

“*Recalling* that relevant United Nations instruments on human rights as well as relevant global plans and programmes of action call for the widest possible protection and assistance to be accorded to the family, bearing in mind that, in different cultural, political and social systems, various forms of the family exist,

“*Emphasizing* that equality between women and men and respect for the human rights of all family members are essential to family well-being and to society at large, and noting the importance of reconciliation of work and family life,

“*Aware* that families are affected by social and economic changes manifested as observable worldwide trends and that the causes and consequences of those trends concerning families have to be identified and analysed,

“*Recognizing* the important role of non-governmental organizations, at both the local and the national levels, working in the interest of families,

“*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004,<sup>42</sup>

“1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>42</sup> and the recommendations contained therein;

“2. *Reaffirms its invitation* to all States to take prompt action to establish national mechanisms, as appropriate, to prepare for, observe and follow up the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, in particular for the purpose of planning, stimulating and harmonizing the activities of the governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations concerned with the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary, and to cooperate with the Secretary-General in achieving the objectives of the tenth anniversary;

“3. *Calls upon* all United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, in particular family-related organizations, to make every possible effort towards the implementation of the objectives of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family by integrating the family perspective into the planning and decision-making processes;

“4. *Decides* that the major activities for the observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family should be concentrated at the local, national and regional levels and that the United Nations system should assist Governments in these efforts;

“5. *Takes note* of the major study on the most important trends affecting families, to be submitted to the General Assembly at the commencement of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in December 2003;

“6. *Calls* for a concerted promotional, informational and media campaign on the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family at the national, regional and international levels;

“7. *Invites* the Secretary-General to launch the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family early in December 2003;

“8. *Decides* to devote one plenary meeting at its fifty-ninth session, in 2004, to the observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, building upon the events to be held on 15 May 2004 on the occasion of the International Day of Families;

“9. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue to play an active role in facilitating international cooperation within the framework of the follow-up to the International Year of the Family, to facilitate the exchange of experiences and information among Governments on effective policies and strategies, to facilitate technical assistance, with a focus on least developed and developing countries, and to encourage the organization of subregional and interregional meetings and relevant research;

“10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council on the preparations for the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family at all levels.”

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**2002/7. Comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Reaffirming* the outcome of the major United Nations conferences and summits and their respective follow-up reviews, in particular as they pertain to the promotion of the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities on an equal and participatory basis,

*Noting* the important role of Governments in the promotion and protection of all human rights of persons with disabilities,

*Underlining* the important contribution of the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission for Social

<sup>42</sup> E/CN.5/2002/2.

## Resolutions

Development to the elaboration of a comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities,

*Acknowledging* the important role of non-governmental organizations in the promotion and protection of the human rights of persons with disabilities, and noting, in this regard, their work in promoting the elaboration of an international convention on the rights of persons with disabilities,

*Deeply concerned* about the disadvantaged and vulnerable situation faced by 600 million persons with disabilities around the world,

1. *Welcomes* the adoption of General Assembly resolution 56/168 of 19 December 2001, by which the Assembly decided to establish an Ad Hoc Committee, open to the participation of all Member States and observers to the United Nations, to consider proposals for a comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities, based on the holistic approach in the work done in the fields of social development, human rights and non-discrimination and taking into account the recommendations of the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission for Social Development;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the valuable work undertaken by the Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission for Social Development, and takes note of his final report for the period 2000–2002,<sup>43</sup> in particular his recommendations relating to the international convention, as part of efforts to strengthen the international framework for the protection of persons with disabilities;

3. *Underlines* the importance of receiving, as soon as possible, the contributions requested by the General Assembly from States, relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, including relevant human rights treaty bodies, the regional commissions and the Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission for Social Development, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations with an interest in the matter to the work entrusted to the Ad Hoc Committee, based on the practice of the United Nations;

4. *Also underlines* the importance of the request made by the General Assembly to the Secretary-General, with the support of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, for the submission to the Ad Hoc Committee, prior to its first session, of a compilation of existing international legal instruments, documents and programmes that directly or indirectly address the situation of persons with disabilities, to include those of conferences, summits, meetings or international or regional seminars convened by the United

Nations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

5. *Further underlines* the importance of the request made by the General Assembly to the Secretary-General, to provide the Ad Hoc Committee with the outcome of the study undertaken pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 2000/51 of 25 April 2000<sup>44</sup> and the final report presented by the Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission for Social Development to that Commission;

6. *Recommends* that the Ad Hoc Committee, when considering proposals for a convention, take into account the relationship of the proposed convention with the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities;<sup>45</sup>

7. *Encourages* Member States to provide adequate financial resources to ensure necessary expertise and the participation of international organizations on disability in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, in accordance with the standard practice of the General Assembly;

8. *Decides* to remain seized of this matter.

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### **2002/8. International cooperation in the fight against transnational organized crime: assistance to States in capacity-building with a view to facilitating the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto**

*The Economic and Social Council*

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

*“The General Assembly,*

*“Recalling* its resolution 55/25 of 15 November 2000, by which it adopted the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and its resolution 55/255 of 31 May 2001, by which it adopted the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts

<sup>43</sup> See E/CN.5/2002/4.

<sup>44</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2000, Supplement No. 3* and corrigendum (E/2000/23 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.

<sup>45</sup> General Assembly resolution 48/96, annex.