

1989/50. Second review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the second review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging, conducted by the Commission for Social Development in accordance with General Assembly resolution 37/51 of 3 December 1982,⁸⁴

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his comprehensive report on the second review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging;

2. Decides to adopt the set of priorities and recommendations to encourage further implementation of the Plan of Action, contained in annex I to the present resolution;

3. Endorses the draft programme of United Nations activities relating to the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Plan of Action, in 1992, contained in annex II to the present resolution;

4. Reaffirms the recommendation made in the Plan of Action that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat should continue to serve as the focal point in the United Nations system for activities related to aging and that, to that end, the Secretary-General, within the existing global resources of the United Nations, should give due consideration to the provision of appropriate increased resources for the implementation of the Plan of Action;⁸⁵

5. Recommends the establishment of an open-ended *ad hoc* working group of the Third Committee of the General Assembly at the forty-fourth session of the Assembly to focus on the conclusions of the second review and appraisal;

6. Decides to establish an open-ended *ad hoc* working group of the Economic and Social Council to monitor the preparatory activities for the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Plan of Action, in 1992;

7. Recommends the convening of an *ad hoc* working group of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-second session to monitor the activities for the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Plan of Action;

8. Decides that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs should co-ordinate, within existing resources or with extrabudgetary resources, activities to mark the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Plan of Action, as suggested in paragraph 103 of the report of the Secretary-General;⁸⁴

9. Urges the Aging Unit of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs to place special emphasis on developing expertise in, and providing technical assistance to, Member States on social and economic developmental issues related to aging;

10. Urges the Commission on the Status of Women to give particular attention to the specific problems faced by elderly women;

11. Urges Governments and the United Nations to involve non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to a greater extent than previously in the implementation of the Plan of Action so that their expertise and well-known contributions in the field may be used more effectively;

12. Notes with appreciation the activities, plans and programmes of the International Institute on Aging recently established in Malta, particularly in the area of training;

13. Recommends that the Secretary-General take into consideration a feasibility study, conducted at the request of the Government of Yugoslavia, recommending the establishment of a United Nations-affiliated international institute on aging at Belgrade;

14. Welcomes the progress made at the preparatory meeting to establish an African society of gerontology held at Dakar from 17 to 22 December 1988, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 43/93 of 8 December 1988, at which a draft statute, draft rules of procedure and a draft work programme were elaborated;

15. Also welcomes the initiative of the Government of Argentina in establishing a subregional South American centre on aging;

16. Calls upon the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, as the focal point in the United Nations system for activities related to aging, to co-ordinate the activities of such institutes or centres, in particular to avoid duplication;

17. Reiterates that the existence of these and any other such institutes or centres would not preclude the establishment in other countries or regions of the world of other institutes or centres affiliated with the United Nations and financed by voluntary contributions;

18. Decides to include the question of aging in the agenda of the thirty-second session of the Commission for Social Development.

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⁸⁴E/1989/13.

⁸⁵See *Report of the World Assembly on Aging, Vienna, 26 July to 6 August 1982* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.1.16), chap. VI, Sect. A.IV B.