

Advance Unedited Version

Youth

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and beyond, and Assembly resolution 60/2 of 6 October 2005, in which it decided to add five additional priority areas¹ for the implementation of the World Programme of Action,²

Recalling the draft ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2006 of the Economic and Social Council, submitted by the President of the Council on the basis of informal consultations,³

Recognizing that the implementation of the World Programme of Action and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, in particular those contained in the UN Millennium Declaration, require the full and effective participation of young people and youth organizations and other civil society organizations at the local, national, regional and international levels;

1. *Recognizes* that young people form an active part of society and are important actors for social development, and encourages Member States, therefore, to involve young people and youth organizations in all aspects of youth development, including holding consultations with youth-led organizations as well as on a continuing basis, including youth representatives in national delegations to relevant United Nations forums;

¹ **Globalization; Information and communication technologies; HIV/AIDS; Armed conflict; Intergenerational Issues**

² General Assembly resolution 60/2, para. 13.

³ See A/61/3, chap. III.

2. *Appreciates* the collaboration between Governments, the United Nations and its agencies and regional commissions, and regional, national and non-governmental youth organizations in the implementation and monitoring of progress of implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond,⁴ and urges them to continue to do so; in this regard, the Commission for Social Development should continue a policy level dialogue on youth for policy coordination and for periodic monitoring of issues and trends.

3. *Recognizes* the importance of the *World Youth Report*, produced by the Secretariat, in providing the guidelines and standards for addressing youth development issues around the world, and urges the Secretary-General to regularize the production of the report, with the support of voluntary contributions, as a biennial recurrent publication of the United Nations beginning in 2009;

4. *Urges* Governments, in consultations with youth organizations, to develop holistic and integrated youth policies based on the World Programme of Action for Youth and the five additional priority areas⁵ and to evaluate them regularly as part of the follow-up action on and implementation of the Programme of Action and the five additional priority areas⁶

5. *Reiterates* the call of the General Assembly on the organizations, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to enhance inter-agency arrangements on youth policies and programmes with a view to improving coordination and enhancing synergies among relevant system activities in this regard;⁷

⁴ General Assembly resolution 50/81, annex.

⁵ **Globalization; Information and communication technologies; HIV/AIDS; Armed conflict; Intergenerational Issues**

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⁷ General Assembly resolution 60/2, para. 6.

6. *Urges* the Secretary-General, in the light of the growing interest across United Nations agencies and programmes in youth development, to take a lead and a more systematic role in inter-agency consultations on youth development, in cooperation with Governments and youth-led non-governmental organizations, and to move such discussions from an ad hoc to a more regular basis;

7. *Invites* the regional commissions, the relevant agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system and other relevant intergovernmental forums, within their respective mandates, to ensure the effective implementation of all ten priority areas of the World Programme of Action for Youth and the five additional priority areas⁸, and to continue to be actively involved in their monitoring and follow-up;

8. *Invites* all Governments 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 countries with limited resources, and requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate action to encourage contributions;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with organizations, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, to identify goals and targets regarding the cluster “youth and the global economy” and to submit an addendum to the report by the Secretary-General on “Follow-up to the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond”⁹ to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session;

⁸ Globalization; Information and communication technologies; HIV/AIDS; Armed conflict; Intergenerational Issues

⁹A/62/61-E/2007/7

10. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the World Programme of Action for Youth¹⁰, and requests the Statistical Commission, in consultation with the Commission for Social Development, to develop and propose a broad set of indicators related to youth and to report thereon to the Commission for Social Development at its forty-seventh session.

¹⁰ A/62/61-E/2007/7, chap. I, sect. B.5.