

Resolution 45/2

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 the Assembly decided to add five additional priority areas¹⁵ for the implementation of the World Programme of Action,

Recalling also the 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,¹⁶

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 United Nations 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

* For the discussion, see chap. II, paras. 38-40.

¹⁵ See General Assembly resolution 60/2, para. 13.

¹⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/61/3/Rev.1), chap. III, para. 50.

as, on a continuing basis, including youth representatives in national delegations to relevant United Nations forums;

2. *Appreciates* the collaboration between Governments, the United Nations, its agencies and the 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 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 the 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 recurrent biennial 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 areas,¹⁶ 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 areas;

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;¹⁷

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 areas 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

¹⁷ General Assembly resolution 60/2, para. 6.

World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond¹⁸ to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session;

10. *Takes note* of the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the World Programme of Action for Youth, 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.