

Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year<sup>127</sup> and of progress made under the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,<sup>128</sup>

*Reaffirming* Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/28 of 5 May 1978, in which the Council, *inter alia*, recommended an integration of the reporting systems outlined in the aforementioned resolutions,

*Recognizing* the importance of such reports for the review of the progress achieved in the promotion of the full equality of women with men in all spheres of life,

*Noting with concern* that the responses received to the requests for information on the basis of the aforementioned resolutions have been insufficient in number and also often overlap in their coverage, as shown in the reports submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-seventh session,<sup>129</sup>

*Underlining* the desirability that all Member States should submit such reports,

*Bearing in mind* the burden placed upon Governments when complying separately with the requests in the aforementioned resolutions,

*Convinced* that there is a need for rationalization of the reporting systems referred to in the first and second preambular paragraphs above,

1. *Decides* to integrate the reporting systems outlined in the aforementioned resolutions into a single system and to review the new reporting system in the light of further developments;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review in order to simplify, if possible, the contents of the questionnaires forwarded to Member States, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, in the context of the integrated reporting system, paying particular attention to regional requirements by selecting evaluation criteria which take account of regional disparities;

3. *Urges* Member States, when preparing their reports, to make use of national machinery established to promote the advancement of women and of the views of the appropriate national non-governmental organizations;

4. *Further requests* that the Secretary-General, in compiling reports based on governmental replies on the progress achieved in the improvement of the status of women, provide analytical comments on obstacles encountered and policies for future action, including, if possible, comparative surveys on development within each region.

*95th plenary meeting  
29 January 1979*

### **33/187. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 31/135 of 16 December 1976 and 32/137 of 16 December 1977 concern-

<sup>127</sup> Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico, 19 June-2 July 1975 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

<sup>128</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>129</sup> A/32/216 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2; E/CN.6/611.

ing the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>130</sup> submitted in application of Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/25 of 5 May 1978 and the preparations made by the Secretariat towards the establishment of the Institute at the administrative, substantive and financial levels,

*Noting* the results achieved by the 1978 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, held at Headquarters on 7 November 1978, as regards the Institute,

1. *Expresses its thanks* to the Secretary-General for the efforts made towards the establishment of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue actively the necessary consultations concerning the agreement with the host country;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to proceed with the appointment of the Director and the members of the Board of Trustees of the Institute;

4. *Decides* that, as soon as the members of the Board of Trustees are appointed, the Institute should start functioning as a body of the United Nations financed through voluntary contributions with the degree of autonomy necessary to ensure its efficient operation;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake and pursue all appropriate initiatives to attract voluntary contributions to finance the operations of the Institute;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1979 a report on the implementation of the present resolution, including a proposed programme of operations for the first two years together with the outline of a budget for the same period;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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### **33/188. Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 31/133 of 16 December 1976 containing the criteria and arrangements for the management of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women,

*Recalling also* its resolution 32/141 of 16 December 1977, in which the Secretary-General was requested to report annually on the management of the Fund and to submit periodically to the General Assembly progress reports on the execution of projects financed by the Fund,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the Fund,<sup>131</sup>

<sup>130</sup> A/33/316; see also A/C.5/33/34.

<sup>131</sup> A/33/198 and Add.1/Rev.1 and Add.2 and Corr.1.

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the decisions of the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women during its third<sup>132</sup> and fourth<sup>133</sup> sessions;

2. *Also notes with satisfaction* the progress of the regional commissions in the formulation and execution of projects in the fields of national development, planning, rural development, training of trainers, appropriate technologies, small-scale business and industries, and technical co-operation among developing countries, including research and information services;

3. *Requests* the regional commissions concerned to proceed to the recruitment of the second women's programme officer as recommended by the Consultative Committee at its fourth session;<sup>134</sup>

4. *Urges* the regional commissions to increase the numbers of women employed in policy-making positions within their secretariats;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to the relevant organizations and organs within the United Nations system for their co-operation at the national and regional levels in formulating and executing projects sponsored by the Fund;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to those countries which have already contributed, to those which have pledged contributions and to those which have expressed their intention of contributing to the Fund;

7. *Appeals* to Member States to consider giving support to the Fund in order to assure availability of adequate resources for the long-term planning of its activities;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to report annually on the management of the Fund as well as on the progress in implementation of Fund activities;

(b) To continue to include the Fund, on an annual basis, as one of the programmes of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

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**33/189. World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it decided to convene a world conference in 1980, at the mid-term of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 2062 (LXII) of 12 May 1977, in which the Council decided to establish a preparatory committee to make recommendations concerning the substantive and organizational arrangements for the Conference,

*Recalling further* all the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations on substantive and administrative aspects of the preparatory work for the Conference,

1. *Decides* that the provisional agenda for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace shall be as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2. *Further decides* on the following organization of work for the Conference:

(a) Thirteen working days shall be allocated for the Conference;

(b) In addition to the plenary, there shall be two main committees, for which interpretation shall be provided in six languages;

(c) The general debate, to be held in plenary, shall be limited to fifteen minutes per speaker;

(d) The number of working groups required shall be decided upon by the Conference, on the understanding that one working group will be provided with interpretation;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the documentation for the Conference will be made available and distributed six weeks before the Conference is convened, in accordance with United Nations practice;

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, in preparing the substantive documentation for the Conference, to make use, as necessary, of the expertise of consultants;

5. *Recommends* to the executive heads of the specialized agencies concerned and other relevant parts of the United Nations system to prepare in a co-ordinated manner reports evaluating progress in substantive areas relating to the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that due account is taken of the recommendations on the rationalization of methods in the preparation of the questionnaire on the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,<sup>135</sup> in compliance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2060 (LXII) of 12 May 1977, and of the findings and conclusions emanating from all preparatory work for the Conference;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Conference will have at its disposal the documentation referred to in his note of 2 March 1978 on the preparatory work for the Conference<sup>136</sup> as well as in the relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite:

(a) All States to participate in the Conference;

(b) Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices in the capacity of observers to participate in

<sup>132</sup> A/33/198, sect. II.

<sup>133</sup> A/33/198/Add.2 and Corr.1, sect. II.

<sup>134</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 8.

<sup>135</sup> *Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico, 19 June-2 July 1975* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

<sup>136</sup> E/CN.6/610.