

Considering that a careful review of the present arrangements governing the World Food Programme is needed,

Considering also that intergovernmental oversight of the World Food Programme, through the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes, which reports to the General Assembly and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations through the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations respectively, together with clear lines of responsibility and accountability, are required for effective governance of the Programme and should contribute to the enhancement of the effectiveness and efficiency of the secretariat in carrying out the mandate of the Programme,

1. *Recognizes* the need for improved governance arrangements for the World Food Programme consistent with its programme requirements, its accountability to member States and its characteristics as an entity of the United Nations system;

2. *Welcomes* the decision taken by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes at its twenty-ninth session⁹⁸ to establish a sub-committee on the governance of the World Food Programme and the relationships between the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme, and urges the Committee to complete expeditiously its review of governance arrangements for the Programme;

3. *Urges* the Committee, in conducting its review, to take into account the need for enhanced governance arrangements and improved efficiency and effectiveness of the World Food Programme and enhanced accountability to member States;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account the foregoing, to continue to participate fully in the review of governance arrangements for the World Food Programme and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the participation of the United Nations in the review of the governance arrangements for the World Food Programme.

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21 December 1990

45/219. 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, 43/201 of 20 December 1988 and 44/175 of 19 December 1989,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁹⁹ and the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,¹⁰⁰ and taking into account the statements made before the Second Committee on 30 November 1990 by the repre-

⁹⁸ See E/1990/101, annex.

⁹⁹ A/45/634.

¹⁰⁰ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/45/14).

sentative of the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the Institute,¹⁰¹

Recognizing the continuing importance and relevance of the functions 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,

Paying tribute to the Institute for its activities since its creation in 1965,

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

Noting with concern that the 1990 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 it to maintain a minimum training programme and institutional structure,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 44/175⁹⁹ and the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;¹⁰⁰

2. *Strongly reiterates* its urgent desire that the Institute sell its headquarters property at the earliest reasonable opportunity, preferably within the next twelve months;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint an appropriately qualified high-level independent consultant, to be paid from extrabudgetary resources, who would submit a report directly to the Secretary-General containing recommendations on:

(a) The continued relevance of the mandate of the Institute, taking into account the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and other research and training activities of the United Nations system, a review and assessment of all aspects of the current activities of the Institute and their benefits to the United Nations and its Member States, *inter alia*, in the fields of the maintenance of peace and security and the promotion of economic and social development, and an assessment of whether those activities can be more effectively carried out by the Institute or by other bodies in the United Nations system;

(b) The overall staffing requirements for the Institute, including the number and level of such staff, in order to meet satisfactorily the needs of the United Nations and its Member States;

(c) The financial means for meeting those needs, based on the findings;

(d) The feasibility of utilizing the facilities of the Institute for the training of personnel for peace-keeping operations;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit the report of the independent consultant to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Ques-

¹⁰¹ *Ibid.*, Forty-fifth Session, Second Committee, 50th meeting, and corrigendum.

tions and to the Board of Trustees of the Institute for comment and to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

5. *Requests* that the budgetary proposals of the Institute continue to 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. *Reaffirms* that the activities of the Institute that are not funded from the General Fund of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research shall continue to be funded through voluntary contributions mobilized as special-purpose grants from Governments, intergovernmental organizations, foundations and other non-governmental sources;

7. *Agrees* with the recommendation of the Secretary-General that the Institute should, immediately after the sale of its property, repay the amounts currently owed to the United Nations and use the balance to establish a reserve fund for the Institute;

8. *Recommends* that the Institute, with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, should consider financial mechanisms in order to finance its General Fund budget for 1991;

9. *Decides* to take a decision on the future of the Institute at its forty-sixth session, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 42/197;

10. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to explore new modalities for greater interfacing among United Nations research bodies, and requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to continue to organize meetings 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;

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

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45/220. United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2951 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972 on the establishment of the United Nations University,

Recalling also its resolution 43/200 of 20 December 1988 on the United Nations University,

Taking cognizance of the important progress made by the University and the relevance of its work to the concerns of the United Nations,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University in 1989¹⁰² and the statement concerning its development in 1990, made by the Rector of the University before the Second Committee on 26 November 1990,¹⁰³

Noting with appreciation the financial and other contributions made by Governments and organizations in support of the University,

Also noting with appreciation the progress made with regard to the permanent headquarters building in Japan,

Taking note of decision 4.2.2 on the United Nations University adopted on 18 May 1990 by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its one hundred and thirty-fourth session,¹⁰⁴

1. *Welcomes* the implementation of the University's programmes of research, advanced training and dissemination of knowledge, within the framework of its second medium-term perspective, for 1990-1995;

2. *Requests* the Council of the United Nations University to review, within the mandate of its charter, the role and functions of the University Centre in the light of the expansion of its research and training centres and programmes, with a view to maintaining the coherence of the University as a whole;

3. *Takes note* of the continued high quality and usefulness of the work of the World Institute for Development Economics Research of the United Nations University, in Finland, and of the decision of the University to undertake a review and evaluation of the work of the Institute, which has completed its first five years of operation;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the commencement of the work of the Institute for New Technologies of the United Nations University, in the Netherlands, which constitutes a major expansion of the overall programme of the University;

5. *Welcomes* the progress made in the initiation of a programme for natural resources in Africa, in furtherance of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa,¹⁰⁵ which is expected to lead to the full realization of the Institute for Natural Resources in Africa;

6. *Notes with appreciation* the progress made with regard to the International Institute for Software Technology of the United Nations University, to be located in Macau;

7. *Also notes with appreciation* the progress made with regard to the proposed Institute of Advanced Studies in Japan;

8. *Requests* the University to continue to foster its substantive collaboration with the United Nations and its system of organizations, in particular with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in areas of global concern;

9. *Takes note* of the University's important institutional developments and requests it to strengthen its collaboration with international, regional and national academic and scientific institutions, particularly in developing countries, in addressing the global issues elaborated in its second medium-term perspective;

¹⁰⁴ See United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Decisions Adopted by the Executive Board at its One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Session*, Paris, 9-18 May 1990 (134 EX/Decisions).

¹⁰⁵ A/S-11/14, annex I.

¹⁰² *Ibid.*, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/45/31).

¹⁰³ *Ibid.*, Forty-fifth Session, Second Committee, 48th meeting, and corrigendum.