

1993/20. Development of a plan of action to implement the long-term strategy to further the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/91 of 14 December 1990, in which the Assembly invited Member States, specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to implement the agenda for action until the end of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons and beyond⁶⁰ and the preliminary outline of a long-term strategy to the year 2000 and beyond: a society for all,⁶¹ forty-seventh session and of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-third session on the subject of the long-term strategy,

Taking note of the deliberations of the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session and of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-third session on the subject of the long-term strategy

Emphasizing the need to take rapid action in this connection,

Recalling its resolution 1991/9 of 30 May 1991, in which it recommended that a meeting of experts, to be funded by voluntary contributions, should be held in conjunction with the conference entitled "Independence 1992", to be organized in Canada, with the primary objective of drawing up a long-term strategy to implement the

World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons⁶² to the year 2000 and beyond,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the United Nations Expert Group Meeting on a Long-Term Strategy to Further the Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond,⁶² held at Vancouver, Canada, from 25 to 29 April 1992,⁶³ and of the important input of non-governmental organizations of persons with disabilities,

Recognizing that the report represents a significant step forward in the development of a plan of action to implement the long-term strategy,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States on the strategy outlined in the report of the United Nations Expert Group Meeting on a Long-Term Strategy to Further the Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to develop a draft plan of action based on those views, the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, the report of the Expert Group Meeting, the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group to elaborate standard rules on the equalization of opportunities for disabled persons⁶⁴ and other recent developments, as appropriate;

3. *Recommends* that the draft plan of action include priorities and a time-frame for implementation and that it be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration at its forty-eighth session and for approval at its forty-ninth session;

4. *Requests* that the draft plan of action be developed in consultation with the international non-governmental organizations of persons with disabilities having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

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