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Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1984, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled:

"Training and research:

"(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research:

(i) Report of the Executive Director;

(ii) Report of the Secretary-General;

"(b) United Nations University: report of the Council of the United Nations University"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 38th to 41st, 45th, 47th, 55th and 58th meetings, on 9, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 30 November and 10 December. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/39/SR.38-41, 45, 47, 55 and 58). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 15th meetings on 5, 8 to 12, 15 and 16 November (See A/C.2/39/SR.3-15).

3. The Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/39/3 (Part II), chap. III, sect. G), 1/

(b) Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, 2/

(c) Report of the Council of the United Nations University, 3/

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the question of long-term financing arrangements for the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/39/148);

(e) Letter dated 15 October 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the report and other documents of the Third Conference of Ministers of Labour of Non-Aligned Countries and Other Developing Countries, held at Managua from 10 to 12 May 1984 (A/39/581-S/16782 and Corr.1);

4. The Committee held a general discussion on this item at its 38th to 41st meetings, on 9, 13 and 14 November (see A/C.2/39/SR.38-41).

5. At the 38th meeting, on 9 November, the Rector of the United Nations University and the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research made introductory statements (see A/C.2/39/SR.38).

6. At the 41st meeting, on 14 November, the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research made a concluding statement (see A/C.2/39/SR.41).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. United Nations Institute for Training and Research

1. Draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.66

7. At the 47th meeting, on 20 November, the representative of Pakistan introduced, on behalf of Bangladesh, Canada and Pakistan, a draft resolution (A/C.2/39/L.66) entitled "Long-term financing arrangements for the United Nations Institute for Training and Research". Subsequently, Guinea-Bissau joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read as follows:

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/39/3).

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/39/14).

3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 31 (A/39/31).

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 37/142 of 17 December 1982 and 38/177 of 19 December 1983, in which it called upon the Secretary-General to submit a report on long-term financing arrangements for the United Nations Institute for Training and Research which would place its financing on a more predictable, assured and continuous basis,

"Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 4/ and the statements made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research before the Second Committee on the financial difficulties of the Institute, 5/

"Noting with concern that the United Nations Pleding Conference for Development Activities, held on 7 and 8 November 1984, was unable to provide the General Fund of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research during 1985 with the level of resources considered by the Board of Trustees of the Institute as the minimum required to maintain the Institute as a viable entity,

"Acknowledging with regret that the system of voluntary contributions, instituted to provide resources for the operation of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, has failed so far to fully guarantee the minimum level of resources needed by the Institute for its General Fund,

"Noting with regret that the three options on long-term financing arrangements for the Institute, recommended by the Board of Trustees, namely, the setting up of a reserve fund, the adoption of a replenishment system and the establishment of an endowment fund, have not been found acceptable by the major contributors, 6/

"1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his report;

"2. Endorses the view of the Secretary-General about the continuing importance of the role of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake an independent study on the future programmes and needs of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and to submit that study to the General Assembly at its fortieth session, together with his own observations and those of the Board of Trustees;

4/ A/39/148.

5/ See A/C.2/39/SR.38 and 41.

6/ A/39/148, para. 8.

"4. Decides to grant the United Nations Institute for Training and Research up to \$US 1.5 million, on an exceptional basis, to supplement the funds raised through voluntary contributions for the General Fund, in order to enable the Institute to carry out its minimum training and research programme in 1985 at the level of \$US 3 million;

"5. Decides also to take a decision on arrangements for the future funding of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research at its fortieth session."

8. A statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution (A/C.2/39/L.66) was circulated in document A/AC.2/39/L.105.
9. At the 58th meeting, on 10 December, the representative of Pakistan introduced on behalf of the sponsors, a revision of the draft resolution (A/C.2/39/L.66/Rev.1).
10. At the same meeting, the Committee voted on revised draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.66/Rev.1 as follows:

(a) After statements by the representatives of Belgium, Cameroon, Pakistan and the United States of America, the Committee retained operative paragraph 5 by a recorded vote of 83 votes to 15, with 23 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Angola, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burma, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, Gambia, Ghana, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Hungary, Japan, Mongolia, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Greece, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Uruguay, Yemen.

(b) The Committee adopted revised draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.66/Rev.1, as a whole, by a recorded vote of 101 votes to 10, with 12 abstentions (see para. 21, draft resolution I). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burma, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Colombia, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Japan, Luxembourg, Romania, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Yemen.

11. After the adoption of the revised draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Australia, Denmark, France, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic (also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

2. Draft resolutions A/C.2/39/L.67 and L.133

12. At its 47th meeting, on 20 November, the representative of Cameroon introduced, on behalf of Angola, Bangladesh, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, the Central African Republic, Chad, China, the Congo, Egypt, the Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Lesotho, Liberia, the Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia and Zambia, a draft resolution (A/C.2/39/L.67) entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research". Subsequently, Guinea-Bissau joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 38/177 of 19 December 1983 on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,

"Having considered the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research 7/ covering the period from July 1983 to June 1984, and his introductory statement of 9 November 1984, 8/

"Recalling the important role assigned to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in enhancing the effectiveness of the United Nations in achieving its major objectives, particularly in the maintenance of peace and security and the promotion of economic and social development,

"Noting with satisfaction the emphasis being placed by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on the revitalization of its programme, the dissemination of the results of its research and the improvement of its management, and on the mobilization of adequate resources to enable it to perform its functions satisfactorily,

"Sharing the concern of the Executive Director that only a small number of States are contributing to the General Fund of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, as well as his concern over the inadequacy of the resources available to the Institute for its work,

"1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on the implementation of the work programme in 1983-1984, the measures taken to improve the management and the budgeting process of the Institute and the priorities and work programme for the biennium 1984-1985 approved by the Board of Trustees of the Institute;

"2. Welcomes the continuing emphasis of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on economic and social training and research and the inclusion of specific projects on the problems that exist in the areas identified by the General Assembly at its sixth 9/ and seventh 10/ special sessions, in the relevant decisions adopted at its twenty-ninth and subsequent sessions, and in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 11/ taking into consideration the statements on the programme of work of the Institute made at the current session;

7/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/39/14).

8/ See A/C.2/39/SR.38.

9/ See resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974.

10/ See resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975.

11/ Resolution 35/56, annex.

"3. Takes note of the clarification provided by the Executive Director on the mandate and the future role of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research as they relate to the mandates and roles of other institutions active in the Institute's field of competence, and notes with satisfaction the efforts being made to strengthen co-operation with those institutions; 12/

"4. Urges once again all States that have not yet contributed to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to do so, and calls upon all donor countries, especially those that are not contributing at a level commensurate with their capacity, to increase their voluntary contributions in order to meet the urgent financial needs of the Institute during the biennium 1984-1985;

"5. Again requests all States to continue to announce their contributions to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research early and, if possible, not later than the annual United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, and to speed up the payment of their voluntary contributions to the Institute."

13. At its 58th meeting, on 10 December, the Committee considered a draft resolution (A/C.2/39/L.133) submitted by Mr. Habib M. Kaabachi, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.67.

14. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.133 (see para. 21, draft resolution II).

15. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.133, draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.67 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

16. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic made a statement also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

B. United Nations University

Draft resolutions A/C.2/39/L.58 and L.87

17. At the 45th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of Austria introduced, on behalf of Austria, Bangladesh, China, Colombia, Finland, France, Ghana, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, the Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Venezuela, a draft resolution (A/C.2/39/L.58) entitled "United Nations University". Subsequently, the Dominican Republic joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read as follows:

12/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/39/14), paras. 3-22.

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 2951 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972, 3081 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973, 3313 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974, 3439 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, 31/117 and 31/118 of 16 December 1976, 32/54 of 8 December 1977, 33/108 of 18 December 1978, 34/112 of 14 December 1979, 35/54 of 5 December 1980, 36/45 of 19 November 1981, 37/143 of 17 December 1982 and 38/178 of 19 December 1983,

"Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University, 13/

"Noting with appreciation the Government of Japan's continuing interest in and support for the University in regard to the construction of a permanent headquarters building,

"Noting decision 5.2.1 adopted on 18 October 1984 by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its one hundred and twentieth session,

"1. Notes with satisfaction, as the University reaches the mid-point of the medium-term period 1982-1987, the progress achieved by the United Nations University in realizing the main objectives set forth in its medium-term perspective, namely, developing and implementing the University programme focused on five themes relevant to the pressing global problems of human survival, development and welfare that are also the concerns of the United Nations and the specialized agencies; embarking on a new phase of institutional development, with emphasis on establishing the University's own research and training centres as called for in its Charter; and obtaining supplementary programme support in addition to the Endowment Fund;

"2. Welcomes the reports of external evaluation teams indicating the positive results of the University's research, institutional relations and post-graduate training, and particularly the advanced training of University Fellows who have returned to key positions in their home institutions, in collaboration with the University's associated and co-operating institutions in both developing and industrialized countries;

"3. Also welcomes the progress in setting up the World Institute for Development Economics Research, the University's first research and training institution, at Helsinki, Finland, and expresses its appreciation for the leading role and invaluable support of the Government of Finland in establishing the Institute by providing financial and other forms of support;

"4. Notes with satisfaction the advance made towards establishing the proposed Institute for Natural Resources in Africa and an international programme in biotechnology in Venezuela;

"5. Emphasizes the continuing need of the University to strengthen the capacity of existing scholarly and scientific institutions in developing countries for helping their nations to achieve self-reliant progress;

"6. Notes the need to further continue, expand and intensify 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, 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 in regard to global issues and problems;

"7. Recognizes that the United Nations University needs to intensify its fund-raising efforts to build up its Endowment Fund and Operating Fund and to ensure the development of its activities in a well-co-ordinated manner in accordance with its Charter;

"8. Earnestly appeals to all Member 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 and to contribute urgently and generously to its Endowment Fund and, additionally or alternatively, to make operating contributions to the University to enable it to fulfil its mandate effectively, in accordance with its Charter and with the relevant General Assembly resolutions."

18. At its 55th meeting, on 30 November, the Committee considered a draft resolution (A/C.2/39/L.87) submitted by Mr. Habib M. Kaabachi, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, as a result of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.58.

19. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.87 (see para. 21, draft resolution III).

20. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.87, draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.58 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

21. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Long-term financing and the future role of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/142 of 17 December 1982 and 38/177 of 19 December 1983, in which it called upon the Secretary-General to submit a report on long-term financing arrangements for the United Nations Institute for Training and Research which would place its financing on a more predictable, assured and continuous basis,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 14/ and the statements made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research before the Second Committee on the financial difficulties of the Institute, 15/

Taking note of the priorities and work programme for the biennium 1984-1985 approved by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,

Noting with concern that the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, held on 7 and 8 November 1984, was unable to provide the General Fund of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research during 1985 with the level of resources considered by the Board of Trustees of the Institute as the minimum required to maintain the Institute as a viable entity,

Acknowledging with regret that the system of voluntary contributions, instituted to provide resources for the operation of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, has thus far failed fully to guarantee the minimum level of resources needed by the Institute for its General Fund,

Noting with regret that the three options for long-term financing arrangements for the Institute recommended by the Board of Trustees, namely, the setting up of a reserve fund, the adoption of a replenishment system and the establishment of an endowment fund, have not been found acceptable by the major contributors, 16/

14/ A/39/148.

15/ See A/C.2/39/SR.38, paras. 11-20 and A/C.2/39/SR.41, paras. 1-8.

16/ A/39/148, para. 8.

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his report;
2. Endorses the view of the Secretary-General about the continuing importance of the role of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive study on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, its activities in training and research, its funding and its future role, keeping in mind related activities within the United Nations system and the relevant provisions of the Statute of the Institute, in order to determine the most effective manner of discharging those functions;
4. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit his report, together with the comments of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Training and Research thereon, to the General Assembly at its fortieth session;
5. Decides to grant the United Nations Institute for Training and Research up to \$US 1.5 million, on an exceptional basis, to supplement the funds raised through voluntary contributions for the General Fund, in order to enable the Institute to carry out a minimum training and research programme in 1985 at a level to be decided by the Board of Trustees of the Institute at its forthcoming special session, but not exceeding \$US 3 million;
6. Requests that the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and, if it agrees, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, examine urgently the programme and budget proposals of the Institute for 1985, with a view to obtaining savings in its budget;
7. Decides to take a decision at its fortieth session on the basis of the report of the Secretary-General on the future, programmes, and funding arrangements of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 38/177 of 19 December 1983 on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,

Having considered the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research 17/ covering the period from July 1983 to June 1984, and his introductory statement of 9 November 1984, 18/

17/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/39/14).

18/ See A/C.2/39/SR.38, paras. 11-20.

Recalling the important role assigned to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for the purpose of enhancing the effectiveness of the United Nations in achieving its major objectives, in particular in the maintenance of peace and security and the promotion of economic and social development,

Recalling also the need for the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to continue to evolve clear, long-term priorities in the training and research programmes of the Institute that would emphasize its role in the promotion and strengthening of the development process,

Noting with satisfaction the emphasis being placed by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on the revitalization of its programme, the dissemination of the results of its research and the improvement of its management, and on the mobilization of adequate resources to enable it to perform its functions satisfactorily,

Sharing the concern of the Executive Director that only a small number of States are contributing to the General Fund of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, as well as his concern over the inadequacy of the resources available to the Institute for its work,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and of the measures taken in 1984 to improve the management and the budgeting process of the Institute;

2. Also takes note of the priorities and work programme for the biennium 1984-1985 approved by the Board of Trustees of the Institute;

3. Welcomes the continuing emphasis of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on economic and social training and research and the inclusion of specific projects on the problems that exist in the areas identified by the General Assembly at its sixth 19/ and seventh 20/ special sessions, in the relevant decisions adopted at its twenty-ninth and subsequent sessions, and in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 21/ taking into consideration the statements on the programme of work of the Institute made at the current session;

4. Takes note of the clarification provided by the Executive Director on the mandate and the future role of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research as they relate to the mandates and roles of other

19/ See resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974.

20/ See resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975.

21/ Resolution 35/56, annex.

institutions active in the Institute's field of competence, and notes with satisfaction the efforts being made to strengthen co-operation with those institutions; 22/

5. Calls upon all States that have not yet contributed to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to do so, and urges once again all donor countries, especially those that are not contributing at a level commensurate with their capacity, to increase their voluntary contributions in order to meet the urgent financial needs of the Institute during the biennium 1984-1985;

6. Again requests all States to continue to announce their contributions to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research early and, if possible, not later than the annual United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, and to speed up the payment of their voluntary contributions to the Institute.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2951 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972, 3081 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973, 3313 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974, 3439 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, 31/117 and 31/118 of 16 December 1976, 32/54 of 8 December 1977, 33/108 of 18 December 1978, 34/112 of 14 December 1979, 35/54 of 5 December 1980, 36/45 of 19 November 1981, 37/143 of 17 December 1982 and 38/178 of 19 December 1983,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University, 23/

Noting with appreciation the continuing interest of the Government of Japan in, and its support for, the University in regard to the construction of a permanent headquarters building,

Noting decision 5.2.1 adopted on 18 October 1984 by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its one hundred and twentieth session,

22/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/39/14), paras. 3-22.

23/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/39/31).

1. Notes with satisfaction, as the United Nations University reaches the middle of its medium-term perspective (1982-1987), the progress achieved by the University in realizing the main objectives set forth in its medium-term perspective, namely, developing and implementing the University programme focused on five themes relevant to the pressing global problems of human survival, development and welfare that are also the concerns of the United Nations and the specialized agencies; embarking on a new phase of institutional development, with emphasis on establishing the University's own research and training centres as called for in its Charter;

2. Welcomes the reports of external evaluation teams indicating the positive results of the University's research, institutional relations and post-graduate training, particularly the advanced training of University Fellows who have returned to their home institutions, in collaboration with the University's associated and co-operating institutions in both developing and industrialized countries;

3. Also welcomes the progress made in setting up the world Institute for Development Economics Research, the University's first research and training institution, at Helsinki, and expresses its appreciation for the leading role and invaluable support of the Government of Finland in establishing the Institute by providing financial and other forms of support;

4. Notes with satisfaction the advance made towards establishing the proposed Institute for Natural Resources in Africa and an international programme in biotechnology in Venezuela;

5. Emphasizes the continuing need of the University to strengthen the capacity of existing scholarly and scientific institutions in developing countries;

6. Notes the need to further continue, expand and intensify 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, 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 in regard to global issues and problems;

7. Recognizes that the United Nations University needs to intensify its fund-raising efforts to build up its Endowment Fund and Operating Fund and to ensure the development of its activities in a well-co-ordinated manner in accordance with its Charter;

8. Earnestly appeals to all Member 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 and to contribute urgently and generously to its Endowment Fund and, additionally or alternatively, to make operating contributions to the University to enable it to fulfil its mandate effectively, in accordance with its Charter and with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly.