THE INVOLVEMENT OF WOMEN IN STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL PEACE
AND ELIMINATING RACISM, APARTHEID, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION,
ALIEN DOMINATION AND THE ACQUISITION OF TERRITORIES BY FORCE

Women's participation in the strengthening of international
peace and security and in the struggle against colonialism,
racism, racial discrimination and foreign domination

German Democratic Republic: draft resolution

The World Conference of the International Women's Year,

Reaffirming the determination expressed in the Charter of the
United Nations to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

Recalling that the United Nations Organization reaffirms in its
Charter faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of
the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations,

Recalling that the flames of war in the world have inflicted great
pain, especially on women and children,

Taking into account that millions of women are still meeting with
untold sufferings and the violation of human dignity resulting from
different forms and manifestations of colonialism, foreign domination,
apartheid and racial discrimination,

Reaffirming that the universal strengthening of world peace and
the expansion of the co-operation among States will advance the
economic, social and cultural development of the countries and serve
the improvement of the situation of women,

Proceeding from the fact that the central subject of the
International Women's Year reads "Equality - Development - Peace",

Taking into account that the programme of the International
Women's Year adopted in resolution 1849 (LVI) of the Economic and Social
Council, envisages efforts in order to promote international détenté,
the strengthening of world peace and the expansion of the co-operation among States, particularly, the struggle against colonialism, neo-colonialism, foreign domination and subjugation, against apartheid and racial discrimination and the implementation of the rights of the peoples to self-determination and the protection of women and children in armed conflicts as well as in the struggle for national independence and self-determination,

Appreciating that the General Assembly of the United Nations in its resolution 3276 (XXIX) endorsed the broadest involvement of women in the struggle for the strengthening of international peace and the elimination of racism and racial discrimination and, moreover, decided to consider under a special agenda item at its thirtieth session the role of women in the struggle against colonialism, racism and racial discrimination and for the strengthening of international peace and co-operation among States,

Taking into account that the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States confirms the obligation of all States to promote the implementation of general and complete disarmament and to use the funds saved for economic and social development and provide part of them for the needs of the developing countries,

Noting with satisfaction the positive changes which took place during the last years in the international situation concerning the deepening of the process of détente and the strengthening of international peace, particularly, regarding the elimination of the dangerous sources of war in Viet-Nam and the organization of the All-European Conference on Security and Co-operation,

Emphasizing the grave concern that in some regions of the world colonialism, apartheid and racism yet exist and foreign territories are still occupied which represents a very serious infringement of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of human rights of both men and women, and of the peoples' right to self-determination,

1. Reaffirms that the strengthening of international peace and security, the successful implementation of the principles of peaceful coexistence among States having different social systems, the elimination of the vestiges of colonialism, neo-colonialism, apartheid, racism, alien domination and foreign occupation are indispensable prerequisites for the safeguarding of the fundamental human rights of both men and women;

2. Calls upon all Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, women's organizations and women's groups to intensify their forces in order to strengthen peace, to expand and deepen the process of détente and to implement its irreversible character, to eliminate completely and definitely all forms of colonialism, to put an end to the policy and practice of apartheid and racism, and to foreign domination and aggression;
3. Holds the view that the promotion of the objectives of the United Nations should find a better expression in the activities of the national and international women's organizations, especially in respect of the maintenance of international peace, the development of friendly relations among countries based on respect for the sovereign equality of States and non-interference in internal affairs, the termination of the arms race, the elimination of the vestiges of colonialism, apartheid, racism and foreign domination;

4. Urge all Governments to take effective measures in order to achieve general and complete disarmament and the immediate convocation of the International Conference on Disarmament;

5. Expresses its solidarity with and its assistance for women who contribute towards the struggle of the peoples for their national liberation and underlines the fact that the wider and the more determined and active the participation of women is going ahead, the sooner the hour of victory will come about for the fighting peoples;