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UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM WITH RESPECT TO THE SOCIAL
SITUATION OF WOMEN AND THEIR INTEGRATION
IN DEVELOPMENT

1/ The present document also includes some decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council.

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The first part of the document discusses the importance of mathematics in various fields. It highlights how mathematical concepts are applied in science, engineering, and economics. The text emphasizes the role of mathematics in problem-solving and decision-making. It also mentions the historical development of mathematics and its impact on modern society.

In the second part, the author explores the relationship between mathematics and art. It discusses how mathematical principles are used in architecture, design, and visual arts. The text provides examples of famous artworks and buildings that incorporate mathematical concepts. It also touches upon the aesthetic value of mathematical patterns and structures.

The third section focuses on the practical applications of mathematics in everyday life. It covers topics such as budgeting, statistics, and probability. The text explains how mathematical skills are essential for managing personal finances and understanding data. It also discusses the use of mathematics in technology and communication.

In the fourth part, the author discusses the future of mathematics. It explores emerging fields like artificial intelligence, quantum computing, and data science. The text highlights the need for continuous learning and innovation in mathematics. It also mentions the challenges and opportunities in the field of mathematical research.

The final section concludes the document by summarizing the key points discussed. It reiterates the significance of mathematics in our lives and the world. The author encourages readers to embrace mathematics as a tool for growth and discovery. The text ends with a call to action for students and professionals alike to pursue mathematical knowledge and its applications.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3490 (XXX). IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION
ADOPTED BY THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

The General Assembly,

Recalling the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year, adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year,^{1/} held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975,

Convinced that a comprehensive and thorough review and appraisal of progress made in meeting the goals of the World Plan of Action is of crucial importance for the success of the Plan and should be undertaken at regular intervals by organizations of the United Nations system,

Recognizing that the results of the exercise of the implementation of the World Plan of Action will contribute to the consideration of the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and will consequently promote the role of women in the development process,

1. Calls upon the governing bodies of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the relevant specialized agencies and the regional commissions to review annually the activities they have undertaken in accordance with the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year and to integrate such reviews into the reports submitted to the Economic and Social Council;

2. Affirms that a system-wide review and appraisal of the implementation of the World Plan of Action should be undertaken, in the years of the biennial review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, as an input to the process of review and appraisal of progress made under the Strategy;

^{1/} Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year (United Nations publication, Sales No E.76.IV.1), chapter II, section A.

3. Urges all States and the relevant organs of the United Nations to report to the Secretary-General on measures they have taken for implementing the World Plan of Action and to include relevant information about the integration of women in development;

4. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women to consider reports submitted on measures undertaken in implementation of the World Plan of Action. In accordance with the International Development Strategy, and to report its findings and conclusions on major trends and policies with regard to the status of women, particularly the integration of women in development, to the Economic and Social Council through the Committee for Development Planning and the Committee on Review and Appraisal;

5. Urges the Committee for Development Planning, the Committee on Review and Appraisal and the Economic and Social Council to pay special attention to the question of the status of women in the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy;

6. Invites the Secretary-General to make appropriate arrangements for the first review and appraisal of the implementation of the World Plan of Action.

2439th plenary meeting
12 December 1975

3505 (XXX). INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE
DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3010 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 in which it proclaimed the year 1975 International Women's Year,

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,

Recalling also its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling further its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Bearing in mind its resolutions 3276 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 on the World Conference of the International Women's Year and 3342 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 on women and development, and also Economic and Social Council resolution 1959 (LIX) of 28 July 1975 on the World Conference of the International Women's Year,

Taking note of the principles of the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975,^{1/} and the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,^{2/} adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, and also the resolutions of the Conference relating to the full integration of women in development,^{3/}

Recognizing that the results of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, in particular the World Plan of Action, indicate that the role of women in the development process must be made an integral part of the establishment of the new international economic order,

^{1/} Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year (United Nations publication, Sales No E.76.IV.1), chapter I.

^{2/} Ibid., chapter II, section A.

^{3/} Ibid., chapter III.

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1855 (LVI) of 16 May 1974 on the significance of the full integration of women in development,

Aware that the economic value of the substantial contribution of women to over-all development has not been widely recognized,

Recognizing that women, owing to the unequal treatment they have endured, constitute a vast potential force in the process of economic and social change, as well as in the struggle against all forms of exploitation and oppression,

Emphasizing that accelerated development requires the real and effective participation of men and women in all areas of national activity and the creation of the necessary conditions for equality of rights, opportunities and responsibilities for men and women,

1. Recognizes that the World Conference of the International Women's Year has established that improvement of the status of women constitutes a basic element in any development process;

2. Urges all States to undertake the necessary changes, as appropriate, in their economic and social structures in order to ensure the participation of women, on an equal basis with men, in the development process;

3. Invites the relevant organizations within the United Nations system, particularly the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Development Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to pay special attention to development programmes relating to women, inter alia, in the fields of agriculture, industry, trade and science and technology;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, on the basis of information received from Governments and relevant organizations of the United Nations system, as well as on the basis of existing studies, a preliminary report, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its thirty-first session, on the extent to which women participate

in fields such as agriculture, industry, trade and science and technology, with a view to making recommendations on ways and means of increasing and upgrading the participation of women therein;

5. Urges all Governments to give special attention to the inclusion of the question of the integration of women in the development process in United Nations conferences and meetings on matters which have an impact on the participation of women in development;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.

2441st plenary meeting
15 December 1975

3519 (XXX). WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE STRENGTHENING OF
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST
COLONIALISM, RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, FOREIGN
AGGRESSION AND OCCUPATION AND ALL FORMS OF
FOREIGN DOMINATION

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3276 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974,

Considering the report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year,^{1/} held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, in particular the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and Their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975,^{2/} the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year^{3/} and the resolutions contained in the report of the Conference,^{4/}

Appreciating that the Conference emphasized the important role women must play in the strengthening of international peace and security and in the expansion of co-operation among States, irrespective of their social and economic systems, based on the principles of peaceful coexistence in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

Endorsing the statement of the Conference that international co-operation and peace require the achievement of national liberation and independence, the preservation of sovereignty and territorial integrity, the elimination of colonialism and neo-colonialism, foreign aggression and occupation, apartheid and racial discrimination in all its forms, as well as the recognition of the dignity of peoples and their right to self-determination,

^{1/} United Nations publication, Sales No E.76.IV.1

^{2/} Ibid., chapter I.

^{3/} Ibid., chapter II, section A.

^{4/} Ibid., chapter III.

Noting with satisfaction the opinion expressed by the Conference that peace requires that women as well as men should reject any type of intervention in the domestic affairs of States, openly or covertly carried out by other States or by transnational corporations, and that women as well as men should also promote respect for the sovereign right of a State to establish its own economic, social and political system without political and economic pressures or coercion of any type,

Taking into account the view of the Conference that the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States 5/ confirms, inter alia, the obligation of all States to promote the implementation of general and complete disarmament, to use the funds thus saved for economic and social development and to provide part of these funds for the needs of the developing countries,

Noting with satisfaction the positive changes which have taken place during the last few years in international relations, such as the elimination of the dangerous sources of war in Viet-Nam and the results of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, and noting also the importance of deepening the process of international détente and strengthening an international just peace based on full respect for the Charter of the United Nations and the interests of all States, large and small,

Emphasizing the grave concern that in some regions of the world colonialism, apartheid, racial discrimination and foreign aggression continue to exist and territories are still occupied, which represents a most serious infringement of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of human rights of both men and women, and of the peoples' right to self-determination,

1. Reaffirms the principles promulgated in the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and Their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975;

5/ Resolution 3281 (XXIX).

2. Reaffirms that the strengthening of international peace and security, co-operation among all States irrespective of their social and economic system; based on the principle of peaceful coexistence, and the elimination of the remaining vestiges of colonialism, neo-colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, alien domination and foreign aggression and occupation are indispensable for the safeguarding of the fundamental human rights of both men and women;

3. Calls upon all Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, particularly women's organizations and women's groups, to intensify their efforts to strengthen peace, to expand and deepen the process of international détente and make it irreversible, to eliminate completely and definitely all forms of colonialism and to put an end to the policy and practice of apartheid, all forms of racism, racial discrimination, aggression, occupation and foreign domination;

4. Urges all Governments to take effective measures towards bringing about general and complete disarmament and convening the World Disarmament Conference as soon as possible;

5. Expresses its solidarity with and its assistance for women who contribute towards the struggle of the peoples for their national liberation;

6. Invites the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session a comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution.

2441st plenary meeting
15 December 1975

3520 (XXX). WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S YEAR

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3010 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 in which it proclaimed the year 1975 International Women's Year,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1849 (LVI) and 1851 (LVI) of 16 May 1974 on the convening of an international conference during the International Women's Year as a focal point of the international observance of the Year,

Recalling further its resolutions 3276 (XXIX) and 3277 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1959 (LIX) of 28 July 1975 concerning the World Conference of the International Women's Year,

Recalling the importance of the participation of women in the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly at its sixth 1/ and seventh 2/ special sessions as well as in the implementation of the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3/

Having considered the report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, 4/ held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975,

Having considered also the note by the Secretary-General on the establishment of an international research and training institute for the advancement of women, 5/

Convinced that the Conference, through the adoption of the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975, 6/ the World Plan of Action for the

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixth Special Session, Supplement No 1 (A/9559).

2/ Ibid., Seventh Special Session, Supplement No 1 (A/10301).

3/ Resolution 3202 (S-VI).

4/ United Nations publication, Sales No E.76.IV.1.

5/ A/10340.

6/ Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year (United Nations publication, Sales No E.76.IV.1), chapter I.

Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year 7/ and related resolutions, 8/ has made a valuable and constructive contribution towards the achievement of the threefold objectives of the Year, namely, to promote equality between men and women, to ensure the full integration of women in the total development effort and to promote women's contribution to the development of friendly relations and co-operation among States and to the strengthening of world peace,

Considering the valuable and constructive contributions towards the implementation of the threefold objectives of the International Women's Year made by conferences and seminars held during the Year,

Convinced also that the promotion of development objectives and the solution of crucial world economic and social problems should contribute significantly to the improvement of the situation of women, in particular that of women in rural areas and in low-income groups,

Convinced further that women must play an important role in the promotion, achievement and maintenance of international peace,

Considering that the decisions and recommendations of the Conference should be translated into concrete action without delay by States, organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

Recalling that the Conference stressed the important role of regional commissions in the implementation of the World Plan of Action and related resolutions of the Conference,

Convinced that periodic and comprehensive reviews and appraisals of the progress made in meeting the goals of the World Plan of Action and related resolutions endorsed by the Conference are of crucial importance for their effective implementation and should be undertaken at regular intervals by Governments and by the organizations of the United Nations system within an agreed time frame,

7/ Ibid., chapter II, section A.

8/ Ibid., chapter III.

Noting that the Conference recommended the continuing operation of the Commission on the Status of Women or some other representative body, within the structure of the United Nations, designed specifically to deal with matters relating to the status of women, so as to ensure the implementation of ongoing projects designed to carry out the programmes set forth in the World Plan of Action,^{9/}

1. Takes note of the report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, including the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975, the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year, the regional plans of action and the resolutions and other recommendations adopted by the Conference, and endorses the action proposals contained in these documents;

2. Proclaims the period from 1976 to 1985 United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be devoted to effective and sustained national, regional and international action to implement the World Plan of Action and related resolutions of the Conference;

3. Calls upon Governments, as a matter of urgency, to examine the recommendations contained in the World Plan of Action and related resolutions of the Conference including action to be taken at the national level, such as:

(a) The establishment of short-term, medium-term and long-term targets, and priorities to this end, taking into account the guidelines set forth in sections I and II of the World Plan of Action, including the minimum objectives recommended for achievement by 1980,^{10/}

(b) The adoption of national strategies, plans and programmes for the implementation of the recommendations within the framework of over-all development plans, policies and programmes;

(c) The undertaking of regular reviews and appraisals of progress made at the national and local levels in achieving the goals and objectives of the World Plan of Action within the framework of over-all development plans, policies and programmes;

^{9/} Ibid., chapter III, resolution 4.

^{10/} Ibid., chapter II, section A, paragraph 46.

4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the relevant organs of the United Nations and to the organizations of the United Nations system the decisions and recommendations of the Conference;

5. Invites all relevant organizations of the United Nations system concerned:

(a) To submit, within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-second session their proposals and suggestions for implementing the World Plan of Action and related resolutions of the Conference during the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

(b) To develop and implement, during the first half of the Decade, under the auspices of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, a joint interagency medium-term programme for the integration of women in development, which should co-ordinate and integrate activities undertaken in accordance with subparagraph (a) above, with special emphasis on technical co-operation in programmes relating to women and development;

(c) To render, in accordance with requests of Governments, sustained assistance in the formulation, design, implementation and evaluation of projects and programmes which would enable women to be integrated in national and international development;

6. Calls upon the regional commissions to develop and implement, as a matter of priority, effective strategies to further the objectives of the World Plan of Action at the regional and subregional levels, bearing in mind their respective regional plans of action;

7. Urges all financial institutions and all international, regional and subregional development banks and bilateral funding agencies to accord high priority in their development assistance, in accordance with requests of Governments, to projects that would promote the integration of women in the development process, in particular women in the rural areas, as well as the achievement of the equality of women and men, priority being given to countries with limited financial means;

8. Urges non-governmental organizations, at the national and international levels, to take all possible measures to assist in the implementation of the World Plan of Action and related resolutions of the Conference within their particular areas of interest and competence;

9. Decides in principle, in accordance with resolution 26 8/ adopted by the Conference, to establish, under the auspices of the United Nations, an International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, which would be financed through voluntary contributions, and would collaborate with appropriate national, regional and international economic and social research institutes;

10. Invites the Secretary-General therefore to appoint, with due consideration to the principle of equitable geographical distribution, a Group of Experts on the Establishment of an International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, consisting of five to ten experts, to draw up, in consultation with the representatives of existing regional centres and/or institutes for research and training which have similar objectives and goals, the terms of reference and structural organization of the Institute, giving special consideration to the needs of women of developing countries, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth session on the basis of the recommendations of the Group of Experts;

11. Affirms that a system-wide review and appraisal of the World Plan of Action should be undertaken biennially, and that such reviews and appraisals should constitute an input to the process of review and appraisal of progress made under the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,^{11/} taking into account the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and the decisions resulting from the sixth and seventh special sessions of the General Assembly;

^{11/} Resolution 2626 (XXV).

12. Affirms that the General Assembly and other relevant bodies should also consider biennially the progress achieved in the promotion of the full equality of women with men in all spheres of life in accordance with international standards and, in particular, the participation of women in political life and in international co-operation and the strengthening of international peace;

13. Expresses the hope that the Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System, which will consider the report of the Group of Experts on the Structure of the United Nations System entitled A New United Nations Structure for Global Economic Co-operation,^{12/} will take full account of the need to implement the World Plan of Action and related resolutions of the Conference, as well as the requirements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, and appeals to the Ad Hoc Committee to ensure that the machinery designed to deal with questions relating to women should be strengthened, taking into account, in particular, the role of the Commission on the Status of Women and the procedures established for the system-wide review and appraisal of the World Plan of Action;

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

15. Invites the Secretary-General to submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session on the measures taken to implement the World Plan of Action and related resolutions of the Conference, and on the progress achieved in initiating the procedures for the Plan's review and appraisal by Member States, the United Nations organs, the regional commissions, the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations concerned;

^{12/} E/AC.62/9 (United Nations publication, Sales No E.75.II.A.7).

16. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure, if possible within existing resources, that 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 in co-operation with all organizations of the United Nations system;

17. Further requests the Secretary-General, in the light of paragraph 16 above, to take into account the requirements of the World Plan of Action and related resolutions of the Conference in preparing revised estimates for 1977 and the medium-term plan for 1978-1981 and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session, in accordance with established procedures;

18. Urges all States, the organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, as well as the mass communications media, to give widespread publicity to the achievements and significance of the Conference at the national, regional and international levels;

19. Requests the Secretary-General, as a matter of high priority, to issue within existing resources, in the official languages of the United Nations, a simplified version of the World Plan of Action as a booklet, which would highlight the targets, goals and main recommendations for action by Governments, the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations and which would explain the relevance of the implementation of the Plan to the daily lives of men and women throughout the world;

20. Decides to convene in 1980, at the mid-term of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, a world conference of all States to review and evaluate the progress made in implementing the objectives of the International Women's Year as recommended by the World Conference of the International Women's Year and, where necessary, to readjust existing programmes in the light of new data and research available.

2441st plenary meeting
15 December 1975

3522 (XXX). IMPROVEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC STATUS OF WOMEN FOR
THEIR EFFECTIVE AND SPEEDY PARTICIPATION IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COUNTRIES

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that many women in low-income countries are engaged in various economic activities on a self-reliant basis not normally taken into account when considering the gross national product,

Convinced that the contribution of such economic activities by women to the overall national economic development is substantial,

Further convinced that credit facilities are a necessary prerequisite for the improvement of economic activities of women engaged in self-reliance projects,

Recognizing the continued benefits that can accrue from access to even moderate financial resources, when such become available,

Concerned that many lending and financial institutions continue to practice discrimination against women, considering them poor credit risks, and that local and national practices and customs in many parts of the world bar women from engaging in responsible financial transactions,

Reaffirming resolution 10, entitled "Access of women to financial assistance",^{1/} adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975,

1. Urges Governments and governmental and non-governmental organizations to support more vigorously official and private efforts to extend to women the facilities now being offered only to men by financial and lending institutions;

2. Requests Governments to encourage all efforts by women's organizations, co-operatives and lending institutions which will enable women at the lowest level in rural and urban areas to obtain credit and loans to improve their economic activities and integration in national development;

3. Urges Governments and the organizations of the United Nations development system, including specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations, to incorporate, in their training programmes, workshops and seminars, courses designed to improve the efficiency of women in business and financial management.

1/ Ibid., chap. III.

3523 (XXX). WOMEN IN RURAL AREAS

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3276 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, in which it decided to consider at its thirtieth session an item entitled "International Women's Year, including the proposals and recommendations of the Conference of the International Women's Year",

Taking into account resolution 21 1/ adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, the principles contained in the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and Their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975, 2/ the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year 3/ and the relevant resolutions bearing on the contribution of women to equality, peace and development,

Realizing the importance of adherence to the recommendations of the World Plan of Action, especially those related to women in rural and low-income areas,

Considering the vital role rural women play, not only within the family unit but also in the process of national development, through agriculture and particularly through food production and distribution,

Bearing in mind that in many parts of the world illiteracy, lack of education and training, inadequate distribution of human and economic resources, and severe unemployment, and underemployment problems for women have hindered them from contributing fully to national development efforts,

Convinced that the struggle for development is a primary responsibility of all peoples and Governments, taking into account the principles of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States 4/

1/ Ibid.

2/ Ibid., chapter I.

3/ Ibid., chapter II, section A.

4/ Resolution 3281 (XXIX).

and the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,^{5/}

Noting the need for both quantitative and qualitative data on the position of women and their role in all rural activities,

Noting also the activities relating to rural women undertaken to date by the United Nations bodies and specialized agencies concerned,

Noting further the need for co-ordinated and systematic examination of the situation of rural women and their role in all rural activities,

1. Urges all Governments to accord, within their respective plans, higher priority for:

(a) Gathering relevant data on the status and role of women in rural and low-income areas;

(b) Achieving socioeconomic conditions based on the realization of the full and equal partnership of men and women in the development of society, both in law and in fact;

(c) Promoting agricultural productivity, agrobased industries and integrated rural development programmes;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare and submit, through the Economic and Social Council, on the basis of the views of relevant United Nations bodies and specialized agencies as well as those of Governments, guidelines for non-formal educational programmes designed to enable rural women to use fully their capabilities and to contribute to the development of society;

3. Urges United Nations organizations, specialized agencies, regional commissions and international financial institutions to accord special attention to government programmes and projects aimed at the full integration of rural women in development;

^{5/} Resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

4. Urges all Governments to develop extensive training programmes relevant to women and to make full use of all existing and proposed research institutes and centres, particularly the regional and international institutes and centres for the advancement of women in rural areas;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States and the specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, to report to the General Assembly biennially on the progress achieved in connexion with the work referred to in the previous paragraphs.

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15 December 1975

3524 (XXX). MEASURES FOR THE INTEGRATION OF
WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3010 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 in which it proclaimed the year 1975 International Women's Year,

Recalling also its resolution 3503 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, adopted on the recommendation of the Second Committee,

Having considered the report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year,^{1/} held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, which contains the resolutions adopted by the Conference ^{2/} and the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,^{3/}

Noting that the World Plan of Action set forth guidance on action programmes for the integration of women in development,

Recalling its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, in which the General Assembly included among the objectives of the Strategy the full integration of women in the total development effort, and recalling also that the majority of the specialized agencies, other United Nations bodies and Member States have already advocated similar action, as have individual donor agencies,

Recalling that, in its resolution 3342 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, it invited the United Nations system to provide increased assistance to those programmes, projects and activities that will encourage and promote the further integration of women in national, regional and interregional economic development activities,

^{1/} United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1.

^{2/} Ibid., chapter III.

^{3/} Ibid., chapter II, section A.

Recommends that all organs of the United Nations development system, including the United Nations Development Programme and the specialized agencies, and other international technical and financial assistance programmes and agencies should:

(a) Give sustained attention to the integration of women in the formulation, design and implementation of development projects and programmes;

(b) Assist Governments that so request to incorporate in their development plans, their programme and sector analyses and their programme and project documents an impact statement of how such proposed programmes will affect women as participants and beneficiaries.

2441st plenary meeting
15 December 1975

31/137. PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR 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,

Recalling further that in its resolution 31/136 of 16 December 1976 it endorsed the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women,

Noting that it decided at its thirtieth session that the voluntary fund for the International Women's Year, established by Economic and Social Council resolution 1850 (LVI) of 16 May 1974, should be extended to cover the period of the Decade,

Aware that in its resolution 31/133 of 16 December 1976 it adopted the criteria and arrangements for the management of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women,

Conscious that, in its resolution 31/135 of 16 December 1976 concerning the establishment of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, it requested the Secretary-General to seek actively financial and technical support for the Institute,

1. Reaffirms its support for the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,^{1/} adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, as well as the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to convene during the thirty-second session of the General Assembly, in 1977, a pledging

1/ Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year (United Nations publication, Sales No. E: 76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

conference for voluntary contributions to be made to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women, for the purpose of financing programmes under the World Plan of Action and the Programme for the Decade, and to the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

3. Appeals to Governments to extend their full co-operation to help make this pledging conference a success.

102nd plenary meeting
16 December 1976

31/175. EFFECTIVE MOBILIZATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3505 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the integration of women in the development process,

Recalling further the United Nations regional seminar on the theme "The participation of women in economic, social and political development: obstacles that hinder their integration", held at Buenos Aires from 22 to 30 March 1976,^{1/}

Reaffirming the importance of the role of women in all aspects of economic and social development and their contribution to the establishment of the new international economic order,

Recognizing that women, especially those at the lower socioeconomic levels, are among the most disadvantaged groups of society,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the integration of women in the development process;^{2/}

2. Urges Member States to implement the recommendations set out in General Assembly resolution 3505 (XXX), to facilitate the equal participation of women with men in all development efforts and, in particular to ensure that women have equal access to political parties, trade unions, training, especially in agriculture, co-operatives, and credit and loan systems, as well as equal opportunities to participate in policy-making in the economic field, in commerce and trade and in the advanced efforts of industry;

3. Further urges the relevant organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen their support of development programmes or projects relating to women;

^{1/} See ST/ESA/SER.B/9.

^{2/} A/31/205 and Corr.1.

4. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report for submission to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session on the effective mobilization of women for development, particularly in the areas referred to in paragraph 2 above, in collaboration with the relevant organizations within the United Nations system - especially the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the World Bank and the regional commissions - and the relevant non-governmental organizations, which should include an evaluation of the extent to which their programmes benefit women.

106th plenary meeting
21 December 1976

31/133. VOLUNTARY FUND FOR 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,

Recalling also that it decided at its thirtieth session that the voluntary fund for the International Women's Year, established by Economic and Social Council resolution 1850 (LVI) of 16 May 1974, should be extended to cover the period of the Decade,^{1/}

Aware that some countries, particularly the least developed ones, have limited financial resources for carrying out their national plans and programmes for the advancement of women and for the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year ^{2/} adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975,

Recognizing the necessity for continuing financial and technical support for these programmes,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Voluntary Fund for the Decade,^{3/}

1. Adopts the following criteria and arrangements for the management of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women:

^{1/} See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No 34 (A/10034), items 75 and 76, p. 100.

^{2/} United Nations publication, Sales No E.76.IV.1, chap. II, sect. A.

^{3/} E/5773.

(a) Criteria:

The resources of the Fund should be utilized to supplement activities in the following areas designed to implement the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, priority being given to the related programmes and projects of the least developed, land-locked and island countries among developing countries:

- (i) Technical co-operation activities;
- (ii) Development and/or strengthening of regional and international programmes;
- (iii) Development and implementation of joint interorganizational programmes;
- (iv) Research, data collection and analysis, relevant to (i), (ii) and (iii) above;
- (v) Communication support and public information activities designed to promote the goals of the Decade and, in particular, the activities undertaken under (i), (ii) and (iii) above;
- (vi) In the selection of projects and programmes, special consideration should be given to those which benefit rural women, poor women in urban areas and other marginal groups of women, especially the disadvantaged;

(b) Arrangements

The General Assembly endorses the arrangements for the future management of the Fund contained in the annex to the present resolution;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to consult the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the use of the Fund for technical co-operation activities;

3. Requests the President of the General Assembly to select, with due regard to regional distribution, in the first instance for a period of three years, five Member States, each of which should appoint a representative to serve on the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women to advise the Secretary-General on the application to the use of the Fund of the criteria set forth in paragraph 1 above;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report annually to the General Assembly on the management of the Fund.

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ANNEX

Arrangements for the management of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women

1. The Secretary-General shall apply the following arrangements for the management of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women:

I. Solicitation and acknowledgement of pledges and the collection of contributions

2. The Controller, in consultation with the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, shall determine the responsibility and procedures for soliciting voluntary contributions to the Fund.

3. Any prospective donor desiring to make a voluntary contribution to the Fund shall submit a written proposal to the Secretary-General; the request for acceptance should contain all relevant information, including the amount of the proposed contribution, the currency and the timing of payments, and may indicate the purposes and any action expected of the United Nations.

4. The proposal, with the comments inter alia of the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, shall be forwarded to the Controller, who shall determine whether or not any proposed gift or donation might directly or indirectly involve additional financial liability for the Organization. Before acceptance of any gift or donation involving such liability, the Controller shall request and obtain the approval of the General Assembly through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

5. The Controller shall acknowledge all pledges and shall determine the bank account or accounts in which contributions to the Fund should be deposited; he shall be responsible for collecting contributions and following up on payments of contributions pledged.

6. The Controller may accept contributions in any national currency donated for the purpose of the Fund.

II. Operations and control

7. The Controller shall ensure that the operation and control of the Fund shall be in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations; he may delegate responsibility for the operation and administration of the Fund to the heads of departments or offices designated by the Secretary-General to execute activities financed by the Fund; only officials so designated may authorize the execution of specific activities to be financed by the Fund.

8. Subject to the criteria for disbursements from the Fund endorsed by the General Assembly, the Controller may, after consultation with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, allocate resources of the Fund to a specialized agency or another United Nations body for the execution of projects financed by the Fund; in such an event, the administrative procedures of the executing body would apply, subject to such provisions for periodic reporting as the Controller may specify. Before making disbursements for technical co-operation activities, the Controller should consult the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

9. In respect of activities conducted by the United Nations, requests for allotments of funds shall be submitted to the Controller by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, accompanied by such supporting information as the Controller may require. After review, allotments to provide for expenditures of the funds received shall be issued by the Director of the Budget Division, and certifying officers for the Fund shall be designated by the Controller in accordance with established procedures.

10. The Controller shall be responsible for the reporting of all financial transactions concerning the Fund and shall issue quarterly statements of assets, liabilities and unencumbered Fund balance, income and expenditure.

11. The Fund shall be audited by both the Internal Audit Service and the Board of Auditors, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations.

III. Reporting

12. An annual report showing funds available, pledges and payments received and the expenditures made from the Fund shall be prepared by the Controller and submitted to the General Assembly and, as appropriate, to the Commission on the Status of Women.

31/134. IMPROVEMENT OF THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN IN EDUCATION

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women 1/ emphasizes the need to take all appropriate measures to ensure to women equal rights with men in education at all levels,

Recalling further its resolutions 3520 (XXX), 3521 (XXX), 3522 (XXX), 3523 (XXX) and 3524 (XXX) of 15 December 1975,

Recognizing that the full and complete development of a country requires the maximum participation of women on equal terms with men in all fields,

Recognizing also the necessity for women to have equal rights, opportunities and obligations with men, particularly in the fields of education and professional and vocational training, to enable their full participation in the process of development,

Recognizing further the importance of promoting the education of women and its impact on the rearing of the young generation,

Noting that, despite the world-wide progress in reducing illiteracy, the illiteracy rate for women far exceeds that of men and, in some cases, continues to rise,

Recognizing the importance of exchange of experience in the elimination of illiteracy and improvement of the educational standard of women at the national, regional and international levels,

1. Appeals to all States which have not yet done so to become parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education, 2/ elaborated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and to the Discrimination (Employment and Occupation)

1/ General Assembly resolution 2263 (XXII).

2/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 429, p. 93.

Convention, 1958 3/ and the Human Resources Development Convention, 1975, 4/ elaborated by the International Labour Organisation;

2. Calls upon States to undertake, whenever necessary, in their economic, social and cultural programmes, specific short-term and long-term measures aimed at improving the status and role of women in education, bearing in mind the following:

(a) The provisions of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women;

(b) The provisions of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year 5/ concerning education and training, particularly with respect to an increase in literacy and equal access of women at every level of education, as well as the provisions of the Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education, 1960, and the appropriate recommendation concerning technical and vocational education of the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organization, and the provisions of the Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958, the Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 and the appropriate recommendations concerning discrimination (employment and occupation), employment (women with family responsibilities) and human resources development of the International Labour Organisation;

3. Calls upon States, whenever necessary, to undertake all possible measures to eliminate illiteracy among women, especially during the United Nations Decade for Women,

4. Calls upon States which have not yet done so to consider undertaking all appropriate measures;

3/ International Labour Organisation, Conventions and Recommendations, 1919-1966 (Geneva, 1966), Convention No 111.

4/ International Labour Office, Official Bulletin, vol. LVIII, 1975, Series A, No 1, Convention No 142.

5/ See Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year (United Nations publication, Sales No E.76.IV.1), chapter II, section A.

(a) To introduce free and compulsory education at the elementary level and, where possible, free education at all levels, including professional, vocational and technical education, which should be accessible to women without discrimination;

(b) To promote co-education;

(c) To ensure that men and women have access on a footing of equality to scholarships and other study grants when these are provided nationally or are made available to States under bilateral or multilateral agreements;

5. Recommends that States should introduce measures to expand the exchange of experience on issues concerning the improvement of the status and role of women in education, particularly through courses, seminars and symposiums organized at the national, regional and international levels;

6. Invites Member States, as well as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Labour Organisation and other organizations of the United Nations system, including regional commissions, and interested intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to submit to the Secretary-General their observations concerning the improvement of the status and role of women in education;

7. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Directors-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Labour Organisation and taking into account the comments and observations received under paragraph 6 above, to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session a report on the status and role of women in education;

8. Decides to consider the report of the Secretary-General at its thirty-third session.

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31/135. INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975,

Noting the recommendations made by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1998 (LX) of 12 May 1976,

Noting also the report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved towards the establishment of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,^{1/}

1. Endorses the decision of the Economic and Social Council to create an International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

2. Endorses the guidelines set out in Economic and Social Council resolution 1998 (LX) regarding the activities of the Institute, in particular the necessary close collaboration with the regional centres and institutes which have similar objectives;

3. Accepts with appreciation the offer of the Government of Iran to act as host for the Institute;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to expedite the substantive preparations for the early establishment of the Institute and to this end to seek actively financial resources through voluntary contributions as well as technical support for it;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-second session on the progress achieved.

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31/136. UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN

The General Assembly,

Considering that in its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 it proclaimed the period from 1976 to 1985 United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be devoted to effective and sustained national, regional and international action to implement the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year 1/ and related resolutions 2/ adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975,

Aware of the importance of developing and implementing without delay a programme of concrete action for the Decade,

Considering further its decision to convene in 1980 a world conference to review and evaluate progress made and, where necessary, readjust existing programmes in the light of new data and research available,

Noting with satisfaction the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women as adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session and transmitted to the General Assembly by the Economic and Social Council at its resumed sixty-first session, 3/

1. Approves the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women, which focuses on the first half of the Decade, 1976 to 1980;
2. Urges Governments and United Nations bodies to take all necessary steps to give effect to the Programme for the Decade and to give it priority in view of the real need to attain the goals of the Decade;

1/ United Nations publication, Sales N° E.76.IV.1, chap. II, sect. A.
2/ Ibid., chap. III.
3/ E/5894.

3. Calls upon Governments to take measures to ensure equal and effective participation of women in political, economic, social and cultural life and in policy-making at local, national, regional and international levels, thereby increasing their role in international co-operation and in the strengthening of peace;

4. Recommends that Governments should establish machinery, where appropriate, which could include governmental and non-governmental agencies, bureaux and commissions, in order to ensure the effective implementation and evaluation of the World Plan of Action and of the Programme for the Decade within the framework of national development plans and regional policies;

5. Recommends further that Governments, in co-operation with the Secretary-General, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions, appropriate regional and international research centres and institutes as well as appropriate intergovernmental bodies, should undertake the organization of training courses and seminars whereby officials responsible for the formulation and implementation of national development plans would study multidisciplinary techniques and methods which can be utilized in effectively integrating women in development;

6. Invites, as a matter of priority, Governments and organizations and bodies of the United Nations system as well as all governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned and the mass media to undertake massive public information programmes with a view to making all sectors of the population aware of the need to implement fully the Programme for the Decade;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to take fully into account the financial and staff needs required to implement effectively the World Plan of Action and the Programme for the Decade;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, a report on the measures taken to implement the present resolution, in particular paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 above, as well as a progress report on other measures taken to implement the World Plan of Action and the Programme for the Decade.

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32/136. DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST WOMEN

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/136 of 16 December 1976, in which the General Assembly, inter alia, approved the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women, which entails the adoption by the Assembly of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and its entry into force during the first half of the Decade, between 1976 and 1980,

Convinced that the adoption of that Convention and its entry into force will contribute to the implementation of the principal objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, and to the realization of the principles of equality between men and women,

Noting the work done in 1976 by the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session with a view to the elaboration of the draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2053 (LXII) of 12 May 1977, in which the Council requested the General Assembly to take up consideration of the draft Convention as a matter of urgency at the outset of its thirty-second session with a view to its adoption at that session,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Working Group of the Third Committee on the draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women;1/

2. Recommends that a working group should be established at the beginning of the thirty-third session to continue consideration of the articles which have not been completed during the current session;

1/ A/C.3/32/L.59.

3. Expresses the hope that the draft Convention will be adopted during the thirty-third session of the General Assembly;

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-third session, as a matter of high priority, an item entitled "Draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women".

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16 December 1977

32/137. INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR
THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/135 of 16 December 1976, by which it decided to establish an International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1998 (LX) of 15 May 1976 concerning the same question,

Recalling further the reports of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved towards the establishment of the Institute, submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session 1/ and to the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth and sixty-second sessions, 2/

Convinced that the early establishment of the Institute will contribute substantially to the realization of the objectives of the World Plan of Action and the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women, 3/

Noting the preparation already undertaken by the Secretary-General for the establishment of the Institute,

Considering that those preparations should be actively continued and that a preliminary draft document describing the structure and composition of the Institute should be prepared not later than April 1978,

1. Notes the efforts made thus far by the Secretary-General with a view to the establishment of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue those efforts and to prepare, in consultation with the competent bodies of the host country, the competent organs and institutions of the United

1/ A/31/310.

2/ E/5772 and E/5926.

3/ Report of the World Conference on the International Women's Year (United Nations publication, Sales No: E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

Nations system and the regional commissions concerned, a draft document describing the structure, composition, responsibilities, and programme of the Institute, as well as the co-ordination of the activities of the Institute with those of the organizations concerned, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the regional commissions and the regional research centres for the advancement of women, having regard to the recommendations of the Group of Experts set forth in the report submitted by the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth session;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-fourth session on the progress achieved towards the establishment of the Institute, including substantive and administrative preparations, and to submit to it for consideration and adoption the draft document referred to in paragraph 2 above.

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16 December 1977

32/138. INTERAGENCY PROGRAMME FOR 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, to be devoted to effective and sustained national, regional and international action to implement the World Plan of Action and related resolutions of the World Conference of the International Women's Year.^{1/}

Recalling further that at its thirty-first session, in its resolution 31/136 of 16 December 1976, it approved the Programme for the Decade, which focussed on the first half of the Decade, 1976 to 1980,

Noting that the joint interagency programme for the integration of women in development, whose establishment was called for in paragraph 5 (b) of General Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX), has become an interagency programme for the United Nations Decade for Women based on the implementation of the World Plan of Action, for the formulation of which the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs serves as focal point,

Noting further that this programme was drawn up in July 1977 in the context of the conceptual framework and the co-ordination of ongoing activities and planned activities of the agencies concerned,

Noting further that this programme, which should be brought up to date every two years, is currently the subject of a study which is to be considered by the special interagency meeting on the United Nations Decade for Women to be held in July 1978 with a view to preparing for the World Conference,

^{1/} Report of the World Conference on the International Women's Year (United Nations publication, Sales No: E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

1. Notes the measures already taken by the Secretary-General for the implementation of the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women;

2. Emphasizes that constant and increasing efforts must be made at the national, regional and international levels to attain the objectives of the Decade;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with all the participating agencies and organizations of the United Nations, to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, the study of the interagency programme accompanied by the observations formulated by the Council with regard to it;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General to transmit to Governments every two years the study of the interagency programme for the Decade;

5. Urges the participating agencies and organizations of the United Nations system to identify and undertake as quickly as possible projects to be executed jointly.

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32/139. PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS
DECADE FOR WOMEN

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/137 of 16 December 1976, in which it requested the Secretary-General to convene during the thirty-second session of the General Assembly a pledging conference for contributions to be made to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women and to the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Noting with satisfaction the results of the first Pledging Conference for the United Nations Decade for Women, held at the Headquarters of the United Nations on 8 November 1977,

Convinced that the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women, if it is to be fully effective, must be translated into the greatest possible number of projects and programmes at the national, regional and interregional levels,

Also convinced that the speedy establishment of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women will contribute substantially to the attainment of the research and training objectives of the World Plan of Action,

1. Expresses its thanks to the Secretary-General for having convened the first Pledging Conference for the United Nations Decade for Women;

2. Expresses its warm thanks to those countries which have already contributed, those which have pledged contributions and those which have expressed their intention of contributing to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women and/or to the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to convene during the thirty-third session of the General Assembly a second pledging conference for voluntary contributions for the purpose of financing;

(a) The Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women;

(b) The International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General to organize an information campaign with a view to stimulating the interest of Governments, organizations and individuals likely to contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.

105th plenary meeting
16 December 1977

32/140. WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
DECADE FOR WOMEN

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in paragraph 20 of which it decided to convene at the mid-term of the United Nations Decade for Women a world conference to review and evaluate the progress made in implementing the objectives of the International Women's Year as recommended by the World Conference of the International Women's Year and, where necessary, to readjust existing programmes in the light of new data and research available,

Recalling further that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1999 (LX) of 12 May 1976, requested the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session to consider different aspects of the preparatory work for the World Conference of the Decade, including its agenda, and also decided to consider at its sixty-fourth session, in the spring of 1978, the preparatory work for the Conference,

Recalling also that, in accordance with the request of the Council, the Commission on the Status of Women has considered various aspects of the material preparations and the organization of the Conference as well as the implications of the Conference for the programme budget, bearing in mind a note by the Secretary-General,^{1/}

Recalling further that the Council, at its sixty-second session, adopted resolution 2062 (LXII) of 12 May 1977, in which it:

(a) Requested the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-seventh session to give the highest priority to the consideration of the preparatory work for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women;

^{1/} E/CN.6/600.

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to prepare for the consideration of the Commission at its twenty-seventh session a report outlining a programme of concrete action for the second half of the Decade;

(c) Decided to establish, not later than June 1978, a preparatory committee to make recommendations concerning the substantive and organizational arrangements for the Conference;

(d) Invited the regional commission to consider ways and means of contributing effectively to the Conference;

Noting that preliminary exchanges of views on the preparatory work for the Conference have also taken place in the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination at the two special interagency meetings held in September 1976 and July 1977, which were brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session and will be brought to its attention at its twenty-seventh session,

1. Accepts the offer of the Government of Iran to act as host to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women;

2. Notes that the Conference will in principle be held at Teheran in May 1980 and will cover a period of two weeks;

3. Decides that the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, the establishment of which is called for in Economic and Social Council resolution 2062 (LXII), shall be held at the Headquarters of the United Nations in June 1978;

4. Also notes the efforts made thus far by the Secretary-General and the Commission on the Status of Women with a view to undertaking the preparatory work for the Conference;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the work of the Preparatory Committee during its first session.

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16 December 1977

32/141. VOLUNTARY FUND FOR THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision to extend the activities of the Voluntary Fund for the International Women's Year, established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1850 (LVI) of 16 May 1974, to cover the period of the United Nations Decade for Women,^{1/}

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

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the management of the Fund submitted to it at its thirty-second session,^{2/}

1. Notes with satisfaction the decisions taken by the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women at its first two sessions, held in March and June 1977;^{3/}

2. Expresses the hope that the projects which the Consultative Committee has already approved will be implemented as soon as possible;

3. Urges the specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies concerned, including the United Nations Development Programme, to assist the regional commissions in formulating projects drawn up in connexion with the United Nations Decade for Women, with a view to submitting them to the Consultative Committee;

4. Also urges the specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies concerned, including the United Nations Development Programme, to co-operate closely with the Consultative Committee with a view to developing programmes which will contribute to the advancement of women;

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No 34 (A/10034), p. 100, item 76.

^{2/} A/32/174.

^{3/} A/32/174, sect. II.

5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to report annually on the management of the Fund and:

(a) To include in such report a summary of the projects selected by the Consultative Committee for financing by the Fund;

(b) To submit periodically to the General Assembly progress reports on the execution of such projects.

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16 December 1977

32/142. 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

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3519 (XXX) and 3521 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 and 31/136 of 16 December 1976,

Taking into account that secure peace and social progress, the establishment of the new international economic order as well as the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms require the active participation of women, their equality and development,

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,

Emphasizing its grave concern that in some regions of the world colonialism, apartheid, racial discrimination and aggression continue to exist and territories are still occupied, which represents a most serious infringement of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of human rights of both women and men, and of the peoples' right to self-determination,

Reaffirming the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women, the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and Their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975 1/ and the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year, 2/

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3519 (XXX); 3/

1/ Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year (United Nations publication, Sales No E.76.IV.1), chap. I.

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

3/ A/32/211.

2. Calls upon all State to continue to make their contribution to creating favourable conditions for the elimination of discrimination against women and for their full and equal participation in the social development process and to encourage broad participation of women in the effort to strengthen international peace, extend the process of international détente, curb the arms race and take measures for disarmament;

3. Seizes the occasion of the International Anti-Apartheid Year to be observed in 1978 to invite all States fully to support women exposed to colonialism, racism and apartheid in their just struggle against the racist regimes in southern Africa;

4. Invites all States to proclaim, in accordance with their historical and national traditions and customs, any day of the year as United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace and to inform the Secretary-General thereon;

5. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women to consider, as a contribution to the preparation of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1980, the elaboration of 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 and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-fourth session;

6. Invites the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session a progress report on the implementation of resolution 3519 (XXX);

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session, under the item "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace", a subitem entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 3519 (XXX): report of the Secretary-General".

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33/184. 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 resolution 31/134 of 16 December 1976 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1978/30 and 1978/32 of 5 May 1978,

Recognizing the 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,

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

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status and role of women in education,^{1/}

1. Urges States to take the 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. Invites Member States to give in their reports, which are to be submitted in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolutions 1325 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968 and 1677 (LII) of 2 June 1972, and General Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, the fullest possible information on their experience in the improvement of the status and role of women in education and in the economic and social fields and its impact on the achievement of the equality of women with men;

^{1/} A/33/214.

4. Invites specialized agencies and regional commissions as well as other interested intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to submit their observations concerning the ways and means for the improvement of the status and role of women in education and in the economic and social fields, on the basis of existing studies and field experience in projects, as well as the conclusions of seminars and symposiums held on such subjects;

5. Requests specialized agencies, regional commissions and other interested organizations of the United Nations system to organize seminars and meetings and to make studies on ways and means for the improvement of the status of women in education and in the economic and social fields;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare an analytical report on the status and role of women in education and in the economic and social fields, based on the material received under paragraphs 3 and 4 above as well as on various existing studies and research, for consideration at its thirty-fourth session;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to bear in mind the content of the present resolution in preparing documentation for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be held in 1980.

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33/185. PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF THE SUBTHEME OF EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH AND EDUCATION

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, inter alia, 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, and requested the Secretary-General to invite the regional commissions to convene preparatory meetings and seminars,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/32 of 5 May 1978, in which the Council recommended the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education" for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, and invited Member States to submit reports on national experience, which would include specific information on projects related to these three fields,

Bearing in mind that women will not be able to play an equal and effective role in the process of development unless they have equal opportunities for education and employment and have the health care facilities and social atmosphere necessary for the utilization of these opportunities,

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

Recognizing that intensification of international co-operation for accelerated economic and social progress in developing countries, through the establishment of the new international economic order, is an essential means for the progressive integration of women in the development process,

1. Decides upon the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education" for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, whose purpose will continue to be a review and evaluation of the progress made in the first half of the Decade, and to recommend a programme, with necessary changes and readjustments in the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Year,^{1/} for the second half of the Decade, in order to attain its objectives of equality, development and peace;

2. Recommends, therefore, that the Conference should place emphasis on elaborating action-oriented plans for integrating women into the developmental process, particularly by promoting economic activities and employment opportunities on an equal footing with men through, inter alia, the provision of adequate health and educational facilities, and that the preparatory work for the Conference should take this into account;

3. Invites the regional commissions, the International Labour Organization, the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and any other United Nations agency concerned to review progress made as well as constraints and specific problems encountered in their technical and operational areas in the achievement of the aims and objectives of the Decade, and to suggest appropriate programmes for the second half of the Decade, with special emphasis on the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education", in co-operation with each other wherever feasible, to the regional preparatory meetings if possible, or for the Conference;

1/ Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year (United Nations publication, Sales No E.76.IV.1), chap. II, section A.

4. Requests regional preparatory meetings to suggest appropriate programmes for the second half of the Decade, through a review and evaluation of the progress made and obstacles encountered, in the first half of the Decade, with special emphasis on the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education", taking into account the following broad approaches:

(a) Technical co-operation;

(b) Research, data collection and analysis, including the strengthening of existing arrangements at the regional level to collect qualitative and quantitative data on the conditions and problems of women, especially relating to their employment and educational status;

(c) Dissemination of information to eliminate stereotyped concepts of masculine and feminine roles, and exchange of information about projects related to the objectives of the Decade;

5. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To prepare a report for the Conference on the problems encountered, and the status and future role of both urban and rural women in the areas of employment and participation in economic life, especially at the policy-making level, education and technical and other kinds of training, and health, nutrition and family planning, basing it on the information received in response to his questionnaire on review and evaluation of progress in the first half of the Decade, and on any other information available to him, including that received from Member States in response to Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/32;

(b) To take the above-mentioned information as well as the recommendations of regional preparatory meetings, the regional commissions and United Nations agencies into account in preparing documents related to item 9 of the provisional agenda adopted in its resolution 33/189 for the Conference;

(c) To draw the attention of Member States to the present resolution, and to circulate it also to the regional commissions and relevant United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, and to regional preparatory meetings and seminars held to prepare for the Conference.

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33/186. RATIONALIZATION OF THE REPORTING SYSTEM ON THE STATUS
OF WOMEN

The General Assembly,

Recalling the existing biennial reporting system on the implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women 1/ and related instruments under Economic and Social Council resolutions 1325 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968 and 1677 (LII) of 2 June 1972,

Recalling further that, in accordance with its resolution 3490 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, entitled "Implementation of the World Plan of Action adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year" and its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, reporting procedures have been established and are being carried out for biennial system-wide reviews and appraisals of the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year 2/ and of progress made under the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,3/

Reaffirming Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/28 of 24 May 1978, in which the Council, inter alia, recommended an integration of the reporting systems of the aforementioned resolutions,

Recognizing the importance of such reports for the review of the progress achieved in the promotion of the full equality of women with men in all spheres of life,

Noting with concern that the responses received to the requests for information on the basis of the above-mentioned resolutions have been insufficient in number and also often overlap in their coverage, as shown in the reports submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-seventh session,4/

1/ Resolution 2263 (XXII).

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

3/ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

4/ See E/1978/32.

Underlining the desirability for all Member States to submit such reports,

Bearing in mind the burden placed upon Governments when complying separately with the requests in the aforementioned resolutions,

Convinced that there is a need for rationalization of the reporting systems referred to in the first and second preambular paragraphs above,

1. Decides to integrate the reporting systems outlined in the aforementioned resolutions into a single system, and to review the new reporting system in the light of further developments;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to review in order to simplify, if possible, the contents of the questionnaires forwarded to Member States, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, in the context of the integrated reporting system, paying particular attention to regional requirements selecting evaluation criteria which take account of regional disparities;

3. Urges Member States, when preparing their reports, to make use of national machinery established to promote the advancement of women and of the views of the appropriate national non-governmental organizations;

4. Further requests that the Secretary-General, in compiling reports based on governmental replies on the progress achieved in the improvement of the status of women, provide analytical comments on obstacles encountered and policies for future action, including, if possible, comparative surveys on development within each region.

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33/187. INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The General Assembly.

Recalling its resolutions 31/135 of 16 December 1976 and 32/137 of 16 December 1977 concerning the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 1/ submitted in application of Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/25 of 5 May 1978 and the preparations made by the Secretariat towards the establishment of the Institute on the administrative, substantive and financial levels,

Noting the results achieved by the 1978 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities which took place at Headquarters on 7 November 1978, as regards the Institute,

1. Thanks the Secretary-General for the efforts made towards the establishment of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue actively the necessary consultations concerning the agreement with the host country;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to proceed with the appointment of the Director and the members of the Board of Trustees;

4. Decides that, as soon as the members of the Board of Trustees are appointed, the Institute should start functioning as a body of the United Nations financed through voluntary contributions with the degree of autonomy necessary to ensure its efficient operation;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake and pursue all appropriate initiatives to attract voluntary contributions to finance the operations of the Institute;

1/ A/33/316 and A/C.5/33/34.

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1979 a report on the implementation of the present resolution, including a proposed programme of operations for the first two years together with the outline of a budget for the same period;

7. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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29 January 1979

33/188. VOLUNTARY FUND FOR THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN

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 32/141 of 16 December 1977,
in which the Secretary-General was requested to report annually
on the management of the Fund and to submit periodically to the
General Assembly progress reports on the execution of projects
financed by the Fund,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the
Voluntary Fund, 1/

1. Notes with satisfaction the decisions of the Consultative
Committee during its third 2/ and fourth sessions;

2. Also notes with satisfaction the progress of the regional
commissions in the formulation and execution of projects in the
fields of national development, planning, rural development,
training of trainers, appropriate technologies, small-scale business
and industries, and technical co-operation between developing
countries, including research and information services;

3. Requests the regional commissions concerned to proceed to
the recruitment of the second women's programme officer as recommended
by the Consultative Committee at its fourth session;

4. Urges the regional commissions to increase the numbers of
women employed in policy-making positions within their secretariats;

5. Expresses appreciation to the relevant organizations and
organs within the United Nations system for their co-operation at
the national and regional levels in formulating and executing projects
sponsored by the Fund;

1/ A/33/198, Add.1 and 2.

2/ Ibid., sect. II.

6. Expresses its appreciation to those countries which have already contributed, to those which have pledged contributions and to those which have expressed their intention of contributing to the Voluntary Fund;

7. Appeals to Member States to consider giving support to the Voluntary Fund, in order to assure availability of adequate resources for the long-term planning of its activities;

8. Further requests the Secretary-General:

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

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

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33/189. WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR
WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The General Assembly,

Recalling 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: Equality, Development and Peace,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2062 (LXII) of 12 May 1977, in which the Council decided to establish a preparatory committee to make recommendations concerning the substantive and organizational arrangements for the Conference,

Recalling further all the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions on substantive and administrative aspects of the preparatory work for the Conference.

1. Decides that the provisional agenda for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, shall be as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2. Further decides on the following organization of work for the Conference:

(a) Thirteen working days shall be allocated for the Conference;

(b) In addition to the plenary, there shall be two main committees, for which interpretation shall be provided in six languages;

(c) The general debate, to be held in plenary, shall be limited to fifteen minutes per speaker;

(d) The number of working groups required shall be decided upon by the Conference, on the understanding that one working group will have interpretation;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the documentation for the Conference will be made available and distributed six weeks before the Conference is convened, in accordance with United Nations practice;

4. Authorizes the Secretary-General, in preparing the substantive documentation for the Conference, to make use, as necessary, of the expertise of consultants;

5. Recommends to the executive heads of the specialized agencies concerned and other relevant parts of the United Nations system to prepare in a co-ordinated manner reports evaluating progress in substantive areas relating to the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that due account is taken of the recommendations on the rationalization of methods in the preparation of the questionnaire on the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,^{1/} in compliance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2060 (LXII) of 12 May 1977, and of the findings and conclusions emanating from all preparatory work for the Conference;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Conference will have at its disposal the documentation referred to in document E/CN.6/610 as well as in the relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to invite:

(a) All States to participate in the Conference;

(b) Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices in the capacity of observers, in accordance with Assembly resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974;

(c) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to attend the Conference as

^{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.

observers, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974.

(d) The United Nations Council for Namibia to participate in the Conference in its capacity as the Administering Authority for Namibia;

(e) The specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as other interested organizations of the United Nations system, to be represented at the Conference;

(f) Interested intergovernmental organizations to be represented by observers;

(g) Interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to be represented by observers who will have the right to submit written statements, in which connexion the Secretary-General of the Conference will provide a list of the non-governmental organizations which may address the Conference, for approval by the Preparatory Committee at its second session, on the understanding that the number will be limited and the duration of the speeches will be in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference;

9. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To appoint as soon as possible a Secretary-General for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, at the level of Assistant Secretary-General;

(b) To appoint the Secretary-General from outside the United Nations system and from a developing country;

(c) To ensure that the secretariat of the Conference, which shall be located at United Nations Headquarters, will be composed of a full-time Secretary-General, as well as the appropriate members of the Advancement of Women Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and the necessary additional staff for the preparation of the Conference, the secretariat to work in close co-operation with the Centre as a whole, which is the focal point of the activities of the Decade;

10. Also requests the Secretary-General to prepare draft rules of procedure for the Conference for submission to the Preparatory Committee at its second session, on the basis of the standard rules of procedure for United Nations conferences, taking into account the procedure adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, with respect to the composition of the Bureau;

11. Requests the Secretary General to invite the regional commissions to convene as early as possible in 1979 preparatory meetings and seminars in support of the aims and objectives of the World Conference, 1980.

12. Further requests the Secretary-General to invite the specialized agencies and other relevant parts of the United Nations system to convene sectoral meetings, as appropriate, and to participate actively in the preparation of the regional meetings;

13. Invites the regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the preparations for the regional meetings and to participate in those meetings wherever possible;

14. Authorizes the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subjects to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, to enter into commitments which, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 31/93 of 14 December 1976, it has determined are of a pressing and unforeseeable nature, arising out of extraordinary expenses for the Conference resulting from the decisions in paragraphs 2 to 8 of the present resolution and based on preliminary estimates appearing in annex IV of the report of the Preparatory Committee of the Conference (A/CONF.94/PC/4);

15. Decides that adequate financial resources shall be made available to ensure the successful preparation of the Conference for the last part of the biennium 1978-1979 and for the first part of the biennium 1980-1981 in order to provide necessary resources as soon as possible.

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Annex

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President and members of the Bureau of the Conference.
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
4. Adoption of the agenda.
5. Establishment of main committees and organization of work.
6. Credentials of representatives to the Conference:
 - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee;
7. Effects of apartheid on women in southern Africa:
 - (a) Review of the situation;
 - (b) Special measures for assistance to women in southern Africa.
8. Review and evaluation of the progress made and obstacles encountered in attaining the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, at the national, regional and international levels, from 1975 to 1980, in keeping with the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the objectives of the International Women's Year:
 - (a) Review and evaluation of progress made and obstacles encountered at the national level in attaining the minimum objectives set forth in paragraph 46 of the World Plan of Action;
 - (b) Review and evaluation of regional and global programmes of the United Nations system of organizations aimed at promoting the objectives of the Decade.

9. Programme of Action for the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, 1981-1985, designed to implement the World Plan of Action:

(a) National targets and strategies for women's

integration and participation in economic and social development with special emphasis on the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education":

(i) Planning and monitoring;

(ii) National machineries;

(b) Regional and international targets and strategies, taking into account the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education".

10. Adoption of the report of the Conference.

33/190. PREPARATION FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED
NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT
AND PEACE

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 31/194
of 22 December 1976,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled
"Work of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the
United Nations Decade for Women during its first session",^{1/}

Conscious of the need to fully prepare for the World Conference,

Requests the Secretary-General, in proceeding with the
arrangements for the preparation of the World Conference of the
United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,
to bear in mind paragraph 5 of its resolution 31/194 and to so
implement the move decided upon in that resolution as to ensure
the necessary preparations for the Conference and the effective
participation of the Advancement of Women Branch of the United
Nations Secretariat.

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^{1/} A/33/339 and Add.1.

33/191. VENUE OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in paragraph 20 of which it decided to convene at the mid-term of the United Nations Decade for Women a World Conference to review and evaluate the progress made in implementing the objectives of the International Women's Year 1/ as recommended by the World Conference of the International Women's Year and, where necessary, to readjust existing programmes in the light of new data and research available,

Noting with appreciation that the Government of Denmark has offered to act as host for the Conference,

Noting also with appreciation the offer of the Government of Costa Rica to act as host for the Conference,

Decides after being informed of the friendly and cordial understanding between the two countries offering to act as host for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace:

(a) To accept, with thanks, the offer of the Government of Denmark to act as host to the Conference;

(b) To hold the Conference in Copenhagen in 1980.

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29 January 1979

1/ Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year (United Nations publication, Sales No E.76.IV.1), chap.II, sect.A.

33/200. EFFECTIVE MOBILIZATION AND INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3317 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the mid-term review and appraisal of programmes in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 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, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Taking into consideration its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the World Conference of the International Women's Year which, inter alia, proclaimed the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Taking further into consideration its resolution 3505 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the integration of women in the development process and resolution 31/175 of 21 December 1976 on the effective mobilization of women in development,

Convinced of the substantial contribution of women to the over-all development of their countries,

Bearing in mind the preparations for the international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade,

Bearing in mind also the preparations for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women to be held in 1980,

1. Emphasizes the vital importance of the effective mobilization and integration of women in all sectors of development for the economic and social development of their countries;

2. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization of women in development;^{1/}

3. Requests urgently the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the regional commissions, the United Nations Children's Fund, the specialized agencies, in particular the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and the World Bank and other bodies of the United Nations system to prepare development-oriented studies relevant to their programmes of work, focusing on the impact of policies aimed at the effective mobilization and integration of women in the development process, on the overall development of their countries, with special emphasis on the developing countries, and on ways of promoting such policies, with a view to the early submission of these studies to the preparatory bodies referred to in paragraph 5 below and to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

4. Invites the Committee for Development Planning, in the framework of its further consideration of possible elements for an international development strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, to take into account the mobilization and integration of women in development;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to bring these studies to the attention of the Preparatory Committee for the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade and to the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women;

6. Requests further the Secretary-General, on the basis of the studies requested in paragraph 3 above, to submit a comprehensive report on the matter to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

^{1/} A/33/238 and Corr.1.

7. Invites Governments:

(a) To undertake measures with a view to enhancing the participation of women in all sectors of development at all levels;

(b) To include, when preparing and/or implementing development plans, policies and programmes aimed at facilitating the integration and participation of women in the development process of their countries;

(c) To include in their technical co-operation programmes, as appropriate, special programmes aimed at promoting the participation and integration of women in development.

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1940 (LVIII). REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE WORLD CONFERENCE
OF THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 9 (XXXI) of 3 March 1975,^{1/}

Considering the close co-operation that exists between the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women, and that in all its work the Commission on Human Rights has constantly borne in mind the enjoyment of equal rights by men and women,

Knowing that there are restraints on the enjoyment of human rights by women in many parts of the world,

Believing that the World Conference of the International Women's Year, to be held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, will focus world attention on these restraints and that, in its deliberations and conclusions, the Conference will suggest positive measures not only to remove such restraints but to further enhance the enjoyment of human rights by all,

Recognizing that it is important for the Commission on Human Rights to be in close touch with these deliberations and conclusions,

Designates Mrs. Rajan Mehru to attend, on behalf of the Commission on Human Rights, the World Conference of the International Women's Year.

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6 May 1975

^{1/} See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5635), chap. XXIII.

1928 (LVIII). EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN
IN THE TOTAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORT

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 establishing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, stressed that the full integration of women in the total development effort should be encouraged, and that article 5 of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development 1/ calls for the active participation of all elements of society in achieving the common goals of development,

Recalling further those declarations and instruments adopted by the United Nations acknowledging the equality of status of men and women, inter alia the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 2/ the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women 3/ and the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order 4/ adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth special session,

Considering that the General Assembly, in its resolution 2716 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, set forth a programme of concerted international action for the advancement of women,

Taking into account General Assembly resolution 3010 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, in which the Assembly proclaimed the year 1975 International Women's Year and decided to devote 1975 to intensified action to ensure the full integration of women in the total development effort, as well as to promote equality between men and women and to recognize the importance of women's increasing contribution to the development of friendly relations among States and to the strengthening of world peace,

1/ General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV).

2/ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

3/ General Assembly resolution 2263 (XXII).

4/ General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

Taking further into account General Assembly resolution 3342 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, in which the Assembly stressed the importance of fully integrating women in the national development process,

Noting that the General Assembly, in its resolutions 3275 (XXIX), 3276 (XXIX), and 3277 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, set forth in broad outline the measures to be taken in achieving the objectives of the International Women's Year and in convening the World Conference of the International Women's Year,

Noting further that the World Conference of the International Women's Year, to be held in Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, will be charged with preparing an international action plan which will address the subject of women in development,

1. Urges that appropriate measures be taken to assure the full participation of women in planning, decision-making and the implementation of all development programmes at all levels;

2. Urges further all those responsible for the preparation and implementation of national and international development programmes to make certain that women are given an opportunity to achieve their maximum potential as individuals and to make their maximum contribution to the economic, social and political development of their respective countries on the same terms as men, and that they receive their full share of the benefits of development;

3. Recommends that governments work towards the goals set forth above throughout the International Women's Year and the World Conference of the International Women's Year as part of a long-term sustained effort to integrate women fully into the development process at all levels.

1948th plenary meeting
6 May 1975

1942 (LVIII). POPULATION, THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND THE
INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that 1975 has been designated International Women's Year and that the World Conference of the International Women's Year is scheduled to be held from 19 June to 2 July 1975 at Mexico City,

Recalling that the World Population Conference emphasized the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development and adopted resolutions IV and XII on the status of women,^{1/} and that the World Population Plan of Action,^{2/} adopted by the Conference and endorsed by the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session,^{3/} correlates population factors with the status of women and the role of women in development.

Further recalling that the World Food Conference in its resolution VIII ^{4/} called on all Governments to involve women in the decision-making machinery for food production and nutrition policies as part of total development strategy and adopted resolution IX ^{4/} on the achievement of a desirable balance between population and food supply, and that thus the influence of socio-economic factors on the demographic process as well as the important role of women were emphasized,

Noting the importance accorded to the integration of women in development by the United Nations Development Programme at its nineteenth session, the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-fourth session, the International Forum on the Role of Women in Population and Development,^{5/} the regional consultation for Asia and the Far East and the regional seminar for Africa on the integration of women in development with special reference

^{1/} See E/CONF.60/19 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.75.XIII.3), chap. II.

^{2/} Ibid., chap. I.

^{3/} General Assembly resolution 3344 (XXIX).

^{4/} See E/CONF.65/20 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.75.II.A.3), chap. V.

^{5/} Held at United Nations Headquarters and at Airlie Foundation Conference Center, Airlie, Virginia, from 25 February to 1 March 1974 (see ST/ESA/SER.B/4).

to population factors, held respectively in May and June 1974, and the regional seminar for Latin America on the same subject, held in April and May 1975,

Further noting that the General Assembly, in its resolution 3342 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 entitled "Women and development", considered that further progress towards the full integration of women in development should be assisted by positive action from the United Nations system of organizations,

Recognizing the findings of the study of the Special Rapporteur on the interrelationship between the status of women and family planning 6/ submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-fifth session and to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session, and the implications of this interrelationship not only for the health and well-being of individual women but also for the social and economic progress of nations,

Further recognizing that equal status of men and women in the family and in society improves the overall quality of life and that this principle of equality should be fully realized in family planning where each spouse should consider the welfare of the other members of the family, and recognizing that improvement of the status of women in the family and in society can contribute, where desired, to smaller family size, and that the opportunity for women to plan births also improves their individual status,

Convinced that the time has now come for action to carry out the numerous important recommendations already agreed upon,

1. Urges United Nations Bodies, Member States and relevant non-governmental organizations, in observing the International Women's Year and participating in the World Conference of the International Women's Year, to take all appropriate action to ensure the recommendations relating to the status of women stated in the World Population Plan of Action 7/ and in resolutions IV, XII and XVII 8/ of the World Population Conference are implemented, and, in particular:

6/ E/CN.6/575 and Add.1-3.

7/ E/CONF.60/19 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.75.XIII.3), chap. I, paras. 32, 41, 42, 43 and 78.

8/ Ibid., chap. II.

(a) To achieve the full participation of women where it does not exist in the educational, social, economic and political life of their countries on an equal basis with men;

(b) To achieve equal rights, opportunities and responsibilities of men and women in the family and in society;

(c) To recommend that couples and individuals have access to the information, education, and means to enable them to decide freely and responsibly on the number and spacing of their children;

2. Requests United Nations bodies, within their fields of competence, including the regional commissions, in collaboration with Member States, in the implementation of both short-term and long-term population policies and programmes designed to carry out the recommendations of the World Population Plan of Action:

(a) To pay particular attention, in the monitoring of the progress being made in the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action to the evolving status of women, keeping in mind the mutual interaction among population factors, social and economic development and the status of women;

(b) To supply information to the Economic and Social Council on the measures taken pursuant to the present resolution.

1948th plenary meeting
6 May 1975

1959 (LIX). WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S YEAR

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3010 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1849 (LVI), 1850 (LVI) and 1851 (LVI) of 16 May 1974, on the proclamation of the year 1975 as International Women's Year, the programme for the Year, the establishment of a fund for the Year and the convening of an international conference as a focal point of the international observance of the Year,

Considering that the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, marked a turning point signalling decisive changes designed to improve the status of women,

Noting that the General Assembly, in its resolution 3276 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, requested the Conference to submit, if possible, such proposals and recommendations as it deemed appropriate to the General Assembly at its special session to be held in September 1975 and that it also decided to consider at its thirtieth regular session an item entitled "International Women's Year, including the proposals and recommendations of the Conference of the International Women's Year",

Considering that certain of the recommendations and resolutions of the Conference require urgent action,

Considering also that the Conference has stressed the need for adequate data and research on all aspects of the status of women,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Government and people of Mexico for their generous contribution to the success of the World Conference of the International Women's Year;

2. Takes note of the report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year,^{1/} and in particular of the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975,^{2/} and the

^{1/} E/Conf.66/34. Part one of the report in provisional form was transmitted to the Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5725), and the final report will be issued subsequently as a United Nations publication.

^{2/} E/5725, part one, sect. I.

World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year;^{3/}

3. Draws the attention of the General Assembly at its special session devoted to development and international economic co-operation to the proposals and recommendations of the Conference, especially those relating to women and development;

4. Recommends that the General Assembly should give due priority to the consideration at its thirtieth regular session of the report of the Conference and of the measures needed to implement the recommendations adopted and in particular the World Plan of Action, and should ensure that adequate budgetary provision is made for this purpose;

5. Urges Member States and all organizations of the United Nations system to take intensified and sustained action to achieve the full equality of men and women and to improve the quality of life for all human beings;

6. Recommends to the General Assembly that, in proclaiming 1975-1985 as the Decade for Women and Development,^{4/} it ensure that continuing action is taken at the national, regional and international levels throughout that period;

7. Invites governments to contribute to the voluntary fund established under Council resolution 1850 (LVI), in order to supplement the budgetary resources available for the implementation of the decisions of the Conference;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session on the establishment of the international research and training institute for the promotion of women.^{5/}

1976th plenary meeting
28 July 1975

3/ Ibid., sect. II.A.

4/ Ibid., para. 182.

5/ E/5725, part one, sect. III.26.

1998 (LX). THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING
INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the research and training needs indicated in several of the resolutions 1/ and in the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,2/ adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General 3/ based on the recommendations of the Group of Experts on the Establishment of an International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

1. Welcomes the recommendations of the Group of Experts on the Establishment of an International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;4/

2. Decides to establish not later than 1977, providing the necessary financial provisions are made, an International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women as an autonomous body under the auspices of the United Nations, funded through voluntary contributions;

3. Decides also on the following guidelines for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women:

(a) The Institute should work in close collaboration with all relevant organizations within the United Nations system, including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the United Nations University, the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development and national and regional centres and institutes which have similar objectives;

1/ See E/CONF.66/34 (United Nations publication, Sales No E.76.IV.1), chapter III.

2/ Ibid. chapter II, section A.

3/ E/5772.

4/ Ibid., paragraphs 4-23.

(b) The Institute should, taking fully into account the activities of the above-mentioned bodies as inputs to its work, co-ordinate its activities with theirs;

(c) The Institute should direct its activities with special attention to the needs of women in developing countries and their integration in the development process;

(d) The Institute should maintain close co-operation with the Commission on the Status of Women;

4. Decides further that the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women should develop its activities in stages, starting by building on the collection of already existing data on ongoing research and training needs;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in order to establish the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women as soon as possible:

(a) To prepare a time-table and undertake all other necessary administrative steps for the establishment of the Institute, if possible by 1977, the cost of which may be charged, as an interim measure, against the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women;

(b) To assign staff to undertake the substantive preparation for the establishment of the Institute, to make a survey of existing data and information prepared by United Nations organizations and other international, regional and national institutes;

(c) To seek actively financial and technical support from Member States, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Technical Assistance Programme, the specialized agencies, as well as from philanthropic and academic institutes, individuals and other possible sources;

6. Takes note with appreciation of the offer of the Government of Iran to act as host to the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to seek the most suitable location for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, taking into account accessibility, the availability of adequate accommodation, supportive institutions, personnel, and other services, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session on the progress achieved towards the establishment of the Institute.

2002nd plenary meeting
12 May 1976

1999 (LX). WORLD CONFERENCE ON THE UNITED NATIONS
DECADE FOR WOMEN, 1980

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which the Assembly decided, inter alia, to convene a world conference at the mid-point of the United Nations Decade for Women to review and evaluate the progress made in implementing the objectives of the International Women's Year,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 3490 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, recognized that a comprehensive and thorough review and appraisal of the progress made in meeting the goals of the World Plan of Action 1/ adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year is of crucial importance for the success of the Plan,

1. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session to consider different aspects of the preparatory work for the World Conference on the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980, including its agenda;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the relevant part of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its twenty-sixth session to the Committee on Review and Appraisal;

3. Decides to consider at its sixty-fourth session the preparatory work for the Conference on the basis of the deliberations of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on Review and Appraisal.

2002nd plenary meeting
12 May 1976

1/ E/CONF.66/34 (United Nations publications, Sales N° E.76.IV.1), chapter II, section A.

2005 (LX). VOLUNTARY FUND FOR THE UNITED NATIONS
DECADE FOR WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,
Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following
draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

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

"Recalling also that it decided at its thirtieth session that the
fund for voluntary contributions for the International Women's Year established
under Economic and Social Council resolution 1850 (LVI) of 16 May 1974 should
be extended to cover the period of the Decade,1/

"Aware that some countries, particularly the least developed ones, have
limited financial resources for carrying out their national plans and programmes
for the advancement of women and for the implementation of the World Plan of
Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's
Year 2/ adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year,

"Recognizing the necessity for continuing financial and technical
support for these programmes,

"Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Voluntary
Fund for the Decade,3/

"1. Adopts the following criteria and proposals for the management of
the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women:

"(a) Criteria:

"The resources of the Fund should be utilized to supplement activities
in the following areas designed to implement the goals of the United Nations
Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, priority being given to
the related programmes and projects of the least developed, land-locked and
island countries among developing countries:

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session,
Plenary Meetings, 2441st meeting.

2/ E/CONF.66/34 (United Nations publication, Sales N° E.76.IV.1), chapter II,
section A.

3/ E/5773.

"(i) Technical co-operation activities:

"(ii) Development and/or strengthening of regional and international programmes;

"(iii) Development and implementation of joint interorganizational programmes;

"(iv) Research, data collection and analysis, relevant to (i), (ii) and (iii) above;

"(v) Communication support and public information activities designed to promote the goals of the Decade, and, in particular, the activities undertaken under (i), (ii) and (iii) above;

"(vi) In the selection of projects and programmes, special consideration should be given to those which benefit rural women, poor women in urban areas and other marginal groups of women, especially the disadvantaged;

"(b) Management of the Fund:

"The Assembly endorses the proposals for the future management of the Fund contained in the annex to the present resolution;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to consult the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the use of the Fund for technical co-operation activities;

"3. Requests the President of the General Assembly to select, with due regard to regional distribution, in the first instance for a period of three years, five Member States, each of which should appoint a representative to serve on a consultative committee to advise the Secretary-General on the application to the use of the Fund of the criteria in paragraph 1 above;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to report annually to the General Assembly on the management of the Fund."

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12 May 1976

ANNEX

"The Secretary-General shall apply the following arrangements for the management of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women:

"(a) Solicitation and acknowledgement of pledges and the collection of contributions:

"(i) The Controller, in consultation with the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, shall determine the responsibility and procedures for soliciting voluntary contributions to the Fund;

"(ii) Any prospective donor desiring to make a voluntary contribution to the Fund shall submit a written proposal to the Secretary-General; the requests for acceptance should contain all relevant information, including the amount of the proposed contribution, the currency and the timing of payments, and may indicate the purposes and any action expected of the United Nations;

"(iii) The proposal, with the comments, inter alia, of the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, shall be forwarded to the Controller, who shall determine whether or not any proposed gift or donation might directly or indirectly involve additional financial liability for the Organization; before acceptance of any gift or donation involving such liability, the Controller shall request and obtain the approval of the General Assembly through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

"(iv) The Controller shall acknowledge all pledges and shall determine the bank account or accounts in which contributions to the Fund should be deposited; he shall be responsible for collecting contributions and following up on payments of contributions pledged;

"(v) The Controller may accept contributions in any national currency donated for the purpose of the Fund.

"(b) Operations and control:

- "(i) The Controller shall ensure that the operation and control of the Fund shall be in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules; he may delegate responsibility for the operation and administration of the Fund to the heads of departments or offices designated by the Secretary-General to execute activities financed by the Fund; only officials so designated may authorize the execution of specific activities to be financed by the Fund;
- "(ii) Subject to the criteria for disbursements from the Fund, endorsed by the General Assembly, the Controller may, after consultation with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, allocate resources of the Fund to a specialized agency, or another United Nations body to execute projects financed by the Fund; in such an event, the administrative procedures of the executing body would apply, subject to such provisions for periodic reporting as the Controller may specify; before making disbursements for technical co-operation activities the Controller should consult the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme;
- "(iii) In respect of activities conducted by the United Nations, requests for allotments of funds shall be submitted to the Controller by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, accompanied by such supporting information as the Controller may require; after review, allotments to provide for expenditures of the funds received shall be issued by the Director of the Budget Division, and certifying officers for the Fund shall be designated by the Controller in accordance with established procedures;
- "(iv) The Controller shall be responsible for the reporting of all financial transactions concerning the Fund and shall issue quarterly statements of assets, liabilities, and unencumbered Fund balance, income and expenditure;
- "(v) The Fund shall be audited by both the Internal Audit Service and the Board of Auditors, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules.

"(c) Reporting:

"An annual report showing funds available, pledges and payments received and the expenditures made from the Fund shall be prepared by the Controller and submitted to the General Assembly and as appropriate, to the Commission on the Status of Women."

1978/25. INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR
THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1998 (LX) of 12 May 1976, by which it decided to create an International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Recalling further that, by its resolution 31/135 of 16 December 1976, the General Assembly accepted the offer of the Government of Iran to have the Institute established in that country and that by its resolution 32/137 of 16 December 1977 it requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council on the establishment of the Institute.

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on progress achieved towards the establishment of an International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;^{1/}
2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue actively the necessary consultations for the establishment of the Institute and to complete as soon as possible the draft document requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/137 in the light of those consultations and the discussions in the Second (Social) Committee of the Council at its first regular session of 1978;
3. Further requests the Secretary-General to proceed with the appointment of the Director of the Institute and the members of the Board of Trustees as soon as the agreement with the host country is signed;
4. Decides that, as soon as the Director and the members of the Board of Trustees are appointed, the Institute should start functioning as an autonomous body under the auspices of the United Nations and financed from voluntary contributions;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to draw the attention of Governments to General Assembly resolution 32/139 of 16 December 1977, in which the Secretary-General was requested to convene during the thirty-third session

^{1/} E/1978/30.

of the General Assembly a pledging conference for voluntary contributions for the purpose of financing, inter alia, the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

15th plenary meeting
5 May 1978

1978/26. NATIONAL MACHINERY FOR MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
PROGRAMME FOR THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE
FOR WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that in paragraph 68 of the text of the mid-term review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, contained in General Assembly resolution 3517 (XXX), of 15 December 1975, it is stated that all States and competent organizations should give priority to the implementation of the recommendations of the World Conference of the International Women's Year 1/ in the formulation of their economic and social policies,

Recalling also that the General Assembly in its resolution 3524 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, recommended that all organs of the United Nations development system and other international technical and financial assistance programmes and agencies should give sustained attention to the integration of women in the formulation, design and implementation of development projects and programmes,

Recalling further that in paragraph 34 of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year 2/ it is stated, inter alia, that the establishment of machinery at the national governmental level, with adequate staff and budget, can be an effective transitional measure for accelerating the achievement of equal opportunity for women and their full integration in national life,

Noting that the General Assembly in its resolution 31/136 of 16 December, recommended that Governments should establish, where appropriate, such machinery as bureaux and commissions, in order to ensure the effective implementation and evaluation of the World Plan of Action and of the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women 3/ within the framework of national development plans and regional policies,

1/ See Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year (United Nations publication, Sales No: E.76.IV.1).

2/ Ibid., chapter II, section A.

3/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No 3 (E/5909), annex V.

Considering the sustained attention which the Commission on the Status of Women has given to the need for national machinery; the support given to the Commission by the specialized agencies, in co-operation with national Governments, in the promotion of equality of opportunity and treatment for working women; the implementation of recommendations, conventions and other measures relating to participation, utilization and integration of women in the economic and social life of Member States,

Bearing in mind that many countries have established national machinery and the important role which it will play in providing assistance to the regional commissions, the international and regional centres for women, the agencies of the United Nations system, national Governments and others, responsible for framing policies and decisions essential to development,

1. Welcomes the measures taken by Member States to establish machinery at the national governmental level to monitor the integration of women in development and to participate in measures for policy making and decision making in favour of women;

2. Encourages Member States to take all necessary steps to strengthen such national machinery as bureaux for women, commissions and other organs established at the national governmental level, and to ensure that the opinions and recommendations of such bodies shall be an integral part of development planning and the implementation of development programmes and projects;

3. Urges Member States which have not yet taken the aforementioned steps to do so, bearing in mind the advantages of such machinery for the development of all the human resources of the country and more substantial progress in development;

4. Recommends that the national machinery should have adequate authority and resources to ensure that women shall be included in development planning and other activities and to propose, if necessary, special programmes for women;

5. Envisages the need for national machinery to guarantee that women shall benefit from technical assistance programmes and projects and that such assistance shall relate to the specific requirements of women;

6. Recommends that the national machinery should be informed and consulted in all spheres concerning women, especially with regard to the responses which Member States are called upon to furnish to requests from the Secretary-General for information about the implementation of programmes for the United Nations Decade for Women and the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year;

7. Emphasizes the need for such national machinery for co-operation and the co-ordination of the programmes of regional training and research institutes and regional centres for women, to ensure favourable relations with Governments, non-governmental organizations actively promoting the status of women, and women in the rural and urban sectors, and to strengthen co-operation between men and women in the attainment of development objectives and goals;

8. Requests that that national machinery should give particular attention to a review and evaluation of progress at the national level in the programmes for the Decade and should identify the obstacles which have prevented the attainment of the national objectives and goals pursued by the national machinery on behalf of women.

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1978/27. INSTITUTIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE WORLD
PLAN OF ACTION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, in which the Assembly encouraged the full integration of women in development,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 3010 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, by which the Assembly proclaimed the year 1975 International Women's Year,

Recalling further the resolution 1/ adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City in 1975, concerning research and training for the advancement of women, and taking account of the special difficulties encountered by the regional research and training centres for women as a result of the lack of regular financing,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it emphasized the importance of regular reviews and appraisals of the progress made in meeting the goals of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,^{2/}

Taking account of the efforts made by the regional commissions to promote programmes, and aware of the scope of the programmes undertaken and the limitations imposed on the regional commissions by the lack of sufficient funds and staff,

1. Requests the General Assembly to take all appropriate measures to identify regular budget resources in conformity with Assembly resolutions 3534 (XXX) of 17 December 1975, 31/93 of 14 December 1976 and 32/201 of 21 December 1977 in order to provide the regional commissions and the centres for women, from the regular budget of the United Nations, with the financial resources and personnel necessary to enable them to undertake the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year;

1/ See Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year (United Nations publication, Sales No: E.76.IV.1), chapter III.

2/ Ibid., chapter II, section A.

2. Invites Governments, the specialized agencies, other United Nations organs and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned to co-ordinate their activities for the integration of women in development with those of the regional commissions;

3. Recommends that the General Assembly should take appropriate measures to provide for the financial resources and personnel necessary for the regional research and training centres for women from the regular budget of the United Nations.

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1978/28. RATIONALIZATION OF THE REPORTING SYSTEMS ON
THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the existing biennial reporting system on the implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women 1/ and related instruments established under Council resolutions 1325 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968 and 1677 (LIII) of 2 June 1972,

Recalling also that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3490 (XXX) of 12 December 1975 entitled "Implementation of the World Plan of Action adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year" and with Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, reporting procedures have been established and are being carried out for biennial system-wide reviews and appraisals of the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year 2/ and of progress made under the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3/

Recognizing the importance of such reports for the review of the progress achieved in the promotion of the full equality of women with men in all spheres of life,

Noting with concern that the responses received to the requests for information on the basis of the aforementioned resolutions have been insufficient in number and also often overlap in their coverage, as shown in the reports submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-seventh session, 4/

Underlining the desirability for all Member States to submit such reports,

Bearing in mind the burden placed upon Governments when complying separately with the requests in the aforementioned resolutions,

1/ General Assembly resolution 2263 (XXII).

2/ See Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year (United Nations publication, Sales No: E.76.IV.1), chapter II, section A.

3/ General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

4/ A/32/216 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2; E/CN.6/611.

Convinced that there is a need for rationalization of the reporting systems referred to in the first and second preambular paragraphs above,

1. Recommends to the General Assembly the integration of the reporting systems outlined in the aforementioned resolutions into a single system;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to review, in order, if possible, to simplify them, the contents of the questionnaires forwarded to Member States, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, in the context of the integrated reporting system, paying particular attention to regional requirements by selecting evaluation criteria which take account of regional disparities;

3. Urges Member States, when preparing their reports, to make use of national machinery established to promote the advancement of women and of the views of the appropriate national non-governmental organizations;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General, in compiling the replies, to provide an analytical report on progress achieved in the improvement of the status of women, as well as on obstacles encountered and policies for future action including, if possible, comparative surveys on developments within each region;

5. Urges the General Assembly to review periodically the new reporting system in the light of further developments.

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1978/29. 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

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/142 of 16 December 1977, in which the Assembly requested the Commission on the Status of Women to consider, as a contribution to the preparation of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1980, the elaboration of 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 and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1978,

Expressing the hope that the Commission on the Status of Women will make every effort to consider elaborating the draft declaration at its twenty-eighth session,

1. Invites all Governments, the specialized agencies and other international intergovernmental organizations, as well as concerned non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council to transmit to the Secretary-General their views and/or proposals concerning the nature and content of 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;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit the views and/or proposals received to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-eighth session;
3. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women to consider at its twenty-eighth session, in the light of those views and/or proposals, the question of elaborating a draft declaration, with a view to submitting it to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women.

1978/30. PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE
UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, by which the Assembly proclaimed the period from 1976 to 1985 United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be devoted to effective and sustained national, regional and international action to implement the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year 1/ and related resolutions 2/ of the World Conference of the International Women's Year held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/140 of 16 December 1977 and other Assembly resolutions, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 2062 (LXII) of 12 May 1977,

Mindful that the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1980, should be an important step towards the attainment of the three objectives of the Decade: equality, development and peace, which are inseparably linked,

1. Recommends that the provisional agenda for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women should be so drawn up as to include the following substantive items:

(a) Review and evaluation of the progress made in attaining the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, in the period from 1976 to 1980, at the national, regional and international levels, as was recommended by the World Conference of the International Women's Year;

(b) Programme of action for the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980 to 1985;

1/ See Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year (United Nations publication, Sales No: E.76.IV.1), chapter II, section A.

2/ Ibid., chapter III.

2. Recommends that the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, provided for in Council resolution 2062 (LXII), should take the foregoing into consideration in drawing up recommendations on the preparations for the Conference.

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1978/31. WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
DECADE FOR WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2062 (LXII) of 12 May 1977,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/140 of 16 December 1977,

Convinced that the role of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women will be central to the further preparation of the Conference, which the General Assembly, in its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, decided to convene in 1980,

1. Requests the President of the Council to nominate, after consultation with regional groups, twenty-three members of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women,^{1/} on the basis of equitable geographical distribution and taking into account the experience and the expertise of members of the Commission on the Status of Women and of other Member States, and decides that the Committee will meet from 19 to 30 June 1978;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to propose to the General Assembly the appropriate personnel and financial resources for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, in the light of the proposals of the Preparatory Committee.

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^{1/} For the membership of the Preparatory Committee, see decision 1978/37 below.

1978/32. SUBTHEME OF "EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH AND EDUCATION" FOR THE
WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
DECADE FOR WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 32/138 and 32/140 of 16 December 1977, and its own resolutions 1999 (LX) of 12 May 1976 and 2062 (LXII) of 12 May 1977,

Bearing in mind that the three areas of employment, health and education are of primary concern to Member States today in their endeavours to achieve the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Considering that the goals of equality and development can best be achieved in conditions of international peace,

Aware of the need to draw up an action-oriented agenda for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1980,

1. Recommends the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education" for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, whose overall objective will continue to be the review and evaluation of the progress made in the first half of the Decade, and to recommend necessary changes and readjustments for the second half of the Decade, in order to attain equality, development and peace;

2. Recommends also that the World Conference should place emphasis on elaborating new strategies for integrating women into the developmental process, particularly by promoting economic and employment opportunities on an equal footing with men through, inter alia, the provision of adequate health and educational facilities, and that the preparatory work for the Conference should be carried out accordingly;

3. Recognizes that both the contents of and the projects related to each of the three above-mentioned areas of concern would differ from country to country;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to circulate the present resolution, together with the list of topics suggested in its annex, to all Member States;

5. Invites Member States to submit to regional preparatory meetings and seminars which might be held in 1979, and/or to the World Conference itself, reports on national experience which would include, inter alia, specific information on projects related to the topics suggested in the annex to the present resolution, or on other projects connected with the fields of employment, health and education;

6. Recognizes the great importance of such information for Member States in planning their own strategies in these three closely related fields of endeavour;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the World Conference an analysis of the material in the above-mentioned reports of Member States, paying particular attention to listing and describing their projects in the three fields mentioned above;

8. Recommends that regional commissions, in convening seminars and meetings within the framework of Council resolution 2062 (LXII), should devote some of those regional and subregional meetings to practical and country-oriented topics, and that the reports of those meetings should be submitted to the World Conference;

9. Requests the specialized agencies, especially the International Labour Organisation, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Children's Fund, to prepare, with the co-operation of the regional commissions, region-wide reports for the World Conference, in particular evaluating progress in substantive areas and programmes for which they have special competence and responsibilities.

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Annex

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR COMMENT AND INFORMATION

Member States are invited to select those topics on which they have particular projects, as well as to give information on any other projects falling under the three broad areas of employment, health and education.

Employment

1. Training in technological methods of farming
2. Training schemes, both elementary and advanced, for women employed in industry
3. Vocational training
4. Social support services to enable parents to combine employment and home care
5. Income-generating projects for women living in urban slums or in rural or backward areas
6. Promotion of and training in income-raising group activities for women living in rural areas and in urban slums
7. Legal aid programmes

Health

8. Basic services for women and children
9. Promotion of education in the fields of health, nutrition and family-planning

Education

10. Programmes to achieve functional literacy
11. Accelerated courses of education
12. Programmes to make both formal and non-formal education available to girls and women
13. Promotion of education relevant to the needs of developing economies.

1978/33. EFFECTS OF APARTHEID ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/105 B of 14 December 1977, by which the Assembly proclaimed the year 1978 International Anti-Apartheid Year,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the effects of apartheid on the status of women in South Africa, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia,^{1/}

Seriously concerned about the inhuman conditions to which the oppressed peoples of southern Africa, including women, are subjected,

Aware that women in southern Africa are perpetually deprived of their fundamental rights because of the illegal, arbitrary and racist apartheid system,

Noting with deep concern the fate of Mrs. Winnie Mandela and others who are at present on trial in South Africa,

Vigorously condemning the activities and practices of the transnational corporations in southern Africa, which are incompatible with United Nations resolutions,

Noting with appreciation the contribution so far made by Member States and by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to the United Nations assistance programmes for southern Africa - the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa, the United Nations Institute for Namibia and the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa,

Expressing its concern, however, at the fact that the assistance received to date falls short of the needs of women,

1. Condemns most categorically the criminal practice of apartheid and racial discrimination, which keeps the women of South Africa, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia in inhuman conditions;

2. Urges all Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and specialized agencies to take the necessary measures with a view to completely isolating the racist régimes of southern Africa;

^{1/} E/CN.6/619.

3. Urges all Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, the United Nations and the specialized agencies to contribute generously to the United Nations assistance programmes for southern Africa, through financial support and other assistance;

4. Recommends to the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women that it take the necessary steps to ensure that resources from the Voluntary Fund are used to provide legal aid to women in southern Africa;

5. Appeals to Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and specialized agencies to grant training scholarships to the women of southern Africa;

6. Decides, in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, to invite women from the liberation movements of southern Africa recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate as observers in the future sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and meetings of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1980;

7. Recommends to the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference that it include in the agenda of the Conference the item entitled "Effects of apartheid on women in southern Africa";

8. Requests the Secretary-General to have the competent United Nations organs and specialized agencies collect and disseminate information on the status of the women victimized by apartheid;

9. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on the Status of Women, on the basis of studies already made on the question of transnational corporations, a report on the detrimental effects of the objectives of transnational corporations and their discriminatory employment practices on the status of women in southern Africa;

10. Further requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Africa, to have appropriate training programmes organized for the women of southern Africa.

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1978/34. WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCES

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of resolution 5 (XXVII) of 5 April 1978 of the Commission on the Status of Women, 1/ in which the Commission recalled previous resolutions on the integration of women in development,

Bearing in mind the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, the International Conference on Primary Health Care, the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development and the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, scheduled for 1978 and 1979,

1. Calls upon all Governments to ensure:

(a) That women shall be involved in the planning stages of international conferences and included in the governmental delegations attending the above-mentioned conferences;

(b) That the topic of women and development shall be included in the substantive discussions of the conferences and, where appropriate, considered as a separate agenda item;

(c) That national and regional forums and activities related to women and development shall be organized to provide an important input for consideration at the above-mentioned conferences, in connexion with which the participation of both governmental and non-governmental organizations is recommended for the development of national and/or regional guidelines and programmes of action;

2. Suggests that the recommendations related to women and development emerging from the above-mentioned conferences should be made available to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-eighth session and to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in Iran in 1980;

3. Recommends to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that at the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement N° 2 (E/1978/32/Rev.1), chapter IX.

Development, to be held in 1979, a programme of action for rural women in agrarian reform and rural development should be developed and adopted;

4. Invites the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations and the World Health Organization to report at each session of the Commission on the Status of Women on their activities related to women and development.

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2658 (LXII). DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3521 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which the Assembly requested the Commission on the Status of Women to complete, in 1976, the elaboration of the draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women,

Commending the Commission on the Status of Women for its work in drafting such a Convention,

Recalling, furthermore, General Assembly resolution 31/136 of 16 December 1976, in which the Assembly, inter alia, approved the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women,^{1/} which calls for the adoption of such a Convention by the Assembly and its entry into force in the first half of the Decade 1976 to 1980,

Convinced that the early adoption of such a Convention by the General Assembly and its entry into force would contribute to the speedy realization of the principles of equality between women and men,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women completed by the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session;^{2/}

2. Invites States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies concerned to present their comments on the draft Convention as soon as possible before 15 July 1977, so that they may be transmitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly well in advance of its thirty-second session;

3. Submits the draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to the General Assembly;

^{1/} See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5909), annex V.

^{2/} Ibid., Supplement No. 3 (E/5909), chap. I, draft resolution I, annex (the text of the draft Convention will be annexed at a later stage to the present resolution).

4. Recommends that the General Assembly should take up consideration of the draft Convention, in the light of comments received, as a matter of urgency at the outset of its thirty-second session, with a view to the adoption of the draft Convention at that session.

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2059 (LXII). TRAINING FOR THE PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION
OF PROJECT PROPOSALS

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that women should have equal access to participation in the formulation and implementation of development planning at the local, national, regional and international levels,

Considering also that women, for the most part, have not participated in the systems governing funding allocations and have not had an active role in national development planning,

Considering further that it is essential for women to acquire the necessary skills in the preparation of development project proposals, project management and evaluation procedures,

Concerned that women may continue to be denied participation on an equal basis with men unless they have the necessary skills,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 31/134, of 16 December 1976, entitled "Improvement of the status and role of women in education", in which the Assembly recognized the need for women to have rights, opportunities and obligations equal to those of men, particularly in the fields of education and professional and vocational training, so as to permit their full participation in the process of development,

1. Invites the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the executive heads of the specialized agencies, wherever possible and in co-ordination with the appropriate international and regional training and research institutes concerned and the regional commissions, to organize, at the request of the interested governments, training programmes for women related to the planning, evaluation and management of development projects;

2. Suggests that such training incorporate, among other things, the following:

- (a) How to look for needs of the community and formulate a project plan;
- (b) How to identify good project suggestions;
- (c) How to determine priorities as they relate to national development;
- (d) How to write a proposal, including budget estimates of time, personnel, equipment and technical support;

(e) How to locate sources of local funding, generate funds and seek new sources of financial and human resource support from private and government sources;

(f) How to negotiate and obtain support for proposals from potential sources of funds including contributions in kind;

(g) How to locate and development management skills among women for the implementation and evaluation of the project;

(h) How to ensure timely and appropriate implementation;

(i) How to evaluate progress of implementation, solve problems and determine when special assistance is needed to complete the project;

3. Recommends that Member States should promote equal opportunities for the participation of women in training programmes related to the planning, evaluation and management of development projects, requesting such assistance from the organizations of the United Nations system as they deem necessary for that purpose;

4. Requests that this kind of training be envisaged as a possible programme of the planned International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

5. Invites all international agencies concerned to prepare reports which include the following information:

(a) The frequency of management and training courses, their content and where and by whom they were organized;

(b) The extent to which women are integrated in such courses;

(c) How much stress the international agency places on the inclusion of women in the preparation of project proposals in its work with national governments;

(d) How much effort has been devoted to the dissemination of information for example to individual women leaders and women's organizations, about these courses, as well as other kinds of training and education on formal and informal bases;

(e) Whether participation increases in accordance with the efforts made to encourage women to take advantage of these courses;

6. Invites international agencies to allocate to women on the basis of the principle of equitable geographical distribution an equitable number of responsible posts in their respective structures, particularly in the departments entrusted with the implementation of the present resolution;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-seventh session, in 1978, on the steps taken to implement the present resolution and to submit a further report on action taken to the Commission at its twenty-eighth session and to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980.

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12 May 1977

2060 (LXII). REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED
NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE AND IN THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S YEAR

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3490 (XXX) and 3520 (XXX) of 12 and 15 December 1975, in which the Assembly affirmed that a system-wide review and appraisal of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year 1/ should be undertaken biennially as an input to the process of review and appraisal of progress made under the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 2/ taking into account the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order 3/ and the decisions resulting from the sixth and seventh special sessions of the General Assembly,

Recalling also that the General Assembly, in paragraph 4 of its resolution 3490 (XXX), requested the Commission on the Status of Women to report its findings and conclusions on major trends and policies with regard to the status of women, particularly the integration of women in development, to the Economic and Social Council through the Committee for Development Planning and the Committee on Review and Appraisal,

Noting that the Commission on the Status of Women, at its twenty-sixth session, 4/ considered the report of the Secretary-General 5/ prepared on the basis of information furnished by governments, in implementation of the above-mentioned General Assembly resolutions, as well as of Council resolution 1855 (LVI) of 16 May 1974,

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/ General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

3/ General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI).

4/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5909), chap. III, sect. D.

5/ E/CN.6/598 and Add.1 and 2.

Recognizing that, within the time-limit given, few governments were able to report on measures taken at the national level specifically to implement the World Plan of Action and that it is therefore difficult at this stage to adopt findings and conclusions on major global trends and policies with regard to the status of women,

Believing that the review undertaken by the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session should be considered as a first preliminary review and appraisal of the implementation of the World Plan of Action and that a more comprehensive review should be undertaken at the twenty-seventh session in 1978,

Noting the decision of the General Assembly, in paragraph 20 of its resolution 3520 (XXX), to convene, in 1980, a world conference of all States to review and evaluate the progress made in implementing the objectives of the International Women's Year,

1. Notes with interest the following developments reported during the period under review in a number of countries:

(a) The recognition of and commitment to the principle of equality of men and women and the integration of women in development, both for reasons of social progress and for economic development;

(b) The adoption or plans for adoption of constitutional and/or legislative provisions ensuring the principle of non-discrimination on grounds of sex;

(c) The establishment of provisions for equal access at every level of education and guidance, compulsory education and the measures necessary to promote co-education and to prevent school drop-outs;

(d) The adoption of comprehensive measures for health education, health services, sanitation, nutrition, family education, family planning and other welfare services;

2. Considers that, on the basis of the material submitted, action is urgently needed to improve the situation of women in the following areas in order to meet the minimum targets set forth in paragraph 46 of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year for the five-year period 1975-1980:

(a) The enactment of legislation guaranteeing the principle of equality and non-discrimination on grounds of sex, particularly legislation designed to guarantee to women equal pay for equal work;

(b) Appropriate measures to inform and advise women of their rights, utilizing the mass communication media wherever appropriate, and to provide them with assistance in exercising their rights and responsibilities;

(c) The establishment of goals, strategies and time-tables to increase the participation of women in decision making at local, national and international levels;

(d) The establishment of specific target dates for the elimination of illiteracy, especially among young persons, and the provision of the measures necessary for its maintenance within as short a time as possible for each State;

(e) The provision of life-long and continuing education, training and retraining facilities to meet the needs and aspirations of women;

(f) The development of modern rural technology, cottage industry, pre-school day-care centres, and time and energy saving devices to help reduce the heavy workload and increase the resources of women, particularly those living in rural sectors and the urban poor;

(g) The creation of new employment and income-producing opportunities for women and the expansion of existing employment opportunities, and elimination of discrimination in the terms and conditions of employment on grounds of sex;

(h) The establishment or strengthening of an interdisciplinary and multisectoral machinery by governments for accelerating the achievement of equal opportunities for women and their full integration into national life;

(i) The establishment and enforcement of measures to facilitate the combination of family and work responsibilities;

(j) The provision and extension of comprehensive and continuous health and other social services to underprivileged urban and rural communities, including maternity and child-care services as well as family life education;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of the Committee on Review and Appraisal at its fourth session in May 1977, together with the relevant reports submitted to the Commission on

the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session and any information submitted subsequent to the preparation of those reports;

4. Urges the Committee on Review and Appraisal, in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 3490 (XXX), to pay special attention to the question of the status of women and to take into account the above recommendations in the review and appraisal in 1977 of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in connexion with the next review and appraisal of the implementation of the World Plan of Action:

(a) To prepare, in consultation with the regional commissions, a questionnaire on the implementation of the World Plan of Action to be forwarded to governments in 1977;

(b) To prepare a report on the basis of the replies to the questionnaire, taking into account information received subsequent to the preparation of the report of the Secretary-General,^{5/} for the consideration of the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-seventh session in January 1978;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To ensure as far as possible that, in 1979, the questionnaire relating to the implementation of the World Plan of Action shall be forwarded to governments, together with the request for information relating to the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy;

(b) To prepare a comprehensive report based on the replies to these questionnaires, for consideration by the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-eighth session and at the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980.

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12 May 1977

2061 (LXII). IMPROVEMENT OF THE DATA BASE FOR MEASURING THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3490 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, and paragraph 216 of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,^{1/} which provide for the submission to the Economic and Social Council and its relevant functional commissions and advisory bodies, at their forthcoming sessions, inter alia, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Statistical Commission, of the decisions of the relevant United Nations organs, specialized agencies, regional commissions and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

Recalling also the provisions of paragraphs 167 to 170 of the World Plan of Action on the collection and analysis of relevant data,

Convinced of the need to build up a scientific and reliable data base and socio-economic indicators, in order to measure more accurately the implementation of the World Plan of Action,

Noting the action initiated by the Statistical Commission at its nineteenth session in November 1976 in planning for the 1980 World Population and Housing Census Programme ^{2/} and efforts under way to encourage needed revisions in the basic concepts used for the collection and compilation of economic, demographic and social statistics so as to free them from sex-based stereotypes,

1. Requests the Statistical Commission at its twentieth session, as a contribution to the success of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, 1976-1985, to continue its action in co-operation with national statistical offices, regional commissions and intergovernmental organizations, organs of the United Nations and the specialized agencies,

^{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 Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5910), paras. 48 and 54 (a).

especially the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, with a view to developing:

(a) Improved methods, including training of the necessary personnel, for the collection and tabulation of statistical data, particularly at the national, subregional and regional levels, to obtain breakdowns by sex for indicators such as urban/rural residence, age, marital status, literacy, education, income, level of skills and participation in modern and traditional economic activities, and relevant information on household and family composition;

(b) Guidelines and methods to assess the participation of women at all levels and in all sectors of planning and decision making in society;

(c) Guidelines and methods for the measurement of women's actual economic and social contributions which are not a part of regular national data collection systems;

2. Requests the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development to co-operate with other relevant bodies within the United Nations system in preparing an inventory of social and economic indicators relevant to the analysis of the status of women, on the basis of its work on the research data bank of development indicators and its project on monitoring changes in the conditions of women for planning and programming purposes.

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2062 (LXII). PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE
UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN, 1980

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the General Assembly, in its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, decided to convene in 1980 a world conference of all States to review and evaluate the progress made in implementing the objectives of the International Women's Year and, where necessary, to readjust existing programmes in the light of new data and research available,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1999 (LX) of 12 May 1976, in which the Council requested the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session to consider different aspects of the preparatory work for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980, including its agenda, and decided to consider at its sixty-fourth session the preparatory work for the Conference on the basis of the deliberations of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on Review and Appraisal

Taking note of the recommendations made by the Commission on the Status of Women in its report on its twenty-sixth session,^{1/}

1. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-seventh session to give the highest priority to the consideration of the item entitled "Preparatory work for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980" and to the study of proposals concerning the substantive and organizational arrangements for the Conference, taking into account all the relevant reports relating to the review and appraisal of the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,^{2/} as well as the discussions of the Commission and the documents submitted to it at its twenty-sixth session, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-fourth session;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare for the consideration of the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-seventh session a report outlining a programme of concrete action for the second half of the United

1/ Ibid., Supplement No. 3 (E/5909), chap. III, sect. E.

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.

Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, 1976-1985, as the basis for a report to be submitted to the 1980 World Conference;

3. Decides to establish, not later than June 1978, a preparatory committee composed of not more than twenty-three Member States designated by the President of the Economic and Social Council after consultation with regional groups, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, to make recommendations concerning the substantive and organizational arrangements for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980;

4. Invites the regional commissions to consider, at the earliest opportunity, ways and means of contributing effectively to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980, including the possibility of holding before 1980, regional seminars or meetings on the themes of the Conference, and reporting thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-fourth session.

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12 May 1977

2063 (LXII). INFLUENCE OF THE MASS COMMUNICATION MEDIA ON
ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE ROLES OF WOMEN AND MEN IN
PRESENT-DAY SOCIETY

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling section IV of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,^{1/} which provides guidelines for national action related to the mass communication media that encompass radio, television, cinema, press, advertising, public meetings and similar forums, as well as traditional types of entertainment which are essential for reaching the rural areas of many countries,

Convinced that the mass communication media, in many instances, have a detrimental effect on the attitudes and values regarding women's roles in society, that they often present obstacles to desirable changes in behavioural patterns, and that they can perpetuate stereotypes and myths pertaining to women,

Convinced also that the mass communication media have great potential as a vehicle for economic and social change, for the dissemination of information in the fields of education and training, for removing prejudices and stereotypes, for accelerating acceptance of the expanding roles of women and for the promotion of their integration in development as equal partners with men, and that they are important for the achievement of equality, development and peace,

Recalling that, in the progress report of the Secretary-General on the subject ^{2/} prepared for the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session, it is stated that there is little information available on the images of women projected by the more traditional types of mass communication media and their influence on the perpetuation of sex-role stereotypes, and that there is need for research in this area,

^{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/} E/CN.6/601 and Corr.1.

1. Encourages Member States to make representatives of mass communication media aware of the importance of formulating policies and guidelines for treatment of women in the media, which should include:

(a) Review of their recruitment, training and promotion policies and practices to ensure that there is no discrimination against women and that they have equal opportunities for admission and advancement at all levels of professional, technical and decision-making positions in the mass communication media;

(b) Publication of more news and editorials about women, particularly about progress and short-comings in the economic, legal, social and political fields, such news to be given the place and the importance it deserves in the light of its subject-matter and not all of it to be placed in sections reserved for women;

(c) Portrayal of the roles and achievements of women from all walks of life, especially in the fields of development, professional work and social welfare, including women in the rural areas;

2. Recommends that Member States should encourage the presentation of programmes and the publication of materials which ensure the elimination of sex-role stereotyping in educational and informational activities and the projection of a positive image of men and women;

3. Requests that Member States take whatever action is necessary to establish and strengthen co-operative systems for schools and libraries in the production and dissemination of education and information materials for use by television, radio, press, mobile units, community centres and other public facilities in urban and rural areas;

4. Recommends that Member States should encourage educational institutions and organizations to make greater use of the mass communication media for formal and informal education, literacy programmes, vocational training, political, civic and cultural education, as well as the formation of new attitudes about the role of men and women in society;

5. Requests the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, with a view to rendering assistance to developing countries which request it, and with the advice of specialists of those countries, to organize seminars which can help countries in improving the image of women and

removing stereotyped sex roles in their teaching materials, and to prepare educational materials, with the same objectives, including films and other visual aids for primary schools and literacy programmes;

6. Suggests that Member States create committees or councils, composed of men and women in private, governmental and intergovernmental sectors, to advise and meet with policy and decision-making staff of the mass communication media, including particularly the field of advertising, for discussions and evaluations of progress towards changing the image and status of women in the media;

7. Encourages governmental and the competent non-governmental organizations, especially in co-operation with those dealing with the mass communication media, to organize workshops and seminars intended to create a greater understanding and public awareness of the potential and actual role of women in their respective societies, and to utilize the mass communication media to project positive and more accurate images of women;

8. Decides, taking into account the close relationship between the economic, social and cultural aspects of development and the necessity of the full integration of women in the development process, to appoint a special rapporteur to prepare a study on the impact of the mass communication media on the changing roles of men and women, including action taken by the public and private sectors at national, regional and international levels to remove prejudices and sex-role stereotyping, to accelerate the acceptance of women's new and expanded roles in society and to promote their integration into the development process as equal partners with men;

9. Requests the special rapporteur to submit a progress report to the Commission on the Status of Women, at its twenty-seventh session, and a comprehensive report containing findings, at its twenty-eighth session.

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12 May 1977

2045 (LXI).-- STRENGTHENING OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR
REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL CO-OPERATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its many resolutions, as well as those of the General Assembly, on the decentralization of economic and social activities and the strengthening of the regional commissions, including General Assembly resolutions 1709 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 and 1823 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 and Council resolutions 793 (XXX) of 3 August 1960, 1442 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969, 1756 (LIV) of 16 May 1973, 1896 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 and 1952 (LIX) of 23 July 1975,

Noting that slow but steady progress has been made in the decentralization of operational activities through the arrangements made between the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Secretary-General for the regional commissions to be executing agencies for sub-regional, regional and interregional projects under the conditions indicated in Council resolutions 1896 (LVII) and 1952 (LIX),

Noting with appreciation the reports, and the comments thereon, of the Joint Inspection Unit on the regional structures of the United Nations system 1/ and on the decentralization of United Nations economic, social and related activities and the strengthening of the regional commissions 2/ and the report of the Secretary-General on regional structures of the United Nations system, 3/

1/ E/5727 and Add.1 and 2.

2/ E/5607 and Corr.1 and E/5607/Add.1 and 2.

3/ E/5801.

Noting further the preliminary proposals under discussion in the Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System in its consideration in particular of structures for regional and interregional co-operation,

Noting that the regional commissions have been adapting their work programmes and activities, in particular, to conform to the decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth and seventh special sessions and to the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, contained in Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974,

Recognizing, without prejudice to the special needs and conditions of each region, that the regional commissions, with their experience in promoting regional and sub-regional co-operation, are the appropriate institutions within the United Nations to act as centres for the formulation, co-ordination and implementation of programmes for the promotion of interregional co-operation also, especially with respect to the programme of economic co-operation among developing countries in their respective regions;

Appreciating that, as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions,^{4/} efforts are being made to co-ordinate the activities of the commissions in this field, as well as those of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and of such United Nations bodies as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme, and those of all the specialized agencies;

1. Reaffirms, in conformity with Council resolution 1756 (LIV), that the regional commissions should be enabled fully to play their role as the main general economic and social development centres within the United Nations system for their respective regions and calls upon all the organizations and agencies in the system to work closely with the regional commissions to achieve the over-all economic and social development objectives at the regional level;

^{4/} E/5835 and Corr.1 and E/5835/Add.1.

2. Affirms, without prejudice to the special needs and conditions of each region and to the outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System, and having regard to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, especially section III of the annex thereto, that the regional commissions should, as defined in paragraphs 469 and 470 of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the regional structures of the United Nations system 5/ exercise team leadership and responsibility for inter-sectoral co-ordination and co-operation at the regional level, with the active support of the United Nations Development Programme and of regional offices;

3. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System, without prejudice to the special needs and conditions of each region and to the outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, to consider, inter alia, the following options:

(a) The designation of the regional commissions as team leaders with responsibilities for the co-operation and co-ordination of inter-sectoral programmes at the regional level;

(b) The designation, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) and Council resolution 1896 (LVII), of the regional commissions as executing agencies of the United Nations Development Programme for future United Nations inter-sectoral sub-regional, regional and interregional projects and the inclusion of the commissions in the list of executing agencies for the implementation of such projects;

(c) The delegation in full to the regional commissions of the executing agency functions for existing inter-sectoral regional and sub-regional operational activities of the United Nations, in accordance with Council resolutions 1896 (LVII) and 1952 (LIX);

(d) The organization by the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions, on a regular basis, of meetings, with a view to improving the co-ordination of the economic and social activities of the United Nations System in their respective regions;

(e) Arrangements for ensuring that regional views are duly reflected in the debates in the Second Committee of the General Assembly;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to make adequate provisions in order to enable the regional commissions to continue to carry out their activities effectively, and to consider arranging for the Executive Secretaries of these commissions to be present during the consideration of the budgets for their respective commissions;

5. Recommends, without prejudice to the special needs and conditions of each region, that the executive heads of such global organizations as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme and of the specialized agencies should intensify their co-operation with the secretariats of the regional commissions, with a view to making them centres for the formulation, co-ordination and implementation of programmes for the promotion of co-operation among States members of the respective commissions;

6. Requests the regional commissions concerned to work out a programme of work and priorities for their respective regions in the field of co-operation among developing countries, bearing in mind the Conference on Economic Co-operation Among Developing Countries to be held at Mexico City in September 1976 and the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation Among Developing Countries to be held in Argentina in 1977;

7. Requests further the Secretary-General to submit to the Council for consideration at its sixty-third session, taking into account the financial implications involved, proposals for strengthening, where necessary, the secretariats of the regional commissions to enable them to promote effectively co-operation among developing countries at the regional and interregional levels.

DECISIONS

Decision 1979/4. World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980

At its 2nd meeting on 9 February 1979, the Council decided to hold the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980, at Copenhagen from 14 to 30 July 1980, as proposed by the Government of Denmark.

Decision 1979/5. Effects of the provisional agenda of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980 on the programme of work of the Council and of the Commission on the Status of Women

At its 2nd meeting, on 9 February 1979, the Council decided that the note by the Secretariat entitled "Effects of the provisional agenda of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980, on the programme of work of the Council and of the Commission on the Status of Women",^{1/} revised to take account of the discussion at its organizational session for 1979 and the appointment by the Secretary-General of the Secretary-General of the Conference, should be transmitted to the Council at its first regular session, 1979, to be considered in the context of item 7 of the programme of work, entitled "Activities for the advancement of women; United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace".

Decision 1978/32. The Commission on the Status of Women in the context of the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council took note of resolution 9 (XXVII) of 4 April 1978 of the Commission on the Status of Women, entitled "The Commission on the Status of Women in the context of the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system".^{2/}

^{1/} E/1979/6.

^{2/} Ibid., Supplement No. 2 (E/1978/32/Rev.1), chap. IX.

Decision 1978/33. Contributions of the regional commissions to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council took note of the note by the Secretariat on the contributions of the regional commissions to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women,^{1/} prepared in pursuance of Council resolution 2062 (LXII), of 12 May 1977.

Decision 1978/34. Research within the United Nations system on the role and position of women in development and on ways and means to organize and finance further research

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council took note of the note by the Secretary-General on research within the United Nations system on the role and position of women in development and on ways and means to organize and finance further research,^{2/} prepared in pursuance of resolution 14 of the World Conference of the International Women's Year as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 and following Council decision 240 (LXII) of 13 May 1977.

Decision 1978/35. Report of the Commission on the Status of Women

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its twenty-seventh session.^{3/}

Decision 1978/36. Appointment of a special rapporteur to prepare a study on the impact of the mass communication media on the changing roles of women and men

At its 16th plenary meeting, on 8 May 1978, the Council decided to deal with the appointment of the special rapporteur called for in paragraph 8 of its resolution 2063 (LXII), of 12 May 1977, at its second regular session of 1978.

^{1/} E/1978/23.

^{2/} E/1978/31.

^{3/} Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 2 (E/1978/32/Rev.1).

Decision 1978/37. Membership of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women

At its 16th plenary meeting, on 8 May 1978, the Council took note of the nomination by the President in conformity with Council resolution 2062 (LXII) of 12 May 1977, of the following twenty-three Member States as members of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Australia, Brazil, Cuba, Egypt, German Democratic Republic, India, Iran, Japan, Madagascar, Mexico, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Senegal, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela and Yugoslavia.

Decision 1978/79. Appointment of a special rapporteur to prepare a study on the impact of the mass communication media on the changing roles of women and men

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 30 October 1978, the Council decided, on the proposal of the President, to appoint Mrs. Esmeralda Arboleda de Cuevas (Colombia) as the special rapporteur entrusted with preparing a study on the impact of the mass communication media on the changing roles of men and women, as called for in paragraph 8 of its resolution 2063 (LXII) of 12 May 1977; the Council also decided that the work of the special rapporteur be carried out in full co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and should take into account other activities in the field of information in the United Nations.

Decision 1978/85. World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 15 November 1978, the Council decided:

(a) To transmit to the General Assembly for its consideration the report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women on its first session,^{1/} the draft resolution referred to the General Assembly therein ^{2/} and the report of the

^{1/} A/CONF.94/PC/4.

^{2/} Ibid., para. 118.

Secretary-General on the work of the Preparatory Committee at its first session 1/ together with comments made thereon in the Council,2/

(b) To review, at its organizational session for 1979, in the light of the provisional agenda for the Conference,3/ the related programmes of work of the Council and the Commission on the Status of Women, with a view to making consequential modifications thereto and to the related documentation;

(c) To authorize the Secretary-General to submit directly to the General Assembly the report requested by the Preparatory Committee on a programme of information activities for the Conference.4/

Decision 1978/86. Study of the interagency programme for the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 15 November 1978, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the study of the interagency programme for the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace 5/ and decided to transmit the report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, together with the comments made thereon in the Council.6/

Decision 240 (LXII). Research on the role and position of women in development

At its 2060th plenary meeting, on 13 May 1977, the Council took note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on research within the United Nations system on the role and position of women in development and on ways and means to organize and finance further research.7/

1/ A/33/339 and Corr.1.

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Plenary Meetings, 43rd meeting.

3/ See A/33/339 and Corr.1, annex I.

4/ A/33/339/Add.1.

5/ E/1978/106.

6/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Plenary Meetings, 43rd meeting.

7/ E/5914.

Decision 196 (LXI). Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, 1976-1985, as adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session

At its 2035th plenary meeting, on 27 October 1976, the Council decided, as an exception;

(a) To take note of the decision 1/ adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session concerning the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, 1976-1985;

(b) To transmit the Programme 2/ to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session for its information;

(c) To consider the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its twenty-sixth session, as a whole, at its sixty-second session.

Decision 86 (LVIII). Communications concerning the status of women

At its 1948th meeting, on 6 May 1975, the Council, having considered the decisions of the Commission on the Status of Women, taken at its 626th meeting, relating to communications concerning the status of women 3/ and the explanatory report of the Secretary-General,4/ decided to invite the Commission on the Status of Women to consider the advisability of continuing to deal with communications concerning the status of women, in the light of the report of the Secretary-General and the discussion in the Social Committee of the Council at its fifty-eighth session, and to report to the Council at its sixty-second session.

1/ See E/L.1737, para. 7.

2/ E/5894.

3/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5451), chap. IV, sect. C.

4/ E/5628.

Decision 73 (LVIII). Participation in the World Conference of the International Women's Year 1/

Invitations to the Governments of Papua New Guinea, the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam

1. At its 1945th meeting, on 28 April 1975, the Council decided to authorize the Secretary-General to invite the Government of Papua New Guinea to participate in the Conference as an observer. At its 1952nd meeting, on 9 May 1975, the Council decided to invite the Governments of the Netherlands Antilles and of Surinam to participate in the Conference as observers.

Invitations to non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

2. At its 1945th meeting, on 28 April 1975, the Council decided to authorize the Secretary-General to invite to the Conference, to participate as observers, the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that are listed in documents E/L.1636 and Add.1 and 2, including those referred to in paragraph 3 of document E/L.1636 and, in addition, the World Federation of Trade Unions and the Soroptimist International Association.

Decision 58 (LVII). Conference of the International Women's Year

At its 1926th meeting, on 19 November 1974, the Council decided to accept with appreciation the invitation of the Government of Mexico to act as host to the Conference of the International Women's Year.

1/ See also General Assembly resolution 3276 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 and Council decision 67 (ORG-75) of 15 January 1975.

Decision 67 (ORG.75). World Conference of the International Women's Year

1. In connexion with the participation in the Conference of the International Women's Year of specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations, the Council, at its 1937th meeting, on 15 January 1975, agreed that the Secretary-General should proceed as proposed in his progress report.^{1/} At the same meeting, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-eighth session a list of non-governmental organizations which might be invited to the Conference.

2. At its 1938th meeting, on 15 January 1975, the Council decided that the Conference to be held during the International Women's Year should be entitled "World Conference of the International Women's Year".

^{1/} E/5605, paras. 33 and 34.

