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Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1979, the General Assembly decided to include in its agenda the item entitled:

"United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace:

"(a) Implementation of General Assembly resolution 3519 (XXX): report of the Secretary-General;

"(b) Status and role of women in education and in the economic and social fields: report of the Secretary-General;

"(c) International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women: report of the Secretary-General;

"(d) Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women: report of the Secretary-General;

"(e) World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: report of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference."

and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Committee considered the item at its 53rd to 58th and 60th to 63rd meetings, held from 21 to 30 November. The views expressed by representatives of Member States and observers on this item are contained in the summary records of those meetings (A/C.3/34/SR.53-58 and 60-63).

3. The Committee had before it the following documents:
- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 3519 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 (A/34/471 and Corr.1);
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the status and role of women in education and in the economic and social fields (A/34/577 and Add.1);
 - (c) Report of the Secretary-General on the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/34/579);
 - (d) Report of the Secretary-General on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women
 - (e) World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: report of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference: note by the Secretary-General (A/34/657 and Add.1);
 - (f) Report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session, United Nations Headquarters, 27 August-8 September 1979 (A/CONF.94/PC/12);
 - (g) Letter dated 8 March 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/34/113);
 - (h) Letter dated 30 July 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/34/391);
 - (i) Note verbale dated 13 June 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/34/321);
 - (j) Documents of the Ministerial Meeting of the Co-ordinating Bureau of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 4 to 9 June 1979 (A/34/357);
 - (k) Final Declaration of the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Havana from 3 to 9 September 1979 (A/34/542).
4. At the 53rd meeting, on 21 November, the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs introduced subitems (a), (b), (c) and (d), and the Secretary-General of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women introduced subitem (e).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

A. Draft resolution A/C.3/34/L.42

5. At the 60th meeting, on 28 November, the representative of France introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/34/L.42) entitled "United Nations Decade for Women",

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sponsored by France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Guatemala, Kenya, Morocco, the Philippines, Thailand, Tunisia and the United Republic of Cameroon, subsequently joined by Australia, Canada, the Central African Republic, Gabon, Greece, Italy, the Ivory Coast, Japan and the United States of America. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling the Convention on the Political Rights of Women, particularly article III thereof, as well as article 3 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, article 3 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and article 5 (c) of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,

"Considering that there can be no genuine and full participation of women in economic and social development unless they are fully involved in the political decision-making process,

"Conscious of the inadequacy of the information provided by Member States concerning the participation of women in local and national political institutions,

"Bearing in mind the importance of equal access to education for men and women to the achievement of a balanced distribution of positions of political and economic responsibility in society,

"1. Calls upon Member States to ensure, as regards both education and access to public functions of a social, economic, administrative or political character conditions of equality between men and women and promotion without discrimination;

"2. Requests the World Conference to consider, under the general theme "Development", appropriate means of ensuring more effective participation of women in the planning policies of their Governments and more adequate reflection of their needs and concerns in those policies;

"3. Further requests the World Conference to consider, under the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education", the conditions necessary for ensuring the access of women to positions of responsibility which will enable them to participate in the formulation of national policies in those fields;

"4. Calls upon Governments to take steps to ensure 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."

6. At the same meeting, the representative of France orally revised the text as follows:

(a) Add a new (second) preambular paragraph to read:

"Recalling also its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 in which it decided to convene a world conference in 1980 at the mid-term of the United Nations Decade for Women, as well as its resolution 33/189 of 29 January 1979 establishing the agenda of the conference and the organization of its work";

(b) In the newly renumbered fourth preambular paragraph, replace the words "provided by" by the words "available from";

(c) In the newly renumbered fifth preambular paragraph, replace the word "education" by the words "all forms of education and training";

(d) Replace operative paragraph 2 by the following:

"2. Requests the World Conference on the Decade for Women to consider, under the general theme "development", appropriate means of ensuring the more effective participation of women in the planning and policy processes of their Governments and more adequate reflection of their needs and concerns in those processes;"

(e) In operative paragraph 3, replace the words "the access of women" by the words "equal access of women and men".

7. At the 61st meeting, on 28 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/34/L.42, as revised, without a vote (see para. 39, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution A/C.3/34/L.44

8. At the 61st meeting, the representative of Jamaica introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/34/L.44) entitled "The Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women", sponsored by Barbados, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, subsequently joined by Fiji, Guatemala, Honduras, Mozambique and Somalia.

9. The draft resolution read as follows:

The General Assembly,

"Recalling its decision of 15 December 1975 that the activities of the Voluntary Fund for the International Women's Year should be extended to cover the period of the United Nations Decade for Women,

"Recalling also its resolution 31/133 of 16 December 1976 containing the criteria and arrangements for the management of the Fund,

"Noting with satisfaction the valuable programme policy developed by the Fund in accordance with the criteria and arrangements for the management of the Fund to assist projects in developing countries,

"Bearing in mind that by its resolution 31/133 it, inter alia requested the Secretary-General to consult the Administrator of the UNDP on the use of the Fund for technical co-operation activities,

"Taking note with appreciation of the new procedures for submission and review of project proposals at country level, through the UNDP resident representative,

"Conscious that the Fund was designed to supplement, through financial and technical support, development activities involving women at national, regional and global levels, in co-operation with ~~relevant~~ organizations of the United Nations system,

"Recognizing the need for all operational activities and regional commissions within the United Nations system to pay increasing attention to including projects for women in their regular programmes,

"Recognizing also the necessity for continuing financial and technical support to development activities which respond to the specific needs of women in developing countries and the importance of incorporating in national and international development planning, policies and programmes aimed at the mobilization and integration of women in development,

"Having considered the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/34/612,

"1. Notes with satisfaction the decisions of the Consultative Committee during its Fifth and Sixth Sessions;

"2. Requests the President of the General Assembly in accordance with operative paragraph 3 of resolution 31/133 and with due regard to continuity, to select five Member States to appoint representatives to serve on the Consultative Committee;

"3. Expresses its appreciation to the relevant organs in the United Nations system, and in particular to UNDP and UNICEF, for their invaluable assistance to the ongoing work of the Fund;

"4. Desires to see the activities developed by the Fund continued beyond the United Nations Decade for Women and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to study this question in consultation with the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme as well as with other relevant United Nations agencies and report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

"5. Decides that the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women shall continue to be situated at Headquarters to maximize its potential as a catalytic and innovative element to ensure close co-operation with the United Nations Development Programme as mandated and with other operational activities, thus facilitating the efficient technical and administrative work of the Fund, and in order to maintain other administrative and financial savings which accrue from its location at Headquarters;

"6. Expresses its appreciation for the voluntary contributions pledged by Member States in the recent Pledging Conference and appeals to Member States to consider giving or increasing their support to the Fund, in order to ensure availability of resources sufficient to meet rapidly multiplying demands in developing countries;

"7. Requests the Secretary-General:

"(a) To continue to report annually on the management of the Fund as well as on the progress in the implementation of the activities of the Fund;

"(b) To continue to include the Fund on an annual basis as one of the programmes of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities."

10. At the same meeting, the sponsors revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) A new sixth preambular paragraph is to be inserted to read as follows:

"Noting also with appreciation the expansion of the activities supported by the Fund and the increased co-operation with the organizations within the United Nations system";

(b) Operative paragraph 5 is to end by the word "Headquarters" in the second line;

(c) A new operative paragraph 6 is to be added between the existing operative paragraphs 5 and 6, to read as follows:

"Decides also to review this decision in the context of its consideration and conclusions on the future of the Fund in the light of the study requested in operative paragraph 4 of this resolution".

11. At the 62nd meeting, on 29 November, the sponsors further revised new operative paragraph 6 to read:

"Decides also to review its decision, at its thirty-sixth session, on the basis of the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General on his consultations with the Consultative Committee, the Administrator of United Nations Development Programme and other United Nations agencies directly concerned, as well as on the views to be submitted by Member States by 1 June 1981,".

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12. At the same meeting, the representative of Senegal proposed two oral amendments to the revised new operative paragraph 6: replace "thirty-sixth session" by "thirty-fifth session" and replace "1 June 1981" by "1 June 1980".

13. At the same meeting, the Committee voted on the first amendment of Senegal which it rejected by 32 votes to 41, with 47 abstentions. Subsequently, the second amendment of Senegal was withdrawn.

14. At the same meeting, the Committee voted on draft resolution A/C.3/34/L.44, as revised, as follows:

(a) Operative paragraph 5, as revised, was adopted by 64 votes to 29, with 31 abstentions;

(b) The revised draft resolution, as a whole, was then adopted without a vote (see para. 39, draft resolution II).

C. Draft resolution A/C.3/34/L.45

15. At the 61st meeting, the representative of Austria introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/34/L.45), entitled "The Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women", which read as follows:

"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 resolution 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."

16. At the 62nd meeting, on 29 November, the representative of Austria withdrew draft resolution A/C.3/34/L.45.

D. Draft resolution A/C.3/34/L.47

17. At the 60th meeting, the representative of Argentina introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/34/L.47) entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women", sponsored by Argentina, Barbados, Chile, Cuba, France, Grenada, Pakistan, Panama, the United States of America, Uruguay and Yugoslavia, subsequently joined by Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Japan, Jordan, Honduras, the Ivory Coast, Nicaragua, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Sierre Leone, Somalia, Uganda, the United Republic of Cameroon, the Upper Volta and Venezuela.

18. At the same meeting, the representative of Argentina revised the text and inserted a new operative paragraph 4 between the last two operative paragraphs to read as follows:

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to consult Member States with a view to nominate the Director of the Institute as soon as possible;"

19. At the 61st meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/34/L.47, as revised, without a vote (see para. 39, draft resolution III).

E. Draft resolution A/C.3/34/L.48

20. At the 60th meeting, the representative of the German Democratic Republic introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/34/L.48) entitled "World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women", sponsored by Afghanistan, Benin, Cape Verde, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, the German Democratic Republic, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, Mongolia, Mozambique and the Syrian Arab Republic, subsequently joined by Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Gabon, Guyana, Iraq, Mali, Nicaragua, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone and Viet Nam. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 3519 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/136 of 16 December 1976, 32/142 of 16 December 1977, 33/184 and 33/185 of 29 January 1978 as well as the Convention on the Political Rights of Women,

"Reaffirming the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, and the decisions of the Mexico Conference within the International Women's Year,

"Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Women's participation in the strengthening of international peace and security and in the struggle against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of foreign domination", 1/

"Bearing in mind that women will only be able to play an equal and effective role in the process of development if they have equal opportunities for education, employment, health care facilities and a social atmosphere necessary for the utilization of these opportunities,

"Considering that the equal participation of women in the development process and in political life will contribute to the achievement of international peace and to creating the new international economic order,

"Appreciating the contribution of women to the strengthening of international peace and security and to the struggle against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of foreign domination,

"Stressing the importance of the 1980 World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace for the implementation of the objectives of the Decade for Women,

"1. Calls upon all Member States to make all efforts in preparing and carrying out the World Conference;

"2. Requests the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference to intensify its work in preparing an effective programme of action to be based on careful review and evaluation of progress made in implementing the World Plan of Action aiming at improving the status of women;

"3. Urges the Commission on the Status of Women to consider with priority at its twenty-eighth session the question of elaborating a draft declaration on the participation of women in the struggle for the strengthening of international peace and security and against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of foreign domination in accordance with resolution 32/142."

21. The following two amendments to the draft resolution were submitted:

(a) Senegal submitted an amendment (A/C.3/34/L.66) by which the fifth preambular paragraph would be replaced by the following:

"Considering that the equal participation of women in the development process and in political life will contribute to the achievement of international peace and to creating the new world cultural order and the new international economic order,";

(b) Canada and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland submitted the following amendments (A/C.3/34/L.67):

(i) Rephrase the fourth preambular paragraph as follows:

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"Bearing in mind that women will only be able to play an equal and effective role in the process of development if they have equal opportunities with men for education, employment, health care facilities and public functions of a social, economic, administrative or political character, and a social atmosphere necessary for the utilization of these opportunities,";

- (ii) In the fifth preambular paragraph, after the word "peace", insert ", to the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms";
- (iii) In the sixth preambular paragraph, after the word "discrimination", insert "all situations of violations of human rights";
- (iv) In operative paragraph 3, delete the words "with priority" and, after "discrimination" insert the words "all situations of violations of human rights". At the end of the paragraph, add: "Taking into account the views of Governments thereon and views expressed during the thirty-fourth General Assembly".

22. At the 62nd meeting, on 29 November, the sponsors submitted a revised text (A/C.3/34/L.48/Rev.1), taking into account some of the amendments proposed by Canada and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (A/C.3/34/L.67) (see para. 21 above), and an oral proposal by France to add the words "with men" in the fifth preambular paragraph of the revised draft resolution. Subsequently, the remaining amendments in document A/C.3/34/L.67 were withdrawn by their sponsors.

23. At the same meeting, the representative of Senegal withdrew his amendment (A/C.3/34/L.66) (see para. 21).

24. The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution (A/C.3/34/L.48/Rev.1), as orally amended, by a recorded vote of 103 to 2, with 23 abstentions (see para. 39, draft resolution IV). The result of the voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali,

Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

F. Draft resolution A/C.3/34/L.49

25. At the 60th meeting, the representative of Mongolia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/34/L.49) entitled "Importance of the improvement of the status and role of women in education and in the economic and social fields for the achievement of the equality of women with men", sponsored by Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Benin, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, German Democratic Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Mali, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Togo, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Viet Nam, subsequently joined by Algeria, Angola, Bulgaria, Burundi, Czechoslovakia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, the Ivory Coast, Liberia, Malaysia, Mauritania, the Niger, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Upper Volta.

26. At the 62nd meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/34/L.49 without a vote (see para. 39, draft resolution V).

G. Draft resolution A/C.3/34/L.50

27. At the 60th meeting, on 28 November, the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/34/L.50) entitled "United Nations Decade for Women - World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women", sponsored by Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Comoros, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Egypt, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam, Yemen and Yugoslavia, subsequently joined by Burundi, Nicaragua and Sao Tome and Principe.

28. The Secretary of the Committee drew its attention to the financial implications of the draft resolution.

29. At the 62nd meeting, on 29 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/34/L.50 by a recorded vote of 109 to 2, with 20 abstentions (see para. 39, draft resolution VI). The result of the voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

H. Draft resolution A/C.3/34/L.52

30. At the 60th meeting, on 28 November, the representative of the Philippines introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/34/L.52), entitled "Women refugees" which was subsequently also sponsored by Australia, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Kenya, Morocco, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Thailand, the United Republic of Cameroon and Venezuela. The Committee had before it a statement on the financial implications of the draft resolution (A/C.3/34/L.68).

31. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions relating to the item on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees adopted by consensus at its thirty-fourth session,

"Recognizing the urgent needs and problems of women refugees the world over,

"Conscious that the situation of women refugees has not yet been systematically studied,

"1. Decides that the situation of women refugees the world over should be made part of the provisional agenda of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women as a subitem under the item of the programme of action for the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women;

"2. Requests the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees to prepare a report for the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference at its third session as well as for the World Conference, which would:

"(a) Review the situation of women refugees the world over; and

"(b) Make recommendations concerning measures which could be undertaken by Member States, the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to assist women refugees, taking into account the requirements of the regions concerned."

32. At the 61st meeting, the representative of the Philippines, on behalf of the sponsors, revised the text so that the beginning of operative paragraph 2 read:

"2. Requests the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees to prepare a draft report for the Preparatory Committee, at its third session, and a final report for the World Conference which would:

(a) Review the situation of women refugees the world over within the framework of the over-all problem with which his Office is seized and;".

33. At the 62nd meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/34/L.52, as revised, without a vote (see para. 39, draft resolution VII).

I. Draft resolution A/C.3/34/L.53

34. At the 60th meeting, the representative of Yugoslavia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/34/L.53) entitled "Preparations for the 1980 World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace", sponsored by Barbados, Egypt, Grenada, Guyana, India, Jamaica, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines and Yugoslavia and also by the Bahamas, Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Ghana, the Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Peru and Venezuela, subsequently also joined by Benin, Burundi, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guinea, Kenya, Niger, Rwanda, Somalia, Uganda, the United Republic of Cameroon, Upper Volta and Zaire.

35. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 33/189 concerning substantive and organizational arrangements for the 1980 World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

"Recalling also its resolution 33/185, which adopted the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education",

"Convinced of the need to ensure the most effective preparation of the Conference, its success and the effectiveness of follow-up activities,

"Noting that regional preparatory meetings have taken place in Paris, New Delhi and Caracas and that two more are scheduled to take place in Lusaka and Damascus,

"Having considered the report of the Preparatory Committee of the Conference on its second session,

"Having further considered the detailed proposals for the Conference contained in the note of the Secretary-General,

"1. Approves the recommendations contained in the report of the Preparatory Committee concerning the activities related to the preparation of the 1980 World Conference;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to provide the necessary budgetary appropriations specified in his note in respect of the areas listed below:

"(a) To ensure the participation of one representative of each of the least developed countries in the 1980 World Conference;

"(b) To ensure the satisfactory preparation of the documentation for the Conference;

"(c) To allow adequate preparation for the presentation of the report of the Conference to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

"(d) In relation to measures proposed by the Department of Public Information, to strengthen the relevant activities planned for the period prior to and during the 1980 World Conference;

"(e) To make the appropriate arrangements to ensure the success of the preparatory seminars and meetings for the Conference;

"(f) To provide the Conference secretariat with the appropriate staff and with the resources necessary for the travel of the Secretary-General of the Conference;

"(g) To hold a third session of the Preparatory Committee in 1980;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General, further, to seek extrabudgetary funds to ensure the participation of one representative from each of the island and land-locked developing countries in the 1980 World Conference;

"4. Further requests the Secretary-General to endeavour to find extrabudgetary funds to provide for the information activities proposed for the period after the Conference;

"5. Takes note of the provisional rules of procedure formulated by the Preparatory Committee at its second session and recommends that:

"(a) The Conference shall elect Vice-Presidents according to the following formula:

"(b) In accordance with the equitable geographical distribution the offices of the Bureau shall be allocated as follows:

"6. Notes with appreciation the statement of the representative of Denmark concerning steps which the Danish Government, in line with General Assembly resolution 33/189, has taken regarding the practical organization of the work of the Conference;

"7. Strongly urges Member States to ensure their adequate preparation for the Conference, including the presentation of studies of development projects and programmes which have been successful in improving women's condition and promoting their participation in economic and social development, as required in Economic and Social Council resolution E/1978/32;

"8. Calls upon Member States, the competent organs of the United Nations and the specialized agencies to take all necessary measures, including the use of their information resources, to mobilize public opinion in support of the 1980 World Conference and its objectives."

36. At the 60th meeting, the representative of Yugoslavia, on behalf of the sponsors, revised the text as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 2, subparagraph (f), insert the words "including staff to carry out information activities after the Conference" between the words "appropriate staff" and "and with the resources";

(b) In operative paragraph 5, delete the remaining part of the paragraph after the words "second session", including subparagraphs (a) and (b).

37. The Committee had before it a statement on the financial implications of the draft resolution (A/34/657/Add.1).

38. At the same meeting, on 29 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/34/L.53, as revised, as follows:

(a) In a separate vote, operative paragraph 2 was adopted by 114 votes to 8, with 6 abstentions;

(b) The draft resolution, as revised, as a whole, was adopted by 122 votes to none, with 9 abstentions (see para. 39, draft resolution VIII).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

39. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

United Nations Decade For Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Convention on the Political Rights of Women, particularly article III thereof, as well as article 3 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, article 3 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and article 5 (c) of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,

Recalling also its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it decided to convene a world conference in 1980 at the mid-term of the United Nations Decade for Women, as well as its resolution 33/189 of 29 January 1979 establishing the agenda of the Conference and relating to the organization of its work,

Considering that there can be no genuine and full participation of women in economic and social development unless they are fully involved in the political decision-making process,

Conscious of the inadequacy of the information available from Member States concerning the participation of women in local and national political institutions,

Bearing in mind the importance of equal access to all forms of education and training for men and women to the achievement of a balanced distribution of positions of political and economic responsibility in society,

1. Calls upon Member States to ensure, as regards both education and access to public functions of a social, economic, administrative or political character, conditions of equality between men and women and promotion without discrimination;

2. Requests the World Conference on the United Nations Decade for Women to consider, under the general theme "Development", appropriate means of ensuring the more effective participation of women in the planning and policy processes of their Governments and more adequate reflection of their needs and concerns in those processes;

3. Further requests the World Conference to consider, under the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education", the conditions necessary for ensuring equal access of women and men to positions of responsibility which will enable them to participate in the formulation of national policies in those fields;

4. Calls upon Governments to take steps to ensure 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.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

The Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision of 15 December 1975 that the activities of the Voluntary Fund for the International Women's Year should be extended to cover the period of the United Nations Decade for Women, 2/

Recalling also its resolution 31/133 of 16 December 1976 containing the criteria and arrangements for the management of the Fund,

Noting with satisfaction the valuable programme policy developed by the Fund in accordance with the criteria and arrangements for the management of the Fund to assist projects in developing countries,

Bearing in mind that, by its resolution 31/133, it, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to consult the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the use of the Fund for technical co-operation activities,

Taking note with appreciation of the new procedures for submission and review of project proposals at country level, through the resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme,

Noting also with appreciation the expansion of the activities supported by the Fund and the increased co-operation with the organizations within the United Nations system,

2/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/10034), p. 100, agenda item 76, para. (a).

Conscious that the Fund was designed to supplement, through financial and technical support, development activities involving women at national, regional and global levels, in co-operation with relevant organizations of the United Nations system,

Recognizing the need for all operational activities and regional commissions within the United Nations system to pay increasing attention to including projects for women in their regular programmes,

Recognizing also the necessity of continuing financial and technical support to development activities which respond to the specific needs of women in developing countries and the importance of incorporating in national and international development planning, policies and programmes aimed at the mobilization and integration of women in development,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 3/

1. Notes with satisfaction the decisions of the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women during its fifth and sixth sessions;
2. Requests the President of the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 3 of resolution 31/133 and with due regard to continuity, to select five Member States to appoint representatives to serve on the Consultative Committee;
3. Expresses its appreciation to the relevant organs in the United Nations system, in particular to the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Children's Fund, for their invaluable assistance to the ongoing work of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women;
4. Expresses its desire to see the activities developed by the Fund continued beyond the United Nations Decade for Women and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to study this question in consultation with the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, as well as with other relevant United Nations agencies, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;
5. Decides that the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women shall continue to be situated at Headquarters;
6. Decides also to review its decision at its thirty-sixth session on the basis of the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General on his consultations with the Consultative Committee, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and other United Nations agencies directly concerned, as well as on the views to be submitted by Member States by 1 June 1981;

7. Expresses its appreciation for the voluntary contributions pledged by Member States in the recent United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and appeals to Member States to consider giving or increasing their support to the Fund, in order to ensure the availability of resources sufficient to meet rapidly multiplying demands in developing countries;

8. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to report annually on the management of the Fund as well as on the progress in the implementation of its activities;

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 33/187 of 29 January 1979 on the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Taking into consideration Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/11 of 9 May 1979 on the establishment of the Institute in the Dominican Republic and Economic and Social Council decision 1978/58 of 2 August 1979 on the appointment of the Board of Trustees of the Institute,

Noting that the first session of the Board of Trustees of the Institute took place from 22 to 26 October 1979,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 4/

1. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/11 and accepts with appreciation the offer of the Government of the Dominican Republic to act as host for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

2. Expresses its desire that the necessary consultations concerning the agreement with the Government of the host country will be expeditiously concluded;

3. Invites Governments to contribute to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to consult Member States with a view to nominating the Director of the Institute as soon as possible;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the work of the Institute, together with the report of the Board of Trustees.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3519 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/136 of 16 December 1976, 32/142 of 16 December 1977, 33/184 and 33/185 of 29 January 1979 as well as the Convention on the Political Rights of Women, 5/

Reaffirming the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, and the relevant decisions of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, 6/

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Women's participation in the strengthening of international peace and security and in the struggle against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of foreign domination", 7/

Taking into account the report of the Conference of Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries on the Role of Women in Development, held at Baghdad from 6 to 13 May 1979, 8/

Bearing in mind that women will only be able to play an equal and effective role in the process of development if they have equal opportunities with men for education, employment, health care facilities and public functions of a social, economic, administrative or political character, and a social atmosphere necessary for the utilization of these opportunities,

Considering that the equal participation of women in the development process and in political life will contribute to the achievement of international peace, to the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and to establishing the new international economic order,

Appreciating the contribution of women to the strengthening of international peace and security, to the struggle against colonialism, racism, racial

5/ General Assembly resolution 640 (VII).

6/ For the report of the Conference, see E/CONF.66/34 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1).

7/ A/34/471.

8/ A/34/321, annex.

discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of foreign domination, and to the full and effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Stressing the importance of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be held in 1980, for the implementation of the objectives of the Decade for Women,

1. Calls upon all Member States to make all efforts in preparing and carrying out the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

2. Requests the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women to intensify its work in preparing an effective programme of action to be based on careful review and evaluation of progress made in implementing the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year aiming at improving the status of women, and on the recommendations by the regional Preparatory Conferences;

3. Urges the Commission on the Status of Women to consider at its twenty-eighth session the question of elaborating a draft declaration on the participation of women in the struggle for the strengthening of international peace and security and against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of foreign domination, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/142, and for the full and effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, taking into account the views of Governments thereon and views expressed during the thirty-fourth General Assembly.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Importance of the improvement of the status and role of women
in education and in the economic and social fields for the
achievement of the equality of women with men

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,

Recalling also its resolutions 31/134 of 16 December 1976 and 33/184, 33/185 and 33/189 of 29 January 1979,

Recognizing the urgent need to improve the status and role of women in education and in the economic and social fields for the achievement of the equality of women with men,

Recognizing also the importance of the exchange of experience in these matters among States,

Taking note of the analytical report of the Secretary-General on the importance of the improvement of the status and role of women in education and in the economic and social fields 9/ for the achievement of the equality of women with men,

1. Urges States to take necessary measures to promote full equality of women with men in education and in the economic and social fields;
2. Recommends that States 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;
3. Recommends further that States should take measures to expand the exchange of experience in matters concerning the improvement of the status and role of women in education and in the economic and social fields for the achievement of the equality of women with men;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to circulate his analytical report on the status and role of women in education and in the economic and social fields as a background document for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace under item 8 of its provisional agenda; 10/
5. Invites the Conference to give due attention to the question of improvement of the status and role of women in education and in the economic and social fields for the achievement of the equality of women with men.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

United Nations Decade for Women -- World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it decided to convene a world conference in 1980, and 33/189 of 29 January 1979, in which, it emphasized the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education" for the programme of action for the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Recalling also its resolution 33/185 of 29 January 1979, entitled "Preparations for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, including the adoption of the subtheme 'Employment, Health and Education'",

9/ A/34/577 and Add.1.

10/ General Assembly resolution 33/189, annex.

Taking note with interest and appreciation of the reports by the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace and also the provisional agenda for the Conference adopted at the 95th plenary meeting on 29 January 1979, 11/

Decides to include in the provisional agenda of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace an item on the Palestinian women entitled:

"Effects of Israeli occupation on Palestinian women inside and outside the occupied territories:

(a) A review of the social and economic needs of the Palestinian women;

(b) Special measures for assistance to Palestinian women inside and outside the occupied territories".

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

Women refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 34/60, 34/61 and 34/62 of 29 November 1979 relating to the item on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, adopted by consensus at its thirty-fourth session,

Recognizing the urgent needs and problems of women refugees the world over,

Conscious that the situation of women refugees has not yet been systematically studied,

1. Decides that the situation of women refugees the world over should be included in the provisional agenda of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace as a subitem under agenda item 9 on the Programme of Action for the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women;

2. Requests the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to prepare a draft report to be submitted to the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women at its third session and a final report to be submitted to the Conference, which would:

(a) Review the situation of women refugees the world over within the framework of the over-all problem with which his Office is seized;

(b) Make recommendations concerning measures which could be undertaken by Member States, the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to assist women refugees, taking into account the requirements of the regions concerned.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

Preparations for the World Conference of the United Nations
Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/189 of 29 January 1979 concerning substantive and organizational arrangements for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Recalling also its resolution 33/185 of 29 January 1979, in which it adopted the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education",

Convinced of the need to ensure the most effective preparation of the Conference, its success and the effectiveness of follow-up activities,

Noting that regional preparatory meetings have taken place at Paris, New Delhi and Caracas and that two more are scheduled to take place at Lusaka and Damascus,

Having considered the report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women on its second session, 12/

Having further considered the detailed proposals for the Conference contained in the note by the Secretary-General, 13/

1. Approves the recommendations contained in the report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women concerning the activities related to the preparation of the Conference;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary budgetary appropriations specified in his note in respect of the areas listed below:

(a) To ensure the participation of one representative of each of the least developed countries in the Conference;

(b) To ensure the satisfactory preparation of the documentation for the Conference;

(c) To allow adequate preparation for the presentation of the report of the Conference to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

(d) In relation to measures proposed by the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, to strengthen the relevant activities planned for the period prior to and during the Conference;

12/ A/CONF.94/PC/12.

13/ A/34/657 and Add.1.

(e) To make the appropriate arrangements to ensure the success of the preparatory seminars and meetings for the Conference;

(f) To provide the Conference secretariat with the appropriate staff including staff to carry out information activities after the Conference and with the resources necessary for the travel of the Secretary-General of the Conference;

(g) To hold a third session of the Preparatory Committee in 1980;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to seek extrabudgetary funds to ensure the participation of one representative from each of the island and land-locked developing countries in the Conference;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General to endeavour to find extrabudgetary funds to provide for the information activities proposed for the period after the Conference;

5. Takes note of the provisional rules of procedure formulated by the Preparatory Committee at its second session; 14/

6. Notes with appreciation the statement of the representative of Denmark concerning steps which the Government of Denmark, in line with General Assembly resolution 33/189, has taken regarding the practical organization of the work of the Conference;

7. Strongly urges Member States to ensure their adequate preparation for the Conference, including the presentation of studies of development projects and programmes which have been successful in improving women's condition and in promoting their participation in economic and social development, as required by Economic and Social Council resolution E/1978/32 of 9 May 1979;

8. Calls upon Member States, the competent organs of the United Nations and the specialized agencies to take all necessary measures, including the use of their information resources, to mobilize public opinion in support of the Conference and its objectives.
