

and Social Council, to participate fully in the activities scheduled for the periods 1985-1989 and 1990-1993 and not yet carried out, by intensifying and broadening their efforts to bring about the speedy elimination of *apartheid* and all forms of racism and racial discrimination;

23. *Considers* that voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination are indispensable for the implementation of the above-mentioned programmes;

24. *Notes once again with regret* that the present situation of the Trust Fund is not encouraging;

25. *Strongly appeals*, therefore, to all Governments, organizations and individuals in a position to do so to contribute generously to the Trust Fund, and to this end requests the Secretary-General to continue to undertake appropriate contacts and initiatives to encourage contributions;

26. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Second Decade⁵⁹ and reiterates its request to the Economic and Social Council, throughout the Decade, to submit annually to the General Assembly a report containing, *inter alia*:

(a) An enumeration of the activities undertaken or contemplated to achieve the objectives of the Second Decade, including the activities of Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other international and regional organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations;

(b) A review and appraisal of those activities;

(c) Its suggestions and recommendations;

27. *Decides* to keep the item entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination" on its agenda throughout the Second Decade and to consider it as a matter of the highest priority at its forty-sixth session.

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45/106. Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging and related activities

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 44/67 and 44/76 of 8 December 1989 and reaffirming all of their relevant provisions, particularly those which endorsed the priorities set and the recommendations made by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1989/50 of 24 May 1989,

Noting that the Economic and Social Council recommended in its resolution 1989/50 the convening of an *ad hoc* working group of the Commission for Social Development at the Commission's thirty-second session to monitor preparatory activities for the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Aging,¹⁶

Noting with concern that, although in its resolution 43/93 of 8 December 1988 it recommended that aging should be considered a priority theme in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, the resources assigned to subprogramme 7 (Aging) of section 8 (Activities on global social development issues) in the

programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991⁶⁵ for the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat are not sufficient to implement the programme adequately and to give it the priority recommended,

Also noting with concern that the contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for Aging have steadily declined since 1982, thereby reducing its resource base, and that unless this trend is reversed and the Fund strengthened, many priority requests will not be met and the implementation of the Plan of Action will be weakened where it is most needed, in developing countries,

Recognizing that the elderly are an asset to society and can contribute significantly to the development process,

Mindful of the need for innovative and effective international co-operation in the field of aging if countries are to achieve self-reliance in responding to the aging of their populations,

Recognizing also the complexity and rapidity of the aging of the world's population and the need to have a common basis and frame of reference for the protection and promotion of the rights of the elderly, including the contribution that the elderly can and should make to society,

Recalling the establishment at Dakar in 1989 of the African Society of Gerontology,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the question of aging,⁶⁶

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

2. *Endorses* the action programme on aging for 1992 and beyond as outlined in the report of the Secretary-General;

3. *Urges* Member States, the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned to participate in the action programme on aging for 1992 and beyond, especially in selecting targets in the field of aging, in organizing community-wide activities and in launching an information and fund-raising campaign to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Aging at the local, national, regional and global levels;

4. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1989/50 that an *ad hoc* working group of the Commission for Social Development be convened at the Commission's thirty-second session, in 1991, to monitor the activities for the tenth anniversary, especially the launching of a global information campaign, and the selection of targets that might form the basis of the third review and appraisal of the Plan of Action to be made by the Commission at its thirty-third session, in 1993;

5. *Invites* Member States, the United Nations and non-governmental organizations to consider innovative and effective ways of co-operating on the selection of targets in the field of aging during 1991 and 1992;

⁶⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1)*, vol. 1.

⁶⁶ A/45/420.

6. *Recommends* that the Commission for Social Development give consideration to the desirability of convening, subject to the availability of funds, regional and sectoral meetings on the selection of targets in the field of aging during 1991 and 1992 and global consultations in 1993 and 1997, to coincide with the third and fourth quadrennial reviews and appraisals of the implementation of the Plan of Action;

7. *Notes with appreciation* the work of the recent *ad hoc* inter-agency meetings on aging and recommends that inter-agency meetings on aging be convened biennially;

8. *Welcomes with appreciation* the rapid progress made by the International Institute on Aging, in Malta, in establishing, in close collaboration and co-operation with the United Nations system, as well as with governmental and non-governmental institutions and organizations, programmes that promote in a practical manner the implementation of the Plan of Action, particularly through curriculum development, training courses, a global survey on training and the establishment of an information network, and requests the Secretary-General, in reporting on the question of aging to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, to inform the Assembly of the activities of the Institute;

9. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the plans for the establishment of training institutes on aging in Argentina and Yugoslavia and in Central America and the Caribbean;

10. *Requests* the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat to provide, within existing resources, technical assistance to the African Society of Gerontology;

11. *Welcomes* global fund-raising initiatives for activities in the field of aging, particularly the proposed establishment in 1991 of an independent foundation on aging under the patronage of the United Nations, to be called the Banyan Foundation, the main goal of which will be to empower the elderly in all world regions to maintain maximum independence and the ability to contribute to society in the context of the Plan of Action, thus serving as a much-needed international fund-raising vehicle for programmes for the aging worldwide;

12. *Requests* the Commission on the Status of Women to consider under the priority theme "development" the positive contributions and specific roles of elderly women in the development of their societies;

13. *Notes with appreciation* the support given by the United Nations Population Fund to the Aging Unit of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, and urges the Fund to maintain this commitment;

14. *Notes with satisfaction* the close collaboration of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, as the United Nations focal point on aging, with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations active in the field of aging, and encourages the Centre to continue to strengthen this collaboration;

15. *Designates* 1 October as International Day for the Elderly;

16. *Urges* Governments and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the Trust Fund for Aging;

17. *Also urges* Governments and non-governmental organizations to contribute human and financial resources through the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs for the co-ordination and implementation of the action programme on aging for 1992 and beyond;

18. *Urges* the Secretary-General to consider increasing the human and financial resources of the Aging Unit of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs in order to enable it to fulfil its mandate as the United Nations focal point on aging;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

20. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Question of aging".

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45/107. International co-operation for crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles of the United Nations and the commitment of all States to respect the obligations assumed by them, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

Convinced that crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of development should be oriented towards the observance of the principles contained in the Caracas Declaration,⁶⁷ the Milan Plan of Action,⁶⁸ the Guiding Principles for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in the Context of Development and a New International Economic Order⁶⁹ and other relevant resolutions and recommendations of the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,

Recalling its resolution 43/99 of 8 December 1988, in which it stressed the need for Member States to continue to make concerted and systematic efforts to strengthen international co-operation in crime prevention and criminal justice, as identified in the Milan Plan of Action, and to facilitate the adoption by the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders of viable and constructive action-oriented strategies against crime,

Recalling also its resolution 44/72 of 8 December 1989,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/68 of 24 May 1989, in which the Council reaffirmed its conviction of the importance of the programme of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice and the necessity of strengthening it in order to make it fully responsive to the needs and expectations of Member States,

⁶⁷ Resolution 35/171, annex.

⁶⁸ See *Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Milan, 26 August-6 September 1985: report prepared by the Secretariat* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.1), chap. I, sect. A.

⁶⁹ *Ibid.*, sect. B.