

39/177. Long-term financing and the future role of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/142 of 17 December 1982 and 38/177 of 19 December 1983, in which it called upon the Secretary-General to submit a report on long-term financing arrangements for the United Nations Institute for Training and Research which would place its financing on a more predictable, assured and continuous basis,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁵⁹ and the statements made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on 9 and 14 November 1984 on the financial difficulties of the Institute,⁶⁰

Taking note of the priorities and work programme for the biennium 1984-1985 approved by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,

Noting with concern that the 1984 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, held on 7 and 8 November 1984,⁶¹ was unable to provide the General Fund of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research during 1985 with the level of resources considered by the Board of Trustees of the Institute as the minimum required to maintain the Institute as a viable entity,

Acknowledging with regret that the system of voluntary contributions, instituted to provide resources for the operation of the Institute, has thus far failed fully to guarantee the minimum level of resources needed by the Institute for its General Fund,

Noting with regret that the three options for long-term financing arrangements for the Institute recommended by the Board of Trustees, namely, the setting up of a reserve fund, the adoption of a replenishment system and the establishment of an endowment fund, have not been found acceptable by the major contributors,⁶²

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his report;

2. Endorses the view of the Secretary-General about the continuing importance of the role of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive study on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, its activities in training and research, its funding and its future role, keeping in mind related activities within the United Nations system and the relevant provisions of the Statute of the Institute, in order to determine the most effective manner of discharging those functions;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit his report, together with the comments of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research thereon, to the General Assembly at its fortieth session;

5. Decides to grant the United Nations Institute for Training and Research up to \$1.5 million, on an exceptional basis, to supplement the funds raised through voluntary contributions for the General Fund of the Institute, in order to enable the Institute to carry out a minimum

training and research programme in 1985 at a level to be decided by the Board of Trustees of the Institute at its forthcoming special session, but not exceeding \$3 million;

6. Requests that the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and, if it agrees, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, examine urgently the programme and budget proposals of the Institute for 1985, with a view to obtaining savings in its budget;

7. Decides to take a decision at its fortieth session on the basis of the report of the Secretary-General on the future, programmes and funding arrangements of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

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39/178. United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 38/177 of 19 December 1983 on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,

Having considered the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,⁶³ covering the period from 1 July 1983 to 30 June 1984, and his introductory statement of 9 November 1984,⁶⁴

Recalling the important role assigned to the Institute for the purpose of enhancing the effectiveness of the United Nations in achieving its major objectives, in particular in the maintenance of peace and security and the promotion of economic and social development,

Recalling also the need for the Institute to continue to evolve clear, long-term priorities in the training and research programmes of the Institute that would emphasize its role in the promotion and strengthening of the development process,

Noting with satisfaction the emphasis being placed by the Institute on the revitalization of its programme, the dissemination of the results of its research and the improvement of its management, and on the mobilization of adequate resources to enable it to perform its functions satisfactorily,

Sharing the concern of the Executive Director that only a small number of States are contributing to the General Fund of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, as well as his concern over the inadequacy of the resources available to the Institute for its work,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and of the measures taken in 1984 to improve the management and the budgeting process of the Institute;

2. Also takes note of the priorities and work programme for the biennium 1984-1985 approved by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

3. Welcomes the continuing emphasis of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on economic and social training and research and the inclusion of specific projects on the problems that exist in the areas identi-

⁵⁹ A/39/148.

⁶⁰ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Second Committee, 38th meeting, paras. 11-20; and 41st meeting, paras. 1-8.

⁶¹ See A/CONF.126/SR.1-3.

⁶² A/39/148, para. 8.

⁶³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/39/14).

⁶⁴ Ibid., Thirty-ninth Session, Second Committee, 38th meeting, paras. 11-20.

fied by the General Assembly at its sixth⁶⁵ and seventh⁶⁶ special sessions, in the relevant decisions adopted at its twenty-ninth and subsequent sessions, and in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,⁶⁷ taking into consideration the statements on the programme of work of the Institute made at the current session;

4. *Takes note* of the clarification provided by the Executive Director on the mandate and the future role of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research as they relate to the mandates and roles of other institutions active in the Institute's field of competence, and notes with satisfaction the efforts being made to strengthen co-operation with those institutions;⁶⁸

5. *Calls upon* all States that have not yet contributed to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to do so, and urges once again all donor countries, especially those that are not contributing at a level commensurate with their capacity, to increase their voluntary contributions in order to meet the urgent financial needs of the Institute during the biennium 1984-1985;

6. *Again requests* all States to continue to announce their contributions to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research early and, if possible, not later than the annual United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, and to speed up the payment of their voluntary contributions to the Institute.

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39/179. United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2951 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972, 3081 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973, 3313 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974, 3439 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, 31/117 and 31/118 of 16 December 1976, 32/54 of 8 December 1977, 33/108 of 18 December 1978, 34/112 of 14 December 1979, 35/54 of 5 December 1980, 36/45 of 19 November 1981, 37/143 of 17 December 1982 and 38/178 of 19 December 1983,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University,⁶⁹

Noting with appreciation the continuing interest of the Government of Japan in, and its support for, the University in regard to the construction of a permanent headquarters building,

Noting decision 5.2.1 adopted on 18 October 1984 by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its one hundred and twentieth session,

1. *Notes with satisfaction*, as the United Nations University reaches the middle of its medium-term perspective (1982-1987), the progress achieved by the University in realizing the main objectives set forth in the perspective,⁷⁰ namely, developing and implementing the University programme focused on five themes relevant to the pressing global problems of human survival, development and welfare that are also the concerns of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and embarking on a new phase of institutional development, with emphasis on establishing

the University's own research and training centres as called for in its Charter;

2. *Welcomes* the reports of external evaluation teams indicating the positive results of the United Nations University's research, institutional relations and post-graduate training, particularly the advanced training of University Fellows who have returned to their home institutions, in collaboration with the University's associated and co-operating institutions in both developing and industrialized countries;

3. *Welcomes also* the progress made in setting up the World Institute for Development Economics Research,⁷¹ the United Nations University's first research and training institution, at Helsinki, and expresses its appreciation for the leading role and invaluable support of the Government of Finland in establishing the Institute by providing financial and other forms of support;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the advance made towards establishing the proposed Institute for Natural Resources in Africa⁷² and an international programme in biotechnology in Venezuela;⁷³

5. *Emphasizes* the continuing need of the United Nations University to strengthen the capacity of existing scholarly and scientific institutions in developing countries;

6. *Notes* the need to further continue, expand and intensify co-operative activities of the United Nations University with the United Nations, its bodies and the specialized agencies, on the one hand, and with the international academic and scientific community, on the other, which enhance the responsiveness of the University to global issues and problems and bring its work into closer relation with the concerns of the United Nations system and the world academic community in regard to global issues and problems;

7. *Recognizes* that the United Nations University needs to intensify its fund-raising efforts to build up its Endowment Fund and Operating Fund and to ensure the development of its activities in a well-co-ordinated manner in accordance with its Charter;

8. *Earnestly appeals* to all Member States to take cognizance of the progress made by the United Nations University and the relevance of its work to the concerns of the United Nations and to contribute urgently and generously to its Endowment Fund and, additionally or alternatively, to make operating contributions to the University to enable it to fulfil its mandate effectively, in accordance with its Charter and with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly.

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39/180. Assistance for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of the Central African Republic

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/87 of 5 December 1980, in which it affirmed the urgent need for international action to assist the Government of the Central African Republic in its efforts for reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of the country and invited the international commu-

⁶⁵ See resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

⁶⁶ See resolution 3362 (S-VII).

⁶⁷ Resolution 35/56, annex.

⁶⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/39/14)*, paras. 3-22.

⁶⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 31 (A/39/31).

⁷⁰ *Ibid.*, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/37/31), sect. III.

⁷¹ *Ibid.*, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/39/31), para. 106.

⁷² *Ibid.*, para. 108.

⁷³ *Ibid.*, para. 109.