

the framework of the development plans of developing countries;

10. *Requests* the Commission on Social Development at its twenty-eighth session to give high priority to the examination and discussion of the 1982 *Report on the World Social Situation* and to submit its views and observations to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session through the Economic and Social Council;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the 1982 *Report on the World Social Situation* to other United Nations bodies concerned with operational activities and to the regional commissions for their consideration;

12. *Invites* Member States to convey to the Secretary-General their comments on the 1982 *Report on the World Social Situation* so as to facilitate the preparation of the 1985 report;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to issue the 1985 report on the world social situation, taking into consideration the provisions of the present resolution and including an analysis of the implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development in the light of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and taking into account the comments of delegations on this question made during the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly and to be expressed during the thirty-eighth session as well as the comments received by the Secretary-General from Member States and the observations made by the Commission for Social Development, through the Economic and Social Council;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the 1985 report on the world social situation, to take into account the recommendations made in section II of General Assembly resolution 34/152 and to report thereon periodically to the Economic and Social Council;

15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, when presenting the 1985 report on the world social situation, to submit an analysis of the co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the collection of social statistics and the preparation of reports on social issues;

16. *Invites* the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in the preparation of future reports by making available all relevant information pertaining to their respective areas of competence;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the wide dissemination of all future reports;

18. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session the item entitled "World social situation".

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37/55. Popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in development and in the realization of human rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/152 of 17 December 1979,

Recalling also the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, contained in General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, in which, *inter alia*, it was emphasized that all peoples and all human beings have the right to live in dignity and freedom and to enjoy the fruits of social progress and should, on their part, contribute to it,

Bearing in mind that social progress and development are founded on respect for the dignity and value of the human person and should ensure the promotion of human rights and social justice,

Stressing the importance of the adoption of measures to ensure the effective participation, as appropriate, of all elements of society in the preparation and implementation of national economic and social development policies and of the mobilization of public opinion and the dissemination of relevant information in support of the principles and objectives of social progress and development,

Recognizing that popular participation, including the participation of workers in management and workers' self-management in countries where they exist, constitutes an important factor of socio-economic development as well as of respect for human rights and dignity of the human person,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁵² on the International Seminar on Popular Participation, held at Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, from 17 to 25 May 1982,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Invites* Member States to take into consideration in their development policies and programmes the recommendations of the International Seminar on Popular Participation, keeping in view their specific economic and social conditions;

3. *Calls upon* the organs and organizations of the United Nations system to promote, as appropriate, popular participation in the execution of their programmes to the extent and in the form appropriate to the nature of their work;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit his report on the Seminar to Member States and the relevant United Nations bodies for their consideration;

5. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to consider at its thirty-ninth session the question of popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in development and in the realization of human rights, taking into account, *inter alia*, the results of the deliberations of the Seminar, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General, and to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, appropriate suggestions for the more complete realization of human rights;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive progress report on the implementation of the present resolution, taking account of the suggestions made in the Commission on Human Rights, and to submit his report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session, under the item relating to the world social situation, a subitem entitled "Popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in development and in the realization of human rights" in order to review the progress made in this field.

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37/56. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 36/128 of 14 December 1981, in which it underlined the importance of the contributions of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to the work of all United Nations

⁵² A/37/442.