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TRAINING AND RESEARCH: UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE
FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the
Committee, Mr. Carlos Gianelli (Uruguay), on the basis
of informal consultations held on draft resolution
A/C.2/45/L.68

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/172 of 5 December 1986, 42/197 of
11 December 1987, 43/201 of 20 December 1988 and 44/175 of 19 December 1989,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and the report of the
Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, 2/
and taking into account the statements made before the Second Committee by the
representative of the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the Institute
on 30 November 1990, 3/

Recognizing the continuing importance and relevance of the functions of the
Institute, particularly in the field of training,

1/ A/45/634.

2/ A/45/14.

3/ See A/C.2/45/SR.50.

Recognizing also the need for Governments to contribute or increase their voluntary contributions, as appropriate, to the Institute,

Noting with concern the continuing lack of a sufficiently broad base of donor countries supporting the Institute,

Paying tribute to the activities of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research since its creation in 1965,

Deeply concerned that the sale of the headquarters property of the Institute, which would have enabled a reserve fund for the Institute to be established, has not yet been completed,

Noting with concern that the 1990 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities did not provide the General Fund of the Institute with the level of resources required for it to maintain a minimum training programme and institutional structure,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 44/175 1/ and the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research; 2/

2. Strongly reiterates its urgent desire that the Institute sell its headquarters property at the earliest reasonable opportunity, preferably within the next twelve months;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to appoint an appropriately qualified high-level independent consultant, to be paid from extrabudgetary resources, who would submit a report directly to the Secretary-General containing recommendations on:

(a) The continued relevance of the mandate of the Institute, taking into account the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and other research and training activities of the United Nations system, a review and assessment of all aspects of the current activities of the Institute and their benefits to the United Nations and its Member States, inter alia, in the fields of the maintenance of peace and security and the promotion of economic and social development, and an assessment of whether those activities can be more effectively carried out by the Institute or by other bodies in the United Nations system;

(b) The overall staffing requirements for the Institute, including the number and level of such staff, in order to meet satisfactorily the needs of the United Nations and its Member States;

(c) The financial means for meeting those needs, based on the findings;

(d) The feasibility of utilizing the facilities of the Institute for the training of personnel for peace-keeping operations;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit the report of the independent consultant to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the Board of Trustees of the Institute for comment and to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;
5. Requests that the budgetary proposals of the Institute continue to be submitted to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for review and comment prior to approval by the Board of Trustees of the Institute;
6. Reaffirms that the activities of the Institute that are not funded from the General Fund shall continue to be funded through voluntary contributions mobilized as special-purpose grants from Governments, intergovernmental organizations, foundations and other non-governmental sources;
7. Agrees with the recommendation of the Secretary-General that the Institute should, immediately after the sale of its property, repay the amounts currently owed to the United Nations and use the balance to establish a reserve fund for the Institute;
8. Recommends that the Institute, with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, should consider financial mechanisms in order to finance its General Fund budget for 1991;
9. Decides to take a decision on the future of the Institute at its forty-sixth session, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 42/197;
10. Encourages the Secretary-General to continue to explore new modalities for greater interfacing among United Nations research bodies and requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to continue to organize meetings of United Nations research institutes with a view to enhancing practical co-operation among them, particularly in regard to the formulation and implementation of their programmes and plans;
11. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.
