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INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1989, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.
2. The Committee considered the item jointly with items 103 and 104 at its 21st to 28th, 36th and 49th meetings, on 27, 30 to 31 October and 1, 8 and 20 November 1989. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/44/SR.21-28, 36 and 49).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documentation:
 - (a) Note by the Secretary-General on the the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/44/416);
 - (b) Letter dated 19 July 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/409-S/20743 and Corr. 1 and 2).
4. At the 21st meeting, on 27 October, the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, the Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women in the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations Office at Vienna, the Managing Director of the United

Nations Development Fund for Women and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund made introductory statements (see A/C.3/44/SR.21).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/44/L.25

5. At the 36th meeting, on 8 November, the representative of Argentina, on behalf of Algeria, Argentina, the Bahamas, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Peru, the Philippines, Senegal, Spain, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zaire, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/44/L.25) entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women". Subsequently, Niger, Samoa, Turkey and Vanuatu joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At its 49th meeting, on 20 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/44/L.25 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

7. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/65 of 30 November 1987, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/43 of 24 May 1989,

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its activities, 1/

Recognizing that research, training and information activities relating to women and development, the three main components of the Institute, have been further strengthened, thus reflecting the current trends with regard to mainstream developmental changes benefiting women and society,

Convinced that networking, the Institute's mode of operation, has been consolidated by co-operative arrangements with organizations within and

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outside the United Nations system and that this could strengthen interaction between regions and countries with a view to integrating the participation and needs of women into mainstream development,

1. Expresses its satisfaction at the significance and scope of the activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and at the special importance attached to research, training, information, documentation and communication relating to women and development in order to contribute to the designing of mainstream developmental policy [designs];
2. Notes with appreciation that the Institute, in consultation with the institutions and organizations of the United Nations system, has launched its new research programme for the elaboration of special methodologies for the monitoring and evaluation of programmes and projects for women, as requested in resolution 42/65;
3. Requests the Institute to continue its research on the contribution of women to development, including the work of women in the informal sector of the economy, and the elaboration of special methodologies for the monitoring and evaluation of programmes and projects for women and to intensify its efforts to apply innovative training strategies with a view to strengthening national training capabilities, particularly in developing countries;
4. Commends the Institute for the priority that it has assigned to co-operation with the institutions and organizations of the United Nations system and welcomes the ongoing consultations between the regional commissions and the Institute with a view to launching parallel activities relating to women and development;
5. Notes that in 1990 the Institute will observe the tenth anniversary of its establishment;
6. Expresses its appreciation to those Governments and organizations which have contributed to or supported the activities of the Institute, thus expanding the scope of its research, training and information programmes relating to women and development;
7. Renews its appeal to States as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, so as to ensure that the Institute has the necessary resources to continue its research, training and information programmes, which are still of vital importance for the elaboration of improved methodological criteria relating to women and development;
8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on the activities of the Institute;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women".
