

Organization Plan of Action for the Eradication of Illiteracy by the Year 2000,⁵⁷ as well as the relevant commitments and recommendations to promote literacy contained, *inter alia*, in the Plan of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s⁵⁸ of the World Summit for Children, the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,⁵⁹ the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development,⁶⁰ the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women⁶¹ and the Delhi Declaration of the Education for All Summit of Nine High-Population Developing Countries,⁶²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Progress made and problems encountered in the struggle against illiteracy: a mid-decade review";⁶³

2. *Notes with appreciation* the close collaboration and commendable work being pursued as a follow-up to the International Literacy Year and the World Conference on Education for All by the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Development Programme;

3. *Commends* those Governments which have launched national literacy programmes and attained notable progress in meeting the objectives of the International Literacy Year and those set forth in the World Declaration on Education for All;⁶⁴

4. *Invites* Member States, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to further intensify their efforts to effectively implement the World Declaration on Education for All, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Plan of Action for the Eradication of Illiteracy by the Year 2000,⁵⁷ as well as the relevant commitments and recommendations to promote literacy contained, *inter alia*, in the Plan of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s⁵⁸ of the World Summit for Children, the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,⁵⁹ the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development,⁶⁰ the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women,⁶¹ and the Delhi Declaration of the Education for All Summit of Nine High-Population Developing Countries,⁶² with a view to better coordinating their activities and increasing their contribution to development;

⁵⁷See United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Twenty-fifth Session, Paris, 17 October to 16 November 1989, vol. I, Resolutions*.

⁵⁸See A/45/625.

⁵⁹*Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

⁶⁰A/CONF.166/9, chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

⁶¹A/CONF.177/20, chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

⁶²*Report of the Director-General on the Education for All Summit of Nine High-Population Developing Countries, New Delhi, 13-16 December 1993*, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Executive Board, document 144 EX/30, annex.

⁶³A/50/181-E/1995/65.

5. *Appeals anew* to Governments and economic and financial organizations and institutions, both national and international, to lend greater financial and material support to the efforts to increase literacy and achieve education for all;

6. *Calls upon* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue assuming the role of lead organization in ensuring an effective follow-up to the International Literacy Year and to pursue, in cooperation with other sponsors of the World Conference on Education for All, the implementation of the World Declaration on Education for All;

7. *Notes with satisfaction* the firm commitment and active involvement of many non-governmental organizations, the mass media and the private sector in support of and in the follow-up to the International Literacy Year;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to submit to the General Assembly, at its fifty-second session, in 1997, through the Economic and Social Council, a progress report on the implementation process of the education for all objectives, including the recommendations of the International Consultative Forum on Education for All, taking into account the possible measures, if any, to improve the reporting procedure;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the question of cooperation to achieve education for all under the item on social development.

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50/144. Towards full integration of persons with disabilities in society: implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and of the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/96 of 20 December 1993, by which it adopted the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities,

Recalling also its resolution 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,⁶⁴

Recalling further all its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 37/53 of 3 December 1982, 46/96 of 16 December 1991, 47/88 of 16 December 1992, 48/95 and 48/99 of 20 December 1993 and 49/153 of 23 December 1994,

Taking note of resolution 34/2 of 20 April 1995 of the Commission for Social Development,⁶⁵ wherein it is stated, *inter alia*, that the Standard Rules are to be monitored within the framework of the sessions of the Commission, and that the purpose of such monitoring is to further their effective implementation,

⁶⁴A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).

⁶⁵See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 4 (E/1995/24)*, chap. I, sect. E.

Noting with interest the initiative taken by non-governmental organizations to develop a disability index based on the Standard Rules, as well as other activities related to the Standard Rules and activities in support of the World Programme of Action,

Welcoming the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission for Social Development on monitoring the implementation of the Standard Rules and his recommendation that, in the coming two years, the focus should be mainly on legislation, coordination of work, organizations of persons with disabilities, accessibility, education and employment,⁶⁶

Welcoming also the unreserved reaffirmation in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993,³ of all the human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons with disabilities, and the recognition in both the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development⁵⁹ and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development⁶⁷ of a pressing need, among others, for the realization of the goals of full participation in society and the equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities, as well as the recognition by the Fourth World Conference on Women, held at Beijing from 4 to 15 September 1995,⁴⁸ of the special needs of women with disabilities,

1. *Recalls* the recognition by the World Summit for Social Development of the need to promote the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities;

2. *Urges* all Governments and organizations to continue to strengthen their efforts to implement the Standard Rules by appropriate legal, administrative and other measures, taking into account the integrated social development strategy set out in the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development;⁶⁷

3. *Encourages* Governments of Member States to respond to the questionnaire sent by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission for Social Development;

4. *Encourages* Member States to make contributions to the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability to support initiatives on disability, including the important work of the Special Rapporteur;

5. *Calls upon* Governments, when implementing the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,⁶⁴ to take into account the elements suggested in the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond;⁶⁸

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure appropriate support for the effective functioning of the Long-term Strategy;

7. *Encourages* the use of communications networks for the dissemination to the general public of the Standard Rules, the World Programme of Action and the Long-term Strategy;

8. *Encourages* the Secretary-General, the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the Secretariat and the United Nations organizations concerned, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, to continue their efforts to facilitate the collection

and transmission of relevant data to be used to finalize, in consultation with Member States, the development of global disability indicators, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on this question to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session.

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50/145. Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The General Assembly,

Emphasizing the responsibility assumed by the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 155 C (VII) of 13 August 1948 and General Assembly resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950,

Acknowledging that the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, as major intergovernmental forums, have influenced national policies and practices and promoted international cooperation in this field by facilitating the exchange of views and experiences, mobilizing public opinion and recommending policy options at the national, regional and international levels,

Recalling its resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991, in the annex to which Member States affirmed that the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders should be held every five years and should provide a forum for, *inter alia*, the exchange of views between States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individual experts representing various professions and disciplines, the exchange of experiences in research, law and policy development and the identification of emerging trends and issues in crime prevention and criminal justice,

Bearing in mind the theme for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, which was "Less crime, more justice: security for all", and the importance of achieving this goal at the national and international levels,

Deeply concerned about the rising levels of crime in many parts of the world, particularly transnational organized crime and its negative effects on socio-economic development, political stability and the internal and external security of States, as well as on the well-being of people,

Convinced that the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme has a significant role to play in enhancing regional and interregional cooperation in crime prevention and criminal justice in order to achieve further progress in this area, including the mobilization and coordination of efforts by Member States to combat crime in all its forms and to ensure greater justice,

Recalling its resolution 49/157 of 23 December 1994, in which it requested the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to give priority attention at its fourth session to the conclusions and recommendations of the Ninth Congress, with a view to recommending, through the Economic and Social Council, appropriate follow-up by the General Assembly at its fiftieth session,

Having considered the report of the Ninth Congress⁶⁹

⁶⁶See A/50/374, annex.

⁶⁷A/CONF.166/9, chap. I, resolution I, annex II.

⁶⁸A/49/435, annex.

⁶⁹A/CONF.169/16.