

1983 on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparations for the Conference.

*Bearing in mind* all its relevant resolutions and decisions regarding preparations for special conferences,

*Having considered* the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on the work of its first session as the preparatory body for the Conference,<sup>140</sup>

1. *Decides* to accept with appreciation the offer of the Government of Kenya to act as host at Nairobi, in 1985, to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on the work of its first session as the preparatory body for the Conference;

3. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in the report of the Commission;

4. *Considers* that, within the framework of item 7 of the provisional agenda proposed by the Commission at its first session as the preparatory body for the Conference,<sup>141</sup> particular attention will be paid to the problems of women in Territories under racist colonial rule and in Territories under foreign occupation, on the basis of appropriate documentation from the international conferences on women, held at Mexico City and Copenhagen, with the theme equality, development and peace;

5. *Welcomes* the decision of the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1983/28, to invite non-governmental organizations to participate in the preparations for the Conference;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session the item entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace".

*100th plenary meeting  
16 December 1983*

### 38/109. Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that one of the purposes of the United Nations, as stated in Articles 1 and 55 of the Charter, is to promote universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms without distinction of any kind, including distinction as to sex,

*Reaffirming* that women and men should, on a basis of equality, participate in and contribute to the social, economic and political processes of development and should share equally in improved conditions of life,

*Recalling* its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, by which it adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 35/140 of 11 December 1980, 36/131 of 14 December 1981 and 37/64 of 3 December 1982, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/1 of 17 May 1983,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention,<sup>142</sup>

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its first session,<sup>143</sup>

1. *Notes with appreciation* the increasing number of Member States that have ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

2. *Invites* States that have not yet done so to become parties to the Convention by ratifying or acceding to it;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its first session;

4. *Welcomes* the fact that the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women has successfully started its work and, *inter alia*, has adopted general guidelines regarding the form and contents of reports received from States parties under article 18 of the Convention;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session a report on the status of the Convention.

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### 38/110. Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* its resolution 36/55 of 25 November 1981, in which it proclaimed the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief,

*Recalling* its resolution 37/187 of 18 December 1982, in which it requested the Commission on Human Rights to consider what measures might be necessary to implement the Declaration,

*Believing* that further efforts are required to promote and protect the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion or whatever belief,

*Taking note* of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1983/40 of 9 March 1983,<sup>144</sup> in which the Commission requested the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to undertake a comprehensive and thorough study of the current dimensions of the problems of intolerance and of discrimination on grounds of religion or belief, using as terms of reference the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief,

*Expressing its satisfaction* with the action taken by the Sub-Commission regarding the designation of a Special Rapporteur to undertake this study,<sup>145</sup>

*Noting* that the Economic and Social Council, in its decision 1983/150 of 27 May 1983, endorsed the request of the Commission on Human Rights to the Secretary-General to hold, within the framework of the advisory services programme in the period 1984-1985, a seminar on the encouragement of understanding, tolerance and respect in matters relating to freedom of religion or belief,

1. *Pledges* its determination to encourage understanding, tolerance and respect in matters relating to freedom of religion or belief and expresses the hope that the seminar will contribute towards the realization of these aims;

2. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to continue its consideration of measures to implement the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance

<sup>140</sup> A/CONF.116/PC/9 and Corr.1 and Add.1; transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.3/38/2 and Add.1).

<sup>141</sup> See A/CONF.116/PC/9 and Corr.1, chap. I, sect. A, recommendation 1.

<sup>142</sup> A/38/378.

<sup>143</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/38/45).

<sup>144</sup> See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 3 (E/1983/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVII, sect. A.

<sup>145</sup> See E/CN.4/1984/3-E/CN.4/Sub.2/1983/43 and Corr.1 and 2, chap. XXI, sect. A, resolution 1983/31.