

37/141. Expression of appreciation to the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Noting that the incumbent Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research will shortly be relinquishing his duties,

Recognizing the contribution made by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research under his guidance, through training and research, towards the achievement of the major objectives of the United Nations, in particular the maintenance of peace and security and the promotion of economic and social development,

1. Expresses its sincere appreciation and thanks to Mr. Davidson Nicol for the effective and dedicated manner in which he has performed his functions as Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

2. Extends its good wishes to him for success in his future undertakings.

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37/142. United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 36/75 of 4 December 1981 on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,

Acknowledging the value and usefulness of the research on the effectiveness of the activities of the United Nations and of the studies on the future concerning development strategies, undertaken by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,

Recognizing the role of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in assisting, through training and other services within its mandate, members of permanent missions to the United Nations and other national officials concerned with the work of the United Nations,

Aware of the continuing precarious financial situation of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and drawing attention to the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit on the financing of the Institute,²⁵

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research²⁶ and of his introductory statement on 5 October 1982;²⁷

2. Welcomes the continuing emphasis that the United Nations Institute for Training and Research is placing at present 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 by the Assembly at its twenty-ninth and subsequent sessions, and in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,²⁸ taking into consideration the statements on the programme of work of the Institute made at the current session;

²⁵ A/35/181, annex, paras. 62, 109 and 110.

²⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/37/14).*

²⁷ *Ibid.*, Thirty-seventh Session, Second Committee, 6th meeting, paras. 13-19.

²⁸ Resolution 35/56, annex.

3. Welcomes also the efforts of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to strengthen the co-ordination of its activities and its co-operation with relevant organs and organizations within the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations University, and the continuation of those efforts;

4. Welcomes further the steps being taken by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 35/53 B of 5 December 1980 and 36/75 of 4 December 1981 and calls upon the Institute to continue to organize its programme of work and activities and to adjust its administrative costs so as to ensure that estimated expenditure does not exceed estimated revenue;

5. Urges 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 commensurate with their capacity, to increase their voluntary contributions in order to meet the needs of the Institute;

6. Requests Member States to announce their annual voluntary contributions early, if possible at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to examine all possibilities for funding the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in order to place its financing on a more predictable, assured and continuous basis, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, keeping in mind article VIII of the statute of the Institute²⁹ and the views expressed during the current session of the Assembly.

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37/143. 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 and 36/45 of 19 November 1981,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University³⁰ and the report on the University prepared by the Joint Inspection Unit,³¹

Noting with appreciation that a site has been dedicated for the permanent headquarters of the United Nations University, thanks to the generous offer of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, and that active steps are being taken by the Government of Japan towards the construction of a building that will house the permanent headquarters of the University as provided in the Agreement of 14 May 1976 between the United Nations and Japan regarding the Headquarters of the University,

Noting decision 5.2.3 adopted on 7 October 1982 by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its one hundred and fifteenth session,

²⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 45, document A/6875, annex III.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/37/31).

³¹ A/37/111.

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report prepared by the Joint Inspection Unit,³¹ and of the comments of the Secretary-General thereon,³² which, *inter alia*, support the new directions of the United Nations University and its broader intellectual concerns as reflected in its medium-term perspective (1982-1987) under the following five themes:

- (a) Peace, security, conflict resolution and global transformation;
- (b) Global economy;
- (c) Hunger, poverty, resources and the environment;
- (d) Human and social development and coexistence of peoples, cultures and social systems;
- (e) Science and technology and their social and ethical implications;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* that, with the adoption of the medium-term perspective, a renewed emphasis has been placed on the multidisciplinary and integrative approach to the search for solutions to urgent global problems, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations University;

3. *Also notes with satisfaction* that, in keeping with its philosophy of continuity with change, the United Nations University has maintained its momentum in the original programmes and enlarged on the foundations built in the early years;

4. *Welcomes* the fact that research, post-graduate training and the dissemination of knowledge will be covered under the medium-term perspective as a single programme of the United Nations University with subprogrammes responding to the five themes;

5. *Notes with satisfaction* the increasing co-operative activities of the United Nations University with the United Nations, its organs and agencies, particularly United Nations research and training institutions, and urges the University to continue to strengthen its co-operation, and the co-ordination of its activities, with those institutions and the appropriate organizational units of the United Nations Secretariat, as well as its collaboration with international academic and scientific organizations;

6. *Encourages* the United Nations University to explore and expand innovative, fruitful and varied institutional relationships in accordance with its Charter, to assist in the effective implementation of the medium-term perspective and achieve wider outreach and increased decentralization, ensuring the continuing growth of vigorous academic and scientific communities everywhere and particularly in the developing countries;

7. *Welcomes* the increased attention being given by the United Nations University to the activities related to the dissemination of knowledge, including its own research findings, referred to in its Charter and, as a consequence, the promotion of a more informed awareness of global problems among all sectors and levels of the world community through the use of the new information and communications technology now available;

8. *Recognizes* that, over the medium term, the United Nations University needs to build up its Endowment Fund and other contributions in order to increase its core income;

9. *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 effectively its global mandate.

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37/144. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 36/225 of 17 December 1981, by which it reaffirmed the mandate of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and called for the strengthening and improvement of the capacity and effectiveness of the Office,

Recalling also its resolution 35/107 of 5 December 1980, by which it reaffirmed the necessity of ensuring a continued sound financial basis for the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and extended until 31 December 1983 the term of the Trust Fund established pursuant to its resolution 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 and modified under its resolutions 3440 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and 3532 (XXX) of 17 December 1975 and by its decision 33/429 of 19 December 1978,

Recalling further its resolution 34/55 of 29 November 1979, by which it requested an increase in emergency disaster assistance, with a normal ceiling of \$30,000 per country in the case of any one disaster,

Deeply concerned about the additional economic burden placed upon the developing countries by the increasing number of natural disasters and other disaster situations, as well as the disruption caused to their development process,

Recognizing the contribution made by the United Nations system to the relief of suffering and provision of humanitarian assistance in natural disasters and other disaster situations,

Recognizing also that the primary responsibilities of administration, relief operations and disaster preparedness lie with the affected countries and that the major part of the material assistance and human effort in disaster relief comes from the Governments of those countries,

Recognizing further the importance of the contribution of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and appropriate voluntary organizations,

Recognizing that, in order to attain an effective co-ordination system of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance, it is essential to strengthen and improve the capacity and effectiveness of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the United Nations system as a whole in order to enable the Office to respond to natural disasters and other disaster situations speedily, efficiently and effectively, thereby ensuring prompt delivery of concerted relief,

Recognizing that a major constraint on an effective response of the United Nations to natural disasters and other disaster situations has been the shortage of resources,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator³³ and of the statement made by the Co-ordinator before the Second Committee on 2 November 1982;³⁴

2. *Takes note* of the progress made by the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in initiating improvements in the management operations of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and in establishing modalities for the implementation of the procedures, outlined in General Assembly resolution 36/225 and decision 1982/1 of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, for dealing with requests for disaster relief

³³ A/37/235 and Corr.1.

³⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Second Committee, 27th meeting, paras. 1-4.*

³² A/37/111/Add.1.