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United Nations University

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Philippines: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the United Nations University,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University in 1987 ^{1/} and its development in 1988 as presented by the Rector of the University on 25 October 1988,

Noting with appreciation the voluntary contributions made so far from Governments and other sources in support of the University,

Also noting with appreciation the continuing support of the Government of Japan for the overall development of the University, including the construction of a permanent headquarters building in Tokyo,

Expressing its appreciation to the Government of Finland for the continued financial and other support it provides to the first research and training centre established by the University, the World Institute for Development Economics Research,

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/43/31).

Noting decision 5.2.1 adopted on 31 May 1988 by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its one hundred and twenty-ninth session,

1. Welcomes the achievements of the United Nations University in implementing programmes of research, advanced training and dissemination of knowledge, within the framework of the first medium-term perspective (1982-1987);

2. Welcomes the consolidation of the overall University programme and the restructuring of the University Centre in Tokyo;

3. Notes with satisfaction that the World Institute for Development Economics Research has made considerable progress on the three research themes for its initial programme: "Hunger and poverty: the poorest billion"; "Money, finance and trade: reform for world development"; and "Development and technological transformation: the management of change"; and that its first substantial research publications will be forthcoming shortly;

4. Notes with concern the difficulties encountered by the United Nations University to secure the funding for the commencement of the activities of the Institute for Natural Resources in Africa;

5. Welcomes the offer made by the Government of the Netherlands towards the establishment and operation of a research and training centre of the University in the area of new technologies;

6. Requests the United Nations University, when drawing up its report to the General Assembly, to take into account the comments made by Governments in the Assembly on the manner in which the activities of the University are presented, in particular by strengthening the analytical content of the report;

7. Notes the continuing and intensified co-operative activities of the United Nations University with the United Nations, its bodies and the specialized agencies, on the one hand, and with the international academic and scientific community, including national research centres, on the other, which enhance the responsiveness of the University to global issues and problems and bring its work into closer relation with the concerns of the United Nations system and the world academic community with regard to global issues and problems;

8. Requests the University to continue to intensify its fund-raising efforts to build up its Endowment Fund and Operating Fund in order to increase its core income;

9. Earnestly appeals to all States to take cognizance of the progress made by the United Nations University and the relevance of its work to the concerns of the United Nations, to contribute urgently and generously to its Endowment Fund and make operating contributions, including support for its research and training centres and programmes, to enable it to fulfil its mandate efficiently, in accordance with its Charter and with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly.