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International Research and Training Institute
for the Advancement of Women

Report of the Secretary-General

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its thirty-third session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 33/187 of 29 January 1979 on the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women. As requested by the Assembly, the Secretary-General reported on the implementation of this resolution to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1979 (E/1979/27) and, as further requested, submits herewith the present report to the General Assembly.

II. HOST FACILITIES FOR THE INSTITUTE

2. In General Assembly resolution 33/187, the Secretary-General was requested to continue actively the necessary consultations concerning the agreement with the Government of the host country for the Institute.

3. The Secretary-General informed the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1979 that the Permanent Mission of Iran had informed him on 12 January that the Government of Iran had decided to withdraw its offer to serve as host country for the Institute. The Council was also informed of offers to serve as host for the Institute which had been received by the Secretary-General from other Member States.

4. The Council, in resolution 1979/11 of 9 May 1979, recommended that the Institute should be located in the Dominican Republic, a developing country, and that, pending signature of the agreement between the Government of the host country and the United Nations, the substantive and administrative preparations for the establishment of the Institute should continue in New York.

5. The Secretary-General has initiated consultations with the Government of the Dominican Republic, which has requested him to inform the General Assembly that it has assigned a building to the Institute and that appropriate restructuring is being actively considered.

III. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

6. The Institute is to function under the authority of a Board of Trustees, which has over-all responsibility for the approval, supervision and evaluation of the Institute's work programme. The Board of Trustees is comprised of a President, appointed by the Secretary-General, and 10 members serving in their individual capacities, appointed by the Economic and Social Council on the nomination of the Secretary-General (see A/33/316).

7. At its second regular session of 1979, the Council, in decision 1979/58 of 2 August 1979, appointed, on nomination of the Secretary-General, the following 10 members of the Board of Trustees:

Ms. Gulzar Bano (Pakistan)
Ms. Ester Boserup (Denmark)
Ms. Marcelle Devaud (France)
Ms. Vilma Espin de Castro (Cuba)
Mr. Emmanuel T. Esquea-Guerrero (Dominican Republic)
Ms. Aziza Hussein (Egypt)
Ms. Lily Monze (Zambia)
Ms. Nobuko Takahashi (Japan)
Ms. Irene Tinker (United States of America)
Ms. Vida Tomsic (Yugoslavia)

The Council also took note of the intention of the Secretary-General to appoint Mrs. Delphine Tsanga (United Republic of Cameroon) as President of the Board. The Secretary-General has since appointed Mrs. Tsanga President of the Board.

8. The first session of the Board of Trustees took place at Geneva from 22 to 26 October 1979. The representative of the Secretary-General and the directors of the centres and programmes for women in the regional commission will attend as ex-officio members of the Board. Interested specialized agencies and regional intergovernmental organizations have been invited to send observers to the session.

9. At its first session, the Board of Trustees will consider a proposed programme of operations and budget for the biennium 1980-1981, which was prepared by the Secretary-General in implementation of Assembly resolution 33/187.

10. The first annual report of the Board of Trustees will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session, 1980.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

11. The General Assembly, in resolution 33/187, decided that, as soon as the members of the Board of Trustees were appointed, the Institute should start functioning as a body of the United Nations, financed through voluntary contributions, with the degree of autonomy necessary to ensure its efficient operation.

12. Upon the appointment of the Board of Trustees, the Secretary-General has, as recommended by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1979/11, terminated the arrangements provided for in Council resolution 1998 (LX), whereby administrative costs for the preparatory work to establish the Institute were charged against the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women, and all further expenditures will be charged against the United Nations Trust Fund for the Institute.

13. As at 30 June 1979, \$1,806,963 had been pledged to the Institute (see annex), of which \$1,639,882 had already been paid to the United Nations. A note verbale addressed to all Member States, dated 20 September 1979, convening the 1979 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 6 November 1979, contains, inter alia, current information on the Institute. It is hoped that significant contributions for the Institute will be made on that occasion and that additional voluntary contributions for the Institute's operations will be attracted through other fund-raising activities which will be undertaken as soon as the Institute starts functioning.

ANNEX

Contributions and pledges to the International Research and
 Training Institute for the Advancement of Women as at
 30 June 1979

(In United States dollars)

<u>Country</u>	<u>Total</u>
Algeria	5 000
Austria	20 000
Bangladesh	1 081
Barbados	1 000
Brazil	6 000
China	2 000
France	100 000
Ghana	2 500
India	5 000
Iran	1 000 000
Iraq	50 000
Israel	2 000
Italy	10 000
Mauritius	15 000
Mexico	5 000
Morocco	36 457
Netherlands	98 425
Oman	2 000
Philippines	500
Republic of Korea	10 000
Tunisia	7 000
Turkey	5 000
United Arab Emirates	20 000
United States of America	400 000
Yugoslavia	3 000
TOTAL	<u>1,806,963</u>
