

Chapter IV

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION

211 (XXXVII). Strengthening the Commission in the promotion of the integration of women in the development process¹

*The Economic and Social Commission for Asia
and the Pacific,*

Recalling the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women and the relevant paragraphs of General Assembly resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980 on the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Also recalling its resolution 203 (XXXVI) of 27 March 1980 on the integration of women in the development process and resolutions 21 and 22 of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Noting recommendation 9 of the Subregional Follow-up Meeting for Pacific Women on the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women that the United Nations should ensure that a permanent post is provided in the regular budget of the Commission for a senior programme officer for women,

Recalling that the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women at its fifth session reaffirmed that the two posts for senior women's programme officers in the regional commissions supported by the Voluntary Fund should be maintained under the regular budget, and that at its eighth session it recommended that the financing of those two senior women's programme officer posts should be discontinued on the expiration of existing commitments unless at least one of them was provided for under the regular budget,

Emphasizing that accelerated development requires the real and effective participation of men and women in all areas of activity and the creation of the necessary conditions for equality of rights, opportunities and responsibilities for men and women,

Recognizing the intersectoral character of efforts to promote the integration of women in the development process,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To request the Secretary-General, as a matter of priority, to transfer by 1982 from within the regular budget of the United Nations a post of a senior officer to ESCAP, to be responsible for the programmes of the Commission on the integration of women in the development process;

(b) Pending General Assembly approval, to deploy immediately a senior-level post within the secretariat for that purpose, to enable, *inter alia*, the maximum use of the resources of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women available for programmes and projects;

(c) To seek resources, such as extrabudgetary funding, in addition to the funds provided by the Voluntary Fund in order to undertake programmes and projects in the Asian and Pacific region for the integration of women in the development process;

(d) To set up within the secretariat appropriate arrangements for interdivisional co-ordination and consultation to ensure that the concept of the integration of women in the development process is reflected in all programme activities of the Commission;

(e) To establish under the auspices of the Commission, in consultation with other United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies, a standing mechanism for interagency co-ordination and collaboration in planning, monitoring and evaluating the implementation of strategies and programmes at the regional level for the integration of women in development and in particular the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women;

2. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to report in full, through the Commission at its thirty-eighth session, to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1982 on the specific aspects of the situation of women in all the sectors of its development programme and to report to the Commission at its thirty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution and of resolution 203 (XXXVI).

*570th meeting
19 March 1981*

¹ See paras. 541-544 above.