

**1996/39. International Research and Training Institute
for the Advancement of Women**

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1995/45 of 27 July 1995, in which it took note of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its fifteenth session,¹⁰⁵

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 50/163 of 22 December 1995, in which the Assembly took note of the same report,

Taking note of the analysis done by the Board of Trustees and its recommendation that the Institute not only report to the Third Committee of the General Assembly, but also to the Second Committee of the General Assembly, under the relevant agenda items, in order to improve the coordination and synergy of its programmes with other economic and social issues,

Recognizing the important role played by the Institute at the Fourth World Conference on Women and in the follow-up to that Conference,

Also recognizing the equally important contributions that the Institute is making in its area of expertise to activities related to the International Conference on Population and Development, the World Summit for Social Development, the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations, the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), held at Istanbul, Turkey, from 3 to 14 June 1996, and the International Year of Older Persons,

Reaffirming the original mandate and distinct capacity of the Institute to carry out research and training for the advancement of women, as stipulated in General Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its sixteenth session and the decisions contained therein;¹⁰⁶

2. *Commends* the work of the Institute on the issues addressing the process of the economic and political empowerment of women; statistics and indicators in gender issues; women, natural resources and sustainable development: water, waste management and renewable sources of energy; and issues related to different groups, such as elderly, displaced, refugee and migrant women;

3. *Also commends* the Institute for its efforts to further develop active and close cooperation with the specialized and related agencies of the United Nations system, and with other

organs, programmes and institutions, so as to promote programmes that contribute to the advancement of women;

4. *Reiterates* the importance of maintaining the level of resources devoted to independent research and related training activities that are crucial for the empowerment of women;

5. *Calls upon* States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute through voluntary contributions and pledges to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, thus enabling the Institute to continue to respond effectively to its mandate.

*51st plenary meeting
26 July 1996*

¹⁰⁵ E/1995/80.

¹⁰⁶ E/1996/56.