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FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCHReport of the Second CommitteeRapporteur: Ms. Martha DUEÑAS de WHIST (Ecuador)

## 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 "Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.
2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 25th, 30th and 34th meetings, on 31 October and 3 and 15 November 1989. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/44/SR.25, 30 and 34). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee from its 2nd to 10th meetings, from 2 to 6 and on 9 October (A/C.2/44/SR.2-10).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
  - (a) Letter dated 28 June 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Caracas Declaration of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Group, adopted at the special ministerial meeting of the Group of 77 held at Caracas from 21 to 23 June 1989 (A/44/361);

- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/44/611).

4. At the 25th meeting, on 31 October, the Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs introduced the report of the Secretary-General (see A/C.2/44/SR.25).

5. At the same meeting, the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research made a statement (see A/C.2/44/SR.25).

## II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/44/L.36

6. At the 34th meeting, on 15 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee Mr. Badam Ochiryn Doljintseren (Mongolia), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.36) entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research", which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

7. In introducing the draft resolution, the Vice-Chairman orally revised operative paragraph 6 by replacing the words "for the implementation of projects" by the words "to execute projects".

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.36, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 10).

9. After the draft resolution was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of Cameroon, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Uganda.

## III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

### United Nations Institute for Training and Research

#### The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/172 of 5 December 1986, 42/197 of 11 December 1987 and 43/201 of 20 December 1988,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General <sup>1/</sup> and taking into account the statements made by the representative of the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,

Recognizing the continuing importance and relevance of the mandate of the Institute, particularly in the field of training,

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<sup>1/</sup> A/44/611.

Recognizing also the need for Governments to contribute or increase their voluntary contributions, as appropriate, to the Institute,

Noting with concern the continuing lack of a sufficiently broad base of donor countries supporting the Institute,

Deeply concerned that the sale of the headquarters building of the Institute, which would have enabled a reserve fund for the Institute to be established, is not yet completed,

Noting with concern that the 1989 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities did not provide the General Fund of the Institute with the level of resources required for it to maintain a minimum training programme and institutional structure,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 1/

2. Reaffirms the continuing validity and relevance of the mandate of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, as contained in the amended statute; 2/

3. Commends the Secretary-General for the measures taken to implement the provisions of resolution 43/201 and encourages him to take further steps in that direction;

4. Takes note of the criteria and qualifications to apply to full-time senior fellows of the Institute and of the amendment to the statute of the Institute regarding full-time senior fellows, fellows, consultants, correspondents and advisory bodies, contained in the annexes to the report of the Secretary-General;

5. Reiterates its request that the 1990 budgetary proposals of the Institute, as well as those of subsequent years, be submitted to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for review and comment prior to approval by the Board of Trustees of the Institute;

6. Authorizes the Institute to enter into appropriate arrangements with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to execute projects funded by the Programme falling within the functions of the Institute, taking into account all relevant factors, including the comments of the Board of Auditors concerning the status of the Institute as an executing agency of the United Nations Development Programme; 3/

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2/ See A/43/697/Add.1.

3/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 5D (A/44/5/Add.4), paras. 25 and 26.

7. Urges the Secretary-General to proceed rapidly with the sale of the headquarters building of the Institute, as approved in resolutions 42/197 and 43/201;

8. Reiterates its approval of the recommendation of the Secretary-General that the Institute should, after the sale of the building, repay the amounts currently owed to the United Nations and use the balance to establish a reserve fund for the Institute;

9. Agrees with the Secretary-General that the reserve fund to be established by the Institute is to provide greater stability, predictability and reliability in the financing of the Institute, and notes that the fund is not intended to be a substitute for voluntary contributions from Governments, either to the General Fund of the Institute or to the Special Projects;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Board of Trustees of the Institute at its forthcoming session a complete report on his efforts to sell the land and headquarters building of the Institute;

11. Urges all States that have not yet contributed to the General Fund of the Institute to do so and calls upon all contributing States to increase their contributions to the Institute so as to enable it to continue to fulfil its mandate and to implement fully and successfully the provisions of the present resolution and other relevant resolutions;

12. Appeals to all States to provide appropriate special-purpose grants to enable the Institute to implement the training and research programmes that cannot be financed from its General Fund, and calls upon appropriate intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the Institute;

13. Emphasizes the urgent need for broad-based financing for the Institute and invites the traditional donors, in the light of the implementation of resolutions 42/197 and 43/201 and the present resolution, to resume or continue, as appropriate, their voluntary contributions to the Institute;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Board of Trustees of the Institute, on the longer-term issues related to the financing of the Institute;

15. Encourages the Secretary-General to continue to explore new modalities for greater interfacing among United Nations research bodies, endorses the proposals of the Secretary-General and requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to organize a meeting of United Nations research institutes with a view to enhancing practical co-operation among them, particularly in regard to the formulation and implementation of their programmes and plans;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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