

ment"; and "Development and technological transformation: the management of change" and that its first substantial research publications will be issued shortly;

4. *Notes with concern* the difficulties encountered by the University in securing the funding for the commencement of the activities of the Institute for Natural Resources in Africa;

5. *Welcomes* the offer made by the Government of the Netherlands relating to the establishment and operation of a research and training centre of the University in the area of new technologies;

6. *Requests* the University, when drawing up its report to the General Assembly, to take into account the comments made by Governments in the Assembly on the manner in which the activities of the University are presented, in particular regarding strengthening the analytical content of the report;

7. *Invites* the University to continue and intensify its co-operative activities in areas of common interest with the United Nations and its bodies and specialized agencies, in particular with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, on the one hand, and with the international academic and scientific community, including national research centres, on the other, which enhance the responsiveness of the University to global issues and problems and bring its work into closer relation with the concerns of the United Nations system and the world academic community with regard to global issues and problems;

8. *Requests* the University to continue to intensify its fund-raising efforts to build up its Endowment Fund and its Operating Fund in order to increase its core income;

9. *Earnestly appeals* to all States to take cognizance of the progress made by the University and the relevance of its work to the concerns of the United Nations, to contribute urgently and generously to its Endowment Fund and to make operating contributions, including support for its research and training centres and programmes, in order to enable it to fulfil its mandate efficiently, in accordance with its Charter and with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly.

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43/201. United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

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

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁶⁵ and the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,⁶⁶

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

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,

Recognizing further the need for the Institute to continue to utilize the services of a small number of senior fellows for its programmes,

Noting with concern that the 1988 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities did not provide the General Fund of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research with the level of resources required for the Institute to maintain a minimum training programme and institutional structure,

Concerned that the absorption, on an exceptional basis, of several professional staff members of the Institute within the United Nations system, as called for in paragraph 11 of resolution 42/197, has yet to be fully implemented,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General⁶⁵ prepared in response to resolution 42/197 and the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;⁶⁶

2. *Reaffirms* the continuing validity and relevance of the mandate of the Institute, as contained in the amended statute;⁶⁷

3. *Reaffirms also* the continuing validity of resolution 42/197 and calls for the early implementation of all its provisions;

4. *Takes note* of the amendment to the statute of the Institute regarding the designation of alternates to members of the Board of Trustees who are unable to attend any meeting of the Board;⁶⁸

5. *Requests* that the 1989 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. *Urges* the Secretary-General to proceed as rapidly as possible with the acquisition of the land and subsequent sale of the entire property of the Institute, as approved in resolution 42/197;

7. *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;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Board of Trustees at its forthcoming session a complete and current report on his efforts to purchase the land under the Institute building and subsequently to sell the entire property;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in the event that the necessary financing is not assured, through the sale of the building and/or voluntary contributions, for the administration of the Institute in the first half of 1989, to present to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session specific recommendations on the future of the Institute, together with detailed financial information;

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, notwithstanding the provisions of article VI, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Institute, to appoint for a one-year period up to nine full-time senior fellows and grant them the status of officials of the United Nations;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with the Board of Trustees of the Institute on criteria and qualifications to apply to full-time senior fellows, and to present his

⁶⁵ A/43/697 and Add.1.

⁶⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/43/14).*

⁶⁷ See A/43/697/Add.1.

⁶⁸ *Ibid.*, art. III, para. 1 (e).

recommendations to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session;

12. *Renews its appeal* to the Secretary-General to give priority consideration to absorbing the remaining four staff members of the Institute who are occupying posts that have been abolished as a result of the restructuring of the Institute;

13. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to explore new modalities for greater interfacing among United Nations research bodies and requests him to report thereon;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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43/202. International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

The General Assembly,

Considering that natural disasters, particularly in the past two decades, have adversely affected the lives of at least 800 million people and caused considerable damage to infrastructure and property worldwide, especially in developing countries,

Recalling that in 1988 many countries suffered severe natural disasters, such as the extensive floods in the Sudan and Bangladesh, typhoons in the Philippines, hurricanes in countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, locust infestations, mainly in Africa, and other natural disasters in several regions of the developing world, and recognizing the pressing need for reducing the impact of natural disasters for all people, in particular those in developing countries,

Recognizing the important responsibility of the United Nations system as a whole for promoting international co-operation in the study of natural disasters and in the development of techniques to mitigate risks arising therefrom, as well as for providing assistance and co-ordinating disaster relief, preparedness and prevention,

Recalling its resolution 42/169 of 11 December 1987, in which it decided to designate the 1990s as a decade in which the international community, under the auspices of the United Nations, would pay special attention to fostering international co-operation in the field of natural disaster reduction,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/51 of 26 July 1988 on assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations,

Noting with appreciation the progress that has been made in the preparations for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, within the United Nations system as well as by Member States, since the adoption of resolution 42/169,

Welcoming the establishment by the Secretary-General of the international *ad hoc* group of experts on the Decade,

Convinced that concerted international action for the reduction of natural disasters over the course of the 1990s would give genuine impetus to a series of concrete measures at the national, regional and international levels,

Welcoming the fact that national committees on natural disaster reduction have been established in some countries and that preparations for establishing such committees are under way in other countries,

1. *Takes note with interest* of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction;⁶⁹

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the progress made by the international *ad hoc* group of experts on the Decade in the preparations for the Decade;

3. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General, made in paragraph 5 of resolution 42/169, to develop an appropriate framework of action at all levels for attaining the objective and goals referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 of that resolution;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General further to strengthen co-ordination within the United Nations system in order to ensure better preparation of the Decade;

5. *Calls upon* all Governments further to prepare for participation during the Decade in concerted international action for the reduction of natural disasters by, as appropriate, establishing national committees in co-operation with the relevant scientific and technological communities;

6. *Also calls upon* Governments to keep the Secretary-General informed of their countries' plans and of assistance that can be provided so that the United Nations may become an international centre for the exchange of information and the co-ordination of international efforts concerning activities in support of the objective and goals of the Decade, thus enabling each Member State to benefit from the experience of other countries;

7. *Emphasizes* the importance of technical co-operation among developing countries and mutual assistance in the transfer of technology, and encourages the international community to play a prominent role as promoter and catalyst of technical and scientific co-operation among developing countries in the field of natural disaster reduction;

8. *Expresses its appreciation* to those countries which have provided or pledged voluntary contributions for the preparation of the report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session pursuant to paragraph 5 of resolution 42/169, and calls upon other countries, international organizations and other organizations to provide voluntary contributions for that purpose;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the international *ad hoc* group of experts on the Decade in its future work the increasingly serious problems of locust infestation and floods;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to incorporate in the report to be submitted pursuant to paragraph 5 of resolution 42/169 a definition of the catalytic and facilitating role of the United Nations system, including that described in paragraph 6 above, and to submit that report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session through the Economic and Social Council, as requested in resolution 42/169.

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⁶⁹ A/43/723.