

1162 (XII). Participation of women in community development

The General Assembly,

Having noted with satisfaction that community development programmes are being carried out or are being planned on a long-term basis with international collaboration,

Recognizing that, in order to accelerate community development, which depends basically on the human element, women should be encouraged to play an even greater and more effective part in it, both in their own interest and in the interest of the community,

Noting that the reports on this question do not state to what extent women are participating in community development programmes,

1. *Recommends* to Member States in which community development programmes are being carried out that they should, by every means in their power, encourage the full participation of women in the development of their respective communities;

2. *Recommends* to the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies concerned that, in giving assistance to Governments, they should collaborate with those Governments in achieving this purpose;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include, in his future reports to the Economic and Social Council on the progress of community development, a brief description of the methods used to achieve this purpose, the results obtained and the progress made as regards the participation of women in community development.

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26 November 1957.*

1163 (XII). Seminars on the status of women

The General Assembly,

Taking note of chapter VII, section XI, of the report of the Economic and Social Council,³

Noting with appreciation the work of the Commission on the Status of Women and the progress achieved in the field of women's rights,

Noting also with satisfaction the success of the seminar held in August 1957 at Bangkok (Thailand) on the civic responsibilities and increased participation of Asian women in public life,

1. *Invites* the Commission on the Status of Women to pursue its efforts aimed at the improvement of the status of women throughout the world, in accordance with its terms of reference,

2. *Expresses the hope* that seminars on the status of women will be held as frequently as possible in the future under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights.

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1164 (XII). Development of international co-operation in the fields of science, culture and education

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1043 (XI) of 21 February 1957 on international cultural and scientific co-operation,

Having regard to Economic and Social Council resolution 663 I (XXIV) of 31 July 1957 urging the extension of international co-operation in the social field through the development of personal contacts and the exchange of experience among experts,

Attaching great importance to a further development and expansion of relations in the fields of science, including applied science, culture and education, which will assist the promotion of economic and social welfare as well as better mutual understanding among nations and the maintenance of peace,

Noting with satisfaction the results already achieved in the development of such international co-operation and considering it desirable that there should be opportunities for further development in this respect,

Recognizing the positive contribution in this matter by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other specialized agencies and by other international bodies,

1. *Reiterates* the view expressed in its resolution 1043 (XI) of 21 February 1957 that wider international cultural and scientific co-operation should be promoted by mutual agreements or by other means, and that no effort should be spared in trying to achieve the implementation of these peaceful objectives;

2. *Urges* all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies to develop further all measures for the encouragement of exchanges and co-operation among peoples in the fields of science, culture and education, which is one of the basic purposes of the United Nations;

3. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the other specialized agencies concerned to include in their annual reports to the Economic and Social Council a statement of their views and activities and any information which they may have as to the views and activities of Governments in the field of international educational, scientific and cultural co-operation;

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to give special attention at its twenty-sixth session to the above-mentioned statements of the specialized agencies, and to include, in its report to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session, a section on this subject for consideration by the Assembly.

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1165 (XII). Prolongation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,⁴

Having regard to its resolution 727 (VIII) of 23 October 1953 in which it decided to review, not later than at its twelfth session, the arrangements for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 1958,

Considering the continuing need for international action on behalf of refugees,

Considering the valuable work which has been performed by the Office of the High Commissioner both

³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (A/3613).

⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 11 (A/3585/Rev.1).