

consultation with the Governments concerned, ways to involve youth organizations in development activities of the United Nations at the national level.

2. The Office of Public Information of the Secretariat should continue to work in close co-operation with the Joint United Nations Information Committee to provide information on the issues on which the United Nations is working in a way as to attract young people, at the national level, and interest them in the ideals and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

3. Bearing in mind proposals contained in his note on the role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights,<sup>84</sup> the Secretary-General should explore, in consultation with Governments, the feasibility of identifying a national liaison and focal point on youth within each country, taking into consideration the networks of national correspondents which have been set up to facilitate communication between countries and with the United Nations in allied fields of social development.

#### B. REGIONAL

4. The regional commissions should be requested to pay special attention to the question of active participation of youth in the process of national development and to consider at their forthcoming sessions appropriate forms in which regional commissions can assist Governments in this field and establish contacts with youth and youth organizations.

#### C. INTERNATIONAL

5. The scope of the quarterly *Youth Information Bulletin* should be extended and it should be published in French and Spanish in addition to English, within the existing budgetary allocations. Both governmental and non-governmental bodies dealing with youth should be encouraged to provide material for dissemination through the *Bulletin* and to assist in its distribution so that it may be made available to as many young people and youth organizations as possible.

6. The work of the Office of Public Information and the Center for Economic and Social Information of the Secretariat, in the creation of suitable radio and television programmes about the United Nations and its activities, should be intensified within their existing budgetary allocations.

7. The Secretary-General should continue to utilize the existing channels of communication between the United Nations and international and regional non-governmental youth organizations.

### 32/136. Draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

#### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 31/136 of 16 December 1976, in which the General Assembly, *inter alia*, approved the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women,<sup>85</sup> which entails the adoption by the Assembly of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and its entry into force during the first half of the Decade, between 1976 and 1980,

*Convinced* that the adoption of that Convention and its entry into force will contribute to the implementation of the principal objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, and to the realization of the principles of equality between men and women,

*Noting* the work done in 1976 by the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session with

a view to the elaboration of the draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women,<sup>86</sup>

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 2058 (LXII) of 12 May 1977, in which the Council requested the General Assembly to take up consideration of the draft Convention as a matter of urgency at the outset of its thirty-second session with a view to its adoption at that session,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Working Group of the Third Committee on the Drafting of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women;<sup>87</sup>

2. *Recommends* that a working group should be established at the beginning of the thirty-third session to continue consideration of the articles which have not been completed during the current session;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the draft Convention will be adopted during its thirty-third session;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-third session, as a matter of high priority, an item entitled "Draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women".

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### 32/137. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

#### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 31/135 of 16 December 1976, in which it endorsed the establishment of an International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1998 (LX) of 12 May 1976 concerning the same question,

*Recalling further* the reports of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved towards the establishment of the Institute, submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session<sup>88</sup> and to the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth and sixty-second sessions,<sup>89</sup>

*Convinced* that the early establishment of the Institute will contribute substantially to the realization of the objectives of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year<sup>90</sup> and the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women,<sup>91</sup>

*Noting* the preparations already undertaken by the Secretary-General for the establishment of the Institute,

*Considering* that those preparations should be actively continued and that a preliminary draft document describing the structure and composition of the Institute should be prepared not later than April 1978,

<sup>86</sup> A/32/218, annex IV.

<sup>87</sup> A/C.3/32/L.59.

<sup>88</sup> A/31/310.

<sup>89</sup> E/5772, E/5926.

<sup>90</sup> *Report of the World Conference on the International Women's Year* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

<sup>91</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5909), annex V.*

<sup>84</sup> E/CN.5/528 and Corr.1.

<sup>85</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5909), annex V.*

1. *Notes* the efforts made thus far by the Secretary-General with a view to the establishment of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue those efforts and to prepare, in consultation with the competent bodies of the host country, the competent organs and institutions of the United Nations system and the regional commissions concerned, a draft document describing the structure, composition, responsibilities and programme of the Institute, as well as the co-ordination of the activities of the Institute with those of the organizations concerned, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the regional commissions and the regional research centres for the advancement of women, having regard to the recommendations of the Group of Experts set forth in the report submitted by the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-fourth session on the progress achieved towards the establishment of the Institute, including substantive and administrative preparations, and to submit to it for consideration and adoption the draft document referred to in paragraph 2 above.

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### **32/138. Interagency programme for the United Nations Decade for Women**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it proclaimed the period from 1976 to 1985 United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be devoted to effective and sustained national, regional and international action to implement the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year<sup>92</sup> and related resolutions<sup>93</sup> adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year,

*Recalling further* that in its resolution 31/136 of 16 December 1976 it approved the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women<sup>94</sup> which focused on the first half of the Decade, 1976-1980,

*Noting* that the joint interagency programme for the integration of women in development, whose establishment was called for in paragraph 5 (b) of General Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX), has become an interagency programme for the United Nations Decade for Women based on the implementation of the World Plan of Action, for the formulation of which the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs serves as focal point,

*Noting also* that this programme was drawn up in July 1977 in the context of the conceptual framework and the co-ordination of ongoing activities and planned activities of the agencies concerned,

<sup>92</sup> Report of the World Conference on the International Women's Year (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

<sup>93</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. III.

<sup>94</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5909), annex V.

*Noting further* that this programme, which should be brought up to date every two years, is currently the subject of a study which is to be considered by the special interagency meeting on the United Nations Decade for Women to be held in July 1978 with a view to preparing for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women,

1. *Notes* the measures already taken by the Secretary-General to implement the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women;<sup>95</sup>

2. *Emphasizes* that constant and increasing efforts must be made at the national, regional and international levels to attain the objectives of the Decade;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with all the interested agencies and organizations of the United Nations, to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, the study of the interagency programme accompanied by the observations formulated by the Council with regard to it;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to Governments every two years the study of the interagency programme for the Decade;

5. *Urges* the interested agencies and organizations of the United Nations system to identify and undertake as quickly as possible projects to be executed jointly.

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### **32/139. Pledging conference for the United Nations Decade for Women**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 31/137 of 16 December 1976, in which it requested the Secretary-General to convene during the thirty-second session of the General Assembly a pledging conference for contributions to be made to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women and to the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

*Noting with satisfaction* the results of the first Pledging Conference for the United Nations Decade for Women, held at the Headquarters of the United Nations on 8 November 1977,

*Convinced* that the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women,<sup>96</sup> if it is to be fully effective, must be translated into the greatest possible number of projects and programmes at the national, regional and interregional levels,

*Also convinced* that the speedy establishment of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women will contribute substantially to the attainment of the research and training objectives of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,<sup>97</sup>

1. *Expresses its thanks* to the Secretary-General for having convened the first Pledging Conference for the United Nations Decade for Women;

<sup>95</sup> A/32/175.

<sup>96</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5909), annex V.

<sup>97</sup> Report of the World Conference on the International Women's Year (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.