

(e) The eradication of poverty requires the development of targeted programmes to meet the needs of particular social and demographic groups, including young people, older persons, persons with disabilities and other groups or persons with special needs;

(f) The eradication of poverty requires that anti-poverty strategies and programmes be designed, implemented and monitored with the full participation of people living in poverty;

(g) The eradication of poverty requires increased and more effective support by the international community for broad-based development in developing countries, in particular in Africa and the least developed countries.

14. In the light of General Assembly resolutions 48/183 and 49/110 and of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, the Assembly may wish to adopt a theme for the Year. The theme might be "Poverty can be and must be eradicated throughout the world". The implementation of this theme would require a sustained, long-term commitment by Governments and all other actors in society, as well as the support of the international community.

IV. ACTIVITIES IN OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY

15. In the light of the above-mentioned decisions and recommendations of the World Summit for Social Development, as well as the recommendations of the Fourth World Conference for Women, the International Conference on Population and Development and the World Summit for Children, the following major activities are proposed for the observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty:

(a) Every country should, with the support of the international community, formulate or strengthen a long-term national strategy for eradicating poverty;

(b) National and international organizations, including educational institutions, the media and other institutions of civil society, should promote awareness of the extent and nature of poverty, its destructive consequences both for the people concerned and for society as a whole, and effective measures for reducing and eradicating poverty;

(c) Countries and international organizations should increase support for research and dissemination of information on the extent and distribution of poverty, on its causes and consequences and on effective measures for reducing and eradicating poverty;

(d) Countries and international organizations should organize and participate in meetings to exchange information on their achievements and problems in reducing and eradicating poverty;

(e) Countries should encourage the development of community organizations, particularly in communities with a high incidence of poverty, and encourage and

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