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Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research" and to allocate it to the Second Committee (see A/C.2/50/1).

2. The Committee considered the item at its 39th, 40th and 42nd meetings, on 27 and 30 November and on 8 December 1995. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/50/SR.39, 40 and 42). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 3 and 4 and 9 to 12 October (see A/C.2/50/SR.3-8).

3. For the consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the summary of ongoing activities and brief identification of potential developments of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/50/539).

4. At the 39th meeting on 27 November, the Director of the Financial Management Office of the Department of Administration and Management made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/50/SR.39).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS A/C.2/50/L.43
AND A/C.2/50/L.63

5. At the 40th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of Cameroon, on behalf of Argentina, Cameroon, Chile, China, Nigeria and Pakistan, introduced a draft resolution entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research" (A/C.2/50/L.43), which read:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 47/227 of 8 April 1993, 48/207 of 21 December 1993 and 49/125 of 19 December 1994,

"Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the measures taken in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/125 1/ and the report prepared upon the request of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, entitled "Summary of ongoing activities and brief identification of potential developments of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research", 2/ and taking into account the statements made before the Second Committee of the Assembly,

"Recognizing that training activities shall be accorded a more visible and larger role in the management of international affairs and in the economic and social development programmes of the United Nations system,

"Recognizing also that the successful implementation of the transfer of the headquarters of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research from New York to Geneva and the Institute's consolidating itself at its new location, now allow for consideration of the opening of a liaison office in New York, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 47/227,

"Taking note with satisfaction of the measures taken to complete the restructuring process of the Institute,

"1. Reaffirms that the mandate of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research is more relevant than ever, considering the growing training requirements of all Member States;

"2. Calls upon the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to further develop its cooperation with institutes of the United Nations, in particular the United Nations University, with headquarters in Tokyo, and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, with headquarters in Geneva, and with the United Nations system, in particular the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization at Turin, Italy;

1/ Not yet issued.

2/ A/50/539, annex.

"3. Urges all Member States to resume or increase their voluntary contributions to the restructured United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on possible ways and means and on the steps already taken to strengthen the training activities of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and to better define the role of the Institute within the framework of the United Nations system's global restructuring process."

6. At the 42nd meeting, on 8 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Max Stadthagen (Nicaragua), introduced a draft resolution entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research" (A/C.2/50/L.63), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/50.L.43.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.63 (see para. 9).

8. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.63, draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.43 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/227 of 8 April 1993, 48/207 of 21 December 1993 and 49/125 of 19 December 1994,

Having considered the report prepared upon the request of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, entitled "Summary of ongoing activities and brief identification of potential developments of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research", 3/ and taking into account the statements made before the Second Committee of the Assembly,

Recognizing the successful implementation of the transfer of the headquarters of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research from New York to Geneva and the Institute's consolidating itself at its new location,

Taking note with interest of the measures taken to complete the restructuring process of the Institute,

3/ Ibid.

Welcoming the measures already taken pursuant to General Assembly resolution 49/125 in order to resolve the problem the Institute had been experiencing with respect to the rent of its Geneva headquarters,

Recognizing that training activities should be accorded a more visible and larger role in support of the management of international affairs and in the execution of the economic and social development programmes of the United Nations system,

1. Reaffirms the relevance of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, particularly in the view of the many training requirements of all Member States;

2. Invites the Institute to further develop its cooperation with United Nations institutes and other relevant national, regional and international institutes;

3. Welcomes the decision of the Board of Trustees of the Institute, at its thirty-third session and at its special session, inviting the Institute to open a liaison office in New York, in so far as this is possible within its existing resources and pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 47/227 and 49/125, in order to respond to the training needs of the Missions and delegations of Member States in New York and in order to strengthen its cooperative relationship with the United Nations Secretariat;

4. Urges all Member States to consider resuming or increasing their voluntary contributions to the restructured United Nations Institute for Training and Research, in particular to its General Fund;

5. Encourages the Secretary-General to take relevant measures with respect to the regularization of the Executive Director of the Institute, taking into account the recommendations of the Board of Trustees;

6. Requests the Secretary-General, duly taking into account the deliberations of the Board of Trustees, to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on possible ways to strengthen the training activities of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and to better define its role.
