

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.

10. *Requests* the University to continue to intensify its fund-raising efforts to augment its Endowment Fund and mobilize operating contributions and other programme and project support;

11. *Appeals* to all States to contribute to the Endowment Fund of the University and to make operating contributions, including support for its research and training centres and programmes, in order to enable it to expand its world-wide activities, particularly in developing countries, and thus fulfil its mandate in accordance with its charter and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly.

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45/221. Strengthening of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned about the increasing vulnerability of countries, in particular developing countries, to natural and other sudden disasters,

Aware of the profound negative impact of such disasters on the economic and social growth of developing countries,

Recognizing the imperative need to ensure a reduction of damage caused by disasters, through the timely adoption of appropriate preventive measures and by means of rapid and effective response when disasters occur,

Reaffirming that the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator is the focal point within the United Nations system for matters related to disaster relief and disaster mitigation,

Having noted the constraints and difficulties currently facing the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in the discharge of its mandate, as set out in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/63 of 26 July 1990 concerning the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in this connection, taking into account, *inter alia*, the experience gained by the Office of the Co-ordinator in the situation between Iraq and Kuwait, to make proposals to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1991 for the strengthening of the capacity of the Office of the Co-ordinator to fulfil its mandate, which are to be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 in the light of an overall analysis of the capacity of the United Nations system to respond to calls for disaster mitigation and emergency relief assistance and of the role played by the Office of the Co-ordinator in this field which should address, *inter alia*, the implementation of General Assembly decision 42/433 of 11 December 1987 and the strengthening of arrangements for the response to complex emergencies;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to consider, within the framework of the overall analysis described in paragraph 2 above, the need to adapt further, in the case of the Office of the Co-ordinator, existing United

Nations procedures concerning the procurement, transport and storage of emergency supplies, including the establishment of special warehouses as needed, in order to permit the Office to respond in a timely manner to the special and immediate requirements of countries exposed to sudden disasters;

4. *Recognizes* the importance for the Office of the Co-ordinator to be in a position immediately to provide small emergency grants to countries stricken by disasters to meet their most immediate needs;

5. *Notes*, in that respect, the pressure on existing budgetary provisions for present and future needs during the biennium 1990-1991;

6. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to review the situation at its second regular session of 1991 and authorizes the Office of the Co-ordinator, pending that review, to continue to make grants available to disaster-stricken countries, not to exceed 50,000 United States dollars per disaster, out of the existing reserve of 360,000 dollars allocated for that purpose in the programme budget of the Office for the biennium 1990-1991;

7. *Calls upon* Governments and private and voluntary organizations to make generous cash contributions to the existing contingency relief fund of the Office of the Co-ordinator so as to provide it with the flexibility necessary to address specific needs created by sudden disaster situations;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include information on the implementation of the present resolution in his next biennial report on the Office of the Co-ordinator, which will be submitted to the General Assembly on an exceptional basis at its forty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1991.

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45/222. Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Yemen

The General Assembly,

Welcoming the declaration on 22 May 1990 of the merger of the Yemen Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen to form a single sovereign State called the Republic of Yemen,

Recalling its resolution 44/179 of 19 December 1989 and taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/65 of 26 July 1990,

Taking into consideration the fact that Yemen, being one of the least developed countries, is unable to sustain reconstruction and development programmes in spite of the efforts made by its Government,

Taking note of the Paris Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries on 14 September 1990,¹⁵ and the mutual commitments entered into on that occasion,

Noting that the response of the international community to General Assembly resolution 44/179 has not achieved the expected goal in meeting the rehabilita-