least developed countries;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures for the participation of Liberia in the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.

1990/262. Convening of an international meeting on population in 1994

At its 34th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1990, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 1989/91 of 26 July 1989:

(a) Noted the appointment by the Secretary-General of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund as the Secretary-General of the international meeting on population in 1994 and of the Director of the

⁶² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 7 (E/1990/27 and Corr.1), para. 162.*