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

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/54 of 29 July 1999 on the revitalization of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

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

Reaffirming also that the Institute continues to have a unique role to play, in that it is the only entity in the United Nations system devoted entirely to research, training and information in the context of the advancement of women in development,

Reaffirming further the objectives of the Institute to stimulate and assist, through research, training and the collection and dissemination of information, the advancement of women and their integration in the developmental process, both as participants and as beneficiaries,

Reiterating paragraph 334 of the Beijing Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women¹ and the relevant provisions contained in the agreed conclusions 1997/2 of the Economic and Social Council,²

Noting the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit,³ which conducted an evaluation of the Institute,

* 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 *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 3* and addendum (A/52/3/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Add.1), chap. IV, sect. A, para. 4.

³ A/54/156-E/1999/102.

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Institute,⁴

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General on the new structure and working method of the Institute,⁵

1. *Takes note* of the Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/54, and endorses the decision of Members States to engage in the revitalization of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the proposal for a new working method of the Institute through the establishment of an electronic Gender Awareness Information and Networking System (GAINS), the principal activities of which are disseminating information from all countries, conducting research, capacity-building and networking, taking into account the special needs of developing countries;

3. *Urges* that the traditional methods of dissemination of information should also be improved and strengthened;

4. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the establishment of a new staffing structure for the Institute, consisting of a small number of persons, and urges that the approved posts be filled as soon as possible;

5. *Takes note* of the project-centred approach and that GAINS and special research and training projects will be financed and managed separately;

6. *Acknowledges* the efforts of the Institute in producing outputs during 1998-1999, notwithstanding its current financial and institutional constraints;

7. *Welcomes* the recent appointment of the Director of the Institute, and urges the Secretary-General to ensure the stability and continuity of the post of Director;

8. *Requests* the Director of the Institute to ensure the preparation of a feasibility study of GAINS, including the work plan and budget for 2000-2001, by an independent body funded by voluntary contributions, and on the basis of the new structure and working method, for the approval of the Board of Trustees as established in article 111, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Institute;⁶

9. *Recommends* that the feasibility study should provide, *inter alia*, information on how the new working method and work plan will benefit the advancement of women, particularly women from developing countries;

10. *Urges* that the use of all six official United Nations languages in the Web site of the Institute should be ensured as soon as possible and in this context requests that the feasibility study, *inter alia*, examine the technical use of these languages in the Institute's Web site, and also requests the Secretary-General to report on the developments in this regard to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to fulfil the commitment made to take the necessary measures to correct the administrative anomalies noted in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit,³ and urges also that these measures be effected as early as possible, given the critical financial situation of the Institute;

⁴ A/54/352.

⁵ A/54/500.

⁶ A/39/511, annex.

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide support to the Institute, particularly in setting up the new structure and working method for the Institute, by encouraging voluntary contributions to the Institute and to its special projects;

13. *Urges* Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute or consider increasing their contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, in order to facilitate the immediate implementation of the programmes and activities of the Institute;

14. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Governments and organizations that continue to contribute to and support the activities of the Institute;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.
