

35/18. Proclamation of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade²

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned that a large part of the world's population does not have reasonable access to safe and ample water supplies and that an even larger part is without adequate sanitation facilities,

Concerned also that the plight of that population will not improve significantly unless there is a major commitment and effort on the part of Governments and of the international community to bring about the necessary changes,

Recalling that Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements called for Governments to adopt programmes to provide safe drinking water for all by 1990, if possible,³

Recalling further that in the Mar del Plata Action Plan, the United Nations Water Conference called for the designation of the decade 1981-1990 as the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade,⁴

Noting with satisfaction the growing efforts by Governments and by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, in response to that Plan, to increase the flow of technical and financial co-operation to developing countries in water supply and sanitation,

Recalling also its resolution 34/191 of 18 December 1979, by which it decided to hold a special one-day meeting to launch formally the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade,

Bearing in mind resolution 25, entitled "International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade", adopted on 30 July 1980 by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,⁵

1. *Proclaims* the period 1981-1990 as the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, during which Member States will assume a commitment to bring about a substantial improvement in the standards and levels of services in drinking water supply and sanitation by the year 1990;

2. *Calls upon* Governments which have not yet done so to develop the necessary policies and set the targets to this end, to take all appropriate steps for their implementation, to set sufficiently high priorities for the activities concerned and to mobilize adequate resources to achieve their targets for the Decade;

3. *Urges* Governments to strengthen, as appropriate, their institutional frameworks for carrying out these activities, to mobilize the necessary technical expertise at all levels and, in general, to heighten popular awareness and support through education and public participation programmes;

4. *Calls upon* Governments, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

concerned to continue and, if possible, to increase their technical and financial co-operation with developing countries in order to enable them to attain the targets they have set, and to continue also their efforts to co-ordinate their activities so as to maximize the impact of their assistance to developing countries;

5. *Calls upon* the regional commissions to review periodically, on the basis of national reports, the progress being made by the Governments of their respective regions in establishing national targets and carrying out programmes to attain those targets;

6. *Decides* to review at its fortieth session the progress made towards the attainment of the Decade's national and international goals, as outlined in the report of the Secretary-General concerning the present situation and prospects relative to the Decade,⁶ and requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to prepare a comprehensive analysis of the situation on the basis of progress reports by Governments and by the international organizations concerned and to submit it to the General Assembly at that session through the Economic and Social Council.

55th plenary meeting
10 November 1980

35/53. United Nations Institute for Training and Research

A

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

Recalling its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling also its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, by which it set in motion measures that form the basis and framework for the work of the competent bodies and organizations of the United Nations system,

Recalling further its resolution 34/17 of 9 November 1979 on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,

Acknowledging the value of the research and "futures studies" undertaken by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,

Recognizing the role of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in assisting, through training and other services within its mandate, members of permanent missions to the United Nations and other national officials concerned with the work of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research⁷ and of his introductory statement on 2 October 1980;⁸

⁶ A/35/367.

⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/35/14).*

⁸ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-fifth Session, Second Committee, 6th meeting, paras. 18-25.*

² See also sect. 1, foot-note 10, and sect. X.B.3, decision 35/405.

³ See *Report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Vancouver, 31 May-11 June 1976* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.7 and corrigendum), chap. II, recommendation C.12.

⁴ See *Report of the United Nations Water Conference, Mar del Plata, 14-25 March 1977* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.II.A.12 and corrigendum), chap. I, para. 15.

⁵ See *Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. B.

2. *Welcomes* the emphasis on, and urges the continuation of the concentration of the work of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in the sphere of, economic and social training and research and the inclusion of specific projects on the problems in the areas identified by the General Assembly at its sixth and seventh special sessions and in the relevant decisions adopted by the Assembly at its twenty-ninth and subsequent sessions.

83rd plenary meeting
5 December 1980

B

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of the role of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in providing training and research for the purpose of enhancing the effectiveness of the United Nations in achieving the major objectives of the Organization, in particular the maintenance of peace and security and the promotion of social and economic development,

Noting with regret that, despite persistent efforts to secure greater and wider financial support for the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the income from voluntary contributions has not been sufficient to meet the minimum requirements of the Institute to carry out its mandate effectively,

Noting also the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,⁹

1. *Decides* that a grant-in-aid should be provided, on an exceptional basis, from the budget of the United Nations to meet the current deficits as reflected in the budget estimates approved by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, in the light of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit, to take further steps with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of the Institute, reducing its costs and increasing its resources;

3. *Urges* all States which 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 substantially their voluntary contributions in order to meet the needs of the Institute;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of the provisions contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 above and on the financial prospects of the Institute for the near future.

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⁹ A/35/181, annex.

35/54. 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 and 34/112 of 14 December 1979,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University,¹⁰

Noting decision 5.2.2. of 12 September 1980 adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its one hundred and tenth session, in which the Board, *inter alia*, noted with satisfaction the progress achieved by the United Nations University in the development of extensive international networks of research and advanced training, and the greater collaboration established between the University and the specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system, particularly the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, as well as other national and international institutions concerned,

Noting the activities of the United Nations University in studying the role of new theoretical concepts in human and social development,

Welcoming the new Rector of the United Nations University, a leading scholar of international affairs and development, and expressing its appreciation to the first Rector for the great competence and dedication with which he discharged his responsibilities in carrying out the activities of the University in accordance with its Charter, thereby building a firm foundation for the future development of the University,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that the programmes of the United Nations University have achieved substantial expansion in each area of concern and that tangible results of the University's research and advanced training activities are being produced;

2. *Also notes with satisfaction* that the United Nations University has intensified its collaborative relationship with appropriate agencies and programmes of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, as well as with other international and national institutions concerned, and urges that these efforts should be continued vigorously;

3. *Recommends* that the United Nations University, in accordance with its Charter, should continue to broaden its concern with pressing global problems and, to this end, should further strengthen the intellectual capability of the University Centre in Tokyo;

4. *Takes note with interest* of the opinions expressed by the Council of the United Nations University in its report¹¹ regarding the report on fund-raising efforts for the University,¹² in particular the specific recommendations and suggestions contained therein;

5. *Stresses* the need to create a greater awareness of the objectives of the United Nations University by Governments, the international academic community and other international and national institutions concerned through the programmatic means and the effec-

¹⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/35/31 and Corr.1).*

¹¹ *Ibid.*, paras. 47-52.

¹² See A/34/654.