

*Conscious* that, in its resolution 31/135 of 16 December 1976 concerning the establishment of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, it requested the Secretary-General to seek actively financial and technical support for the Institute,

1. *Reaffirms* its support for the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,<sup>72</sup> adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, as well as the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene during the thirty-second session of the General Assembly, in 1977, a pledging conference for voluntary contributions to be made to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women, for the purpose of financing programmes under the World Plan of Action and the Programme for the Decade, and to the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

3. *Appeals* to Governments to extend their full co-operation to help make this pledging conference a success.

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16 December 1976*

**31/138. Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1781 (XVII) of 7 December 1962 and 3069 (XXVIII) of 30 November 1973, as well as its resolution 3267 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 in which it requested the Commission on Human Rights to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session a single draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief,

*Recalling also* its decision of 15 December 1975<sup>73</sup> to consider with appropriate priority, at its thirty-first session, the question of the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance,

*Noting* the actions of the Working Group established by the Commission on Human Rights at its thirtieth, thirty-first and thirty-second sessions with a view to elaborating a draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief,

*Noting also* Commission on Human Rights decision 7 (XXXII) of 5 March 1976,<sup>74</sup> by which the Commission established an open-ended working group which would meet three times a week during its thirty-third session, beginning in the first week of the session, and requested the Secretary-General to provide the necessary facilities for the work of the group,

<sup>72</sup> *Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

<sup>73</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/10034)*, pp. 99 and 100, item 79.

<sup>74</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5768)*, chap. XX, sect. B.

1. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to speed up its work on the elaboration of a single draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief and to submit a progress report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session;

2. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-second session the item entitled "Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance".

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**31/139. Co-operation and assistance in the application and improvement of national information and mass communication systems for social progress and development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1778 (XVII) of 7 December 1962 and convinced that the establishment and/or development of national information and mass communication systems will play an important role in the promotion of opportunities for the peoples of the developing nations to participate fully in national development and in the promotion of international co-operation, including the efforts to achieve the goals of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and the establishment of the new international economic order,

*Further recalling* its resolution 3148 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973 and convinced that the establishment and/or improvement of national information and mass communication systems will greatly help preserve and enhance the cultural values of a country and will be one of the most efficient methods for transmitting scientific and technological knowledge and the cultural values of a country,

*Desirous* that the benefits of co-operation and assistance in the application and the establishment and/or improvement of national information and mass communication systems for social progress and development be considered with a view to disseminating those benefits to all countries regardless of their stages of economic and social development,

*Acknowledging* the important contributions made and the significant roles being played by the specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations, regional economic and social commissions, non-governmental organizations and regional communication media training and research institutions in assisting developing countries in the field of mass communications,

*Noting with appreciation* the relevant decisions taken by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its nineteenth session in the field of mass communications,<sup>75</sup>

*Convinced* that consideration of ways and means of achieving the application and improvement of national information and mass communication systems for social progress and development will pave the way for improved international co-operation in the field of mass communications,

<sup>75</sup> See United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Nineteenth Session*, vol. 1, *Resolutions*.