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**“Strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women”**

*The Commission on the Status of Women,*

*Recalling* all relevant General Assembly resolutions on the Strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 2007/37 of 25 July 2007, in which the Council reaffirmed the specific mandate of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to conduct research and training for gender equality and the empowerment of women as a central focal point for research and training on gender issues within the United Nations System,

*Bearing in mind* the request of the Economic and Social Council to increase its cooperation with the Commission on the Status of Women and with other subsidiary bodies of the Council,

*Recognizing* the contributions of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to the ongoing efforts of mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programs of the United Nations System, in accordance with the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome documents of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly in order to contribute to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

*Bearing in mind* the Strategic Framework of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women for the period 2008-2011,

*Recalling* the research papers prepared by the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on the development potential of remittances from a gender perspective, as well as the financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women, which constitute valuable inputs for the discussions of the priority theme of the current session of the Commission,

*Recognizing* the innovative initiatives promoted by the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women in order to strengthen the cooperation with Governments, the national mechanisms of gender equality and civil society; as well as its ongoing efforts to enhance the collaboration with all relevant United Nations bodies in the promotion of the advancement of women and gender equality,

*Stressing* the importance of strengthening independent research, training and compilation of related databases, which are crucial elements for mainstreaming a gender perspective into policy, planning and implementation,

*Expressing* satisfaction with the progress that the INSTRAW has made in the area of resource mobilization, which has enabled the full reimbursement of the amount committed by the Secretary-General on an exceptional basis and received in 2007 and increase the level of voluntary funding from various donors,

1. *Takes note* of the active participation and valuable contributions of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to the discussions of the current session of the Commission;

2. *Encourages* the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, in accordance with its mandate, to actively participate in the preparatory process of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, in order to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, in the context of financing for development;

3. *Also requests* the Institute, in accordance with its mandate, to collaborate with the United Nations system, national machinery, non-governmental organizations and the private sector in promoting international cooperation to foster women's empowerment and gender equality, including through, inter alia, the promotion of better access to education for women and girls, and the mainstreaming of a gender perspective in all policies and programmes;

4. *Further Requests* the Institute, within its mandate, to continue to assist countries upon their request, in promoting gender equality and empowerment of women through training programmes;

5. *Stresses* the 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;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide appropriate administrative assistance and support to the Institute, in accordance with the provisions of the Statute of the Institute, including by enhancing coordination among the Institute, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and UN Department of Management (DM), in order to ensure that the objectives of the Strategic Plan, including resource mobilization efforts, are effectively and efficiently carried out;

7. *Recognises*, in accordance with the decision of the INSTRAW Executive Board at its fifth session, the importance of the continuity of the Directorship of the Institute;

8. *Decides* to continue considering these issues, and requests the Secretary General to present a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Substantive Session of the Economic and Social Council in 2009 through the Commission at its fifty-third session.