

Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-second session.

*120th plenary meeting  
17 December 1985*

**40/214. Long-term financing and future of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 39/177 of 17 December 1984, in which it requested 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,<sup>132</sup> in order to determine the most effective manner of discharging those functions, and 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,

Recalling also 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 Institute which would place its financing on a more predictable, assured and continuous basis,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General<sup>133</sup> and the statement made on 8 November 1985 by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation,<sup>134</sup>

Noting with regret that, so far, no agreement has been reached on the future role and, in particular, the long-term funding of the Institute,

Noting also with regret that the 1985 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities,<sup>125</sup> was unable to provide the General Fund of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research with the level of resources required to maintain the Institute as a viable entity during 1986,

Acknowledging with regret that voluntary contributions to the Institute have so far been insufficient to guarantee the level of resources needed to maintain it as a viable entity, and that it has not been possible to reach agreement on any of 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 or the establishment of an endowment fund,<sup>135</sup>

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Reaffirms the continuing relevance of the mandate entrusted to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, namely, to enhance the effectiveness of the United Nations, and takes note of the view of the Secretary-General that this mandate continues to be essential to the functioning of the Organization today;

3. Takes note of the administrative, staffing and organizational arrangements outlined in the report of the Secretary-General on the future work of the Institute;

4. Stresses the need to take a final decision on the long-term financing and future of the Institute at the latest at

the forty-first session of the General Assembly and, to this end, requests the Secretary-General to prepare comprehensive specific plans for the future of the Institute based on two options contained in his report:<sup>136</sup>

(a) To close down the Institute, including the possibility of re-allocating the functions of the Institute to other agencies and bodies throughout the United Nations system where those functions could be undertaken in an efficient and cost-effective manner;

(b) To restructure the Institute, including the possibility of transferring to the Institute appropriate ongoing and planned training and research functions of other agencies and bodies throughout the United Nations system;

such plans should include a detailed assessment of the financial implications of the two options, including a blueprint for a specific scheme for the long-term and stable funding of the Institute, which could be tried on an experimental basis;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to keep in mind, while preparing the plans requested in paragraph 4 above, the need for specific suggestions for the improvement of administrative arrangements to ensure cost-effectiveness;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to consult, as appropriate, with all States and the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research before finalizing the plans, which should be submitted to the General Assembly not later than 1 September 1986;

7. Urges all States that have not yet contributed to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to do so, and calls upon all countries, especially those donor countries that are not contributing at a level commensurate with their capacity, to increase their voluntary contributions in order to meet the needs of the Institute.

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**40/215. Assistance to Democratic Yemen**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 39/184 of 17 December 1984 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/6 of 28 April 1982 and 1982/59 of 30 July 1982 concerning the extensive devastation caused by the heavy floods in Democratic Yemen,

Recalling also resolution 107 (IX) of 11 May 1982 of the Economic Commission for Western Asia,<sup>137</sup> in which the Commission called for the urgent establishment of a programme for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the flood-stricken areas of Democratic Yemen,

Having considered the report prepared by the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator on the extent and nature of the damage caused by the floods,<sup>138</sup>

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Democratic Yemen,<sup>139</sup>

Recognizing that Democratic Yemen, as one of the least developed countries, is unable to bear the mounting burden of rehabilitation and reconstruction of the affected areas,

Recognizing also the efforts made by Democratic Yemen to alleviate the suffering of the victims of the floods,

<sup>132</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 45, document A/6875, annex III.

<sup>133</sup> A/40/788.

<sup>134</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Second Committee, 29th meeting, paras. 13-15.

<sup>135</sup> A/39/148, para. 8.

<sup>136</sup> A/40/788, para. 5.

<sup>137</sup> See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 12 (E/1982/22), chap. 1.

<sup>138</sup> See E/ECWA/156.

<sup>139</sup> A/40/435.