

Having considered the report of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year on its fourth session, held at Vienna from 25 March to 3 April 1985,⁴

Having considered also the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the guidelines and additional guidelines for the improvement of channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations,⁵

1. *Endorses* the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth as contained in the report of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year on its fourth session;⁴

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth to all States, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as to other international organizations concerned;

3. *Calls upon* all States, all United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, regional commissions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, in particular youth organizations, to exert all possible efforts for the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth, in accordance with their experience, conditions and priorities;

4. *Urges* all States to make every effort to consolidate and build further on the results of the International Youth Year;

5. *Considers* that, as the case may be, the continuing of national committees and other appropriate co-ordination measures at the national level devoted to the International Youth Year could be usefully considered, and notes with satisfaction the intention of national committees in many countries to ensure a proper follow-up, including adequate funding and the integration of the results of the Year into future activities and policies in order to continue to pursue the objectives of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace;

6. *Requests* the appropriate United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies to consider taking up in their programmes every year one or more specific youth-related projects to be elaborated in close co-operation with non-governmental youth organizations on such themes as communication, housing, culture, youth employment and education;

7. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General keep under review the youth element in the programmes of appropriate United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies;

8. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to examine, on a regular basis, specific youth issues, in keeping with the objectives of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace;

9. *Stresses again* the importance of the active and direct participation of youth and youth organizations in the activities organized at the local, national, regional and international levels in the field of youth;

10. *Emphasizes* the importance of improving the active use of the channels of communication between the United Nations system and youth organizations, at both the national and international levels;

11. *Invites* Governments again to consider the regular inclusion of youth representatives in their national delegations to the General Assembly and other relevant United Nations meetings;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-first session an item entitled "Policies and programmes involving young people: Participation, Development, Peace" and to evaluate, in this framework, the results of the International Youth Year on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General.

80th plenary meeting
18 November 1985

40/15. Efforts and measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 36/29 of 13 November 1981, 37/49 of 3 December 1982, 38/23 of 22 November 1983 and 39/23 of 23 November 1984, in which it, *inter alia*, recognized the need to adopt appropriate measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work,

Recalling also its resolution 34/151 of 17 December 1979, by which it decided to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

Convinced that it is necessary to ensure full enjoyment by youth of the rights stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁶ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights⁷ and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁷ with special regard to the right to education and to work,

Aware of the fact that insufficient education and the unemployment of young people limit their ability to participate in the development process, and, in this regard, emphasizing the importance of secondary and higher education for young people, as well as access for them to appropriate technical and vocational guidance and training programmes,

Expressing its serious interest in consolidating and building further on the results of the International Youth Year in order to contribute, *inter alia*, to the increasing participation of young people in the socio-economic life of their country,

1. *Calls upon* all States, all governmental and non-governmental organizations and the interested bodies of the United Nations and the specialized agencies to pay continuous attention, in further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth, to the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 36/29, 37/49, 38/23 and 39/23 relating to efforts and measures aimed at the promotion of human rights and their enjoyment by youth, particularly the right to education and vocational training and to work, with a view to resolving the problem of unemployment among youth;

2. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development, in examining specific youth issues, to pay adequate attention to the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work;

3. *Invites* national organs of co-ordination or organs implementing policies and programmes in the field of youth to give appropriate priority in the activities to be undertaken after the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace to the implementation and the

⁴ A/40/256, annex.

⁵ A/40/631.

⁶ Resolution 217 A (III).

⁷ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work.

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40/16. Opportunities for youth

The General Assembly,

Mindful of the need to secure the employment of youth, which is a concern of global character,

Seriously concerned about the widespread lack of satisfactory integration of young people into the workplace in many countries,

Aware that the solid educational and vocational background of young people is of paramount importance in their aspirations to enter professional life,

Noting that many young people, having finished compulsory or primary education, do not enter any institution of higher education or vocational training, or, after beginning such education or training, are unable to complete it, and find it increasingly difficult to be suitably employed,

Seriously concerned that in a number of developing countries, particularly in the least developed ones, a substantial part of the school-age population has a limited possibility of receiving any kind of education, especially among the poor in both rural and urban areas,

Bearing in mind that in many developing countries the widespread lack of opportunity to receive appropriate education and training thus remains a serious impediment to the participation of youth in the development of their societies and to the attainment of the goals set out in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,⁸

Recognizing that greater awareness should be brought about by Governments and in the economic sectors in order to accord the highest priority to the elimination of youth unemployment where it exists,

Further recognizing that industrialization should duly take into account the requirements of the promotion of employment, especially for youth,

Taking note of the intention of the Government of Austria to organize and act as host to an international symposium of experts on the questions referred to below, to be held at Vienna in the spring of 1987,

Recalling the results and achievements of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace, in particular the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth,⁹

1. *Calls upon* Member States to lend increased attention to programmes to combat illiteracy and to young people who, after having finished compulsory or primary education, do not enter institutions of higher education or vocational training, or who, after beginning such education or training, are unable to complete it;

2. *Invites* Member States to consider steps to enable more young people to begin and complete higher education or vocational training;

3. *Urges* Member States to dedicate, whenever possible, more resources, through increased technical co-operation activities, to narrowing the gap between demand for and supply of educational and training opportunities at all levels in developing countries, particularly in the least developed ones, and thus to contribute to the achievement of greater equality of employment opportunities for young people in those countries;

4. *Calls upon* Member States to promote a better awareness of the need to preserve, whenever possible, and to increase work opportunities for young people of both sexes, with particular emphasis on equal opportunities for girls and young women;

5. *Recommends* to Member States that they should promote initiatives whereby new demands, fields or types of occupation are explored, including the fields of protection of the environment, agro-industries and other natural resource-based industries, new technologies as well as "alternative employment opportunities";

6. *Invites* Member States to examine more closely the consequences that the introduction of new technologies in developed and developing countries alike may have with regard to the number of work opportunities, especially for young people, and to find ways to offset any possible adverse consequences, ensuring that such technologies are only introduced in a socially compatible manner;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his report on the implementation of the long-term plan of action on youth, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, a detailed analysis of the results of the symposium to be held at Vienna.

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40/17. Channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/135 of 16 December 1977 and 36/17 of 9 November 1981, in which it adopted guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, and also recalling its resolution 39/24 of 23 November 1984,

Bearing in mind the importance of the existence of effective channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations as a necessary instrument for the information of young people and their participation in the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies at the national, regional and international levels, and also for informing the United Nations of the problems facing youth with a view to finding solutions to such problems,

Taking note with appreciation of the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the guidelines and additional guidelines for the improvement of channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations⁵ and on the situation of youth in the 1980s,⁹

Taking note of the report of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year on its fourth session, held at Vienna from 25 March to 3 April 1985,⁴

Taking note further of the outcome of the youth conferences and meetings held during 1985 in observance of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,¹⁰

Convinced that the effective and proper functioning of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations forms a basic prerequisite for the active involvement of young people in the work of the United Nations,

⁸ Resolution 35/56, annex.

⁹ A/40/64-E/1985/5.

¹⁰ See A/40/701.