

Resolution

2011/11

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2009/27 of 30 July 2009,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 57/268 of 20 December 2002, 58/223 of 23 December 2003, 59/252 of 22 December 2004, 60/213 of 22 December 2005, 62/210 of 19 December 2007 and 64/260 (section I) of 29 March 2010,

Acknowledging the progress made by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on the establishment of results-based management and quality standards and the expanded use of technology-enhanced tools,

Acknowledging also the efficiency gains realized by the Institute through increased e-learning course offerings and the emphasis placed on multiplier effects, with a view to facilitating knowledge transfer through the development of training capacities in national and regional organizations,

Acknowledging further the leadership role the Institute has been playing in its responses to thematic priorities for training, such as system-wide coherence and United Nations operational activities for development, as well as through its active collaboration with agencies, inter alia on climate change, peacekeeping, international migration and development-related issues,

Encouraged by the growth in beneficiary outreach through increased training and knowledge-sharing events and by the expanded presence of the Institute in developing countries,

Encouraged also by the growth in earmarked voluntary contributions to the Institute and the implementation of a new business model with self-generated income to diversify sources of funding,

Concerned, however, over the low levels of non-earmarked voluntary contributions to the Institute and the negative effects that such low levels have on the efforts to pursue strategic reforms and meet the training and capacity-development needs of developing countries,

Welcoming the establishment of the Fellowship Fund to ensure that fee-based training services will remain accessible to developing countries,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹
2. *Welcomes* the strategic plan of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for the period 2010–2012;
3. *Calls upon* the Institute to pursue its innovations in the field of capacity development;

¹ E/2011/115.

4. *Encourages* the Institute to continue improving its effectiveness and the high quality of its output, in order to consolidate its important role in the training of beneficiaries;

5. *Calls upon* the Institute to pursue its efforts to enhance the capabilities of learning centres in developing countries with innovative methodologies, as well as to contribute to better coordination of United Nations research and training institutes;

6. *Invites* Member States to identify concrete actions, including different ways of enhancing non-earmarked voluntary contributions, to respond to the challenges referred to in paragraphs 61 and 62 of the report of the Secretary-General, as well as to strengthen the Institute to contribute more effectively to United Nations development cooperation;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2013 on the implementation of the present resolution.

*41st plenary meeting
22 July 2011*