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persons in the development process
and their integration into the
community

Denmark, France, Netherlands and Norway: draft resolution
Prevention of disability

The Commission for Social Development,

Having considered the progress report of the Secretary-General on the prevention of disability and rehabilitation of disabled persons, ^{1/}

Having noted the progress achieved in the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1921 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975, entitled "Prevention of disability and rehabilitation of disabled persons",

Appreciating the contribution made in this field by Governments, public and private non-governmental organizations and specialized agencies,

Recalling that the work programme of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs for the biennium 1978-1979 envisages that the United Nations studies and surveys concerning disabled persons should lead to the preparation of a set of guidelines to Governments on the development of rehabilitation programmes within existing health and social services with a view to the integration of disabled persons in economic and social life, particularly in their communities,

Recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The Economic and Social Council,

^{1/} E/CN.5/565.

"Considering that the goals stated in its resolutions and in those of the Commission for Social Development concerning action to improve the welfare of the disabled can be attained only by the combination and co-ordination of measures covering both integration into society and prevention of risks,

"Being aware that the number of disabled persons is growing year by year and that there are still major difficulties standing in the way of the implementation of programmes as regards both resources and the various equipment sectors,

"Desiring that efforts to rehabilitate disabled persons so that they can live a normal life should be continued, particularly as regards education, equipment, transportation, care and employment, and that the human and social relations of disabled persons in the community should be developed so that they may enjoy equal opportunities,

"1. Takes note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the prevention of disability and rehabilitation of disabled persons 1/ and approves its conclusions and recommendations;

"2. Considers that priority measures should be taken during the third decade for the prevention of the various hazards that cause disabilities;

"3. Recommends that Governments should give particular attention to the development of a plan of protection against dangers of all kinds and should promote all preventive measures aimed at:

"(a) Informing children and adults of dangers and risks so that they may be on guard against them;

"(b) Educating the population and inculcating in it the idea of protection of the individual in all activities of daily life;

"(c) Developing prenatal and postnatal supervision and improving knowledge of the importance of vaccination as a preventive measure;

"(d) Expanding the activity of medical, paramedical and health services;

"(e) Establishing and ensuring the observance of safety regulations in places of work in the streets and in public places;

"(f) Training specialist personnel in the dissemination of safety instructions and prevention techniques;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the Commission for Social Development informed of the progress achieved with respect to prevention and to bring to its attention general policy measures and relevant programmes carried out by Member countries which could usefully be made known to other countries if they so wish;

"5. Requests the specialized agencies concerned and non-governmental organizations to co-ordinate their activities with the United Nations in order to promote effective measures for the prevention of disability and the rehabilitation of disabled persons, inter alia, by providing assistance to developing countries."
