

Policies and Programmes involving Youth

The Commission for Social Development,

PP1 *Recalling* General Assembly resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995 and resolution 62/126 of 18 December 2007, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth (WPAY), as contained in the annexes thereto, and acknowledging that the Programme of Action provides Member States with a useful policy framework and practical guidelines for improving the situation of youth; **(agreed ad ref)**

PP2 *Reiterating* that all fifteen priority areas of the World Programme of Action for Youth are interrelated and mutually reinforcing; **(agreed ad ref)**

PP3 *Emphasizing* the importance of the twentieth anniversary since the adoption of the World Programme of Action for Youth marked in 2015 and the need for a meaningful assessment of the progress made towards its implementation; **(agreed ad ref)**

PP4 *Stressing* that the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the remaining days of the Millennium Development Goals and beyond 2015, require the full and effective participation of youth and youth organizations and other civil society organizations at the local, national, regional and international levels; **(agreed ad ref)**

PP5 *Recalling* the Secretary-General's set of indicators linked to the World Programme of Action for Youth, in order to assist Member States in assessing the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth and thus the evolution of the situation of youth; **(agreed ad ref)**

PP6 *Acknowledging* the positive contribution of youth, as agents and beneficiaries of development, to the initiatives and discussions on the sustainable development in the post-2015 agenda, as well as to the general well-being, progress and diversity of society, as a way of contributing to a progressively fairer distribution of opportunities for them, which will constitute a step forward to economic development, social justice, social integration and equity; **(agreed ad ref)**

PP7 *Taking note of* the Secretary-General's Five-Year Action Agenda that identifies "Working with and for women and young people" as one of the five generational opportunities; **(agreed ad ref)**

PP8 *Stressing* that increased coordination and collaboration among United Nations entities and with other regional and international organizations working on youth contribute to making the youth-related work of the United Nations system more effective; **(agreed ad ref)**

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the Report of the Secretary-General on Policies and Programmes involving Youth;¹ **(agreed ad ref)**

2. *Reiterates* that the primary responsibility for implementing the World Programme of Action for Youth lies with Member States and urges Governments, in consultation with youth and youth organizations, to develop holistic and integrated youth policies based on the World Programme of Action for Youth and to evaluate them regularly as part of the follow-up action on and implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth; **(agreed ad ref)**

3. *Calls upon* Member States to continue the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth, including its fifteen interrelated priority areas, as a policy framework and practical guidelines for national action and international support to improve the situation of young people, at the local, national, sub-regional, regional and international levels, while taking into account the views of youth and youth organizations as a part of the effective participation of youth in the society; **(agreed ad ref)**

4. *Encourages* Member States to develop comprehensive policies and action plans focused on the best interests of youth, particularly the poor and marginalized, and address all aspects of youth development, in line with the World Programme of Action for Youth; **(agreed ad ref)**

5. *Also encourages* Member States to promote gender equality and the empowerment of young women and girls in all aspects of youth development and recognize the important role of young men and boys in ensuring this; **(agreed ad ref)**

6. *Calls upon* Member States to consider, on a voluntary basis, the indicators proposed in the Report of the Secretary-General² for their selection and adaptation in monitoring and assessing the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth, giving particular attention to young women and marginalized groups, including indigenous youth, youth in rural areas, youth with disabilities and young migrants, taking into account the national social and economic circumstances in each country; **(agreed ad ref)**

7. *Calls for* Member States to collect, on a continuous basis, reliable, comparable and relevant data, disaggregated by age and sex, to measure progress towards the implementation and monitoring of the World Programme of Action for Youth, and in this regard also encourages Member States to engage youth and youth organizations in the collection, analysis and dissemination of data in the process of assessing progress and evaluating youth policies; **(agreed ad ref)**

8. *Further calls upon* Member States to give due consideration to youth issues in all appropriate aspects of the post-2015 development agenda, underlining the importance of closely consulting with and actively involving youth and youth organizations in the implementation of the upcoming post-2015 development agenda; **(agreed ad ref)**

9. *Encourages* Member States to ensure a coherent and mutually reinforcing approach while implementing all relevant agreed frameworks, including the World Programme of Action for Youth and the upcoming post-2015 development agenda; **(agreed ad ref)**

¹ E/CN.5/2014/5

² E/CN.5/2013/8*

10. *Urges* Member States to ensure the full enjoyment by all young people of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and other international instruments related to human rights, in the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth; **(agreed ad ref)**

11. *Encourages* Member States to consider including youth representatives in their delegations at all relevant discussions in the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and its functional commission and at relevant United Nations conferences, as appropriate, bearing in mind the principle of gender balance and non-discrimination, and inter alia, to consider establishing a national youth delegate programme, and emphasises that youth representatives should be selected through a transparent process which ensures that they have a suitable mandate to represent young people in their countries; **(agreed ad ref)**

12. *Urges* Member States to promote the full and effective participation of young people and youth organizations in relevant decision-making processes, including in developing, implementing and monitoring policies, programmes and activities, including those related to the World Programme of Action for Youth; **(agreed ad ref)**

13. *Reaffirms* that the strengthening of international cooperation regarding youth, capacity building, enhancement of dialogue, mutual understanding and the active participation of young people are crucial elements of efforts towards achieving the eradication of poverty, full employment and social integration, and in this regard stresses the importance of promoting access to nationally owned social protection and social services as an important instrument for empowering youth; **(agreed ad ref)**

14. *Takes note with appreciation* of the increased collaboration among United Nations entities on youth through the Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development, calls upon the United Nations entities to develop additional measures to support local, national, regional and international efforts in addressing challenges hindering youth development, and in this regard encourages close collaboration with Member States as well as other relevant stakeholders, including civil society, particularly youth-led organizations; **(agreed ad ref)**

15. *Calls upon* donors, including Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to actively contribute to the United Nations Youth Fund in order to facilitate the participation of youth representatives from developing countries in the activities of the United Nations, taking into account the need for greater geographical balance of youth representation, as well as to accelerate the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate action to encourage contributions to the Fund; **(agreed ad ref)**

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission for Social Development at its fifty-fifth session, a comprehensive report on the implementation of this resolution, including progress on the achievements and challenges in the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth, in consultation with Member States, as well as with the relevant specialized agencies, funds and programmes, and regional commissions, taking into account the work done by the

United Nations system; and also encourages the Secretariat to consult, as appropriate, with youth-led and youth-focused organizations. **(agreed ad ref)**