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**Review of the implementation of the recommendations
and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its
tenth special session**

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 7 December 2020

[on the report of the First Committee ([A/75/401](#), para. 16)]

75/82. Fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution [34/83](#) M of 11 December 1979, in which it requested the Secretary-General to establish the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, and its resolution [39/148](#) H of 17 December 1984, in which it approved the statute of the Institute,

Recalling also its resolutions [45/62](#) G of 4 December 1990, [55/35](#) A of 20 November 2000, [60/89](#) of 8 December 2005, [65/87](#) of 8 December 2010 and [70/69](#) of 11 December 2015 on the tenth, twentieth, twenty-fifth, thirtieth and thirty-fifth anniversaries of the Institute,

Considering the continuing need for the international community to have access to independent and in-depth research on security issues and prospects for disarmament and non-proliferation,

Underlining the particularly relevant contribution of the Institute to thinking and analysis on international security issues in the current context,

Recognizing the potential of the Institute, through its research, seminars, networks, outreach activities and publications, to assist ongoing negotiations on disarmament and efforts at ensuring greater international security at a progressively lower level of armaments and to contribute to education in this regard,

Welcoming the increased level of research and activity of the Institute, the increase in the number and range of research publications and their relevance for multilateral disarmament discussions, as well as the increase in the range of activities,

Welcoming also the increased outreach and conduct of the Institute's activities in Geneva and in diverse geographical locations,



Recognizing that, despite the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the Institute managed to uphold its activities,

Reiterating its preoccupation over the unsustainable financing situation of the institutional operations budget of the Institute,

Recognizing that a viable solution to the Institute's financial challenges will be instrumental for the Institute, as an autonomous institution within the framework of the United Nations, to fulfil Member States' expectations to take forward its mandate to promote informed participation by all States in disarmament efforts, assist ongoing negotiations and carry out in-depth, forward-looking and long-term research on disarmament,

Recognizing also the importance of the Institute's location in Geneva,

Noting the new financial and logistical difficulties that have arisen as a consequence of the introduction of rental costs for accommodation in the Palais des Nations,

Noting also the lack of implementation to date of the recommendations of the Secretary-General in his report on a sustainable and stable funding structure and operating model for the Institute that drew on the assessment by an independent third party requested by Member States in resolution [70/69](#),¹ as well as the long-standing observations and recommendations of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters, the Board of Trustees of the Institute, contained in the latest report of the Secretary-General on its work,²

1. *Welcomes* the fortieth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

2. *Recognizes* the importance, the timeliness and the high quality of the work of the Institute;

3. *Reiterates its conviction* that the Institute should continue to conduct independent research on problems relating to disarmament and security and to undertake specialized research requiring a high degree of expertise;

4. *Emphasizes* the importance of the Institute as a stand-alone, autonomous institution that contributes, through its research, analysis and activities, to progress in disarmament and, ultimately, to a more secure world;

5. *Underlines* the contribution that the Institute makes and should continue to make in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation education in all regions of the world;

6. *Appeals* to all Member States to continue to make financial contributions to the Institute, if possible multi-annual, and strongly encourages them to earmark these contributions so as to contribute to its viability, independence and impartiality and the quality of its work over the long term;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide accommodation for the Institute in the Palais des Nations in Geneva at the reduced rate established to cover operational expenses only;

8. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit, in the context of the 2022 programme budget, a proposal for an increase in the subvention to the Institute.

*37th plenary meeting
7 December 2020*

¹ [A/73/284](#).

² [A/75/283](#).