

tion of Human Rights,⁴⁴ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights⁴⁵ and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁴⁵ with special regard for the right to education and to work.

Aware of the fact that insufficient education and the unemployment of young people limit their ability to participate in the development process, and, in this regard, emphasizing the importance of secondary and higher education for young people, as well as access for them to appropriate technical and vocational guidance and training programmes,

Expressing its serious interest in the success of the forthcoming International Youth Year which should, *inter alia*, promote increasing participation of young people in the socio-economic life of their country,

1. *Calls upon* all States, all governmental and non-governmental organizations and the interested bodies of the United Nations and specialized agencies to pay continuous attention to the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 36/29, 37/49 and 38/23 relating to efforts and measures aimed at the promotion of human rights and their enjoyment by youth, particularly the right to education and vocational training and to work, with a view to resolving the problem of unemployment among youth;

2. *Requests* the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year to pay, in its activities, full attention to resolutions 36/29, 37/49 and 38/23 and to all relevant international human rights instruments, particularly in elaborating guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth;

3. *Invites* national co-ordinating committees or other organs of co-ordination for the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace to give appropriate priority in the activities to be undertaken during the Year to the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to pay adequate attention, in his report surveying the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year,⁴⁶ to the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly to the right to education and to work.

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39/24. Channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/135 of 16 December 1977 and 36/17 of 9 November 1981, in which it adopted guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, and also recalling its resolution 38/26 of 22 November 1983,

Bearing in mind the importance of the existence of effective channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations for the proper information of young people and their effective participation in the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies at the national, regional and international levels.

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General relating to youth.⁴⁷

Also taking note of the report of the Expert Group meeting on channels of communication, held at Vienna from 9 to 13 January 1984,

Further taking note of the report of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year on its third session,⁴³ specifically of the paragraphs dealing with the channels of communication,

Taking note of resolution 22 on youth adopted on 25 November 1983 by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,⁴⁸

Convinced that effective and proper functioning of channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations forms a basic prerequisite for active involvement of young people in the work of the United Nations,

Equally convinced that the effective participation of youth representatives from the Member States in international congresses dealing with youth issues will enhance and strengthen the current and future channels of communication and will help in understanding the problems facing youth in our contemporary world,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a detailed, structured and evaluative report on the implementation of the guidelines and additional guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication, which would serve as a background paper at the fourth session of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year, and to submit that report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session;

2. *Calls upon* Member States, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations to implement fully the guidelines relating to the channels of communication not only in their general terms, but also in concrete projects dealing with issues of importance to young people;

3. *Calls upon* the national co-ordinating committees of the International Youth Year and other similar structures to assist national youth organizations, upon their request, in carrying out their role as channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations;

4. *Stresses* the necessity of making use, within the framework of the channels of communication, of mechanisms which have been set up by youth and youth organizations themselves at the national, regional and international levels;

5. *Decides* to take up at its fortieth session the question of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations on the basis of the next report of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year.

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39/25. Question of aging

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 38/27 of 22 November 1983, in which it called upon Governments to make efforts to implement the principles and recommendations contained

⁴⁴ Resolution 217 A (III).

⁴⁵ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁴⁶ A/36/215, annex, sect. IV, decision 1 (I)

⁴⁷ E/1984/40 and Corr.1

⁴⁸ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Twenty-second Session, vol. 1, Resolutions*, p. 100

in the International Plan of Action on Aging⁴⁹ in accordance with their economic, social and cultural systems and social values and changes, taking into account the circumstances of each country,

Reaffirming its resolution 37/51 of 3 December 1982, in which it requested the Secretary-General to continue to use the United Nations Trust Fund for Aging⁵⁰ so as to assist countries, in particular developing countries and least developed countries, in formulating and implementing policies and programmes for aging in order to meet the rapidly increasing needs of older persons,

Recognizing the role played by the United Nations and the specialized agencies through their efforts in the field of aging and the need to strengthen this role, especially at the regional level, in order to ensure the implementation of the Plan of Action and the systematic and efficient functioning of the technical advisory and co-ordination services of the United Nations,

Recalling recommendation 58 of the recommendations for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action,⁵¹ adopted at the International Conference on Population, 1984, which urged Governments to make further efforts to analyse the issue of aging, particularly its implications for overall development, social services, medical care and other related fields,

Reconfirming that aging is a population issue which affects development and is affected by it,

Recognizing the increasing awareness in many countries of issues related to aging and of the need to provide national authorities, at their request, with technical and financial assistance in their efforts to implement policies and programmes,

Stressing the importance of the activities of the United Nations Trust Fund for Aging towards the realization of the goals and objectives of the Plan of Action,

Acknowledging that aging is an interdisciplinary issue and that the United Nations and the specialized agencies must ensure a well co-ordinated international response to this question,

Confident that the first review of the Plan of Action, to be undertaken by the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-ninth session in 1985, will be of considerable value in view of further measures with regard to the question of aging,

Noting with satisfaction that the question of older women will be considered at the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985,

Noting that the Plan of Action recognizes the relationship between aging and youth, particularly as it relates to intergenerational matters,

Appreciating the role of non-governmental organizations in promoting international awareness of and action on the issues of aging,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the question of aging;⁵²

2. *Calls upon* Governments to consider the changing age structure of the population in their plans for economic and social development;

3. *Invites* Governments to retain or establish appropriate mechanisms at the national level to promote an effective

and co-ordinated response to the implementation of the principles and the recommendations contained in the International Plan of Action on Aging;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts for the implementation of the Plan of Action at the national, regional and international levels and to continue to promote the United Nations Trust Fund for Aging so as to assist countries in formulating and implementing policies and programmes for aging;

5. *Invites* Governments to continue, and increase when possible, their contributions to the Trust Fund and calls upon Governments that have not yet done so to consider contributing to the Fund;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to promote the exchange of information and experience in order to stimulate progress in the field of aging, to encourage the adoption of measures to respond to the economic and social implications of aging and to meet the needs of older persons;

7. *Urges* the Secretary-General to include advisory services to developing countries that request them in technical co-operation programmes, to the extent feasible under the funding of those programmes;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to promote, in co-operation with the national committees concerned, joint activities in the field of aging and youth, particularly as they relate to intergenerational matters, especially during the International Youth Year, to be observed in 1985;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure a well co-ordinated system-wide response in implementing the provisions of the Plan of Action;

10. *Urges* the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, in co-operation with all organizations responsible for international population assistance, to continue its assistance, within its mandate, in the field of aging, particularly in developing countries;

11. *Invites* the regional commissions and specialized agencies to continue contributing to the realization of the objectives of the Plan of Action;

12. *Invites* the non-governmental organizations concerned to join in the co-operative effort to implement the Plan of Action and accomplish its objectives;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the measures taken to implement the present resolution, taking into consideration the first review of the Plan of Action to be undertaken by the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-ninth session in 1985;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fortieth session the item entitled "Question of aging".

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39/26. United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons

The General Assembly.

Recalling its resolutions 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,⁵³ and 37/53 of 3 December 1982 by which, *inter alia*, it proclaimed the period 1983-

⁴⁹ See *Report on the World Assembly on Aging, Vienna, 26 July-6 August 1982* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.16), chap. VI, sect. A.

⁵⁰ Previously known as the United Nations Trust Fund for the World Assembly on Aging.

⁵¹ See *Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda), chap. I, sect. B.

⁵² A/39/147.

⁵³ A/37/351/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).