

important part of comprehensive plans for economic and social development,

*Stressing* the importance of the role that the United Nations system should play in providing assistance to countries in carrying out their economic and social development plans, including those concerning the elderly and the aged,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the question of the elderly and the aged,<sup>77</sup>

1. *Recommends* to the Governments concerned, in formulating their national policies and programmes, to take into account the recommendations contained in General Assembly resolution 3137 (XXVIII) and to consider developing, as required and in accordance with their national priorities, policies and programmes for the welfare, including housing and social services, health, humanitarian well-being and economic security, of older people as well as measures aimed at maximizing their economic independence and their social integration into society, especially older people living in slums and uncontrolled settlements;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue and to expand, within the limits of existing resources, activities in this field, in co-operation with the agencies concerned, particularly:

(a) To consider measures for strengthening the activities of the regional commissions designed to assist the planning, establishment and improvement of social and health services for the aging;

(b) To assist Governments, at their request and in accordance with their national priorities, in the planning, establishment and expansion of programmes for the older sector of the population in the context of their over-all development programmes;

(c) To conduct seminars and workshops and to undertake studies on special issues in this field, in particular those faced by the developing countries concerned with the problem;

(d) To conduct research into the possibility of preserving and promoting the strengthening of the family unit with a view to facilitating, where appropriate, the care of the elderly and the aged by their own families;

(e) To collect, collate and disseminate the information on aging through the Information Exchange System;

3. *Requests* the competent and concerned specialized agencies to give continued attention to regional and international meetings on the major problems of concern to the aging and suggests that these organizations should engage in regular exchanges of information about their plans and activities in this field, particularly at the regional level;

4. *Requests* the concerned United Nations bodies, organs and programmes, as well as the specialized agencies and interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to join with the United Nations in well-co-ordinated activities to assist all Governments concerned, especially those of the developing countries, in formulating and implementing policies and programmes for the welfare,

including housing and social services, health and protection, of older people, aimed at maximizing their economic independence and maintaining a suitable role in society;

5. *Invites* the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, in accordance with its mandate and the recommendations of the World Population Plan of Action and the guidance of its Governing Council, to provide financial assistance to developing countries, upon request, in improving the conditions of the aging;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council in 1979, through the Commission for Social Development, a progress report on the action taken on the present resolution and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session an item entitled "The elderly and the aged".

*105th plenary meeting  
16 December 1977*

### **32/132. International year and world assembly on aging**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Declaration on Social Progress and Development<sup>78</sup> and the emphasis therein on the dignity and worth of the human being and the rights of the aged,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 3137 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, entitled "Question of the elderly and the aged", and the recommendation therein to Governments on the need for well-designed policies and programmes relating to older people,

*Noting* Economic and Social Council resolution 2077 (LXII) of 13 May 1977, by which the Council approved the progress report of the Secretary-General on the question of the elderly and the aged,<sup>79</sup>

*Recognizing* that the concerns of aged persons in national populations must be addressed when considering economic and social development,

*Convinced* of the need for interchange and international review of policy alternatives affecting the elderly,

1. *Invites* all States to make known their views to the Secretary-General by 1 July 1978 concerning the usefulness of proclaiming an international year on aging for the purpose of calling world-wide attention to the serious problems besetting a growing portion of the populations of the world;

2. *Further invites* all States to communicate their views to the Secretary-General by 1 July 1978 regarding the desirability of convening a world assembly on aging in order to permit national leaders and government specialists to exchange experiences, explore solutions and devise programmes for amelioration of the problems unique to the elderly;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the reactions of Member States to the proclamation of an international year on aging as well as

<sup>77</sup> A/32/130 and Corr.1.

<sup>78</sup> Resolution 2542 (XXIV).

<sup>79</sup> E/CN.5/531.

to the convening of a world assembly on aging, including appropriate proposals on ways in which either or both of these undertakings might be carried out;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-third session an item entitled "Problems of the elderly and the aged" under which the Secretary-General's report and pertinent observations by Member States would be considered.

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### 32/133. International Year for Disabled Persons

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 31/123 of 16 December 1976, by which it proclaimed the year 1981 International Year for Disabled Persons and decided to devote that year to the realization of a set of objectives, including:

(a) Helping disabled persons in their physical and psychological adjustment to society,

(b) Promoting all national and international efforts to provide disabled persons with proper assistance, training, care and guidance, to make available to them opportunities for suitable work and to ensure their full integration into society,

(c) Encouraging study and research projects designed to facilitate the practical participation of disabled persons in daily life, for example by improving their access to public buildings and transportation systems,

(d) Educating and informing the public of the rights of disabled persons to participate in and contribute to various aspects of economic, social and political life,

(e) Promoting effective measures for the prevention of disability and for the rehabilitation of disabled persons,

*Recalling*, in particular, paragraph 4 of its resolution 31/123 in which it requested the Secretary-General to elaborate, in consultation with Member States, the specialized agencies and the organizations concerned, a draft programme for the International Year for Disabled Persons,

*Recalling* its resolution 31/93 of 14 December 1976 on the medium-term plan, in paragraph 6 of which it urged organs to refrain from undertaking new activities not programmed in the medium-term plan and the subsequent programme budget unless a pressing need of an unforeseeable nature arises as determined by the General Assembly,

*Having considered with satisfaction* the report of the Secretary-General on the International Year for Disabled Persons<sup>80</sup> and the draft programme for the Year annexed thereto,

1. *Approves* the proposals of the Secretary-General, contained in his report, for preparatory work for the period 1978-1979;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to undertake the measures required to implement these proposals, including the necessary information activities prior to and during the International Year for Disabled Persons;

3. *Decides* that the International Year for Disabled Persons represents such a pressing need of an unforeseeable nature;

4. *Decides* to establish an Advisory Committee for the International Year for Disabled Persons, composed of the representatives of fifteen Member States to be appointed, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, by the Chairman of the Third Committee, in concurrence with the regional groups;<sup>81</sup>

5. *Decides* that the task of the Advisory Committee shall be to consider, and to consult with Member States and specialized agencies on, the draft programme for the International Year for Disabled Persons prepared by the Secretary-General;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene the Advisory Committee no later than March 1979 at the Headquarters of the United Nations and to submit the report on that meeting to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-fourth session;

7. *Appeals* to Member States to make in due time generous voluntary contributions for the International Year for Disabled Persons;

8. *Encourages* Member States and the organizations concerned to take specific action in the preparation of the observance of the International Year for Disabled Persons;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session the item entitled "International Year for Disabled Persons".

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### 32/134. Youth in the contemporary world

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that since 1965 numerous resolutions on the situation, needs and aspirations of youth have been adopted by both the General Assembly<sup>82</sup> and the Economic and Social Council,<sup>83</sup>

*Recognizing* the profound importance of the direct participation of youth in shaping the future of humanity,

*Convinced* of the imperative need to harness the energies, enthusiasms and creative abilities of youth to the tasks of nation building, the economic, social and cultural advancement of peoples, the implementation of the new international economic order, the preservation of world peace and the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

*Considering it necessary* to disseminate among youth the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, human solidarity and dedication to the objectives of progress and development,

*Convinced* of the necessity of meeting the legitimate needs and aspirations of youth and ensuring their active participation in all fields of national life,

<sup>81</sup> The composition of the Advisory Committee will be announced subsequently.

<sup>82</sup> Resolutions 2037 (XX), 2447 (XXIII), 2497 (XXIV), 2633 (XXV), 2770 (XXVI), 3022 (XXVII), 3023 (XXVII), 3024 (XXVII), 3140 (XXVIII), 3141 (XXVIII), 31/129, 31/130, 31/131 and 31/132.

<sup>83</sup> Resolutions 1086 J (XXXIX), 1353 (XLV), 1354 (XLV), 1407 (XLVI), 1752 (LIV), 1922 (LVIII), 1923 (LVIII), 1966 (LIX) and 2078 (LXII).