



Thirty-fourth session
Agenda item 75

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

34/180. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

The General Assembly,

Considering that one of the purposes of the United Nations, as stated in Articles 1 & 55 of the *Charter*, is to promote universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms without distinction of any kind, including any distinction as to sex,

Recalling the proclamation by the General Assembly in its resolution 2263 (XXII) of 7 November 1967, of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women,

Taking into account the conventions, resolutions, declarations and recommendations of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies designed to eliminate all forms of discrimination and to promote equal rights for men and women,

Noting, in particular, resolution 33/177 of 20 December 1978 concerning the drafting of a convention on the elimination of discrimination against women,

Considering that discrimination against women is incompatible with human dignity and the welfare of society and constitutes an obstacle to the full realization of the potentialities of women,

Affirming that women and men should participate and contribute on a basis of equality in the social, economic and political processes of development and should share equally in improved conditions of life,

Recognizing that the welfare of the world and the cause of peace require the full participation of both men and women in society,

Convinced that it is necessary to ensure the universal recognition in law and in fact of the principle of equality of men and women,

1. *Adopts* and opens for signature, ratification and accession the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution;
2. *Expresses* the hope that the convention will be signed and ratified or acceded to without delay and will come into force at an early date;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present the text of the Convention to the World

Conference of the United Nations Decade for WOMen for its information;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session a report on the status of the Convention under an item entitled "Status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women".

107th plenary meeting
18 December 1979

Annex:

***Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination
against Women***