

38/177. United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/142 of 17 December 1982 on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,

Having considered the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research¹³² covering the period from 1 July 1982 to 30 June 1983, and his introductory statement of 7 November 1983,¹³³

Recalling the important role assigned to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in enhancing the effectiveness of the United Nations in achieving its major objectives, particularly in the maintenance of peace and security and the promotion of economic and social development,

Noting with satisfaction the emphasis being placed by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on the revitalization of its programme, the dissemination of the results of its research, the continuing need for improvement of its management and on the mobilization of adequate resources to enable it to perform its functions satisfactorily,

Sharing the concern of the Executive Director that only a small number of States are contributing to the General Fund of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, as well as his concern over the inadequacy of the resources available to the Institute for its work.

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the measures he has already taken, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of the Institute, with a view to revitalizing the Institute and enhancing its image;

2. Welcomes the continuing emphasis of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on economic and social training and research and the inclusion of specific projects on the problems that exist in the areas identified by the General Assembly at its sixth and seventh special sessions, in the relevant decisions adopted at its twenty-ninth and subsequent sessions, and in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,¹³⁴ taking into consideration the statements on the programme of work of the Institute made at the current session;

3. Encourages the Executive Director, bearing in mind the conclusions reached by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research at its special session held from 11 to 14 April 1983,¹³⁵ to continue to evolve clear long-term priorities in the training and research programme of the Institute which would emphasize its role in the promotion and strengthening of the development process and would make the need for that role more obvious;

4. Notes with satisfaction the efforts of the Executive Director to strengthen co-operation between the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and other institutions active in the Institute's field of competence;

5. Urges once again all States that 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 com-

mensurate with their capacity, to increase their voluntary contributions in order to meet the urgent financial needs of the Institute;

6. Again requests all States to continue to announce their contributions to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research early and, if possible, not later than the annual United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, and to speed up the payment of their voluntary contributions to the Institute;

7. Emphasizes the necessity for the Institute to intensify its efforts further to improve its management and to develop its programme of activities with a view to balancing its expenses with revenue, on the basis of realistic estimates, and, in this context, notes with satisfaction the steps being taken by the Executive Director to adjust administrative costs and to mobilize resources to ensure avoidance of future deficits in the Institute's budget;

8. Decides to support the recommendations of the Secretary-General contained in his interim report on the financing of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research¹³⁶ and agrees, on an exceptional basis, that an advance of \$886,000 should be given to the Institute to cover the deficit in its budget for 1983; this advance will be non-recurrent and reimbursable, in accordance with the terms set out in the Secretary-General's report,¹³⁷ and the repayment will begin after a grace period not exceeding two years;

9. Decides, in the light of paragraphs 4 and 5 of the report of the Secretary-General, to consider at its thirtieth session the question of long-term financing arrangements for the United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

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38/178. 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, 34/112 of 14 December 1979, 35/54 of 5 December 1980, 36/45 of 19 November 1981 and 37/143 of 17 December 1982,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University,¹³⁸

Noting with appreciation the progress being made towards the construction of a permanent headquarters building in Tokyo, with active steps being taken by the Government of Japan,

Also noting with appreciation the dedicated service rendered to the University by the members of the Council whose terms ended in May 1983,

Mindful of the formulation and adoption of the medium-term perspective, 1982-1987.

Noting decision 5.2.2 adopted on 13 October 1983 by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its one hundred and seventeenth session,

¹³² Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/38/14).

¹³³ *Ibid.*, Thirty-eighth Session, Second Committee, 31st meeting, paras. 11-17.

¹³⁴ Resolution 35/56, annex.

¹³⁵ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/38/14), paras. 9-11.

¹³⁶ A/38/220.

¹³⁷ *Ibid.*, para. 7.

¹³⁸ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/38/31 and Corr.1 and 2).

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the further constructive development of the activities of the United Nations University in research, training and the dissemination of knowledge under the medium-term perspective, using multidisciplinary and integrative approaches designed, in accordance with the Charter of the University, to promote greater understanding of urgent and pressing global problems and provide ideas for solving them;

2. *Welcomes* the initiation of a new programme planning process at the University Centre, designed to facilitate the participation of the United Nations University's networks of collaborating scholars, and, as part of this process, the creation of a planning and evaluation services unit;

3. *Also welcomes* the adoption by the Council of the United Nations University of the initial statute of the University, in accordance with its Charter, on the basis of the experience gained by the University since its establishment;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* that progress has been made towards the establishment of the first three research and training centres of the United Nations University, which will be concerned with development economics, natural resources in Africa and biotechnology, respectively, and the further development of the work of the University in helping to strengthen existing institutions in developing countries through the extension of its networks of associate and co-operating institutions and in placing increased emphasis on its post-graduate training through fellowships relevant to the development of research, training and institution-building;

5. *Also notes with satisfaction* the further expansion of the co-operative activities of the United Nations University with the United Nations, its bodies and the specialized agencies, particularly United Nations research and training institutions, and the increasing collaboration of the University with the international academic and scientific community;

6. *Recognizes* that the United Nations University needs to build up its Endowment Fund and other contributions in order to increase its core income, to which end a number of Member States have already extended positive co-operation;

7. *Earnestly appeals* to all Member States to take cognizance of the important developments at the United Nations University and to contribute urgently and generously to its Endowment Fund and, additionally or alternatively, to make operating contributions to the University to enable it to fulfil its mandate effectively, in accordance with its Charter and with the relevant General Assembly resolutions.

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38/179. Unified approach to development analysis and planning

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, 3409 (XXX) of 28 November 1975, concerning a unified approach to development analysis and planning, 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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and 37/202 of 20 December 1982, concerning the review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade.

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 1747 (LIV) of 16 May 1973, which contains recommendations concerning a unified approach to development analysis and planning.

Believing that development is an integral process, embodying both economic and social objectives,

Further believing that a unified approach to analysis and planning of development at the national level is a possible and effective tool for promoting economic, social and human development and for providing increasing opportunities to all people for a better life.

Reaffirming that each State has the sovereign and inalienable right to choose its economic and social system in accordance with the will of its people and without outside interference,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the status of replies received from Governments on the experience acquired in applying a unified approach to the process of socio-economic development;¹³⁹

2. *Reaffirms* its decision 36/405 of 19 November 1981 to continue consideration of the question of a unified approach to development analysis and planning, taking into account its importance for the process of development, as stressed in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

3. *Invites* interested countries to send information to the Secretary-General on the experience acquired in applying a unified approach to the process of socio-economic development at the national level;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to study the question of a unified approach to the analysis and planning of development, in order to make available to all States the national and international experience gained in this field;

(b) To prepare, on the basis of the information offered by interested countries, a report on the application by Governments of a unified approach to development analysis and planning, taking into account both the experience gained in this field in the United Nations economic and social organs concerned and the results of the first review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

(c) To submit the report to the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1985, and to the General Assembly for consideration at its fortieth session, with a view to its utilization as an input in the future reviews and appraisals of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade.

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¹³⁹ A/38/62.