- 8. Emphasizes the importance of addressing the relationship between demographic pressures and unsustainable consumption patterns and environmental degradation during the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, taking into account the decisions to be taken by the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989;
- 9. Reaffirms the importance of the role of population policies in relation to development, as emphasized, inter alia, in the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, 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 International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990;
- 10. Welcomes the willingness of the nineteen members of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, as expressed in the December 1989 policy statement by Committee aid ministers and heads of aid agencies for their aid policies for the 1990s and reiterated at Committee meetings on population and development matters held in April and June 1990, to assist developing countries to establish, fund and implement effective population strategies and programmes as a matter of priority;
- 11. Stresses the primary role of Governments in the formulation, implementation and co-ordination of population policies and programmes at the national level and the role of the United Nations Population Fund, upon request, in supporting the development of national capacities in that respect;
- 12. Also stresses the need for co-ordination at the regional and interregional levels to focus on issues related to the attainment of specific population goals and objectives;
- 13. Recommends that the Fund continue to focus attention on the importance of population issues in the context of overall development plans and programmes, in particular those oriented towards the reactivation of economic growth and development of developing countries, and on the need to find and mobilize adequate resources to address these issues, and, in this context, urges the Fund to continue to undertake activities aimed at building better awareness of population issues, including their relation to environment and development issues and World Population Day;
- 14. Invites the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to give specific information, in the section on policy and programme co-ordination of the annual report, on the co-operation of the Fund with other relevant United Nations organizations and specialized agencies.

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45/217. World Summit for Children

The General Assembly,

Welcoming the adoption by the World Summit for Children, on 30 September 1990, of the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and the Plan of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s, 12

- 1. Urges all States and other members of the international community to work for the achievement of the goals and objectives endorsed in the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and the Plan of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s, as an integral part of their national plans and international co-operation;
- 2. Urges especially the donor countries to assist developing countries in achieving the goals set out in the World Declaration and the Plan of Action by increasing their contributions to development co-operation targeted for the special needs of children;
- 3. Urges all relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to take into account the goals, strategies and recommendations of the World Declaration and the Plan of Action in carrying out their programmes, and invites the relevant governing bodies to consider specific measures, within their fields of competence, to address the special needs of children in the light of the World Declaration and the Plan of Action;
- 4. Calls upon the United Nations system to ensure appropriate dissemination of the World Declaration and the Plan of Action;
- 5. Requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate action to ensure the implementation and monitoring by the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system of the provisions of the present resolution;
- 6. Takes note of the provisions in the Plan of Action for appropriate mechanisms in the United Nations system to monitor its implementation;
- 7. Decides to consider at its forty-seventh session the question of the implementation of the World Declaration and the Plan of Action, in particular the response of the United Nations system;
- 8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its first and second regular sessions of 1992, on the implementation of the present resolution.

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45/218. Governance of the World Food Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision 44/414 of 22 November 1989,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/79 of 27 July 1990 on the governance of the World Food Programme, which is a joint programme of the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Considering that a careful review of the present arrangements governing the World Food Programme is needed,

Considering also that intergovernmental oversight of the World Food Programme, through the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes, which reports to the General Assembly and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations through the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations respectively, together with clear lines of responsibility and accountability, are required for effective governance of the Programme and should contribute to the enhancement of the effectiveness and efficiency of the secretariat in carrying out the mandate of the Programme,

- 1. Recognizes the need for improved governance arrangements for the World Food Programme consistent with its programme requirements, its accountability to member States and its characteristics as an entity of the United Nations system;
- 2. Welcomes the decision taken by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes at its twenty-ninth session⁹⁸ to establish a sub-committee on the governance of the World Food Programme and the relationships between the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme, and urges the Committee to complete expeditiously its review of governance arrangements for the Programme;
- 3. Urges the Committee, in conducting its review, to take into account the need for enhanced governance arrangements and improved efficiency and effectiveness of the World Food Programme and enhanced accountability to member States;
- 4. Requests the Secretary-General, taking into account the foregoing, to continue to participate fully in the review of governance arrangements for the World Food Programme and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the participation of the United Nations in the review of the governance arrangements for the World Food Programme.

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45/219. United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/172 of 5 December 1986, 42/197 of 11 December 1987, 43/201 of 20 December 1988 and 44/175 of 19 December 1989,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁹⁹ and the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,¹⁰⁰ and taking into account the statements made before the Second Committee on 30 November 1990 by the repre-

sentative of the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the Institute, 101

Recognizing the continuing importance and relevance of the functions of the Institute particularly in the field of training,

Recognizing also the need for Governments to contribute or increase their voluntary contributions, as appropriate, to the Institute,

Noting with concern the continuing lack of a sufficiently broad base of donor countries supporting the Institute.

Paying tribute to the Institute for its activities since its creation in 1965,

Deeply concerned that the sale of the headquarters property of the Institute, which would have enabled a reserve fund for the Institute to be established, has not yet been completed,

Noting with concern that the 1990 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities did not provide the General Fund of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research with the level of resources required for it to maintain a minimum training programme and institutional structure,

- 1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 44/175% and the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research; 100
- 2. Strongly reiterates its urgent desire that the Institute sell its headquarters property at the earliest reasonable opportunity, preferably within the next twelve months:
- 3. Requests the Secretary-General to appoint an appropriately qualified high-level independent consultant, to be paid from extrabudgetary resources, who would submit a report directly to the Secretary-General containing recommendations on:
- (a) The continued relevance of the mandate of the Institute, taking into account the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and other research and training activities of the United Nations system, a review and assessment of all aspects of the current activities of the Institute and their benefits to the United Nations and its Member States, inter alia, in the fields of the maintenance of peace and security and the promotion of economic and social development, and an assessment of whether those activities can be more effectively carried out by the Institute or by other bodies in the United Nations system;
- (b) The overall staffing requirements for the Institute, including the number and level of such staff, in order to meet satisfactorily the needs of the United Nations and its Member States;
- (c) The financial means for meeting those needs, based on the findings;
- (d) The feasibility of utilizing the facilities of the Institute for the training of personnel for peace-keeping operations;
- 4. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit the report of the independent consultant to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Ques-

⁹⁸ See E/1990/101, annex.

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¹⁰⁰ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/45/14).

¹⁰¹ Ibid., Forty-fifth Session, Second Committee, 50th meeting, and corrigendum.