

tional support structures for women in developing countries;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-fourth session.

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1989/42. Economic situation of women in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking account of the fact that the debtor countries of Latin America and the Caribbean are undergoing an economic crisis manifested, *inter alia*, by the stagnation of their economies and the unprecedented drop in their per capita income,

Considering the negative effect of the economic crisis on social indicators, particularly those relating to the status of women,

Taking account of the analysis of the difficult situation of Latin American and Caribbean women prepared by the Fourth Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, held under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Taking account also of the need to face, at the national, regional and international levels, the problems in the debtor countries that are hampering the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,⁵⁹

Recommends that:

(a) The organizations of the United Nations system, in their programmes for the improvement of the status of women, take account of the problems facing women in the debtor countries of Latin America and the Caribbean;

(b) Documentation on priority themes of the Commission on the Status of Women prepared by the Secretary-General for submission to the Commission identify the differences between the various national and regional situations and highlight the specific problems affecting women in the context of the economic crisis in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(c) In his report on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, to be submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-fourth session, the Secretary-General pay special attention to the obstacles originating in the economic stagnation caused, *inter alia*, by the burden of the external debt;

(d) The recommendations put forward by the Commission on the Status of Women for future action at the national and international levels include an appeal to the appropriate parties in the debtor and creditor countries to create better conditions for the effective implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies.

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1989/43. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1988/31 of 26 May 1988,

Having considered the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its ninth session,⁷⁵

Convinced of the importance of research, training and information, the three main functions of the Institute, in questions relating to women and development, for bringing about mainstream developmental changes benefiting women and society,

Welcoming the fact that the Institute has intensified its training activities and is elaborating training methodologies, materials and programmes for defined target groups,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its ninth session⁷⁵ and the decisions contained therein;

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the fact that networking, the mode of operation of the Institute, has been strengthened by such activities as the consultative meeting between the regional commissions and the Institute, which contributed to programme development;

3. *Recommends* that the Institute give priority to co-operation with the regional commissions, other United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies in future programming of joint activities;

4. *Notes with interest* the International Consultative Meeting on Communications for Women in Development organized by the Institute in co-operation with other organizations of the United Nations system, and endorses the recommendation of the Board that the report of the meeting be circulated widely;

5. *Affirms* that the role of the Institute in the implementation of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development, which places emphasis on analysis of the interrelationship of factors affecting women and development, is important for the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;⁵⁹

6. *Notes* that in 1990 the Institute will observe the tenth anniversary of its establishment;

7. *Renews its appeal* to Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other potential donors to contribute, to the extent possible, to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

8. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Governments and organizations that have contributed to the Trust Fund, thus ensuring the continuity of research, training and information programmes crucial for improved methodological approaches relating to women and development.

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⁷⁵E/1989/46. For the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development, referred to in paragraph 143 of the report and in paragraph 5 of the present resolution, see E/1989/16.