

**34/162. Preparations for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 33/189 of 29 January 1979, concerning substantive and organizational arrangements for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Recalling also its resolution 33/185 of 29 January 1979, in which it adopted the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education",

Convinced of the need to ensure the most effective preparation of the Conference, its success and the effectiveness of follow-up activities,

Noting that regional preparatory meetings have taken place in Paris, New Delhi and Caracas and that two more are scheduled to take place at Lusaka and Damascus,

Having considered the report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women on its second session,<sup>94</sup>

Having also considered the detailed proposals for the Conference contained in the note by the Secretary-General,<sup>95</sup>

1. Approves the recommendations contained in the report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women concerning the activities related to the preparation of the Conference;<sup>96</sup>

2. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary budgetary appropriations specified in his note in respect of the areas listed below:

(a) To ensure the participation in the Conference of one representative of each of the least developed countries;

(b) To ensure the satisfactory preparation of the documentation for the Conference;

(c) To allow adequate preparation for the presentation of the report of the Conference to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

(d) In relation to measures proposed by the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, to strengthen the relevant activities planned for the period prior to and during the Conference;

(e) To make the appropriate arrangements to ensure the success of the preparatory seminars and meetings for the Conference;

(f) To provide the secretariat of the Conference with the appropriate staff, including staff to carry out information activities after the Conference, and with the resources necessary for the travel of the Secretary-General of the Conference;

(g) To hold a third session of the Preparatory Committee in 1980;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to seek extrabudgetary funds to ensure the participation in the Conference of one representative from each of the island and land-locked developing countries;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General to endeavour to find extrabudgetary funds to provide for the information activities proposed for the period after the Conference;

5. Takes note of the provisional rules of procedure formulated by the Preparatory Committee at its second session;<sup>97</sup>

6. Notes with appreciation the statement of the representative of Denmark concerning steps which the Government of Denmark, in line with General Assembly resolution 33/189, has taken regarding the practical organization of the work of the Conference;<sup>98</sup>

7. Strongly urges Member States to ensure their adequate preparation for the Conference, including the presentation of studies of development projects and programmes which have been successful in improving the condition of women and in promoting their participation in economic and social development, as required by Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/32 of 5 May 1978;

8. Calls upon Member States, the competent organs of the United Nations and the specialized agencies to take all necessary measures, including the use of their information resources, to mobilize public opinion in support of the Conference and its objectives.

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17 December 1979*

**34/163. Policies and programmes relating to youth**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 31/130 of 16 December 1976 on the role of youth, 31/131 of 16 December 1976 on the United Nations Volunteers programme and 33/6 of 3 November 1978, concerning communication with youth and youth organizations, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/27 of 9 May 1979 on co-ordination and information in the field of youth,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on channels of communication with youth and youth organizations<sup>99</sup> and his note on the work of the Interagency Task Force on Youth Policies and Programmes,<sup>100</sup>

Convinced of the need to improve the efforts of the United Nations with regard to the participation of youth in achieving the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations, especially those concerning economic and social progress and development,

Equally convinced of the valuable contribution that youth can make in promoting co-operation among States and the implementation of the new international economic order based on equity and justice,

Recognizing the need for wider and more effective use of all appropriate channels that would allow young people to participate in a concrete and effective manner in national development and in the activities of the United Nations at the national, regional, interregional and international levels,

Also recognizing that, for the successful implementation of the International Youth Year, greatly extended and improved communication with young people and youth organizations representative of all regions of the world will be important,

<sup>97</sup> A/CONF.94/PC/12, chap. II, sect. A.

<sup>98</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Third Committee, 53rd meeting, paras. 27-30; and *ibid.*, Third Committee, Sessional Fascicle, corrigendum.

<sup>99</sup> A/34/199.

<sup>100</sup> A/34/653.

<sup>94</sup> A/CONF.94/PC/12.

<sup>95</sup> A/34/657 and Add.1.

<sup>96</sup> See also sect. X.B.1, decision 34/434.

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution, together with its annex containing draft additional guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, to all Member States, regional commissions and regional and international youth organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council for their comments and suggestions;

2. *Invites* Member States to communicate the substance of the present resolution and its annex to national youth organizations and asks for their comments and suggestions;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to obtain from Member States, regional commissions and regional and international youth organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council their comments on the aforementioned draft additional guidelines and to submit a report in this regard to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session the item entitled "Policies and programmes relating to youth".

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#### ANNEX

##### **Draft additional guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations**

#### A. NATIONAL

1. Attention should be given to the expansion of advisory services on youth activities provided by the United Nations to Governments at their request.

2. Bearing in mind the proposals contained in the note by the Secretary-General on the role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights,<sup>101</sup> attention should also be given, in consultation with Governments, to the promotion of the establishment of national liaison and focal points on youth, 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

3. The regional commissions should review their relationships with regional non-governmental organizations in order to facilitate co-operation with regard to youth activities between these organizations, especially those active with young people, and the regional commissions.

4. The regional commissions should be requested to pay special attention to the question of the active participation of youth in the process of development and to consider the need to co-operate closely with the international programmes of the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Development Programme for the provision of services for and by youth with regard to employment.

5. In the context of paragraph 4 above, the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions, within their mandates, should consider the promotion and co-ordination within their respective regions of all activities regarding the integration and participation of youth in development.

6. The regional commissions should consider the possibility of organizing regional workshops on questions relating to youth.

#### C. INTERNATIONAL

7. The Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should continue to make arrangements for the promotion and co-ordination of the activities in the field of youth and the integration

of those activities into the over-all programmes on social and economic development.

8. Governments and non-governmental organizations with youth programmes should be encouraged to contribute material for publication in the *Youth Information Bulletin*, which is issued quarterly in three languages, and also to identify channels through which copies of the *Bulletin* can be circulated in order to reach the maximum number of young people.

9. The practice of providing internships for youth should be expanded to give young people from all regions of the world the opportunity of serving the United Nations for short periods of time and thereby learning of its activities at first hand. Those internships should not be confined to United Nations Headquarters.

10. The Joint United Nations Information Committee should be invited to consider the views of youth organizations representative of all regions of the world on the production and circulation of United Nations publications of interest to youth.

11. The Secretary-General should maintain under review the existing channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, in the light of the comments received from Governments.

#### **34/167. Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment**

##### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 3452 (XXX) of 9 December 1975,

*Recalling* its resolutions 32/62 of 8 December 1977, in which it requested the Commission on Human Rights to draw up a draft convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the light of the principles embodied in the Declaration, 32/63 of 8 December 1977, in which it requested the Secretary-General to draw up and circulate among Member States a questionnaire soliciting information concerning steps they had taken, including legislative and administrative measures, to put into practice the principles of the Declaration, and 32/64 of 8 December 1977, in which it called upon Member States to reinforce their support of the Declaration by making unilateral declarations against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the significant progress made in the drafting of a convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment during the thirty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights, as reflected in the progress report of the Commission;<sup>102</sup>

2. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/35 of 10 May 1979, by which the Council authorized an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of one week prior to the thirty-sixth session of the Commission to complete the work on a draft convention;

3. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights, at its thirty-sixth session, to continue to give high priority to the question of completing the draft convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;

<sup>101</sup> E/CN.5/528 and Corr.1.

<sup>102</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 6 (E/1979/36), chap. VIII, sect. A.*