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Report of the Second Committee

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1. The General Assembly, at its 2353rd plenary meeting on 19 September 1975, allocated to the Second Committee agenda item 62 entitled:

"United Nations University:

- (a) Report of the Council of the United Nations University;
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General."

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 1701st, 1702nd, 1705th and 1706th meetings, on 20, 21, 26 and 27 November 1975. An account of the discussions of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/SR.1701, 1702, 1705 and 1706).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

- (a) Report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of its fourth and fifth sessions; 1/
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on fund-raising (A/10237);
- (c) Chapter III, section J, of the report of the Economic and Social Council. 2/

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/10031).

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 3 (A/10003).

4. At the 1701st meeting, on 20 November, the Rector of the University made an introductory statement and also introduced the report of the Council of the University, 1/

5. At the same meeting, the representative of Venezuela, on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Cyprus, Egypt, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Iceland, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Senegal, Turkey, Uganda and Venezuela, introduced and orally revised a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1466), which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 2951 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972, 3081 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973 and 3313 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974,

"Recalling also its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 on the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and also its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

"Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on its fourth and fifth sessions 1/ and the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations University (A/10237),

"Noting decision 5.2.2 of 9 October 1975 adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its ninety-eighth session, in which the Board reaffirmed the need for support of the United Nations University,

"Taking note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the University's budget (A/AC.169/L.4),

"Expressing its satisfaction at the commencement of the full operations of the University Centre in Tokyo with the assumption of office by the Rector of the University,

"Noting that the University Council has identified three broad areas for priority attention, as mentioned in paragraph 19 of the report of the Council of the United Nations University, 1/

"Reaffirming that, as an international community of scholars, the University should play an important role in furthering the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, by devoting its work to research into the pressing global problems that are the concern of the United Nations and its agencies,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Council of the United Nations University on its fourth and fifth sessions and the report of the Secretary-General;

"2. Expresses the hope that the United Nations University will, under the joint sponsorship of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, continue to grow as an important and autonomous organ of the General Assembly charged with the responsibility for scholarly inquiry, on a truly global basis, into urgent problems facing mankind as a whole;

"3. Urges the United Nations University to embark on its full activities as soon as possible and establish appropriate links with interested and qualified institutions, so as to respond to the mounting expectations of the world university, scientific and other intellectual communities;

"4. Stresses the need for full co-operation and co-ordination, within the framework established in the United Nations Charter for the co-ordination of policies and activities in the economic, social, cultural and humanitarian fields, between the University and the appropriate agencies and bodies of the United Nations system, in the elaboration of the programmes of the United Nations University with a view to avoiding duplication of effort and permitting utilization of the available expertise in the most effective and economical manner;

"5. Appeals to all Member States to give financial and other support to the United Nations University in the form of grants to its Endowment Fund and, where possible, for specific programmes, and to co-operate fully towards the realization of the University's global network of institutions;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Rector, the Council of the United Nations University and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, further to intensify his efforts to raise more funds for the University from Governments and non-governmental sources, including foundations, universities and individuals, in accordance with the charter of the United Nations University, and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session on the results of his efforts, together with the annual report of the Council of the University."

6. At the 1702nd meeting on 21 November, the representative of Mexico proposed the following amendments to draft resolution A/C.2/L.1466, as orally revised:

(a) The addition of a new penultimate preambular paragraph reading:

"Noting further that the University should be conceived as a coherent network of centres and programmes throughout the world, welcomes the initiatives taken in pursuance of the interests and aspirations of a large number of people, particularly in the third world,";

(b) The addition of a new operative paragraph 3 reading:

"3. Encourages the United Nations University to pursue its work within the framework of the new international economic order;"

(c) The addition, at the end of former operative paragraph 3, of the following:

"taking into account as well the interests and aspirations of large numbers of people, particularly in the third world;"

7. At the 1706th meeting, on 27 November, following informal consultations on the above amendments, the representative of Japan, on behalf of the co-sponsors, introduced orally the following changes to draft resolution A/C.2/L.1466, as orally revised:

(a) The addition of a new operative paragraph 3 reading:

"3. Encourages the United Nations University to pursue its work within the three broad areas of priority identified in paragraph 19 of the fourth report of the University Council so as to take due account of, inter alia, the issues mentioned by the pertinent resolutions adopted by the General Assembly;"

(b) The renumbering of operative paragraphs 3 to 6 as 4 to 7;

(c) In the renumbered operative paragraph 4, after the words "with interested and qualified institutions", the insertion of the words "all over the world, particularly those of developing countries,".

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolution A/C.2/L.1466, as orally revised (see para. 9 below).

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

9. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

#### United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2951 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972, 3081 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973 and 3313 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974,

Recalling also its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

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Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on its fourth and fifth sessions 3/ and the report of the Secretary-General on the University, 4/

Noting decision 5.2.2 of 9 October 1975, adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its ninety-eighth session, in which the Board reaffirmed the need for support of the United Nations University,

Taking note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the budget of the United Nations University, 5/

Expressing its satisfaction at the commencement of the full operations of the University Centre in Tokyo with the assumption of office by the Rector of the United Nations University,

Noting that the Council of the United Nations University has identified three broad areas for priority attention, as mentioned in paragraph 19 of the report of the Council of the University, 3/

Reaffirming that, as an international community of scholars, the United Nations University should play an important role in furthering the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations by devoting its work to research into the pressing global problems that are the concern of the United Nations and its agencies,

1. Takes note of the report of the Council of the United Nations University on its fourth and fifth sessions and the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Expresses the hope that the United Nations University will, under the joint sponsorship of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, continue to grow as an important and autonomous organ of the General Assembly charged with the responsibility for scholarly inquiry, on a truly global basis, into urgent problems facing mankind as a whole;

3. Encourages the United Nations University to pursue its work within the three broad areas of priority identified in paragraph 19 of the report of the Council of the University so as to take due account of, inter alia, the issues mentioned by the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly;

4. Urges the United Nations University to embark on its full activities as soon as possible and establish appropriate links with interested and qualified institutions all over the world, particularly those of developing countries, so as to respond to the mounting expectations of the world university, scientific and other intellectual communities;

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3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 31 (A/10031).

4/ A/10237.

5/ A/AC.169/L.4.

5. Stresses the need for full co-operation and co-ordination, within the framework established in the Charter of the United Nations for co-ordinating policies and activities in the economic, social, cultural and humanitarian fields, between the United Nations University and the appropriate agencies and bodies of the United Nations system, in the elaboration of the programmes of the University with a view to avoiding duplication of effort and permitting utilization of the available expertise in the most effective and economical manner;

6. Appeals to all Member States to give financial and other support to the United Nations University in the form of grants to its Endowment Fund and, where possible, for specific programmes, and to co-operate fully towards the realization of the University's global network of institutions;

7. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Rector of the United Nations University, the Council of the University and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, further to intensify his efforts to raise more funds for the University from Governments and non-governmental sources, including foundations, universities and individuals, in accordance with the Charter of the University, and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session on the results of his efforts, together with the annual report of the Council of the University.

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