

## **Resolution 47/1**

### **Policies and programmes involving youth\***

*The Commission for Social Development,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995, by which the Assembly adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, and resolution 62/126 of 18 December 2007, by which it adopted the Supplement to the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond,

*Recalling also* the goals and targets related to the priority areas of globalization, poverty and hunger, education and employment, contained in the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on goals and targets for monitoring the progress of youth in the global economy,<sup>12</sup>

*Recognizing* that the implementation of the World Programme of Action and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, require the full and effective participation of young people and youth-led organizations and other civil society organizations at the local, national, regional and international levels,

*Stressing* the important role of effective national youth policies in promoting the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

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\* For the discussion, see chap. II, paras. 31-35.

<sup>12</sup> A/62/61/Add.1-E/2007/7/Add.1.

*Stressing also* that increased coordination and collaboration among United Nations entities working on youth are necessary to make the youth-related work of the United Nations system more effective,

1. *Reaffirms* the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond<sup>13</sup> and its Supplement<sup>14</sup> as a unified set of guiding principles, to be referred to henceforth as the World Programme of Action for Youth;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled “Implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth: progress and constraints with respect to the well-being of youth and their role in civil society”<sup>15</sup> and the annexes thereto containing goals and targets for the clusters “Youth and their well-being” and “Youth in civil society”;

3. *Calls upon* Member States to consider using the goals and targets proposed in the report of the Secretary-General mentioned in paragraph 2 above at the national level as a means of facilitating the monitoring of the progress in ensuring young people’s well-being and their engagement with civil society and the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the relevant United Nations entities to disseminate information about the World Programme of Action for Youth and the proposed goals and targets and to promote their appropriate use in their programmatic work related to youth;

5. *Encourages* Member States to collect, on a continuous basis, reliable, comparable and relevant data, disaggregated by age and gender, to measure progress towards the implementation and monitoring of the World Programme of Action for Youth and the goals and targets proposed in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify efforts to further develop and propose a set of possible indicators linked to the World Programme of Action for Youth and the proposed goals and targets, in order to assist States in assessing the situation of youth, with a view to allowing it to be considered by the Commission for Social Development at its forty-ninth session and by the Statistical Commission at the earliest opportunity;

7. *Urges* Member States to work together with youth-led organizations and other stakeholders, such as the private sector, to implement the World Programme of Action for Youth and, when using the proposed goals and targets, to share experiences and good practices in this regard;

8. *Calls upon* Member States, with the assistance of the United Nations system, to promote the well-being of youth by developing effective national youth policies as an integral aspect of their national development agendas;

9. *Calls upon* Member States to create effective channels of cooperation and information exchange among young people, their national Governments and other decision makers and to support the establishment and functioning of independent

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<sup>13</sup> General Assembly resolution 50/81, annex.

<sup>14</sup> General Assembly resolution 62/126, annex.

<sup>15</sup> A/64/61-E/2009/3.

national youth councils or equivalent bodies, including junior parliaments, with the assistance of the United Nations system where needed;

10. *Also calls upon* Member States to take concrete measures to further assist youth in situations of armed conflict, in accordance with the World Programme of Action for Youth;

11. *Emphasizes* the need for Member States, the international community, the United Nations system and the private sector to support youth-led organizations in achieving openness and inclusiveness and to strengthen their capacity to participate in national and international development activities;

12. *Requests* the Secretariat to consult, as appropriate, with youth-led and youth-focused organizations to ensure that various youth inputs are duly shared with the Commission for Social Development during its deliberations;

13. *Stresses* the importance of recognizing young people as active agents in decision-making processes and for positive change and development in society;

14. *Urges* Member States to consider including youth representatives in their delegations to all relevant discussions in the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions and other relevant United Nations conferences, as appropriate, bearing in mind the principles of gender balance and non-discrimination, and emphasizes that such youth representatives should be selected through a transparent process which ensures that they have a suitable mandate to represent young people in their countries;

15. *Recognizes* the positive contribution that youth representatives make to the General Assembly and other United Nations bodies and their role of serving as an important channel of communication between young people and the United Nations, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to support adequately the United Nations Programme on Youth of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat so that it can continue to facilitate their effective participation in meetings;

16. *Welcomes* the recent increased collaboration among United Nations entities in the area of youth development, and calls upon the United Nations Programme on Youth to continue to act as the focal point within the United Nations system for promoting further collaboration;

17. *Reiterates* that the primary responsibility for implementing the World Programme of Action for Youth lies with Member States and recognizes the need to strengthen international cooperation in support of increased national efforts to achieve its implementation, including through official development assistance;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the United Nations Programme on Youth within the existing resources of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs so as to meet the increasing demands on the Programme to support, evaluate and review youth development in all its facets;

19. *Invites* all Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the United Nations Youth Fund in order to accelerate the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth in developing countries, and requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate action to encourage contributions;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session, through the Commission for Social Development at its forty-ninth session, a comprehensive report on the coordination and collaboration of relevant United Nations entities in their work related to youth.