

all possible efforts for the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth;⁴⁶

2. *Calls upon* Member States to enable young people to obtain a comprehensive education, including in human rights questions, environmental questions and cross-cultural issues, with a view to fostering mutual understanding and tolerance;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with Member States and youth organizations, to evaluate youth programmes that were developed during the follow-up of International Youth Year and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, with a view to ensuring effective implementation of a world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond;

4. *Encourages* the preparation by Member States that have not yet done so of a national youth policy, based on an analytical national evaluation of the situation and needs of youth;

5. *Calls once again upon* Member States, United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations to implement fully the guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, adopted by the General Assembly by its resolutions 32/135 and 36/17, and in particular to facilitate, in accordance with these resolutions, the activities of youth mechanisms that have been set up by youth and youth organizations;

6. *Calls upon* the regional commissions that have not yet done so, together with regional youth and youth-serving organizations, to finalize the comprehensive review of the progress achieved and the obstacles encountered in the regions since 1985 and to propose draft regional programmes of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond;

7. *Once again invites* Member States to include, whenever possible, youth representatives in their national delegations to the General Assembly and other relevant United Nations meetings, with particular emphasis on the fiftieth session of the General Assembly, in order to mark the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year, thus enhancing and strengthening the channels of communication through the discussion of youth-related issues, with a view to finding solutions to the problems confronting youth in the contemporary world;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make recommendations on the need for specific programmes aimed at encouraging school attendance through various means, in particular by the provision of lessons free of charge and, where appropriate, free food in schools, in close coordination with the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the multilateral financial institutions, bearing in mind the fundamental importance to youth of increasing literacy rates as set out in the draft world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond;⁴⁰

9. *Decides* to consider the question of policies and programmes involving youth under the item entitled "Social development" at its fifty-second session based upon a report to be submitted by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the present resolution.

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49/155. The role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/90 of 16 December 1992, in particular paragraph 2 thereof, in which it proclaimed the first Saturday of July 1995 to be International Day of Cooperatives,

⁴⁶ See A/40/256, annex.

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends,⁴⁷ especially the important recommendations contained in section II of the report aimed at ensuring the best possible means of dealing with the issue of cooperatives, taking into account their broad significance in contributing to the solution of major economic and social problems,

Recognizing that cooperatives in their various forms are becoming an indispensable factor in the economic and social development of all countries, promoting the fullest possible participation in the development process of all population groups, including women, youth, disabled persons and the elderly,

Recognizing also the important contribution and potential of all forms of cooperatives to the preparations for and follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, to be held in 1995, and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) to be held in 1996,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends;

2. *Invites* Governments, relevant international organizations, specialized agencies and national and international cooperative organizations to observe annually the International Day of Cooperatives on the first Saturday of July starting from 1995, as proclaimed by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/90;

3. *Encourages* Governments to consider fully the potential of cooperatives for contributing to the solution of economic, social and environmental problems in formulating national development strategies;

4. *Also encourages* Governments to consider reviewing legal and administrative constraints on the activities of cooperatives with a view to eliminating those constraints that are not applied to other businesses and enterprises;

5. *Invites* government agencies, in collaboration with cooperatives and other relevant organizations, to develop programmes aimed at improving statistics on the contribution of cooperatives to national economies and facilitating dissemination of information on cooperatives;

6. *Invites* the World Summit for Social Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), in formulating respective strategies and actions, to give due consideration to the role and contribution of cooperatives;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, within existing resources, to continue to provide support to the programmes and objectives of the international cooperative movement and to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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49/156. United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/101 of 20 December 1993,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/21 of 25 July 1994,

⁴⁷ A/49/213.