

Convinced of the importance of giving widespread publicity to the activities of the United Nations in the field of youth and of increasing the dissemination of information about youth, especially in the context of the preparations for the International Youth Year,

Noting that the inter-agency consultations have proved to be a useful tool in planning, initiating, promoting and implementing activities in the field of youth in the context of the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination and information in the field of youth,⁵⁶

1. *Endorses* the conclusions contained in the report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination and information in the field of youth;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary organizational measures to ensure the success of the regional meetings devoted to the International Youth Year, in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 37/48;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into account the ideas expressed in the Economic and Social Council on ways and means for improving the activities of co-ordination and information in the field of youth in the preparation of the documentation to be submitted to the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year at its third session;

4. *Invites* all United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, regional commissions and other international inter-governmental organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations concerned, to pay particular attention to the improvement of co-ordination and information in the field of youth in the context of the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year, as well as of the recommendations endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 37/48;

5. *Decides* to consider at its first regular session of 1984, on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General, the progress achieved in co-ordination and information in the field of youth.

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26 May 1983*

1983/27. Communications concerning the status of women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 76 (V) of 5 August 1947 and 304 I (XI) of 14 and 17 July 1950, which continue to form the basis for the mandate of the Commission on the Status of Women to receive at each of its regular sessions a list of confidential and non-confidential communications relating to the status of women,

Recalling also its resolution 1980/39 of 2 May 1980,

Recognizing the desirability of strengthening the capacity of the Commission on the Status of Women to deal with communications and, in this respect, taking note of paragraph 274 of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,⁵⁷

in which it was emphasized that the Commission's ability to consider communications should be improved,

Considering that, since the beginning of the United Nations Decade for Women, the volume of communications on the status of women has increased substantially,

Affirming that discrimination against women is incompatible with human dignity and that women and men should participate on the basis of equality, irrespective of race or creed, in the social, economic and political processes of their countries,

1. *Reaffirms* the mandate of the Commission on the Status of Women to consider confidential and non-confidential communications on the status of women;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission, beginning at its thirtieth session, a report on confidential and non-confidential communications on the status of women, which shall include:

(a) Communications received under Council resolutions 76 (V) and 304 I (XI), including the comments of Governments thereon, if any;

(b) Communications received by the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other United Nations bodies, together with information on action that may have been taken following the receipt of such communications;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to solicit the co-operation of the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other United Nations bodies in compiling the report called for under paragraph 2 above;

4. *Authorizes* the Commission on the Status of Women henceforth to appoint a working group consisting of not more than five of its members, selected with due regard for geographical distribution, to meet in closed meetings during each session of the Commission in order that it may perform the following functions:

(a) Consideration of all communications, including the replies of Governments thereon, if any, with a view to bringing to the attention of the Commission those communications, including the replies of Governments, which appear to reveal a consistent pattern of reliably attested injustice and discriminatory practices against women;

(b) Preparation of a report, based on its analysis of the confidential and non-confidential communications, which will indicate the categories in which communications are most frequently submitted to the Commission;

5. *Requests* the Commission on the Status of Women to examine the report of the working group and to avoid duplication of the work undertaken by other organs of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission being, in this respect, empowered only to make recommendations to the Council, which shall then decide what action may appropriately be taken on the emerging trends and patterns of communications;

6. *Decides* that all actions envisaged in the implementation of the present resolution by the Commission on the Status of Women shall remain confidential until such time as the Commission may decide to make recommendations to the Economic and Social Council;

7. *Decides* to authorize the Secretary-General to provide, within existing budgetary resources, the services and

⁵⁷ See *Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum) chap. I, sect. A.

⁵⁶ E/1983/29.

facilities necessary for the implementation of the present resolution.

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1983/28. Participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women Acting as the Preparatory Body for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women,⁵⁸

Bearing in mind the valuable contributions that non-governmental organizations have made to the advancement of women, particularly during the United Nations Decade for Women and especially in the preparation for and follow-up of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, and the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, held at Copenhagen from 14 to 30 July 1980,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to participate actively in the preparations for and in the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1985;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to invite interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to submit to the Commission on the Status of Women Acting as the Preparatory Body for the 1985 World Conference, information, including their views on the progress made and the obstacles still to be overcome towards the attainment of the goals of the Decade, as well as their views on priorities and strategies looking to the year 2000;

3. *Urges* Governments to invite interested non-governmental organizations in their respective countries also to submit views on the progress made at the national level, obstacles remaining and goals to be attained, and to co-operate in the preparation of the national reports to be submitted by them to the Secretary-General;

4. *Requests* the regional commissions to ensure that the interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council participate in their respective regions in the preparations for and in the intergovernmental preparatory regional meetings for the 1985 World Conference.

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1983/29. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1982/27 of 4 May 1982 on the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

⁵⁸ A/CONF.116/PC/9 and Corr. 1.

Bearing in mind the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Having considered the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its third session,⁵⁹

1. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the activities thus far accomplished in the programme of work of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

2. *Takes note* of the decisions and recommendations made by the Board of Trustees of the Institute at its third session;⁶⁰

3. *Notes with satisfaction* the completion of the first phase of the programme on statistics and indicators on the situation of women and the launching of training and fellowship programmes of the Institute;

4. *Emphasizes* that the work programme of the Institute for the biennium 1984-1985 should continue to focus on research, training and information that would lead to the integration of women in mainstream developmental activities;

5. *Reiterates* the need for support and close co-operation between the Institute and the regional commissions, specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies;

6. *Calls upon* all Member States to contribute to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and to ensure regular and effective financing for its progress and development.

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1983/30. Suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that the enslavement of women and children subjected to prostitution is incompatible with the dignity and fundamental rights of the human person,

Recalling its resolution 1982/20 of 4 May 1982,

Having taken note of the report prepared by the Special Rapporteur in pursuance of that resolution,⁶¹

1. *Again invites* Member States to sign, ratify and implement the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others;⁶²

2. *Also invites* Member States to sign, ratify and implement the International Convention for the Suppression of the Circulation of and Traffic in Obscene Publications, concluded at Geneva on 12 September 1923, as amended by the Protocol signed at Lake Success, New York, on 12 November 1947;⁶³

3. *Recommends* that Member States should take account of the report of the Special Rapporteur and draw up, subject to their constitutions and legislation and in consultation with the parties concerned, policies aimed, to the extent possible, at:

⁵⁹ E/1983/31.

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*, sect. 1.

⁶¹ E/1983/7 and Corr. 1 and 2.

⁶² General Assembly resolution 317 (IV), annex.

⁶³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 46, No. 710, p. 201.