to strengthen the efforts for the promotion of understanding, mutual respect and friendship among nations and, primarily, among young people, for the creation of an international climate free from mistrust and discord.

Convinced that it is necessary to ensure full enjoyment by youth of all the rights stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 217 A (III) of 10 December 1948, and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, adopted by the Assembly in resolution 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth;  
2. Recognizes that the guidelines provide a constructive framework for a long-term strategy in the field of youth;  
3. Expresses its concern that the lack of financial and human resources within the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat has hindered the effective implementation of the guidelines, especially in developing countries;  
4. Calls upon all States, all governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the United Nations system, in particular the Economic and Social Council through its Commission for Social Development, to continue to give appropriate attention to proper follow-up and implementation of the guidelines;  
5. Urges the Secretary-General to strengthen the efforts aimed at proposing and monitoring action-oriented programmes to promote the process of implementation of the guidelines, inter alia, focusing on the promotion of regional and international cooperation;  
6. Invites Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute generously, according to their ability, to the United Nations Youth Fund, taking into account the specific recommendations included in the guidelines;  
7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-second session a report on the implementation of the guidelines;  
8. Requests the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-third session to prepare a draft programme of action to mark the tenth anniversary of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace, for implementation at the international level, and to identify future strategies in the field of youth, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

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1989/52. United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons

The Economic and Social Council,  
Recalling also General Assembly resolution 43/98 of 8 December 1988, by which the Assembly adopted a list of priorities for global activities and programmes for the second half of the Decade and requested the Secretary-General to undertake a feasibility study on the substantive, financial and administrative implications of alternative ways of marking the end of the Decade in 1992, and to submit the study to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session,  
Noting with satisfaction the strengthening of the Disabled Persons Unit of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat through the generous financial support of some Governments,  
Noting with appreciation the installation at the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of a Thiel Braille Printer donated by a foundation,  
Noting with deep concern that many developing countries are facing enormous difficulties in dealing with increasing numbers of disabled people, and recognizing the need for developed countries and appropriate United Nations bodies to take this into account when planning bilateral and multilateral development co-operation,  
Recognizing the pivotal role of the United Nations in promoting the exchange of information, expertise and experience and closer regional and interregional co-operation to advance the status and welfare of disabled persons,  
Stressing that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs is the focal point within the United Nations system for the implementation and monitoring of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,  
Mindful that the incidence of disability rapidly increases with age, that the problems facing the aging are very often similar to those facing the disabled and that the number of aged persons affected by disability is increasing,  
Mindful also of the often extremely difficult position of disabled women,  
Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons for the second half of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,  
1. Calls upon Member States, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to further the practical implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons during the second half of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, based on the list of priorities for global activities and programmes set forth in the annex to General Assembly resolution 43/98;  
2. Urges Member States, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide all possible support to the awareness and fund-

raising campaigns to give added momentum to the
Decade.
3. Requests the Secretary-General to strengthen
the clearing-house function of the Secretariat by
exploring possibilities, including the financial
implications of implementing an international
information system, and by encouraging Member States and
organizations that have acquired experience in the
disability field to inform the Centre for Social
Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat
of their experience;
4. Also requests the Secretary-General to dissemi-
nate relevant information, on a pilot basis, within
existing resources and with voluntary contributions,
on the activities of the Disabled Persons Unit of the
Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian
Affairs in forms accessible to blind persons, in order
to facilitate the Secretary-General's examination of
ways of making United Nations meetings, informa-
tion materials and documents accessible to disabled
persons, as well as his determination of the financial
implications thereof, pursuant to General Assembly
resolution 43/98, paragraph 7;
5. Further requests the Secretary-General to de-
termine the financial implications of the implemen-
tation of the recommendations contained in the three
studies on accessibility to United Nations buildings,
documents and information by persons with sensory
disabilities, prepared in conjunction with the Interna-
tional Year of Disabled Persons 1981, pursuant to
General Assembly resolution 35/133 of 11 December
1980;
6. Requests the Secretary-General and Member
States to pay special attention during the second half
of the Decade to the functioning and reactivation of
national bodies for disabled persons and to the
development and strengthening of powerful and
influential organizations of disabled persons;
7. Calls upon Member States to give due consid-
eration to the close interrelationship between aging
and disability and to give attention to the application
of measures aimed at avoiding or curing disabilities
of aging persons, and invites Member States that
have conducted research in this field to provide the
Secretariat with information on the results;
8. Also calls upon Member States and appropriate
United Nations organizations and bodies, when
planning their development co-operation and similar
projects, to give increased attention to the needs of
disabled persons in developing countries;
9. Invites the Secretary-General, in connection
with the preparation of the feasibility study of
alternative ways to mark the end of the Decade in
1992, to convene an expert meeting in 1990, within
the existing resources, inter alia, to advise on the best
possible ways of marking the end of the Decade and
of continuing the work in the disability field;
10. Requests the Secretary-General and Member
States to give particular attention to improving the
situation of vulnerable groups, as outlined in the
World Programme of Action, emphasizing the need
for social justice and the participation of those
groups in each sector of society.
11. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that
contributions, in kind or cash, related to the Decade
are channelled into the Voluntary Fund for the
United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, already
established by the General Assembly, such contribu-
tions may be earmarked by the donors for special
purposes;
12. Also requests the Secretary-General to report
to the Commission for Social Development at its
thirty-second session on the implementation of the
present resolution.

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1989/53. Guiding Principles for Developmental So-
cial Welfare Policies and Programmes in the
Near Future and follow-up to the
Interregional Consultation on Developmental
Social Welfare Policies and Programmes
The Economic and Social Council
Recommends to the General Assembly the adop-
tion of the following draft resolution:
"The General Assembly,
"Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human
Rights proclaimed by the Assembly in its resolu-
tion 217 A (III) of 10 December 1948, the Interna-
tional Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural
Rights and the International Covenant on Civil
and Political Rights, contained in the annex to its
resolution 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966,
and the Declaration on Social Progress and Devel-
opment, proclaimed by the Assembly in its resolu-
tion 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, as well as
other relevant international instruments,
"Reaffirming the importance and value of strate-
gies and plans of action concerning the situation of
women, aging, youth, the disabled, crime preven-
tion and drug abuse,
"Recalling its resolution 42/125 of 7 December
1987, in which, inter alia, it endorsed the Guiding
Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Poli-
cies and Programmes in the Near Future and
requested the Secretary-General to take the neces-
sary steps to ensure follow-up action to the Guiding
Principles,
"Stressing the importance of Economic and
Social Council resolution 1987/48 of 28 May 1987,
by which the Secretary-General was requested to
redeploy resources to ensure appropriate follow-up
to the Interregional Consultation on Developmental
Social Welfare Policies and Programmes,
"Mindful of the critical importance of practical
social welfare questions and the need to provide
adequate resources to deal with them,
"Concerned about the lack of follow-up in the
regions of Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and
the Caribbean, Africa and Western Asia,
"1. Reaffirms the validity of the Guiding Prin-
ciples for Developmental Social Welfare Policies
and Programmes in the Near Future as an appro-
priate framework for future action in the field of
social welfare and development;
"2. Calls upon Governments to make use of the
Guiding Principles, to apply the recommendations
therein, as appropriate, in accordance with their
national structures, needs and objectives, to inform
the Secretary-General of problems of implementa-
tion at the national level, and to accelerate the
follow-up to the Interregional Consultation on
Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes;

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