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PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE UNITED NATIONS
DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, 1981-1990,
DESIGNED TO IMPLEMENT THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION:
(b) REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TARGETS AND STRATEGIES,
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SUB-THEME "EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH AND
EDUCATION"

Improving the situation of disabled women of all ages

Argentina, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy,
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Philippines, Sweden,
United Kingdom and United States of America:
draft resolution

The World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality,
Development and Peace,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2856 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 on the
Declaration on the Rights of Mentally Retarded Persons,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1921 (LVIII) of
6 May 1975, requesting programmes for preventing disability and rehabilitating
disabled persons,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3447 (XXX) of 9 December 1975,
proclaiming the Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons,

Recalling resolution 13 of the World Conference of the International
Women's Year held in Mexico from 19 June to 2 July 1975 entitled "Social security
and family security for women, including the elderly and the handicapped",

Recalling General Assembly resolution 31/123 of 16 December 1976, proclaiming
the year 1981 "International Year of Disabled Persons", with the theme "Full
participation and equality",

Recalling the Declaration on Social Progress and Development approved by the
General Assembly in its resolution 2547 (XXIV) especially its article 19 (d).

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/154 of 17 December 1979 entitled "International Year of Disabled Persons".

Recalling the Commission on the Status of Women resolution 2 (XXVIII) of 4 March 1980, conveying concern over the situation of disabled women to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women held in Copenhagen,

Noting with appreciation the activities of Governments, United Nations organizations, the specialized agencies, and non-governmental organizations in connexion with the United Nations International Year of Disabled Persons,

Bearing in mind the importance of co-ordinated activities at the international, regional and national levels for the purpose of programmes for disabled persons to prevent disability and for rehabilitation,

Recognizing that, while disabled women and men have the same right to enjoy a decent life, including general and vocational training and employment, disabled women of all ages encounter particular difficulties in developing their individual abilities and skills to the maximum in becoming as self-reliant as possible and in participating fully in social life,

Bearing in mind that certain countries, at their present stage of development, can devote only limited efforts to this end,

1. Appeals to all women and men of the world to support and contribute to the success of the International Year of Disabled Persons 1981 and the implementation of the Plan of Action for the year;

2. Requests that, in implementing the Plan of Action for the International Year of Disabled Persons (see document A/34/58), special attention should be given to disabled women in order to promote their full participation and integration in all fields of activity in normal life;

3. Requests that programmes of all Member States of the United Nations for the International Year of Disabled Persons should explicitly take into consideration the special needs of disabled women of all ages for medical, social and vocational rehabilitation with the object of:

(a) Assuring the prevention of disability through the education of parents in general and young mothers in particular;

(b) Providing general and vocational education for disabled women, including adequate assistance, care and guidance;

(c) Enlarging the scale of vocational skills and training facilities in order to enable disabled women to perform jobs requiring qualifications, including non-traditional jobs;

(d) Providing training and employment facilities situated conveniently close to the family home, in order that parents can more easily arrange for the training of disabled daughters and that disabled women with family responsibilities can participate in such programmes and activities;

(e) Providing technical and financial support and social services to assist disabled persons in their domestic responsibilities and to enable disabled mothers to bring up their children;

(f) Encouraging special attention to the particular problems of disabled women of all ages in study and research projects designed to facilitate their practical participation in daily life as well as in training and on the labour market;

4. Requests the specialized agencies, in particular the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Labour Organisation and other United Nations bodies concerned to take into consideration, their activities and programmes, the needs of disabled women of all ages and the necessity to improve their situation through preventive and rehabilitative measures;

5. Welcomes the efforts of non-governmental organizations, particularly those organizations of disabled persons themselves and their families, and asks for public and financial assistance for these efforts;

6. Decides that, in implementing the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, the needs of disabled women of all ages should be taken fully into account internationally, regionally and nationally.