of the International Women's Year" and an item entitled "Status and role of women in society, with special reference to the need for achieving equal rights for women and to women's contribution to the attainment of the goals of the Second United Nations Development Decade, to the struggle against colonialism, racism and racial discrimination and to the strengthening of international peace and of co-operation between States".

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3277 (XXIX). Consultative Committee for the Conference of the International Women's Year⁵⁸

The General Assembly,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1851 (LVI) of 16 May 1974, in which the Secretary-General was requested to convene, 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, in 1975,

Realizing the importance of consultations, at the highest possible level, for the preparation of the Conference of the International Women's Year,

- 1. Expresses the hope that the preparation of the Conference of the International Women's Year will be given the full attention which it warrants, having regard to the importance of the question;
- 2. Decides to establish a Consultative Committee for the Conference of the International Women's Year composed of not more than twenty-three Member States designated by the Chairman of the Third Committee after consultation with the different regional groups, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution;⁵⁹
- 3. Expresses the hope that the Consultative Committee will be comprised of highly qualified individuals designated by their respective Governments;
- 4. Requests the Secretary-General to convene the Consultative Committee not later than March 1975 at United Nations Headquarters, for a period not exceeding ten working days, to advise him on the preparation of an international plan of action to be finalized by the Conference;
- 5. Decides that all the costs of convening the Consultative Committee, including the travel expenses of its members, will be met from the fund for voluntary contributions for the International Women's Year established under Economic and Social Council resolution 1850 (LVI) of 16 May 1974;
- 6. Appeals to Member States to make, in so far as it lies within their power, voluntary contributions to the above-mentioned fund in order to meet the necessary financial implications for the convening of the Consultative Committee;
- 7. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a draft international plan of action in time to be considered by the Consultative Committee and to submit a progress report on the preparation of the Conference

⁵⁹ See also p. 95, item 12.

to the organizational session of the Economic and Social Council in January 1975.

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At the 2311th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1974, the President of the General Assembly announced that the Chairman of the Third Committee, in pursuance of paragraph 2 of the above resolution, had designated the members of the Consultative Committee for the Conference of the International Women's Year.

As a result, the Consultative Committee is composed of the following Member States: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, France, German Democratic Republic, India, Iran, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, Niger, Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sweden, Tunisia, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Venezuela.

3278 (XXIX). Contributions to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3145 (XXVIII) and 3146 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973,

Realizing that drug abuse control is a long-term problem the resolution of which requires sustained international action.

Recognizing that the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control was established to provide the international community with a means to assist in undertaking the required action to eliminate illicit drug supply, trafficking and demand,

Noting that the Fund, which has already undertaken many useful programmes, requires larger resources in order to respond affirmatively to requests from Governments for assistance,

Urgently appeals to Governments for generous and sustained contributions to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control.

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3279 (XXIX). Abuse of and illicit traffic in narcotic drugs

The General Assembly,

Noting with concern that the abuse of and illicit traffic in narcotic drugs have transcended national boundaries and affect the well-being and health of mankind as a whole,

Mindful of the dangers of the increasing abuse of psychotropic substances and the greater volume of the illicit traffic in these substances, as well as of various narcotic drugs,

Recalling with appreciation the activities of the International Narcotics Control Board and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in this matter,

Appealing for global participation in all efforts to stop the abuse of and the illicit traffic in those drugs,

Reaffirming that the misuse of narcotic and psychotropic substances presents an actual as well as a potential danger to the health and future of mankind, especially that of youth,