(*c*) Formulate projects which offer additional opportunities for the increasingly effective integration in such national programmes of external assistance;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to support the United Nations Children's Fund in this policy, especially by making available adequate and appropriate technical services, including in particular those relating to social services for children and to training programmes;

3. *Commends* the report entitled "Survey of the needs of children" to Governments for study and for distribution to their national agencies which have responsibilities in the field of child welfare;

4. *Commends* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies for their continued collaboration with the Fund in programmes for the promotion of child welfare;

5. *Expresses the hope* that those agencies will co-operate fully with the implementation of the new emphasis and approach of the programmes of the Fund, particularly by assisting countries wishing to draw up and implement longer-term programmes for child welfare within the framework of their economic and social development plans;

6. *Requests* the resident representatives of the Technical Assistance Board, in promoting the co-ordination of these efforts, to continue to offer every possible assistance to the Governments and agencies concerned;

7. *Expresses its conviction* that the progressive outlook of the Fund, the new emphasis and approach in its policy and its capacity to adapt programmes to the evolving needs of the developing countries will be recognized by a continuation and strengthening of the financial support necessary to sustain both its traditional and its extended activities;

8. *Expresses its appreciation* of, and encourages, the participation of the non-governmental organizations both in efforts to promote the work of the Fund in developing countries and in the task of increasing the resources available to the Fund.

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1679 (XVI). Human rights fellowships

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 926 (X) of 14 December 1955 authorizing the Secretary-General to provide advisory services in the field of human rights in the form of advisory services of experts, fellowships and scholarships, and seminars,

Noting that a number of seminars have been successfully organized under that programme, and also that services of experts are available in response to requests from Member States, but that thus far seminars are the only part of the programme that has been developed,

Believing that fellowships can further contribute to the promotion of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms by providing opportunities for qualified persons concerned with matters relating to human rights to enlarge their knowledge and experience,

Noting that the Economic and Social Council has expressed similar views in its resolution 825 (XXXII) of 27 July 1961, adopted on the recommendation of the Commission on Human Rights,

Noting further that the present resources of the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights have proved sufficient only for the convening of three seminars each year,

1. *Decides,* therefore, that the resources for the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights should be increased to permit the provision of a number of human rights fellowships each year, in addition to the seminars;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in publicizing that programme, to draw the attention of Member States to the fact that funds are available for fellowships under the programme and to the reports of the seminars already held, as well as to the problems and questions discussed in those seminars, as a source of suggestions for topics which may be usefully examined and studied by recipients of human rights fellowships;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to draw the attention of Member States to the reports of the various seminars thus far convened in the hope that they will provide information and stimuli to Members with similar interests who did not participate in the seminars.

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1680 (XVI). Draft Convention and draft Recommendation on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age of Marriage and Registration of Marriages

The General Assembly,

Having noted the progress made in the preparation of a draft Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age of Marriage and Registration of Marriages,

Decides to assign priority, at its seventeenth session, to the consideration of the remaining articles of the draft Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age of Marriage and Registration of Marriages and to that of the draft Recommendation approved by the Commission on the Status of Women, devoting to that consideration the number of meetings necessary for its completion.

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1681 (XVI). Draft Convention on Freedom of Information

The General Assembly,

Having made progress in the preparation of the draft Convention on Freedom of Information at its fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth sessions,

Not having been able, however, to complete the draft Convention,

Decides to take up the item entitled "Draft Convention on Freedom of Information" as soon as possible at its seventeenth session and at that session to devote as many meetings as possible to the consideration of that item.

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