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SOCIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS: ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Guyana\* \*\*: draft resolution

Revitalization of the International Research and Training  
Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1998/48 of 31 July 1998 on the International  
Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Reiterating article I of the statute of the Institute, setting out its  
autonomous status,

Reiterating also the content of paragraph 334 of the Beijing  
Platform for Action 1/ and the relevant provisions contained in its agreed  
conclusions 1997/2, 2/

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\* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic  
and Social Council.

\*\* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are  
members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing,  
4-15 September 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13),  
chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

2/ A/53/3, chap. IV, sect. A, para. 4.

Expressing grave concern at the financial situation of the Institute,  
Taking note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit containing an  
evaluation of the Institute, <sup>3</sup>

Taking note also of the report of the Board of Trustees on its  
nineteenth session, <sup>4</sup>

Taking note further of the report of the President of the Board of  
Trustees in compliance with paragraph 7 of resolution 1998/48 and the position  
paper annexed thereto, <sup>5</sup>

Emphasizing the need to continue the streamlined structure of the  
Institute by maintaining administrative costs at a minimum and by funding its  
project activities exclusively through voluntary contributions,

Expressing appreciation to those Governments and organizations that have  
continuously contributed or supported the activities of the Institute,  
particularly throughout the period of crisis that it has confronted,

1. Decides to engage in the revitalization of the International  
Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Board  
of Trustees of the Institute, to draw up a new structure and working  
method for the Institute and to report to the General Assembly at its  
fifty-fourth session, taking into consideration the views of interested States  
and building upon the following parameters:

- (a) The core staff of the Institute should be constituted of a small  
number of persons, focusing on coordination and servicing;
- (b) Training and research should be structured in projects that are to  
be financed and managed separately;
- (c) The use of new technologies for training, research and  
communications;
- (d) The development of its Website to include categorizing and making  
accessible to third parties gender research projects and results

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<sup>3</sup>A/54/156-E/1999/102.

<sup>4</sup>E/1999/57.

<sup>5</sup>E/1999/105.

available on the Internet, thereby also providing a channel to include these results in United Nations policy-making for the advancement of women;

(e) An effective network of national and international research institutions should be created;

3. Urges the Secretary-General:

(a) To appoint immediately a Director of the Institute, in consultation with the Board of Trustees;

(b) To address the administrative anomalies noted in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit;

(c) To convene an ad hoc meeting of donors and other interested States to discuss the revitalization of the Institute and its immediate and long-term funding;

4. Recommends that the Institute:

(a) Strengthen its collaboration and the coordination of its activities with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, the Commission on the Status of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women, as well as establish close collaboration with the United Nations University and other research and training institutes within and outside the United Nations system;

(b) Coordinate its research with other United Nations institutions, especially those involved with women and gender issues, and continue to participate in the Inter-Agency Committee on the Advancement of Women and Gender Equality in order to coordinate actions and establish collaboration;

5. Requests the Director of the Institute, in close consultation with the Board of Trustees, to submit a report to the Council at its substantive session of 2000 on the implementation of the revitalization measures;

6. Urges Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to consider contributing to the United Nations Trust Fund for the Institute and to identify and consider contributing to specific research projects.

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