

49/152. International Youth Year*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 45/103 of 14 December 1990 and 47/85 of 16 December 1992 and its other relevant resolutions,

Noting that the year 1995 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations, the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year, as well as the holding of the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace,

Bearing in mind that the preparation for and observance in 1995 of the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year offer a special opportunity to refocus attention on the needs and aspirations of youth, to increase cooperation at all levels in dealing with youth matters and to take concrete action in favour of youth,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General³⁹ and the recommendations contained therein;

2. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-fourth session to consider further the draft world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond⁴⁰ as a matter of priority and to submit it, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session;

3. *Decides* to devote up to four plenary meetings at its fiftieth session to mark the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year and to consider, with a view to adopting it, the world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond;

4. *Invites* Member States to participate in the plenary meetings at a high political level and requests the Secretariat to schedule those meetings as close as possible to 24 October 1995 to facilitate such participation;

5. *Decides* to mark the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year by designating in 1995 an international youth day at the fiftieth session of the General Assembly;

6. *Encourages* Member States to ensure that youth and youth organizations are given appropriate opportunity to be involved in and to contribute to discussions at the national level leading to the celebration of the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year;

7. *Invites* Governments to give particular consideration to the inclusion of youth representatives in their national delegations to both the thirty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development and the fiftieth session of the General Assembly;

8. *Urges* the Secretary-General to give special attention to implementing the world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond and, for that purpose, to give to the programme regular budget support, within existing resources, and also to encourage the provision of extrabudgetary resources;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to incorporate a youth component in the programmes of the appropriate United Nations organizations and bodies in the context of the world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond.

*94th plenary meeting
23 December 1994*

49/153. Towards full integration of persons with disabilities in society: implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and of the Long-Term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 48/96 of 20 December 1993, by which it adopted the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities,

Recalling also its resolution 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,⁴¹

Recalling further all its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 37/53 of 3 December 1982, 46/96 of 16 December 1991, 47/88 of 16 December 1992 and 48/95 and 48/99 of 20 December 1993,

Welcoming the unreserved reaffirmation in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993,² of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons with disabilities, and the recognition in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development⁴² of a pressing need, among others, for the realization of the goals of full participation and equality for persons with disabilities,

Reaffirming the continuing validity and value of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, which provides a firm and innovative framework for disability-related issues,

Reiterating the responsibility of Governments for removing or facilitating the removal of barriers and obstacles to the full integration and participation of persons with disabilities in society, and supporting their efforts to develop national policies to reach specific objectives,

Recognizing the contribution of non-governmental organizations, especially organizations of persons with disabilities, in the global effort to bring about full participation and equality for persons with disabilities,

Aware of the major obstacles to the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, foremost among these being an inadequate allocation of resources,

Having due regard to the preconditions set out under section I of the Standard Rules for equal participation, including national action to raise awareness in society about persons with disabilities, their rights, their needs, their potential and the need to realize these, and their contributions, to provide effective medical care, including mental health care, to ensure rehabilitative services, to establish and maintain support services, including devices to assist persons with disabilities and to help them to increase their level of independence in their daily living and to exercise their rights,

I**STANDARD RULES ON THE EQUALIZATION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

1. *Urges* all Governments to implement, with the cooperation and assistance of organizations, the Standard Rules on the

³⁹ A/49/434.

⁴⁰ See E/CN.5/1993/10 and E/CN.5/1993/L.11, annex.

⁴¹ A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).

⁴² A/CONF.171/13, chap. I, resolution 1, annex.