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Report of the Second Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 46th plenary meeting, on 7 November 2013, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-eighth session the item entitled “United Nations University” and to allocate it to the Second Committee.
2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 37th and 38th meetings, on 21 and 27 November 2013. An account of the Committee’s discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records ([A/C.2/68/SR.37](#) and 38).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.46

3. At the 37th meeting, on 21 November, the representative of Japan, on behalf of Algeria, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced a draft resolution entitled “Amendments to the Charter of the United Nations University” ([A/C.2/68/L.46](#)). Subsequently, Senegal joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.
4. At the 38th meeting, on 27 November, the representative of Japan announced that Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, Iceland, Israel, Malaysia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Serbia and Switzerland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Brazil, Ukraine and the United States of America also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.



6. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.2/68/L.46](#) (see para. 9).
7. After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Japan (see [A/C.2/68/SR.38](#)).
8. A statement was also made by the Rector of the United Nations University (see [A/C.2/68/SR.38](#)).

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

9. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Amendments to the Charter of the United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2951 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972, by which it decided to establish the United Nations University, 3081 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973, by which it adopted the Charter of the United Nations University, and [64/225](#) of 21 December 2009, by which it approved amendments to the Charter of the United Nations University,

Taking note of the decision taken by the Council of the United Nations University at its fifty-ninth session, held from 22 to 24 April 2013, by which the Council requested the Secretary-General, in accordance with article XII of the Charter of the United Nations University, to propose to the General Assembly, at its sixty-eighth session, amendments to article IV of the Charter of the United Nations University to reduce the number of appointed members of the Council from 24 to 12,

Taking note also of the decision on the proposal to amend the Charter of the United Nations University adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its 192nd session, held in Paris in October 2013,¹

Taking note further of the proposal of the Secretary-General to amend the Charter of the United Nations University in accordance with article XII thereof, made at the request of the Council of the United Nations University and after consultation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

1. *Approves* the following amendments to the Charter of the United Nations University:

(a) Article IV, paragraph 1, shall be amended to read as follows:

“1. There shall be a Council of the University (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Council’), to be established on a broad geographical basis with due regard to major academic, scientific, educational and cultural trends in the world, taking into account the various fields of study, with appropriate representation of young scholars. The Council shall have 12 members serving in their individual capacity, who shall be appointed jointly by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of UNESCO, in consultation with the agencies and programmes concerned, including the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (hereinafter referred to as ‘UNITAR’), and taking into account the views of appropriate representative bodies. The Rector shall be a member of the University Council.”

¹ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Decisions Adopted by the Executive Board at its One Hundred and Ninety-second Session, Paris, 23 September-11 October 2013* (192 EX/Decisions), decision 43.

(b) Article IV, paragraph 3, shall be amended to read as follows:

“3. The term of office shall be six years, provided that, of the members first appointed pursuant to paragraph 1 of this article, the terms of six shall expire at the end of three years and the terms of the remaining six at the end of six years. No appointed member of the Council may serve continuously for more than six years. The Council shall be consulted in regard to the replacement of retiring members.”*

2. *Decides* that these amendments shall enter into force upon the expiration of the present term of those appointed members currently serving on the Council of the United Nations University;

3. *Acknowledges* that the Council of the United Nations University shall continue to operate with the current appointed membership, and without the appointment of additional members, until the terms of the current appointed members expire;

4. *Also acknowledges* the intention of the Secretary-General to apply article IV, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations University, as amended, when he next appoints new members to the Council of the United Nations University.

* Established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1934 (XVIII).