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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 and 33/108 of 18 December 1978,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University 1/ and the note by the Secretary-General by which the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization transmitted the report on fund-raising efforts for the United Nations University; 2/

Noting decision 5.2.4 of 11 October 1979 adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its one hundred and eighth session, in which the Board, inter alia, noted with satisfaction the expansion of the activities of the United Nations University in general and the development of interprogramme projects in particular, emphasized the need for strengthening further co-operation with the members of the United Nations system, particularly the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/34/31).

2/ A/34/654.

with a view to avoiding duplication and assuring complementarity between the respective activities, encouraged the University to enhance its distinctiveness through developing specific approaches for the implementation of its programme, affirmed, its conviction that the growing activities of the University required and served greater financial support than it had so far received and reiterated its appeal to Member States to contribute generously to the University Endowment Fund and, additionally or alternatively, to make special contributions for research and training activities.

1. Notes with satisfaction the fact that the research and advance training activities of the United Nations University have made substantial progress and achieved increasing distinctiveness in the three priority areas - world hunger, human and social development and use and management of natural resources - and also in the development of interprogramme projects;

2. Welcomes the active participation of the United Nations University in the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, and encourages the University to continue to intensify its efforts to concern itself with major activities taking place in the United Nations system and thereby further develop its co-operative and co-ordinated relationships with relevant agencies and bodies of the system;

3. Recognizes that the major activities of the United Nations University are especially concerned with problems and institutions in developing countries and supports the University's endeavours to ensure broader geographical coverage in its activities;

4. Notes that, while gratifying progress has been made during the past year in fund-raising, the results have not yet proved sufficient to support the programmes of the United Nations University at an adequate level;

5. Further notes with appreciation that the report transmitted by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization 2/ on the question of ways and means of promoting the awareness and understanding of the programmes and activities of the University with a view to establishing a more stable financial situation provides promising suggestions for overcoming difficulties confronting the University in this area which require careful study;

6. Decides to invite the Council of the United Nations University to consider the valuable suggestions and recommendations contained in the said report and to report its findings and, if any, opinions to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session for its further consideration;

7. Urges the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, as well as the Rector of the United Nations University, to increase their efforts to obtain financial support for the University from all possible sources;

8. Appeals to all Member States to take cognizance of the achievements of the United Nations University in the important areas of its three programmes and to make substantial contributions to the Endowment Fund and/or to specific programmes of the University so that its work can continue to make steady progress.
