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Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”

Antigua and Barbuda:* draft resolution

The Commission on the Status of Women recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling all relevant General Assembly resolutions on the strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2007/37 of 25 July 2007, in which the Council reaffirmed the specific mandate of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to conduct research and training for gender equality and the empowerment of women as a central focal point for research and training on gender issues within the United Nations system,

Bearing in mind the request of the Economic and Social Council to increase its cooperation with the Commission on the Status of Women and with other subsidiary bodies of the Council,

Recognizing the contributions of the Institute to the ongoing efforts to mainstream a gender perspective into all policies and programmes of the United Nations system, in accordance with the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome documents of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, in order to support the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Bearing in mind the Strategic Framework of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women for the period 2008-2011,

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



Recalling the research papers prepared by the Institute on the development potential of remittances from a gender perspective, as well as on financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women, which constitute valuable inputs to the discussion of the priority theme of the current session of the Commission,

Recognizing the innovative initiatives promoted by the Institute in order to strengthen cooperation with Governments, national mechanisms of gender equality and civil society, as well as its ongoing efforts to enhance collaboration with all relevant United Nations bodies in the promotion of the advancement of women and gender equality,

Expressing satisfaction with the progress that the Institute has made in the area of resource mobilization, which has enabled it to repay the subventions received in 2007 and increase the level of voluntary funding from various donors,

1. *Notes* the active participation and valuable contributions of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to the discussions of the current session of the Commission;

2. *Requests* the Institute, in accordance with its mandate, to actively participate in the preparatory process for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus in order to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, in the context of financing for development;

3. *Also requests* the Institute, in accordance with its mandate, to collaborate with the United Nations system, national machinery, non-governmental organizations and the private sector in promoting international cooperation to foster women's empowerment and gender equality, including through, inter alia, the promotion of better access to education for women and girls, and the mainstreaming of a gender perspective in all policies and programmes;

4. *Further requests* the Institute, within its mandate, to continue to assist countries, upon their request, in promoting gender equality and empowerment of women through training programmes;

5. *Stresses* the importance of voluntary financial contributions by Member States to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to enable it to carry out its mandate;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with the decision of the Executive Board of the Institute at its fifth session, to continue to provide appropriate administrative assistance and support to the Institute, including by strengthening the coordination among the Institute, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Department of Management of the United Nations Secretariat, and other relevant entities within the United Nations system, and ensuring continuity in the directorship of the Institute, in accordance with the provisions of the statute of the Institute;

7. *Decides* to continue considering these issues, and requests the Secretary-General to present a report on the implementation of the present resolution during its fifty-third session.