

5. Requests that the report of the Group of Experts be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session and requests the Secretary-General to submit a proposal as to when such a conference could be convened, together with an assessment of the costs involved.

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3273 (XXIX). National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress

The General Assembly,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolutions 1581 A (L) of 21 May 1971 and 1667 (LII) of 1 June 1972, in which the Council attached great importance to appropriate fundamental structural socio-economic changes in countries for the purpose of achieving social progress and development and, to this end, considered it appropriate to study the experience of various countries of the world in this field,

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 1746 (LIV) of 16 May 1973, in which the Council pointed out that the strengthening of national independence and the achievement of the ultimate goals of social progress depend fundamentally on internal basic social changes, for purposes of strengthening national independence, achieving the democratization of society and improving social and economic structures, and on the reaffirmation of the principle of the inadmissibility of external interference in any form, including interference by transnational corporations,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General⁵³ prepared on the basis of replies by Governments to his questionnaire on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress,

Convinced that peaceful coexistence and friendly cooperation among States should promote conditions for economic and social progress,

Taking into consideration the importance of the implementation of the principles, aims and methods of achieving social progress recommended in the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,⁵⁴

Recalling that the Declaration on Social Progress and Development recommends that countries should promote democratically based social and structural reforms and changes,

Sharing the concern of many countries over the insufficient rates of their economic and social development,

1. Reaffirms that each State has the sovereign right to adopt the economic and social system which it regards appropriate for its own development;

2. Stresses the importance of internal democratic social and economic changes designed to safeguard national independence and to ensure a speedy improvement of the well-being of the population;

3. Reaffirms the importance of the right of every State to exercise its permanent sovereignty over all its riches, natural resources and economic activities for the purpose of achieving economic and social progress;

4. Further reaffirms the right of every State to carry out social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress, including nationalization, as well as the right to take all appropriate measures in connexion with the activities of transnational corporations which it considers detrimental to the achievement of economic and social progress;

5. Recommends that measures should be taken at all levels to ensure more active participation by the entire population in the preparation and execution of economic and social development policies and programmes designed to achieve social and economic progress, taking into account the experience of all countries in this field;

6. Requests the Secretary-General and the United Nations Development Programme to hold, within the programme of advisory services, interregional and regional seminars to study the national experience of developing and developed countries in carrying out far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress without prejudicing the operational programmes prepared for the developing countries;

7. Recommends that the regional commissions should consider this problem at their sessions;

8. Endorses the action taken by the Economic and Social Council requesting the Commission for Social Development to continue the study of national experience in carrying out far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress;⁵⁵

9. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session and to give appropriate attention to this question in his reports on the world social situation;

10. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirtieth session the item entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress".

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3274 (XXIX). Question of the establishment, in accordance with the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, of a body to which persons claiming the benefit of the Convention may apply

The General Assembly,

Considering the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness of 28 August 1961⁵⁶ and, in particular, its articles 11 and 20 requiring the establishment of a body to which a person claiming the benefit of the Convention may apply for the examination of his claim and for assistance in presenting it to the appropriate authority,

Noting that the Convention will come into force on 13 December 1975,

Having considered the note and the explanatory memorandum of the Secretary-General,⁵⁷

⁵³ E/CN.5/478 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 and 2, Add.2 and Add.2/Corr.1, Add.3 and Add.3/Corr.1, Add.4.

⁵⁴ Resolution 2542 (XXIV).

⁵⁵ Economic and Social Council resolution 1746 (LIV) of 16 May 1973.

⁵⁶ A/CONF.9/15, 1961.

⁵⁷ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 99, document A/9691.

Considering the practical advantages involved in the proposal to request the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to assume the above-mentioned responsibilities,

1. *Requests the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees provisionally to undertake the functions foreseen under the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness in accordance with its article 11 after the Convention has come into force;*

2. *Decides to review, not later than at its thirty-first session, the opinion of the High Commissioner and the arrangements he shall have made in this regard, with a view to taking a decision on the establishment of the body envisaged under article 11 of the Convention.*

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3275 (XXIX). International Women's Year

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3010 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, in which it proclaimed the year 1975 International Women's Year and decided to devote this year to intensified action:

(a) *To promote equality between men and women,*

(b) *To ensure the full integration of women in the total development effort, especially by emphasizing women's responsibility and important role in economic, social and cultural development at the national, regional and international levels, particularly during the Second United Nations Development Decade,*

(c) *To recognize the importance of women's increasing contribution to the development of friendly relations and co-operation among States and to the strengthening of world peace,*

Recognizing the importance of the implementation at the national, regional and international levels of the Programme for the International Women's Year approved by the Economic and Social Council and annexed to its resolution 1849 (LVI) of 16 May 1974,

Recognizing further that voluntary contributions from Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private foundations and interested individuals, as called for by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1850 (LVI) of 16 May 1974, would help significantly to promote the goals and objectives of the International Women's Year,

1. *Calls upon Governments, specialized agencies, regional commissions and non-governmental organizations to implement fully the Programme for the International Women's Year as approved by the Economic and Social Council;*

2. *Recommends that all Member States should include in their national development plans and country programmes, if they have not already done so, goals and projects designed to train and equip women to make a greater contribution to, and to become more fully integrated in, the economic and social life of the nation;*

3. *Recommends further that Member States should establish, if they have not yet done so, as a priority measure for the International Women's Year, appropriate national machinery to accelerate the integration of women in development and to eliminate discrimination on grounds of sex;*

4. *Appeals to Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private foundations and interested individuals to give voluntary contributions to the Secretary-General for the International Women's Year, as called for in Economic and Social Council resolution 1850 (LVI).*

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3276 (XXIX). Conference of the International Women's Year⁵⁸

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3010 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 in which it proclaimed the year 1975 International Women's Year,

Noting that the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1851 (LVI) of 16 May 1974 requested the Secretary-General to convene in 1975, in consultation with Member States, specialized agencies and interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, an international conference during the International Women's Year to examine to what extent the organizations of the United Nations system have implemented the recommendations for the elimination of discrimination against women made by the Commission on the Status of Women since its establishment, and to launch an international action programme including short-term and long-term measures aimed at achieving the integration of women as full and equal partners with men in the total development effort and eliminating discrimination on grounds of sex, and at achieving the widest involvement of women in strengthening international peace and eliminating racism and racial discrimination,

Noting further that in the same resolution the Economic and Social Council recommended that a separate item entitled "International Women's Year", including the proposals and recommendations of the Conference of the International Women's Year, should be examined by the General Assembly at its thirtieth session,

Noting further that the Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1849 (LVI) of 16 May 1974, approved the Programme for the International Women's Year,

1. *Decides to invite all States to participate in the Conference of the International Women's Year;*

2. *Decides to invite also the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States in their respective regions to participate in the Conference as observers, in accordance with the practice of the United Nations;*

3. *Requests the Conference to submit, if possible, such proposals and recommendations as it deems appropriate to the General Assembly at its special session to be held in September 1975;*

4. *Decides to consider at its thirtieth session an item entitled "International Women's Year, including the proposals and recommendations of the Conference*

⁵⁸ At its 1938th plenary meeting, on 15 January 1975, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Conference to be held during the International Women's Year should be entitled "World Conference of the International Women's Year" (Council decision 67 (ORG-75)).