

tive use of its growing international networks, thereby stimulating greater financial support for the University;

6. *Urges* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, as well as the Rector of the United Nations University, to intensify their efforts to increase financial support for the University;

7. *Appeals* to all Member States to take cognizance of the achievements of the United Nations University in the important areas of its three programmes and to contribute generously to the Endowment Fund of the University and, additionally or alternatively, make operating contributions to the University so that its important work can continue to make substantive progress.

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### 35/55. Establishment of the University for Peace

#### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that, in its resolution 34/111 of 14 December 1979, it approved the idea of establishing a University for Peace—a specialized international institution for post-graduate studies, research and dissemination of knowledge specifically aimed at training for peace within the system of the United Nations University—proposed by the President of the Republic of Costa Rica in his address to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session<sup>13</sup> and offered by him to the international community through the United Nations,

*Having considered* the report of the Commission on the University for Peace,<sup>14</sup> established by the General Assembly in the same resolution and entrusted with preparing the organization, structure and setting in motion of the University,

*Reiterating its appreciation* to the President and the Government of Costa Rica for this generous contribution to international understanding,

*Expressing its appreciation* to the Commission on the University for Peace for its work and detailed report on the establishment of the University for Peace,

*Noting with appreciation* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>15</sup> containing his personal comments,

1. *Approves* the establishment of the University for Peace in conformity with the International Agreement for the Establishment of the University for Peace and with the Charter of the University for Peace, both of which are set forth in the annex to the present resolution;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to open for signature the International Agreement for the Establishment of the University for Peace within ten days of its approval by the General Assembly;

3. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Commission on the University for Peace, established by the General Assembly in resolution 34/111, which shall act as the preparatory body of the University for Peace pending the establishment of the Council of the University;

<sup>13</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Plenary Meetings*, 11th meeting, paras. 106-122.

<sup>14</sup> A/35/468 and Corr.1, annex I.

<sup>15</sup> A/35/468 and Corr.1.

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the President and to the Government of Costa Rica for the efforts undertaken to organize and finance the University for Peace without burdening the budget of the United Nations or the United Nations University, in accordance with paragraph 2 (d) of General Assembly resolution 34/111;

5. *Expresses the hope* that the widest possible adherence will be given to the International Agreement for the Establishment of the University for Peace.

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## ANNEX

### International Agreement for the Establishment of the University for Peace and Charter of the University for Peace

#### INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE

##### *The States parties to the present Agreement,*

*Recalling* that, by its resolution 34/111 of 14 December 1979, the General Assembly of the United Nations established an international commission which, in collaboration with the Government of Costa Rica, was requested to prepare the organization, structure and setting in motion of the University for Peace,

*Desirous* of giving effect to the recommendations of the Commission on the University for Peace endorsed by the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session,

*Have agreed*, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 35/55 of 5 December 1980, as follows:

##### *Article 1*

##### *Establishment of the University for Peace*

The University for Peace (hereinafter referred to as the University) is hereby established, to function in accordance with the Charter of the University for Peace, the text of which is reproduced in the annex to the present Agreement.

##### *Article 2*

##### *Headquarters of the University*

1. The headquarters of the University shall be established in Costa Rica on land donated for this purpose by the Government of Costa Rica.

2. The University shall conclude a headquarters agreement with the Government of the host country.

##### *Article 3*

##### *Legal capacity, privileges and immunities*

The University shall have in the host country such legal capacity and facilities and shall enjoy such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the exercise of its functions and the fulfilment of its purposes.

##### *Article 4*

##### *Financing of the University*

1. The expenses of the University shall be met from voluntary contributions made by Governments, by intergovernmental organizations and by foundations and other non-governmental sources, and from revenue derived from tuition and related charges.

2. The financing of the University shall not have any financial implications for the budget of the United Nations or that of the United Nations University. The budget of the University shall not impose any obligatory assessments on the States parties to the present Agreement unless they agree otherwise.

*Article 5**Amendments*

1. Parties to the present Agreement may propose amendments. Such proposals shall be transmitted to the Depository for communication to the other parties. The Depository shall consult with the parties as to the procedure for consideration of any amendments proposed.

2. The Charter of the University for Peace, the text of which is reproduced in the annex to the present Agreement, may be amended by the Council of the University in accordance with the procedure laid down in article 19 of that Charter.

*Article 6**Definitive signature or accession*

The present Agreement shall be open to all States for definitive signature until 31 December 1981 or for accession. Instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Depository.

*Article 7**Entry into force*

The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which it shall have been signed or acceded to by ten States from more than one continent. For States signing or acceding after the entry into force, the Agreement shall enter into force upon the date of signature or accession.

*Article 8**Depository*

The present Agreement, the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts of which are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations who shall perform the functions of Depository.

## ANNEX TO THE AGREEMENT

## CHARTER OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE

*Article 1**Establishment*

The University for Peace (hereinafter referred to as the University) shall be an international institution of higher education for peace established pursuant to the International Agreement for the Establishment of the University for Peace, of which the present Charter is an integral part, in the light of the general principles contained in the appendix hereto.

*Article 2**Aims and purposes*

The University is established with a clear determination to provide humanity with an international institution of higher education for peace and with the aim of promoting among all human beings the spirit of understanding, tolerance and peaceful coexistence, to stimulate co-operation among peoples and to help lessen obstacles and threats to world peace and progress, in keeping with the noble aspirations proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations. To this end, the University shall contribute to the great universal task of educating for peace by engaging in teaching, research, post-graduate training and dissemination of knowledge fundamental to the full development of the human person and societies through the interdisciplinary study of all matters relating to peace.

*Article 3**Legal status*

The University shall have the legal status necessary to enable it to fulfil its purposes and objectives. It shall enjoy autonomy and academic freedom in its operations, in keeping with its profoundly humanistic purpose, within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

*Article 4**Relationship with Governments, organizations and institutions*

1. The University may enter into association or conclude agreements with Governments and intergovernmental and other organizations and institutions in the field of education.

2. The University shall, in particular, seek to establish a close relationship with the United Nations University. The association which may link the University with the United Nations University should be determined by common agreement between the two institutions.

3. The University shall maintain close links with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in view of its special responsibilities in the field of education.

*Article 5**Organization*

The University shall have an organizational framework consisting of the following:

(a) The Council of the University for Peace, which shall be the governing body of the University;

(b) The Rector of the University for Peace, who shall be the chief administrative officer of the University;

(c) The International Foundation, as a financial supporting body operating independently;

(d) The International Centre for Documentation and Information for Peace;

(e) The International Advisory Board of the University for Peace.

*Article 6**Composition of the Council*

1. The Council of the University for Peace shall be the supreme authority of the University. It shall be composed of:

(a) The following *ex officio* members:

(i) The Rector;

(ii) Area directors;

(iii) Four representatives designated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, by the Rector of the United Nations University and by the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, respectively;

(iv) Two representatives designated by the Government of the host country;

(b) The following additional members:

(i) Ten representatives of the academic community, appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

(ii) Three students representing the student body.

2. In the appointment of the representatives of the academic community, who shall be persons of distinction in the academic field, regard shall be had to a broad academic, geographical and cultural distribution.

3. The term of office of the representatives of the international academic community serving as members of the Council shall be four years. They may be reappointed.

4. The term of office of the persons representing the student body on the Council shall be one year. They may be reappointed.

*Article 7**Functions and powers of the Council*

The Council shall have the following powers:

(a) To establish the general policies which shall govern the activities and operations of the University;

(b) To adopt, revise or abrogate such regulations and rules as are required for the application of the present Charter and the proper operation of the University;

(c) To adopt its own rules of procedure;

(d) To elect a President and a Vice-President of the Council for two-year terms which may be renewed;

(e) To elect the Rector for a five-year term which may be renewed;

(f) To adopt, on the proposal of the Rector, the annual programme and budget of the University and to assist in their execution;

(g) To consider the annual and other reports of the Rector on the activities of the University;

(h) To establish such organs and offices as are required for the fulfilment of the purposes of the University, within the framework of the present Charter;

(i) To amend the present Charter in accordance with the procedure set out in article 19 below and subject to the provisions of the International Agreement for the Establishment of the University for Peace;

(j) Such other powers as belong to it in accordance with the present Charter.

#### Article 8

##### *Sessions of the Council*

The Council shall meet in regular session twice a year. Special sessions shall be held in the cases specified in the relevant rules of procedure of the Council. Sessions of the Council shall be convened by the Rector.

#### Article 9

##### *Majority required for decisions*

Except as otherwise specified in the case of amendments to the present Charter, the Council shall adopt its decisions by a majority of its members present and voting.

#### Article 10

##### *Rector*

The Rector of the University for Peace shall be the chief academic and administrative officer of the University. In this capacity he shall assume the over-all responsibility for the organization, direction and administration of the University in accordance with the general policies formulated by the Council.

#### Article 11

##### *Functions and powers of the Rector*

The Rector shall, *inter alia*:

(a) Implement the policies established by the Council;

(b) Administer the University;

(c) Prepare the programme, work plans and annual budget estimates of the University for submission to the Council for its approval;

(d) Execute the work programmes and make the expenditures envisaged in the budget approved by the Council;

(e) Propose to the Council names of persons qualified for membership in the International Advisory Board;

(f) Act as the legal representative of the University;

(g) Appoint such staff and designate such officials as are required for the proper functioning of the University.

He shall have such other functions and powers as may be prescribed by the provisions of the present Charter or otherwise entrusted to him pursuant to decisions, rules and regulations adopted by the Council.

#### Article 12

##### *International Centre for Documentation and Information for Peace*

The International Centre for Documentation and Information for Peace shall form an integral part of the organizational structure of the

University. Its purpose shall be to ensure the proper functioning of the University by identifying, collecting and disseminating data and information relating to peace.

#### Article 13

##### *International Advisory Board*

The International Advisory Board of the University for Peace shall be composed of distinguished specialists in the various disciplines pursued at the University. The Board shall advise the University on its academic programmes. The Board shall function on the basis of regulations formulated by the Council of the University.

#### Article 14

##### *International Foundation*

There shall be attached to the University an International Foundation set up in accordance with arrangements to be made by the Council in consultation with the host Government. It shall be composed of persons of recognized standing. It shall have its own assets and operate independently as a financial supporting body for the University.

#### Article 15

##### *Faculty and staff*

1. All members of the faculty shall be appointed on the basis of their high academic qualifications and of their commitment to the purposes and objectives of the University, with due regard to the need for appropriate representation in terms of geography, social systems, cultural traditions, age and sex. In the performance of their duties, they shall be expected to comply with the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity.

2. The faculty of the University shall consist of the Rector, the academic staff, visiting professors, fellows, academic consultants and the research staff at the University campus and at such other centres or in such programmes other than at the University headquarters as may be determined by the Council.

3. The Rector shall appoint administrative and other personnel on terms and conditions determined by the Council for such appointments and in accordance with the present Charter. Due regard shall be paid in their appointment to the purposes and objectives of the University.

4. The Rector may at his discretion appoint temporary faculty members and staff on an *ad hoc* basis in accordance with the present Charter.

#### Article 16

##### *Students*

Students shall be admitted to the University in accordance with requirements established by the Council. In this regard, the Council shall bear in mind the need to ensure a world-wide representation with special attention being given to the participation of minorities. Parity should be sought between men and women students at the University.

#### Article 17

##### *University programmes and degrees*

1. Irenology, which shall comprise the study of peace, education for peace and human rights, shall be the main concern of the University. The studies carried out at the University shall focus on the topic of international peace. Completion of a programme of studies, including irenology as a compulsory subject, shall be required for obtaining any degree granted by the University.

2. The University shall, *inter alia*, grant master's degrees and doctorates under terms and conditions established by the Council.

#### Article 18

##### *Assets, financing and use of financial resources*

1. The assets of the University shall comprise the land donated by the Government of Costa Rica as the headquarters site of the University, the facilities thereon and such endowment funds as may be allocated to it.

2. The University shall derive its revenues from voluntary contributions made by Governments, by intergovernmental organizations and by foundations and other non-governmental sources, and from tuition and related charges.

3. The University may decide freely on the use of the financial resources available to it for the execution of its functions, in accordance with financial regulations formulated and approved by the Council.

#### Article 19

##### Amendments

1. Amendments to the present Charter which are compatible with the basic aims and purposes of the University and with the International Agreement for the Establishment of the University for Peace may be proposed to the Council by:

- (a) A State party to the Agreement;
- (b) The Rector;
- (c) Any other member of the Council.

2. Amendments shall require a two-thirds majority of the members of the Council for adoption.

3. The States parties to the International Agreement for the Establishment of the University for Peace shall be notified without delay if any amendment to the Charter is adopted by the Council.

#### Appendix to the Charter

*General principles formulated by the Commission on the University for Peace established by the General Assembly pursuant to its resolution 34/111 of 14 December 1979*

1. The persistence of war in the history of mankind and the growing threats against peace in recent decades jeopardize the very existence of the human race and make it imperative that peace should no longer be viewed as a negative concept, as the end of conflict or as a simple diplomatic compromise, but rather that it should be achieved and ensured through the most valuable and most effective resource that man possesses: education.

2. Peace is the primary and irrevocable obligation of a nation and the fundamental objective of the United Nations; it is the reason for its existence. However, the best tool for achieving this supreme good for humankind, namely education, has not been used.

3. Many nations and international organizations have attempted to attain peace through disarmament. This effort must be continued; yet facts show that man should not be too optimistic as long as the human mind has not been imbued with the notion of peace from an early age. It is necessary to break the vicious circle of struggling for peace without an educational foundation.

4. This is the challenge that now faces all nations and all men as the twenty-first century approaches. The decision must be made to save the human race, which is threatened by war, through education for peace. If education has been the instrument of science and technology, there is all the more reason to use it to achieve this primary right of the human being.

### 35/56. International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade

#### The General Assembly

1. *Proclaims* the Third United Nations Development Decade, starting on 1 January 1981;

2. *Adopts* the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, as set forth in the annex to the present resolution.

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#### I. PREAMBLE

1. In launching the Third United Nations Development Decade, starting on 1 January 1981, Governments rededicate themselves to the fundamental objectives enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. They reaffirm solemnly their determination to establish a new international economic order. To this end, they recall the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order<sup>16</sup> of the sixth special session of the General Assembly, the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,<sup>17</sup> and the resolution on development and international economic co-operation<sup>18</sup> adopted by the Assembly at its seventh special session, which laid down the foundations for the establishment of the new international economic order.

2. The adoption of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade<sup>19</sup> was an important step in the promotion of international economic co-operation for development. However, the limitations of a strategy, when conceived within the framework of the existing system of international economic relations, soon became obvious. Inequities and imbalances in these relations are widening the gap between developed and developing countries, constitute a major obstacle to the development of the developing countries and adversely affect international relations and the promotion of world peace and security. Midway through the Decade, the world community called for a fundamental restructuring of international economic relations and embarked upon its quest for a new international economic order.

3. The goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second Development Decade remain largely unfulfilled. In addition, the present negative trends in the world economy

<sup>16</sup> Resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

<sup>17</sup> Resolution 3281 (XXIX).

<sup>18</sup> Resolution 3362 (S-VII).

<sup>19</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).