

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the information activities and to provide the secretariat of the International Year of Disabled Persons with all the resources and personnel necessary for carrying out its work;

10. *Welcomes* the progress already made in the drafting of a long-term world plan of action and approves the procedure and time-scale for its adoption proposed by the Advisory Committee for the International Year of Disabled Persons at its second session;⁶⁶

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene a session of the Advisory Committee in 1981;

12. *Requests* the Advisory Committee to examine the possibilities of continuing the activities of the International Institute for the Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons in Developing Countries in the light of the experience of the International Year of Disabled Persons;

13. *Invites* all heads of State or Government, the President of the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General to issue special messages at the beginning of the International Year of Disabled Persons;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session the item entitled "International Year of Disabled Persons" and, in view of its importance, recommends that this item should be considered by the General Assembly in plenary meeting, in observance of the Year;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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35/134. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/157 of 17 December 1979, in which it expressed the desire that the consultations concerning the agreement with the Government of the host country would be expeditiously concluded and requested the Secretary-General to consult Member States with a view to nominating the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women as soon as possible,

Having received the report of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on its session held at Geneva from 22 to 26 October 1979,⁶⁷

Having also received the report of the Secretary-General,⁶⁸

1. *Urges* the Secretary-General to appoint the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, taking fully into account the consultations held with Member States to that end;

2. *Expresses its desire* that the necessary consultations concerning the agreement with the Government of the Dominican Republic will be expeditiously concluded;

⁶⁶ A/35/444, annex.

⁶⁷ E/1980/23.

⁶⁸ A/35/94.

3. *Expresses also its desire* that the Institute will start to function in the Dominican Republic and that its installation in the host country will not be unduly delayed;

4. *Reiterates* the guidelines set out in Economic and Social Council resolution 1998 (LX) of 12 May 1976 regarding the activities of the Institute, in particular the need for close collaboration with the regional institutes which have similar objectives;

5. *Invites* Governments to contribute to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, both financially and in kind;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1981 on the implementation of the present resolution.

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35/135. Refugee and displaced women

The General Assembly,

Having considered the resolutions adopted by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women and the recommendations contained in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace relating to refugee and displaced women,⁶⁹ which are of concern to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

Recognizing that the problems of refugees and displaced persons affect every continent and place special burdens on developing countries,

Aware that the increasingly serious situations of refugees and displaced persons place heavy social and economic burdens on those countries which provide asylum, relief or rehabilitation,

Noting with great concern that women and children constitute the majority of refugees and displaced persons in most areas,

Recognizing that the needs of refugee and displaced women as mothers and as women who have sole responsibility for the support of their families require constructive recognition by all parties to their relief and rehabilitation,

Recognizing also the particular vulnerability of refugee and displaced women to intimidation, exploitation and physical and sexual abuse,

Aware that the special problems of refugee and displaced women have to date not been fully studied,

Strongly emphasizing the need for increased support from the international community for the large number of refugees and displaced persons,

1. *Requests* all States to co-operate with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in order to assure full protection of the well-being of women and children in particular, in accordance with their fundamental rights under international law and national legislation;

2. *Calls upon* all States and donors providing immediate relief to refugees and displaced persons to en-

⁶⁹ See Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I.

deavour to lessen the special vulnerability of women in these circumstances, by ensuring their access to emergency relief and to health programmes, and their active participation in decision making in centres or camps for refugees or displaced persons;

3. *Urges* the international community to provide urgent and adequate assistance to all refugee and displaced women and to developing countries providing asylum or rehabilitation, especially the least developed and most seriously affected countries;

4. *Further calls upon* all States and donors assisting in the rehabilitation, resettlement or repatriation of refugees and displaced persons to recognize the pivotal role of the mother in the family, and thus in the provision of family welfare, to ensure women's rights to physical safety and to facilitate their access to counselling services and material assistance;

5. *Urges* the High Commissioner to work with host country Governments to encourage the participation of women, including refugee women, in the administration of refugee assistance programmes, notably the provision of essential food, shelter and medical services in countries of asylum and to promote their participation in training and orientation programmes in countries of asylum and resettlement;

6. *Urges* the High Commissioner to draw upon the expertise of all United Nations bodies concerned and, in consultation with the countries concerned, to carry out detailed studies and research to determine the extent to which refugee and displaced women are especially vulnerable and to formulate and implement programmes and projects based upon the results of these studies;

7. *Recommends* that the Office of the High Commissioner should co-ordinate with the United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned the collection and analysis of data and the conduct of research and case studies on the critical needs of refugee and displaced women;

8. *Further recommends* that the High Commissioner should ensure that the number of women at all levels on his staff, particularly in the field, is increased and that a high-level staff position is designated as a co-ordinator for women's programmes.

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35/136. World Conference of 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 and decided to convene a world conference at the mid-term of the Decade,

Recalling also its resolution 34/158 of 17 December 1979 on the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Recalling further its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, the annex to which contains the text of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Reaffirming the principles and objectives set forth in the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and Their Contribution to Development and Peace,

1975,⁷⁰ and in the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,⁷¹

Bearing in mind its resolutions 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, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Bearing in mind further the consensus achieved on the text of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,⁷² in particular on the implementation of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women within the framework of the Strategy,

*Having considered the Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,*⁷³

Convinced that the Conference, by adopting the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women and other relevant decisions and resolutions,⁷⁴ has made an important and positive contribution to the attainment of the objectives of the Decade and permitted the maintenance of a policy framework to deal with the concerns of women,

Recognizing the need for the active participation of women in the achievement of a just and lasting peace and social progress, the establishment of the new international economic order, complete respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and the integration of women into the development process so that the equality of men and women may be affirmed and their situation improved,

Reaffirming that the realization of equal rights for women at all levels and in all areas of life will contribute to the struggle for the elimination of colonialism, neo-colonialism, all forms of racism and racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

Considering that the recommendations made in the Programme of Action and in other relevant decisions and resolutions adopted by the Conference should immediately be translated into concrete action by States, the organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the *Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace*;

2. *Endorses* the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women, as adopted at the Conference;

3. *Recognizes* that the Conference made an important and constructive contribution by appraising the progress achieved and the obstacles encountered in the implementation of the objectives of the Decade and by preparing and adopting a programme for the next five years;

4. *Affirms* that the implementation of the Programme of Action should result in the complete in-

⁷⁰ See *Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, Mexico City, 19 June-2 July 1975* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. I.

⁷¹ *Ibid.*, chap. II, sect. A.

⁷² See sect. V, resolution 35/56, annex.

⁷³ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum.

⁷⁴ *Ibid.*, chap. I.