

Resolution

2009/13

Future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling all its previous resolutions on the situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, and in particular recalling General Assembly resolution 63/157 of 18 December 2008,

Taking into account Commission on the Status of Women resolution 52/3 of 7 March 2008 on the strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,¹

Welcoming the contributions of the Institute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,² the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action³ and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,⁴

Acknowledging the contributions of the Institute in promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women in the areas of security, international migration, in particular remittances and development, and governance and political participation,

Recognizing the contribution of the Institute to the ongoing efforts in gender mainstreaming through its research and training outputs involving national gender machineries, academic institutes, regional intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;⁵

2. *Requests* the Institute, within its mandate, to continue to assist countries in promoting and supporting the political participation and economic and social advancement of women through training programmes;

3. *Stresses* the critical importance of voluntary financial contributions by Member States to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to enable it to carry out its mandate, and invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund;

4. *Calls for* the diversification of funding resources, and in this regard invites Member States to continue to provide assistance and support to the Institute through voluntary contributions and substantive involvement in its projects and activities;

¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2008, Supplement No. 7 (E/2008/27)*, chap. I, sect. D.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1249, No. 20378.

³ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

⁴ General Assembly resolution S-23/3, annex.

⁵ E/CN.6/2009/11.

5. *Looks forward* to the enhanced implementation of the strategic plan of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women under the leadership of the new director, and, in this regard, urges the Secretary-General to appoint, as a matter of priority, its new director.

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