

5. *Decides* to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "University for Peace".

*85th plenary meeting
8 December 1995*

50/42. Fourth World Conference on Women

The General Assembly,

Noting with satisfaction the successful conclusion of the Fourth World Conference on Women, held at Beijing from 4 to 15 September 1995, which culminated in the adoption of the Beijing Declaration⁷³ and the Platform for Action,⁷⁴ aimed at accelerating the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women⁷⁵ to the year 2000,

1. *Expresses its profound gratitude* to the Government of the People's Republic of China for having made it possible for the Fourth World Conference on Women to be held at Beijing and for the excellent facilities, staff and services so graciously placed at the disposal of the Conference;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Fourth World Conference on Women;⁷⁶

3. *Endorses* the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action as adopted at the Conference on 15 September 1995;

4. *Calls upon* all States and all bodies of the United Nations system and other international organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, to take action for the effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action.

*86th plenary meeting
8 December 1995*

50/56. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3026 A (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, 3148 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, 3187 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973, 3391 (XXX) of 19 November 1975, 31/40 of 30 November 1976, 32/18 of 11 November 1977, 33/50 of 14 December 1978, 34/64 of 29 November 1979, 35/127 and 35/128 of 11 December 1980, 36/64 of 27 November 1981, 38/34 of 25 November 1983, 40/19 of 21 November 1985, 42/7 of 22 October 1987, 44/18 of 6 November 1989, 46/10 of 22 October 1991 and 48/15 of 2 November 1993,

Recalling also the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property⁷⁷ adopted on 14 November 1970 by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

⁷³A/CONF.177/20, chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

⁷⁴Ibid., annex II.

⁷⁵Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

⁷⁶A/CONF.177/20 and Add.1.

⁷⁷United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Sixteenth Session*, vol. I, *Resolutions*, p. 135.

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General of 3 October 1995 submitted in cooperation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.⁷⁸

Noting with satisfaction that, following its appeal, other Member States have become parties to the Convention,

Aware of the importance attached by the countries of origin to the return of cultural property which is of fundamental spiritual and cultural value to them, so that they may constitute collections representative of their cultural heritage,

1. *Commends* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to Its Countries of Origin or Its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation on the work they have accomplished, in particular through the promotion of bilateral negotiations, for the return or restitution of cultural property, the preparation of inventories of movable cultural property, the reduction of illicit traffic in cultural property and the dissemination of information to the public;

2. *Reaffirms* that the restitution to a country of its objects d'art, monuments, museum pieces, archives, manuscripts, documents and any other cultural or artistic treasures contributes to the strengthening of international cooperation and to the preservation and flowering of universal cultural values through fruitful cooperation between developed and developing countries;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to continue to develop all possibilities for bringing about the attainment of the objectives of resolution 48/15;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin".

*87th plenary meeting
11 December 1995*

50/57. Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/182 of 19 December 1991, 47/168 of 22 December 1992, 48/57 of 14 December 1993 and 49/139 of 20 December 1994,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General of 14 June 1995,⁷⁹

Taking note also of Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/56 of 28 July 1995,

Decides to refer further deliberations on these matters, including those related to the Central Emergency Revolving Fund, to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1996.

*89th plenary meeting
12 December 1995*

⁷⁸A/50/498.

⁷⁹A/50/203-E/1995/79 and Add.1.