

of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations, on the understanding that the activities of the Year will begin on 1 January 1986;

(c) Invite Member States and observers, relevant organs and organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations concerned to submit to the Secretary-General suggestions for the observance of the International Year of Peace;

2. *Further recommends* to the General Assembly that, at its thirty-seventh session, it should request the Secretary-General, taking into account the suggestions referred to in paragraph 1 (c) above, to propose at the thirty-eighth session a draft programme and budget for the observance of the International Year of Peace, on the understanding that its financing will conform to the guidelines laid down by Assembly decision 35/424.

*22nd plenary meeting
4 May 1982*

1982/16. Activities of non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the letter dated 19 April 1982 from the Chairman of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to the President of the Economic and Social Council regarding the question of the activities of non-governmental organizations in relation to South Africa,²⁸

Taking note with appreciation of the work done by some non-governmental organizations with a view to the eradication of the policy of *apartheid*, as practised by the Government of South Africa,

1. *Expresses its expectation* that non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council will take due account in their activities of relevant resolutions of the Council and the General Assembly condemning the policy of *apartheid* as practised by the Government of South Africa, in accordance with Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968;

2. *Requests* the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to include an examination of this question in the review of current practice related to the implementation of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) which it is to undertake at its next session, in 1983.

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4 May 1982*

1982/17. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, in which the Assembly adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women contained in the annex thereto,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 35/140 of 11 December 1980,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 36/131 of 14 December 1981,

Stressing the central role of the Commission on the Status of Women in considering within the United Nations matters relating to the achievement of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Reaffirming its conviction that the ratification of, or accession to, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the implementation of its provisions are important for the attainment of the three objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

1. *Welcomes with great satisfaction* the entry into force on 3 September 1981 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

2. *Urges* States that have not yet become parties to the Convention to ratify it or to accede to it;

3. *Expresses its interest* in the earliest possible commencement of the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women provided for in part V of the Convention, in particular with a view to considering national reports on the implementation of the Convention in accordance with article 18 thereof;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the reports of the Committee to the Commission on the Status of Women for its information;

5. *Recommends* that the Commission on the Status of Women should include the question of the status of the Convention in the agenda of its thirtieth session;

6. *Recommends* to the Secretary-General that he should consider a concerted information effort to spread knowledge regarding the Convention.

*22nd plenary meeting
4 May 1982*

1982/18. Situation of women and children in the occupied Arab territories

The Economic and Social Council,

Deeply concerned about the prevailing conditions of the Palestinian people, particularly the women and children,

Noting the great sacrifices of the Palestinian women and children in pursuit of their inalienable right to have their own homeland,

Considering that international co-operation and peace are threatened by colonialism, neo-colonialism, fascism, zionism, *apartheid* and foreign occupation, alien domination and racial discrimination in all its forms,

Affirming its full solidarity with the Palestinian women in their struggle for independence under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization,

Expressing its grave concern that the Palestinian women and people continue to be denied their inalienable rights, in particular their right to return to their homes and property from which they have been displaced and uprooted, the right to self-determination

²⁸ E/1982/54.

and the right to national independence and sovereignty.

Recognizing that the mass uprooting from their homeland obstructs the participation and integration of women in efforts to achieve progress,

1. *Appeals* to all women of the world to proclaim their solidarity with and support for the Palestinian women and people in their drive to put an end to the flagrant violation by Israel of fundamental human rights in the occupied territories;

2. *Also appeals* to all States and international organizations to extend all moral and material assistance to the Palestinian and Arab women and people in their struggle for the restoration of their inalienable right to return to their homes and property from which they have been displaced and uprooted;

3. *Further appeals* to all women of the world to take the necessary measures to secure the release of thousands of persons, including women and children, fighters for the cause of self-determination, liberation and independence, held arbitrarily in the prisons of the occupying forces;

4. *Requests* the United Nations and its organs and specialized agencies, as well as all national, regional and international women's organizations, to extend their help, both moral and material, to the Palestinian women and their organizations and institutes.

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4 May 1982*

1982/19. Role of women in economic development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980, in which the Assembly endorsed the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,²⁹

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Emphasizing the importance of women's full participation in the development process as agents and beneficiaries of development,

Aware that improvement in the economic condition and role of women is a necessary prerequisite for an improvement in the status of women,

Aware that at present women are not equal beneficiaries of the fruits of economic and social development,

1. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should request all specialized agencies and other relevant organizations, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, to consider including special fi-

nancial components, within existing budgetary resources, in their technical co-operation programmes for the development of women in the economic field, enhancing the entrepreneurial and technological capacity of women, particularly in the co-operative and non-traditional sectors and in developing countries;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirtieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*23rd plenary meeting
4 May 1982*

1982/20. Suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the terms of General Assembly resolution 317 (IV) of 2 December 1949,

Referring to resolution 1 (XXVII) of 4 April 1978 of the Commission on the Status of Women,³⁰

Recalling its resolutions 1980/4 of 16 April 1980 and 1981/40 of 8 May 1981,

Taking into account the work of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and the report on its thirty-fourth session,³¹

Having taken note of the report presented orally to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-ninth session,

Aware of the contribution that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs can make by reason of its interdisciplinary competence,

Convinced that the scope of the problem raised by the traffic in persons, in particular women and children, requires consultation and co-ordination by all the competent agencies in the United Nations system or outside the system—the regional commissions, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the World Health Organization, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Tourism Organization, INTERPOL and non-governmental organizations interested in this problem,

Requests the Secretary-General to appoint a special rapporteur who, within existing budgetary resources, will make a synthesis of the surveys and studies on the traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others that have been or are being carried out within the agencies in the United Nations system or outside the system, and will present that synthesis and propose appropriate measures to prevent and suppress those practices that are contrary to the fundamental rights of human beings at the first regular session of 1983 of the Council.

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4 May 1982*

²⁹ Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14–30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. A.

³⁰ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 2 (E.1978/32/Rev.1), chap. IX.

³¹ E/CN.4/1512.