

Recognizing the importance of research, training and information activities for the increased participation of women in the development process at all levels,

Recognizing also the importance of research, training and information activities for the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,⁷⁹

1. Requests the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to strengthen its activities in research and training for the formulation of policy analysis, planning and programming relevant to the increased participation of women in development, especially its activities in statistics, indicators and data relevant to women, in particular in the developing countries, at the national and regional levels;

2. Also requests the Institute to give particular emphasis in its programme of activities to innovative methodological approaches related to women and development in research, training and information programmes;

3. Calls upon competent institutions and organizations within and outside the United Nations system to continue their collaboration with the Institute by strengthening the network of co-operative arrangements related to programmes concerning women and development;

4. Invites States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, in view of the long-term projection for the work of the Institute;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-second session a report on the activities of the Institute;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session the item entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women".

96th plenary meeting
29 November 1985

40/39. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that one of the purposes of the United Nations, as stated in Articles 1 and 55 of the Charter, is to promote universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction of any kind, including distinction as to sex,

Reaffirming that women and men should participate equally in social, economic and political development, should contribute equally to such development and should share equally in improved conditions of life,

Recalling its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, by which it adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Recalling also its resolutions 35/140 of 11 December 1980, 36/131 of 14 December 1981, 37/64 of 3 December 1982, 38/109 of 16 December 1983 and 39/130 of 14 December 1984,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention,⁸²

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on the work of its fourth session,⁸³

1. Notes with appreciation the increasing number of Member States that have ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

2. Urges all States that have not yet ratified or acceded to the Convention to do so as soon as possible, taking into account 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;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit annually to the General Assembly a report on the status of the Convention;

4. Takes note of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on the work of its fourth session;

5. Emphasizes the importance of the strictest compliance by States parties with their obligations under the Convention;

6. Urges States parties to make all possible efforts to submit their initial implementation reports in accordance with article 18 of the Convention and the guidelines of the Committee, and requests the Committee, in organizing its work, to ensure that the reports of States parties are adequately reviewed within the quadrennial cycle envisaged in the Convention;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to make all efforts to ensure adequate servicing for the effective functioning of the Committee as a treaty body of the United Nations;

8. Takes note once again of the discussion in the Committee, at its third session,⁸⁴ concerning the inclusion in the agenda of a future session of an item on ways and means of implementing article 21 of the Convention, which provides that the Committee may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to the Commission on the Status of Women, for information.

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40/98. Improvement of the role of the United Nations in the field of social development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration on Social Progress and Development based on the Charter of the United Nations and solemnly proclaimed on 11 December 1969,⁸⁵

Recalling also 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, 33/48 of 14 December 1978 on world social development and 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Bearing in mind the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, adopted by the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Devel-

⁸² A/40/623.

⁸³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/40/45).

⁸⁴ Ibid., Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/39/45), vol. II, para. 360.

⁸⁵ See resolution 2542 (XXIV).

opment and Peace,⁸¹ and the need for the implementation thereof.⁸⁶

Recalling resolution 40/14 of 18 November 1985 on the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace, adopted by the General Assembly acting as the United Nations World Conference for the International Youth Year,

Recalling also its resolution 39/25 of 23 November 1984 on the question of aging,

Referring to its resolution 39/26 of 23 November 1984 on the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

Recalling its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 in which it, *inter alia*, requested the United Nations Secretariat to prepare, on a regular basis, global economic and social surveys and projections,

Taking into account its resolutions 34/152 of 17 December 1979 and 37/54 of 3 December 1982 on the world social situation,

Having regard to Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II) of 21 June 1946 establishing a permanent Social Commission, 830 J (XXXII) of 2 August 1961 on the strengthening of the work of the United Nations in the social field and 1139 (XLI) of 29 July 1966 in which it adopted the present mandate and present designation of the Commission for Social Development,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/36 of 29 May 1985 entitled "Progress of work of the Commission for Social Development",

Taking into account the discussion of the Economic and Social Council, during its first regular session of 1985, on the work of the Commission,

Having considered the 1985 Report on the World Social Situation,⁸⁷

Noting with concern that, although recovery and growth are under way in some States, the recession that has afflicted the world economy in recent years has had a deep negative impact on the economies of many countries,

1. Notes with concern that the ideals of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development have not been implemented nor have the objectives and overall development goals adopted and reaffirmed in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade been achieved yet;

2. Reaffirms that the socio-economic aspects and goals of development are an integral part of the overall development process;

3. Reaffirms also the urgency of taking effective measures aimed at further promoting social progress and development;

4. Emphasizes the importance of making analyses of, and exchanging information on, the fundamental problems of socio-economic development in order to formulate and implement policy measures in the fields of employment, education, health, nutrition, housing facilities, crime prevention, the well-being of children, equal opportunities for the disabled and the aged, full participation of youth in the development process and the full integration and participation of women in development;

5. Calls upon the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to undertake measures aimed at improving social conditions and achieving the main objectives set forth in the Declaration on Social Progress and Development and in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

6. Notes the role of the Commission for Social Development in the field of social development and humanitarian affairs;

7. Invites the Economic and Social Council to consider, at its first regular session of 1986, existing ways and means of improving the work of the Commission.

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13 December 1985

40/99. Popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in development and in the full realization of all human rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 34/152 of 17 December 1979, 37/55 of 3 December 1982 and 38/24 of 22 November 1983,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/31 of 27 May 1983 and decision 1984/131 of 24 May 1984, as well as of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1985/44 of 14 March 1985,⁸⁸

Reaffirming that popular participation in all sectors of public life, including the participation of workers in management and workers' self-management where they exist, constitutes an important factor in socio-economic development and in the full realization of all human rights and the dignity of the human person,

1. Takes note of the study by the Secretary-General;⁸⁸

2. Invites Governments, the concerned specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and the relevant non-governmental organizations to transmit to the Secretary-General their comments on the study;

3. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to continue to consider at its forty-second and, if desired by the Commission, at its forty-third, forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions, the question of popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in the full realization of all human rights, and to inform the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, of the results of that consideration;

4. Decides to continue the consideration of this question at its forty-fourth session, in the context of the item relating to the world social situation, under the sub-item entitled "Popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in development and in the full realization of all human rights".

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13 December 1985

40/100. World social situation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 34/152 of 17 December 1979 and 37/54 of 3 December 1982 on the world social situation,

Recalling also 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, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the

⁸⁶ See resolution 40/108.

⁸⁷ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.2.

⁸⁸ E/CN.4/1985/10 and Add.1 and 2.