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resolution

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/227 of 8 April 1993, 48/207 of
21 December 1993, 49/125 of 19 December 1994 and 50/121 of 20 December 1995,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ the report of
the Acting Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and
Research on the activities of the Institute 2/ and the report of the Joint
Inspection Unit, 3/

Noting with interest the steps taken to complete the restructuring process
of the Institute and welcoming the recent progress made by the Institute in its
various programmes and activities, including the better cooperation that has
been established with other organizations of the United Nations system and with
regional and national institutions,

1/ A/51/554.

2/ A/51/14.

3/ See A/51/642.

Expressing its appreciation to the Governments and private institutions that have made or pledged financial contributions to the Institute,

Welcoming the opening of the Institute's Liaison Office in New York following the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of the Institute and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

Reiterating that the funding of training programmes held at the specific request of Member States or departments and units of the Organization and other organs of the United Nations system and specialized agencies should be arranged by the requesting parties,

Recognizing that training activities should be accorded a more visible and larger role in support of the management of international affairs and in the execution of the economic and social development programmes of the United Nations system,

1. Reaffirms the relevance of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, particularly in view of the growing importance of training within the United Nations and the new training requirements of all Member States, and the pertinence of research activities related to training undertaken by the Institute within its mandate;

2. Invites the Institute to develop further its cooperation with other United Nations institutes and relevant national, regional and international institutes;

3. Requests that relevant measures be taken by the Board of Trustees of the Institute with respect to the regularization of the post of Executive Director of the Institute;

4. Renews its appeal to Governments of States Members of the United Nations and to private institutions that have not yet contributed financially to the Institute to give it their generous financial support, and urges the States that had interrupted their contributions to consider resuming them now that the Institute has been restructured and revitalized;

5. Decides, in view of the successful implementation of the transfer of the headquarters of the Institute from New York to Geneva, not to consider any further relocation, taking into account the doubts raised by the Board of Trustees at its session in September 1996 regarding the impact of such a move on the consolidation process and on the work of the Institute;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to explore more systematically with the Executive Director of the Institute, as well as with the heads of United Nations programmes and funds, ways and modalities of cooperation, in order to define better the role of the Institute in the field of training, research and methodology, assessment and capacity-building within the United Nations system, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session;

7. Requests the Executive Director of the Institute, through the Board of Trustees, to prepare and conduct a comprehensive survey of existing training

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programmes at the level of the United Nations system, as recommended by the Joint Inspection Unit in its report, and to submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session.
