

*Recalling* that in order to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, the limitations to the principles of consent and confidentiality may only be prescribed by law, for compelling reasons within the bounds of public international law and the international law of human rights,

1. *Urges* States to ensure that no one shall be subjected to discrimination based on genetic characteristics;

2. *Also urges* States to protect the privacy of those subject to genetic testing and to ensure that genetic testing is done with the prior, free, informed and express consent of the individual or authorization obtained in the manner prescribed by law and in accordance with public international law and the international law of human rights;

3. *Invites* States to take appropriate specific measures, including through legislation, to prevent the use of genetic information and testing leading to discrimination or exclusion against individuals or members of their families or other persons with whom they may share certain genetic characteristics in all areas, particularly in social, medical or employment-related areas, whether in the public or the private sector;

4. *Calls upon* States to promote, as appropriate, the development and implementation of standards providing greater protection with regard to the collection, storage, disclosure and use of genetic information taken from genetic tests that might lead to discrimination or invasion of privacy;

5. *Urges* States to continue to support research in the area of human genetics and biotechnology, subject to accepted scientific and ethical standards and to the potential benefit of all, especially the poor, emphasizing that such research and its applications should fully respect human dignity, freedom and human rights, as well as the prohibition of all forms of discrimination based on genetic characteristics;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Governments and relevant international organizations and functional commissions in order to collect the information and comments received pursuant to it, and to submit a report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 2003.

*43rd plenary meeting  
26 July 2001*

## **2001/40 Revitalization and strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2000/24 of 28 July 2000, in which, inter alia, it expressed grave concern that the level of contributions had not adequately increased to a level to enable, in particular, the full implementation of the Gender Awareness Information and Networking System or the operational viability of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women beyond 31

December 2000, and reiterating the importance of supporting traditional methods of information, dissemination, research and training,

*Also recalling* General Assembly resolution 55/219, in which the Assembly decided to provide the Institute with financial assistance on a non-recurrent basis, enabling the Institute to continue its activities throughout 2001,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>139</sup>
2. *Appreciates* the support of Member States in approving the advance to the Institute of up to US\$ 800,000 for 2001, pending receipt of voluntary contributions, on a one-time, exceptional and emergency basis;
3. *Takes note* of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its twenty-first session and the recommendations and decisions contained therein;<sup>140</sup>
4. *Expresses appreciation* to the Director of the Institute for her efforts to revitalize the Institute through the Gender Awareness Information and Networking System vision and methodology, and urges the Secretary-General to ensure that a new Director is appointed immediately in order to ensure continuity in the leadership and direction of the Institute;
5. *Commends* the Institute for the implementation of successive phases I-II of the System;
6. *Expresses appreciation* for the efforts made by the Director of the Institute as well as its Board of Trustees in developing a fund-raising strategy for the Institute, and urges that it be implemented as soon as possible;
7. *Expresses concerns* that, due to the insufficient reserves in the Institute's Trust Fund at the current time, the Institute may be unable to continue its operations beyond 2001;
8. *Takes into account* that the Institute cannot anticipate the level of contributions that will be received during the course of 2001;
9. *Recommends* that the General Assembly consider transferring to the Institute any balance remaining of the sum of \$800,000 advanced for 2001 by the General Assembly as a reserve for the year 2002, and invites the General Assembly to consider requesting the Joint Inspection Unit to conduct a review of the Institute's Trust Fund and an urgent evaluation of the activities of the Institute, including options for the Institute's future;
10. *Invites* the Institute to further intensify its campaign to raise funds and attract support from, inter alia, private sector foundations and corporations for its activities;
11. *Decides* to amend article V (5) of the statute of the Institute with regard to the approval of focal points, to read:  

"Correspondents and focal points in countries or regions may be used by the Institute to assist in maintaining contact with national or regional institutions and in carrying out or advising on studies and research";

<sup>139</sup> E/2001/76.

<sup>140</sup> E/2001/88.

12. *Urges* the Secretary-General to:

(a) *Continue to encourage* Member States to make voluntary contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for the Institute so that it can continue to operate at an adequate level during 2002;

(b) *Continue to encourage* other relevant sources of funding within the United Nations, including the United Nations Foundation, to contribute to the restructuring of the Institute;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002 as well as to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*43rd plenary meeting  
26 July 2001*

## **2001/41**

### **Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Affirming* that gender mainstreaming constitutes a critical strategy in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action<sup>141</sup> and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,<sup>142</sup> and for achieving the overall goal of gender equality,

*Recalling* its agreed conclusions 1997/2 on mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system,<sup>143</sup>

*Welcoming* General Assembly resolution 55/71 of 4 December 2000, in which the Assembly, inter alia, invited the Council to continue to further policy coordination and inter-agency cooperation towards the achievement of the objectives of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including by considering the dedication of specific segments to the advancement of women and the implementation of the above-mentioned instruments and by mainstreaming a gender perspective in all its work,

*Having considered* resolution 45/2 of the Commission on the Status of Women,<sup>144</sup>

*Determined* to further intensify its efforts to ensure that gender mainstreaming is an integral part of all its activities concerning integrated and coordinated follow-up to United Nations conferences,

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<sup>141</sup> *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), resolution 1, annex II.

<sup>142</sup> General Assembly resolutions S-23/2 and S-23/3.

<sup>143</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/52/3/Rev.1), chap. IV, para. 4.

<sup>144</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2001, Supplement No. 7* (E/2001/27), chap. I, sect. B.