

velopment, Peace have offered a useful and significant opportunity for drawing attention to the situation and the specific needs and aspirations of youth, for increasing co-operation at all levels in dealing with youth issues, for undertaking concerted action programmes in favour of youth and for improving the participation of young people in the study, decision-making processes and resolution of major national, regional and international problems,

*Bearing in mind* that the International Youth Year has served to mobilize efforts at local, national, regional and international levels in order to promote the best educational, professional and living conditions for young people, to ensure their active participation in the overall development of society and to encourage their participation in the preparation of new national and local policies and programmes in accordance with the experience, conditions and priorities of each country,

*Conscious* that the International Youth Year has contributed to strengthening the rights, the ability and the willingness of young people to participate in all activities relevant to them and to promote their own interests,

*Expressing its satisfaction* at the results obtained at local, national, regional and international levels during the preparation for and observance of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

*Convinced* that the timely and significant impetus generated by the activities of the International Youth Year should be maintained and reinforced with appropriate follow-up action at all levels,

*Recognizing* that the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth<sup>20</sup> provide a conceptual framework for a long-term strategy in that field,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>21</sup> on the evaluation of the results of the International Youth Year,

1. *Takes note* of the conclusions contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the results of the International Youth Year and on the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth;

2. *Calls once again upon* all States, all United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, 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;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to Member States that continue to maintain the national committees and other appropriate co-ordination mechanisms that were set up at the national level on the occasion of the International Youth Year, and invites all States to proceed in the same manner, in accordance with their specific conditions, to ensure the proper implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to promote intensively the inclusion of youth-related projects and activities in the programmes of the United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, specifically on such themes as communication, housing, culture, youth employment and education;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to monitor closely and co-ordinate all youth-related pro-

jects and activities within the United Nations system using the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs as a focal point, and to report in concrete terms on their implementation;

6. *Urges*, in this context, all Governments to take the necessary measures, in co-operation with United Nations agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, in particular youth organizations, to strengthen their focus on youth programmes and policies;

7. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to examine during its 1987 session specific youth issues as follow-up to the International Youth Year;

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

9. *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;

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. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session the item entitled "Policies and programmes involving young people: Participation, Development, Peace" and to review, in this framework, the implementation of the present resolution, on the basis of a specific report of the Secretary-General on the subject.

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**41/98. 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, 39/23 of 23 November 1984 and 40/15 of 18 November 1985, 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,

*Recognizing* that in many countries the majority of young people, under prevailing critical social and economic conditions, are facing serious problems in the exercise of their right to education and to work,

*Convinced* that it is necessary to ensure full enjoyment by youth of the rights stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>2</sup> the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights<sup>22</sup> and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,<sup>22</sup> 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,

<sup>20</sup> See A/40/256, annex.

<sup>21</sup> A/41/621.

<sup>22</sup> See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

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, interested United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies to continue to give priority to the formulation and implementation of effective measures for securing the exercise by youth of the right to education and to work, in conditions of peace, with a view to resolving the problem of unemployment among youth;

2. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development, the Economic and Social Council and all other relevant United Nations bodies to give adequate consideration on a regular basis to the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work;

3. *Invites* national co-ordinating bodies and bodies 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 enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work.

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#### 41/99. 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 40/17 of 18 November 1985,

*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 report of the Secretary-General on the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations,<sup>23</sup>

*Convinced* that the effective and efficient functioning of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations at the national, regional and international levels forms a basic prerequisite for the adequate information of young people and their active involvement in the work of the United Nations,

*Convinced further* that the participation of youth representatives from Member States in international conferences and meetings dealing with youth-related issues can enhance and strengthen the channels of communication through the discussion of such issues, with a view to find-

ing solutions to problems confronting youth in the contemporary world,

*Recognizing* that the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth<sup>20</sup> provide a constructive framework for a long-term strategy in the field of youth,

1. *Calls upon* Member States, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other governmental and inter-governmental organizations to implement fully the guidelines relating to the channels of communication adopted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 32/135 and 36/17, not only in general terms but also by concrete measures reflecting the issues of importance to young people;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue in this respect to make use at the national, regional and international levels of the already existing structures of co-operation between youth and the United Nations system in accordance with the additional guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, contained in the annex to resolution 36/17;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to develop specific ways and means to determine how the channels of communication could effectively be attuned to youth-related projects and activities of United Nations organs and specialized agencies, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-second session;

4. *Calls upon* national youth mechanisms that have been set up by youth and youth organizations at the national, regional and international levels to continue to act as channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, and, where such mechanisms do not exist, recommends that national co-ordinating committees of the International Youth Year should continue to act as channels of communication;

5. *Decides* to consider at its forty-second session the item entitled "Policies and programmes relating to youth" on the basis of the report of the Secretary-General.

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#### 41/100. Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* the importance, for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights, of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and embodied in the International Covenants on Human Rights,<sup>24</sup> as well as in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

*Welcoming* the progressive exercise of the right to self-determination by peoples under colonial, foreign or alien occupation and their emergence into sovereign statehood and independence,

*Deeply concerned* at the continuation of acts or threats of foreign military intervention and occupation that are threatening to suppress, or have already suppressed, the right to self-determination of an increasing number of sovereign peoples and nations,

<sup>23</sup> A/41/578.

<sup>24</sup> Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.