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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 2 December 2024

[on the report of the First Committee ([A/79/410](#), para. 12)]

79/73. Activities and operations 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, [70/69](#) of 11 December 2015 and [75/82](#) of 7 December 2020 on the tenth, twentieth, twenty-fifth, thirtieth, thirty-fifth and fortieth anniversaries of the Institute,

Considering the important need for the international community to have access to independent and in-depth research on security issues and prospects for disarmament and non-proliferation, particularly as various complex security dilemmas are converging to reshape the geopolitical landscape,

Underlining the significant contribution of the Institute to innovative analysis and productive thinking on multilateral disarmament and international security issues, and acknowledging the adaptation and expansion of its programmatic work better to follow the contours of a rapidly changing international security environment,

Recognizing the ongoing and potential impact of the Institute, through its research, seminars, networks, outreach activities, publications, confidence-building measures and capacity-building initiatives, in particular for developing countries, to support negotiations on disarmament and reinvigorate efforts to ensure greater international security through progressively lower levels of armament, and to contribute to education in this research area,



Recognizing also the importance of the Institute's essential research leadership elements,

Welcoming the significant growth of the Institute's research activities and the notable rise in its productivity in response to growing global demand, with an increase of over 200 per cent in event and publication figures since 2020 and a broadening of the range of topics covered by the Institute,

Welcoming also the Institute's efforts and progress to improve diversity of both international reach and meaningful participation, which is increasingly reflected in its donor base, personnel, partnerships, networks and worldwide hosting of events,

Noting the continued growth in overall voluntary contributions to the Institute, and expressing its appreciation to Governments and other strategic partners that have supported or contributed to the Institute in the furtherance of its mission,

Reiterating its concern that the Institute relies almost exclusively on voluntary contributions, which could affect the sustainability of its core research leadership elements,

Recognizing that a continuing, solid financial foundation is instrumental to the ability of the Institute, as an autonomous institution within the framework of the United Nations, to sustain its statutory research functions, attract world-class researchers to key positions, respond to growing demands for advisory support from the international community, and carry out its mandate to promote informed participation by all States in disarmament efforts,

Reiterating the importance of the Institute's location in Geneva,

Looking forward to the forty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Institute in 2025,

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

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

3. *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;*

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

5. *Recalls the appeals¹ to all Member States to continue or begin to provide voluntary financial support to the Institute, if possible multiannual, and strongly encourages them to earmark, or softly earmark, these contributions, for example through programmatic-level funding, so as to contribute to its viability, independence, impartiality and the quality of its work over the long term;*

6. *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;*

7. *Invites the Secretary-General to carefully assess the finances and the financial needs of the Institute and to provide budgetary recommendations, if necessary, and taking into account the latest report of the Advisory Board on*

¹ See resolution 75/82 and A/73/284.

Disarmament Matters,² in its capacity as the Board of Trustees of the Institute, as an exceptional measure to ensure the financial stability of the Institute.

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2 December 2024*

² [A/79/240](#).