

Least Developed Countries and urgent implementation of the Immediate Action Programme for 1979-1981, called for in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

1. *Decides* to convene a United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in 1981;

2. *Decides further* that the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries should have the objective of finalizing, adopting and supporting the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the least developed countries, outlined in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to designate the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, bearing in mind the focal role which the Conference has played in the preparation of the Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, as Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

4. *Decides* to designate the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to act as the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, open to the full participation of all States members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

5. *Further decides* to initiate the preparation of studies, as provided for in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, by the relevant secretariats of the United Nations system, requests donor Governments and the least developed countries themselves to initiate similar studies, and requests the Preparatory Committee to consider any additional studies that may be necessary;

6. *Requests* the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries, which is scheduled to meet in February 1980, to recommend additional sessions which may be necessary in 1980 and 1981 to complete the preparations for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

7. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee to report on its work to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in response to paragraph 33 of resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to entrust the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation with the responsibility for taking the necessary steps, with the collaboration of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to ensure the full mobilization and co-ordination of all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the further elaboration and implementation of the Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries and in the preparations for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

9. *Invites* the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system concerned, especially the regional commissions, the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank, to extend their fullest co-operation, support and contribution to the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.

109th plenary meeting
19 December 1979

34/204. Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3517 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the mid-term review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,

Taking into consideration its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the World Conference of the International Women's Year, in which it, *inter alia*, proclaimed the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace and decided to establish the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Taking note of the part of the Economic Declaration adopted by the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Havana from 3 to 9 September 1979, relating to the role of women in development,¹⁹⁶

Also taking into consideration its resolutions 3505 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the integration of women in the development process and 31/175 of 21 December 1976 and 33/200 of 29 January 1979 on the effective mobilization of women in development,

Affirming that women and men should participate and contribute on a basis of equality in the social, economic and political processes of development, including decision-making, and should share in improved conditions of life,

Aware of the need for continuing and increased measures aimed at the effective participation of women in the over-all development of their countries,

Bearing in mind the preparations for the international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade,

Bearing in mind also the preparations for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be held at Copenhagen in 1980,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development,¹⁹⁷

1. *Welcomes* the inclusion in the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development¹⁹⁸ of special provisions relating to the integration of women in rural development and calls upon the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Develop-

¹⁹⁶ See A/34/542, annex, sect. IV, paras. 112 and 113.

¹⁹⁷ A/34/531.

¹⁹⁸ See *Report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, Rome, 12-20 July 1979 (WCARRD/REP)*; transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/34/485).

ment Programme and other relevant United Nations agencies and organizations:

(a) To assist Governments in the implementation of those provisions;

(b) To take all necessary measures to initiate research, projects and programmes which will facilitate the integration of women in rural development, by addressing themselves, *inter alia*, to:

- (i) The problems experienced by women as a result of migration from rural to urban areas;
- (ii) The need for training programmes which will enable women to take advantage of all aspects of new agro-technology;
- (iii) The impact of agro-business on women's traditional work in rural areas;
- (iv) The need to encourage women's participation in the co-operative movement and to ensure their access to land, credit and marketing facilities;

2. Welcomes also resolution 2, entitled "Women, science and technology", adopted by the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development on 31 August 1979,¹⁹⁹ and requests the Secretary-General to proceed with the implementation of that resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

3. Emphasizes the importance of the integration and participation of women in the process of industrial development and requests the United Nations Industrial Development Organization at its Third General Conference, to be held at New Delhi from 21 January to 8 February 1980, to consider this question, giving particular attention to:

(a) The impact of new technology and the deployment of modern industries on women's traditional skills and occupations, which may be endangered;

(b) The identification of ways and means to enhance and facilitate the equal participation of women in industrial development, in both rural and urban areas;

4. Welcomes further Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/11 of 9 May 1979, in which the Council recommended that the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women should be located in a developing country and requested the Institute to give priority in its programme of work to the question of the effective mobilization and integration of women in development;

5. Calls upon the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace to include in the Programme of Action for the second half of the Decade concrete measures for the effective mobilization and integration of women in all sectors of development, which will contribute to the economic and social development of their countries;

6. Stresses the important role of the interagency programme in the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace with regard to the co-ordination of activities relating to the integration and participation of women in the process of development and requests the participating United Nations agencies and organizations to proceed with the implementation of the interagency programme;

¹⁹⁹ See *Report of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, Vienna, 20-31 August 1979* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.I.21 and corrigenda), chap. VI, sect. A.

7. Requests Governments to provide information on successful projects or programmes aimed at ameliorating the present situation of women in development through, *inter alia*:

(a) The effective mobilization of women in development;

(b) The facilitation of the integration and active participation of women in development, including development planning;

8. Notes with regret that it has not been possible for the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session the comprehensive report requested in its resolution 33/200;

9. Urges the Secretary-General to prepare the report as soon as possible and to submit it to the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy at its fifth session and to the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women at its third session;

10. Urges the United Nations agencies that have not already done so to submit to the Secretary-General without delay the information called for in resolution 33/200 and requests the Secretary-General to submit the report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;²⁰⁰

11. Further requests the Secretary-General to pay due attention, in preparing his analytical report to the General Assembly at its special session in 1980, to the importance of the effective mobilization and integration of women in development.

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34/205. Action programme in favour of developing island countries²⁰¹

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3338 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 dealing, *inter alia*, with efforts to meet the special problems of developing island countries,

Reiterating the specific action in favour of developing island countries envisaged in resolution 98 (IV) of 31 May 1976 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,²⁰²

Recalling its resolutions 31/156 of 21 December 1976 and 32/185 of 19 December 1977,

Mindful that further specific action is needed in the case of developing island countries to assist them in offsetting their major handicaps, in particular those developing island countries which suffer handicaps due especially to smallness, remoteness, constraints in transport and communications, great distances from market centres, highly limited internal markets, lack of marketing expertise, low resource endowment, lack of natural resources, heavy dependence on a few commodities for their foreign exchange earnings, shortage of administrative personnel and heavy financial burdens,

Emphasizing the need for a more effective response by the international community to the various resolutions

²⁰⁰ Issued as document A/35/82.

²⁰¹ See also sect. I, foot-note 11.

²⁰² See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fourth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10 and corrigendum), part one, sect. A.