

ECOSOC Resolution 2001/40

Revitalization and strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2000/24 of 28 July 2000, in which, inter alia, it expressed grave concern that the level of contributions had not adequately increased to a level to enable, in particular, the full implementation of the Gender Awareness Information and Networking System or the operational viability of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women beyond 31 December 2000, and reiterating the importance of supporting traditional methods of information, dissemination, research and training,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 55/219, in which the Assembly decided to provide the Institute with financial assistance on a non-recurrent basis, enabling the Institute to continue its activities throughout 2001,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹
2. *Appreciates* the support of Member States in approving the advance to the Institute of up to US\$ 800,000 for 2001, pending receipt of voluntary contributions, on a one-time, exceptional and emergency basis;
3. *Takes note* of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its twenty-first session and the recommendations and decisions contained therein;²
4. *Expresses appreciation* to the Director of the Institute for her efforts to revitalize the Institute through the Gender Awareness Information and Networking System vision and methodology, and urges the Secretary-General to ensure that a new Director is appointed immediately in order to ensure continuity in the leadership and direction of the Institute;
5. *Commends* the Institute for the implementation of successive phases I-II of the System;
6. *Expresses appreciation* for the efforts made by the Director of the Institute as well as its Board of Trustees in developing a fund-raising strategy for the Institute, and urges that it be implemented as soon as possible;
7. *Expresses concerns* that, due to the insufficient reserves in the Institute's Trust Fund at the current time, the Institute may be unable to continue its operations beyond 2001;
8. *Takes into account* that the Institute cannot anticipate the level of contributions that will be received during the course of 2001;

¹ E/2001/76.

² E/2001/88.

9. *Recommends* that the General Assembly consider transferring to the Institute any balance remaining of the sum of \$800,000 advanced for 2001 by the General Assembly as a reserve for the year 2002, and invites the General Assembly to consider requesting the Joint Inspection Unit to conduct a review of the Institute's Trust Fund and an urgent evaluation of the activities of the Institute, including options for the Institute's future;

10. *Invites* the Institute to further intensify its campaign to raise funds and attract support from, inter alia, private sector foundations and corporations for its activities;

11. *Decides* to amend article V (5) of the statute of the Institute with regard to the approval of focal points, to read:

“Correspondents and focal points in countries or regions may be used by the Institute to assist in maintaining contact with national or regional institutions and in carrying out or advising on studies and research”;

12. *Urges* the Secretary-General to:

(a) *Continue to encourage* Member States to make voluntary contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for the Institute so that it can continue to operate at an adequate level during 2002;

(b) *Continue to encourage* other relevant sources of funding within the United Nations, including the United Nations Foundation, to contribute to the restructuring of the Institute;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002 as well as to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*43rd plenary meeting
26 July 2001*