

3. *Recommends* that Governments should carry out, as far as national circumstances permit, the necessary social security measures within the framework of general planning and, in particular, should:

(a) Seek to ensure that the aged, the disabled and those who suffer the loss of the breadwinner receive adequate social security payments;

(b) Introduce and expand social security schemes with due regard for the groups of workers with special needs, in particular women;

(c) Improve the treatment under social security schemes for immigrant workers and their families;

(d) Provide sufficient institutions for the care of aged persons requiring medical treatment;

(e) Ensure, where possible, the vocational training and employment of the handicapped;

(f) Seek to ensure that aged persons protected by social welfare programmes can take part, to the extent of their capacities, in creative activities, which would give them moral satisfaction;

(g) Seek to ensure further that in city and district planning, and when renovating existing facilities, adequate attention be paid to architectural facilities for the aged and the disabled, and that public buildings, factories and other work places and, when possible, housing be made easily accessible to them;

4. *Calls for* the participation of the whole community, including the trade unions, in the field of social security as well as in the improvement of the general well-being of the population;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give constant attention to these problems and to reflect them in his reports on the world social situation;

6. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission for Social Development to include in its programme of work for 1974-1977 questions relating to the place of social security in the system of social and economic planning and development and, in this connexion, requests the Secretary-General to consult with the International Labour Organisation regarding the preparation of a comparative study of social security systems, social security planning and the role and responsibility of the State in this matter;

7. *Decides* to consider this question at one of its future sessions.

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3139 (XXVIII). Crime prevention and control

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision taken in resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950 to convene every five years a congress on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders,

Recalling also the unanimous acceptance by the Fourth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders of the invitation of the Government of Canada to act as host to the Fifth Congress, to be held in 1975,

1. *Reaffirms* its wish to ensure that the Fifth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders will make an important and useful contribution to the solution of problems related to crime prevention and control;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Secretariat's preparatory work for the Congress is fully adequate for its successful outcome.

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3140 (XXVIII). Concerted action at the national and international levels to meet the needs and aspirations of youth and to promote their participation in national and international development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965, 2497 (XXIV) of 28 October 1969 and 2770 (XXVI) of 22 November 1971, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1407 (XLVI) of 5 June 1969 and 1752 (LIV) of 16 May 1973,

Considering that the report of the Secretary-General on youth⁴¹ focuses attention on the complexity of the young generation's problems in terms of the realities of the world of today and the demands of the world of tomorrow, and that adequate attention should be given to the conclusions of the report, in particular those of a practical nature,

Noting that the Secretary-General's report recognizes that youth, an integral part of society, has particular problems and that it is more affected by the impact of inequities in national and international economic and social development,

Aware that the free development of youth in the countries under foreign domination, particularly in southern Africa, is seriously compromised from birth and that this fact merits special attention,

Mindful that, because of the prevalence of mass poverty and the inequitable distribution of wealth and services in the world, most young people continue to experience serious problems in achieving their aspirations and in satisfying their basic individual, social and economic needs, in particular with regard to health, education, training, employment and participation in national, regional and international development,

Emphasizing that the United Nations can play an important role in the promotion of opportunities for young people to participate fully in national development and in international co-operation, including the achievement of the goals of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,⁴²

Considering that, as follows from the report of the Secretary-General, it is necessary to take additional measures both at the national and international levels to define and secure the rights of youth as well as its responsibilities, so as to ensure that its needs and aspirations will be adequately met and its role fully implemented,

Convinced that the activities of the United Nations system in the field of youth should be developed in a more harmonious and concerted manner,

1. *Takes note with interest* of the conclusions and proposals for action contained in the Secretary-Gen-

⁴¹ E/CN.5/486 and Corr.1, E/CN.5/486/Add.1 and Corr.1; E/CN.5/486/Summary and Corr.1.

⁴² Resolution 2626 (XXV).

eral's report on youth and the conclusions of the Seminar on Youth and Human Rights⁴³ that was held at San Remo, Italy, from 28 August to 10 September 1973;

2. *Appeals* to Member States to intensify their efforts to implement the principles contained in international instruments adopted in various fields regarding youth by the United Nations and the specialized agencies and to implement the proposals for action contained in the Secretary-General's report, particularly:

(a) To gear their educational policies and programmes to the task of ensuring educational opportunities and education more relevant to the preparation of youth for full participation in all aspects of life and development;

(b) To formulate health policies, implement health programmes and, where appropriate and in accordance with national priorities, make available information and services relating to communicable diseases, narcotic drugs and population programmes, in order to ensure that young people are able to take advantage of the opportunities open to them;

(c) To adopt all possible means to increase work opportunities in order to reduce or eliminate unemployment among young people;

(d) To increase opportunities for youth to participate in all aspects of national and international life, especially in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

3. *Calls upon* the competent bodies of the United Nations to provide more educational and training facilities at all levels to the youth of southern Africa and of the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

4. *Calls upon* international, regional and non-governmental organizations, in co-operation with youth and youth organizations, to undertake a concerted review and appraisal of their policies and programmes for youth, both in rural and urban areas, in the light of the report of the Secretary-General, with particular relevance to education, training, employment and participation in decision-making, in order to enable them to meet more satisfactorily the needs of youth and to enable it to play a more effective role in promoting economic and social development and peace in the world;

5. *Recommends* that United Nations reports on youth should give more attention to the role of youth in the world of today and its role in the actions of peoples aimed at realizing fully the principles of the Charter of the United Nations for peace and international co-operation and for the liquidation of colonialism, alien domination, racial discrimination and *apartheid*, and at promoting progress and justice throughout the world;

6. *Requests* the competent and concerned organizations of the United Nations system to give continued attention to regional and international meetings on the major problems of concern to the young generation and to other appropriate actions in which youth and national and international youth organizations may effectively participate;

7. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to invite the Commission for Social Development to study the possibility of redefining an international policy con-

cerning the involvement of youth at the national and international levels, including the advisability of an international document on youth, taking into consideration, *inter alia*, relevant provisions contained in existing international instruments and the views expressed by Governments of Member States and by interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, and to submit recommendations to the Council at its fifty-eighth session, to be transmitted to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with Governments, the specialized agencies, interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and youth organizations, to assemble data on the problems confronting youth and on the manner in which these problems are being treated by the organs and executive bodies of the United Nations system, to prepare a report designed to facilitate planning, especially for developing countries, and to submit it to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-second session, through the Commission for Social Development, and to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session.

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3141 (XXVIII). Youth, its education and its responsibilities in the world of today

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2445 (XXIII) and 2447 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968,

Recalling further its resolution 2497 (XXIV) of 28 October 1969 on youth, its education in the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, its problems and needs, and its participation in national development,

Recalling, inter alia, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights,⁴⁴ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination⁴⁵ and the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples,⁴⁶

Recognizing the important role which the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the Governments of Member States must play to enable youth to meet the challenge of the unprecedented development of science and technology,

Recognizing further the importance of the role of youth and its contribution to economic and social progress and to peace and international solidarity,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General⁴⁷ on the world social situation of youth,

1. *Invites the attention* of Member States to their responsibility for maintaining a policy conforming to the principles of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and conducive to the elimination of colonialism, racism, *apartheid* and similar policies, thus preserving and strengthening the faith of youth in these values;

⁴⁴ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁴⁵ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

⁴⁶ Resolution 2037 (XX).

⁴⁷ E/CN.5/486 and Corr.1, E/CN.5/486/Add.1 and Corr.1; E/CN.5/486/Summary and Corr.1.

⁴³ ST/TAO/HR.47, para. 137.