

**1987/42. Need to enhance international co-operation in protection of and assistance for the family**

*The Economic and Social Council*

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

*"The General Assembly,*

*"Mindful of the resolve of the peoples of the United Nations to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom, with a view to the creation of conditions of stability and well-being, which are necessary for peaceful and friendly relations between nations,*

*"Recalling that according to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>1</sup> the widest possible protection and assistance should be accorded to the family, which is the natural and fundamental group unit of society,*

*"Recalling also the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,<sup>44</sup> which provides that the family, as a basic unit of society and the natural environment for the growth and well-being of all its members, particularly children and youth, should be assisted and protected so that it may fully assume its responsibilities within the community,*

*"Convinced of the urgency of meeting the diverse needs of the family, both as a beneficiary and as an active participant in the development process,*

*"Recognizing the necessity of consolidating the efforts of all States in carrying out specific programmes concerning the family in which the United Nations may have an important role to play,*

*"Aware of the international consensus on the importance of the role of the family as an agent of positive change in society,*

*"Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1983/23 of 26 May 1983 and 1985/29 of 29 May 1985,*

*"Convinced that appropriate measures should be taken to mobilize efforts at the local, national, regional and international levels on behalf of the family,*

*"Recalling in this connection its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 concerning the guidelines for international years and anniversaries,*

*"1. Invites all States to make their views known concerning the possible proclamation of an international year of the family and to offer their comments and proposals thereon to the Secretary-General before 30 April 1988;*

*"2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-third session a comprehensive report, based on the comments and proposals of Member States on the possible proclamation of such a year and other ways and means to improve the position and well-being of the family and intensify international co-operation as part of the global effort to advance social progress and development;*

*"3. Decides to consider that report as a matter of high priority, and to take appropriate decisions on it at its forty-third session, under an item of the provisional agenda entitled 'Families in the development process'."*

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**1987/43. United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling General Assembly resolutions 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which the Assembly adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, and 37/53 of 3 December 1982, by which, *inter alia*, it proclaimed the period 1983-1992 United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,*

*Recalling also General Assembly resolution 39/26 of 23 November 1984, by which the Secretary-General was requested to convene in 1987 a meeting of experts, consisting largely of disabled persons, to help the General Assembly at its forty-second session to evaluate the implementation of the World Programme of Action,*

*Recalling that the review of the World Programme of Action includes a review of the Vienna Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the World Symposium of Experts on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries and Technical Assistance in Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons,<sup>56</sup>*

*Welcoming the offer of the Government of Sweden to act as host in 1987 to the above-mentioned meeting of experts, in conformity with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 39/26, and noting with appreciation the status of the preparations for that meeting,*

*Mindful that the principles of full participation and equality emphasized in the World Programme of Action call for disabled persons to be fully responsible for their own development, and that the most important criteria for evaluating the implementation of the World Programme of Action are suggested by the theme of the International Year of Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, "Full participation and equality",*

*Affirming that well-functioning social security schemes often form one of the important pre-conditions for the introduction of de-institutionalization and independent living of persons with disabilities,*

*Mindful of the importance of disability prevention, stressed in the World Programme of Action, and of the principle of equalization of opportunities—that is, that the services and facilities of society should be made accessible and open to all people, including those with disabilities,*

*Noting with appreciation the progress made in the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,*

*1. Urges the Secretary-General to take all measures within existing resources to enable the meeting of experts called for in General Assembly resolution 39/26 to evaluate progress at the mid-point of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, so that priority areas can be identified and effective international action can be launched to help translate into practice the concepts of full participation and equalization of opportunities for disabled persons;*

*2. Calls upon Member States, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to exert all possible efforts for the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, and to stimulate efforts at all levels within the framework of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons;*

<sup>56</sup> IYDP/SYMP/L.2/Rev.1.

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to launch, in conjunction with the forty-second session of the General Assembly and within available resources, a public information and awareness campaign to revitalize the Decade;

4. *Invites* Member States to adopt appropriate measures to accelerate the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons during the second half of the Decade;

5. *Also invites* Member States to consider possibilities for adequate participation of persons with disabilities in the work of the United Nations;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the premises of the United Nations are accessible to all people equally, including the disabled;

7. *Again requests* the Secretary-General to make all appropriate efforts to mobilize international support and action for the Decade;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-first session on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons during the second half of the Decade.

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**1987/44. Efforts and measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to life, to education and to work**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 38/23 of 22 November 1983, 39/23 of 23 November 1984, 40/15 of 18 November 1985 and 41/98 of 4 December 1986, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, recognized the need to adopt appropriate measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work,

*Recalling also* Council resolutions 1983/17 of 26 May 1983 and 1985/27 of 29 May 1985 concerning youth participation in social and economic development and their exercise of the right to life, education and work,

*Recognizing* that in many countries young people, under prevailing critical social and economic conditions, are facing serious problems in the exercise of their right to education and to work,

*Convinced* that it is necessary to ensure full enjoyment by youth of the rights stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>5</sup> the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights<sup>1</sup> and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,<sup>1</sup> with special regard to the right to life, to education and to work,

*Aware* of the fact that insufficient education and the improvement of young people limit their ability to participate in the development process, and, in this regard, emphasize the importance of secondary and higher education for young people, as well as access for them to appropriate technical and vocational guidance and training programmes,

*Expressing its serious interest* in consolidating and building further on the results of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace in order to contribute, *inter alia*, to the increasing participation of young people in the socio-economic life of their country,

1. *Calls upon* all States, all governmental and non-governmental organizations, interested United Nations

bodies and the specialized agencies to continue to give priority to the formulation and implementation of effective measures for securing the exercise by youth of the right to life, to education and to work, in conditions of peace, with a view to resolving the problems of unemployment among youth;

2. *Requests* all the appropriate United Nations bodies to give adequate attention on a regular basis to the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to life, to education and to work;

3. *Invites* national co-ordinating bodies and bodies implementing policies and programmes in the field of youth to give appropriate priority in the activities to be undertaken after the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace to the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to life, to education and to work;

4. *Decides* to consider the matter as part of the review of the follow-up of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace.

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#### **1987/45. Youth in the contemporary world**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1979/16 of 9 May 1979, 1981/16 of 6 May 1981, 1983/14 of 26 May 1983 and 1985/23 of 29 May 1985,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 40/14 of 18 November 1985, by which the Assembly requested the Commission for Social Development to examine, on a regular basis, specific youth issues, in keeping with the objectives of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace, and 41/97 of 4 December 1986, by which the Assembly called upon all States, all United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, in particular youth organizations, to exert all possible efforts for the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth,<sup>57</sup>

*Recognizing* the profound importance of the direct participation of youth in public life and the valuable contribution that youth can make in all sectors of society, as well as the willingness of youth to express its ideas concerning the building of a better and more just world,

*Convinced* that the opportune and significant impetus generated by the activities of the International Youth Year should be maintained and reinforced with appropriate follow-up action, particularly at the national level,

*Recognizing* that the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth provide a conceptual framework for a long-term strategy in that field,

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General<sup>58</sup> transmitting his report on the evaluation of the results of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace;<sup>59</sup>

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the results obtained at the local, national, regional and international levels during the preparations for and observance of the International Youth Year;

<sup>57</sup> See A/40/256, annex.

<sup>58</sup> E/CN.5/1987/6.

<sup>59</sup> A/41/621.