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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, 44/175 of 19 December 1989 and 45/219 of 21 December 1990,

Having considered the report of the high-level consultant appointed by the Secretary-General 1/ in the light of the comments made thereon by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ the report of the Secretary-General containing the comments of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, as well as his own views on the report of the consultant 3/ and the statements made before the Second Committee on 15 November 1991 by the representative of the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of the Institute and the consultant, 4/

1/ A/46/482, annex.

2/ A/46/624.

3/ A/46/619.

4/ See A/C.2/46/SR.42.

Recognizing the continuing importance and relevance of the functions of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, particularly in the field of training,

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

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 1991 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities did not provide the General Fund of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research with the level of resources required for it to maintain a minimum training programme,

Noting that the resources of the General Fund of the Institute are used exclusively for the funding of training activities benefiting all Member States and United Nations staff members and for maintaining a minimum institutional structure,

1. Notes with appreciation the report of the consultant appointed by the Secretary-General, the comments thereon contained in the report of the Secretary-General and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. Agrees that the functions of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research should be redefined as follows:

A. Training

Training shall continue to be the main focus of the Institute's activities and shall include:

(a) Training in international cooperation and multilateral diplomacy, including diplomatic training for Member States in cooperation with their national institutions, especially those of developing countries;

(b) Training for economic and social development;

(c) In-service training of personnel of the United Nations and its specialized agencies;

(d) Training of persons from developing countries interested in international careers;

(e) Training for peace-keeping operations.

B. Research

In addition to research on training, the research activities of the Institute shall concentrate on the improvement of the United Nations system and the maintenance of peace and security.

3. Requests the Secretary-General, on the basis of the recommendations of the consultant and the comments made thereon before the Second Committee, and in close consultation with the appropriate United Nations bodies and the appropriate offices of the Secretariat and in collaboration with the Board of Trustees of the Institute, to formulate, in accordance with paragraph 35 of his report, 3/ a set of operational measures for the restructuring of the Institute, taking fully into account the comments made by the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the report of the consultant;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 3 above, to review the situation with regard to the headquarters building of the Institute, since under current market conditions its sale would not be profitable, and, in the meantime, to make good use of the space available in that building with a view to reducing the Institute's debt to the United Nations;

5. Decides, in the interim and as a transitional measure, to grant two million United States dollars to the General Fund of the Institute as a contribution to the Institute's training services in the field of international cooperation and multilateral diplomacy for all Member States and for United Nations staff members;

6. 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;

7. 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;

8. 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;

9. 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 Cooperation to continue to organize meetings of United Nations research institutes with a view to enhancing practical cooperation among them,

particularly in regard to the formulation and implementation of their programmes and plans;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.
