

13. *Also calls upon* Member States to make all efforts to promote the accelerated and complete elimination of such fundamental elements hindering economic and social progress and development as colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism and all forms of racial discrimination, *apartheid*, terrorism in all its forms, aggression, foreign occupation, alien domination and all forms of inequality and exploitation of peoples, and also to undertake effective measures to lessen international tensions and to halt the arms race and redistribute released resources in order to promote social and economic development;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue monitoring the world social situation in depth on a regular basis and to submit the next full report on the world social situation to the General Assembly in 1989, for consideration at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council;

15. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the next report on the world social situation, to take into account the observations made by Member States on the 1985 report as well as the conclusions of the Commission for Social Development contained in the report on its twenty-ninth session;

16. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for wide dissemination of the reports on the world social situation;

17. *Invites* the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in the preparation of future reports by making available all relevant information pertaining to their respective areas of competence;

18. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fourth session the item entitled "World social situation".

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40/101. The role of women in society⁹¹

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, as well as the importance of the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975,⁹² the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year⁹³ and the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,⁹⁴

Welcoming the results of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985, in particular the adoption of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,⁵¹

Noting that just and lasting peace and social progress, as well as the establishment of a new international economic order, require the active participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation and in the process of development,

Bearing in mind that economic inequality, colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid*, foreign intervention, occupation, alien domination and terrorism in all its forms, acts of aggression and interference in the internal

affairs of others and violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms constitute an impediment to the achievement of real and genuine equality and to the integration of women in society,

Convinced of the necessity to secure for all women full realization of the rights embodied in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,⁷⁵ in the International Covenants on Human Rights²⁴ and in other relevant instruments in this field,

Recognizing that the achievement of equal and full participation of women in all spheres of activities constitutes an inseparable part of the political, economic, social and cultural development of all countries,

Aware that efforts to promote the status of women in all its aspects and their complete integration in society go beyond the problem of legal equality and that deeper structural transformations of society and changes in present-day economic relations, as well as elimination of traditional prejudices through education and dissemination of information, are required so as to create conditions for women to develop fully their intellectual and physical capacities and to participate actively in the decision-making process in political, economic, social and cultural development,

Mindful of the necessity to enlarge the possibilities for both men and women to combine parental duties and household work with paid employment and social activities,

Aware that the role of women in childbearing should not be the cause of inequality and discrimination, and that child rearing demands shared responsibilities among women, men and society as a whole,

Deeply appreciating the increasing participation of women in political, economic, social and cultural life and their contribution thereto,

1. *Appeals* to all Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to recognize in their activities the importance of all interrelated aspects of the role of women in society — as mothers, as participants in economic development and as participants in public life — without underestimating any one of them;

2. *Calls upon* all Governments to encourage such social and economic development that would secure the participation of women in all spheres of work, equal pay for work of equal value and equal opportunities for education and for professional and vocational training, taking into consideration the necessity of combining all aspects of the role of women in society;

3. *Appeals* to Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to promote conditions that would enable women to participate as equal partners with men in public and political life, in the decision-making process at all levels and in the management of different spheres of life in society;

4. *Calls upon* Governments to recognize the special status and social importance of motherhood and to take, in the context of their specific abilities and conditions, all necessary measures to promote its protection, including maternity leave with pay, and to provide security for their jobs as long as necessary, so as to allow women, if they so wish, to fulfil their role as mothers without prejudice to their professional and public activities;

5. *Appeals* to Governments to promote the establishment of appropriate facilities for child-care and education

⁹¹ See also sect. I, footnote 17, and sect. V, resolution 40/204.

⁹² *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.

⁹³ *Ibid.*, chap. II, sect. A.

⁹⁴ *Report of the World Conference on 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, sect. A.

of children as a means of combining parenthood with economic, political, social, cultural and other activities and thus to provide assistance to women in integrating fully into their societies;

6. *Decides* to consider the question of the role of women in society at its forty-first session under an item entitled "Forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women to the year 2000".

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40/102. Participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation

The General Assembly,

Confirming the noble goal enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations to maintain peace and security in the world and the determination of the States Members of the United Nations expressed therein to save present and succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

Recalling that the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985, in adopting the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,⁹⁵ underlined the importance of the participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation,

Convinced that the International Year of Peace, proclaimed for the year 1986 by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/3 of 24 October 1985, could give new impulses for safeguarding international peace and security,

Reaffirming its resolution 37/63 of 3 December 1982, by which it proclaimed the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation,

Recalling its resolution 39/124 of 14 December 1984, in which it requested the Commission on the Status of Women to consider what measures might be necessary in order to implement the Declaration,

Wishing to encourage the active participation of women in promoting international peace and security and co-operation,

Convinced that increased efforts are required to eliminate still existing forms of discrimination against women in every field of human endeavour,

Conscious of the need to implement the provisions of the Declaration,

1. *Pledges its determination* to encourage the full participation of women in the economic, social, cultural, civil and political affairs of society and in the endeavour to promote international peace and co-operation;

2. *Appeals* to all Governments to take the necessary measures for putting into practice the principles and provisions of the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation;

3. *Invites* all Governments to give wide publicity to the Declaration and its implementation;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take adequate steps to ensure that publicity is given to the Declaration;

5. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and other appropriate bodies within the United Nations

system to consider adequate measures to implement the Declaration;

6. *Requests* the Commission on the Status of Women to consider measures which may be necessary to implement the Declaration in the context of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women for the period up to the year 2000;

7. *Decides* to consider the further implementation of the Declaration at its forty-first session, as a sub-item of an item entitled "Forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women to the year 2000".

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40/103. Prevention of prostitution

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Special Rapporteur on the subject of the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others, prepared in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/20 of 4 May 1982,⁹⁵

Recalling its resolution 38/107 of 16 December 1983 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/30 of 26 May 1983, as well as the report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,⁹⁶

Considering that the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others require a three-fold concerted effort, involving prevention, punishment of all forms of procuring and solidarity in order to facilitate the social rehabilitation of the victims,

1. *Congratulates* the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Tourism Organization for the action they have begun to take in implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/30;

2. *Invites once again* the Economic and Social Council to consider the whole question of the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others at its first regular session of 1986 in connection with the agenda item on human rights, together with the reports requested by the Council in its resolution 1983/30;

3. *Invites* the Working Group on Slavery of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to transmit its report to the Commission on the Status of Women at its next session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to expedite the issuance as a United Nations document of the report on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others prepared in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/20.

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40/104. United Nations Development Fund for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984, in which it decided, *inter alia*, that the activities of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women

⁹⁵ E/1983/7 and Corr.1 and 2.

⁹⁶ Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and

Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10).