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### United Nations research and training institutes

#### **Dominican Republic,\* Ecuador,\* Guatemala, Monaco,\* Nicaragua, Paraguay and Qatar:\* draft resolution**

#### **United Nations Institute for Training and Research**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2009/27 of 30 July 2009, 2011/11 of 22 July 2011, 2013/45 of 26 July 2013, 2017/6 of 21 April 2017 and 2019/13 of 7 June 2019,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 62/210 of 19 December 2007 and section I of resolution 64/260 of 29 March 2010,

*Welcoming* the flexibility, adaptability and efforts made by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in delivering its services and products to Member States, funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system and other actors during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic,

*Acknowledging* the alignment of the strategy of the Institute with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development<sup>1</sup> and its Sustainable Development Goals and the structural reforms undertaken to organize its programme of work under the peace, people, planet and prosperity dimensions of the 2030 Agenda,

*Acknowledging also* the significant growth in beneficiary outreach to meet the learning and other capacity needs of government officials and other stakeholders from countries in special situations, in particular African countries, the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, as well as middle-income countries,

*Acknowledging further* the expansion of the programming of the Institute into new thematic areas, including health and nutrition, and its plans to further develop this field in the areas of universal health coverage, vaccination and immunization, mental health and good surgery practices, in partnership with the World Health Organization and other relevant stakeholders,

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\* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution 70/1.



*Noting with appreciation* that the Operational Satellite Applications Programme of the Institute is celebrating its twentieth anniversary and the recommendation of the Secretary-General to recognize the Programme as the United Nations satellite centre,

*Noting* the continued stable overall financial situation of the Institute, and expressing its appreciation to Governments and other strategic partners that have made or pledged voluntary contributions to the Institute,

*Noting also* the contributions to the Strategic Framework Fund and non-earmarked contributions and their impact on core functions of the Institute,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>2</sup>
2. *Recognizes* the effort made by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, and encourages the Institute to continue its innovative approaches to product and service delivery to Member States, the United Nations system and other actors;
3. *Encourages* the Institute to continue to respond to learning and other capacity needs in accordance with its mandate and the outcomes of relevant international conferences, and to continue to align and harmonize its activity with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
4. *Also encourages* the Institute to continue to develop training programming in the fields of diplomacy, international relations, sustainable development, economic cooperation, mainstreaming a gender perspective and women's empowerment, international law, including human rights, indigenous peoples, and in the use of geospatial technologies and knowledge derived from satellite imagery and relevant United Nations entities, to support evidence-based decision-making, notably in the field of disaster risk reduction;
5. *Renews its appeal* to Member States to provide voluntary non-earmarked contributions to the Institute;
6. *Welcomes* the commitment of Member States and stakeholders to continue to support the Strategic Framework Fund as a mechanism to support the implementation of the 2018–2021 strategic framework;
7. *Encourages* further voluntary contributions to the Strategic Framework Fund;
8. *Encourages* the Institute to continue to build and strengthen partnerships with all stakeholders, including United Nations system entities, the private sector, academia and civil society;
9. *Decides* to recognize the Operational Satellite Applications Programme as the United Nations satellite centre, as recommended by the Secretary General in paragraph 71 of his report;
10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council in 2023 on the implementation of the present resolution.

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<sup>2</sup> E/2021/49.