

# **RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

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**1998/47. Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields: modalities for elections**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking into account its resolution 1998/46 of 31 July 1998 and annexes I to III thereto,*

*Bearing in mind that the Council, at its resumed substantive session of 1998, will hold elections for the composition of the bodies referred to in annex I to resolution 1998/46, so that these bodies are fully constituted from 1 January 1999,*

1. *Decides to terminate, as of 31 December 1998, the current membership of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, the Committee for Development Planning, the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development;*

2. *Also decides to hold new elections for the thirty-three members of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, in accordance with the pattern for regional distribution agreed upon and set forth in paragraph 6 of annex I to resolution 1998/46; and following the election of the new members, there shall be a drawing of lots for all seats, whether vacant or not, to stagger the terms of office: sixteen members of the Commission shall serve for a term of two years (four members from African States, three members from Asian States, three members from Latin American and Caribbean States, two members from Eastern European States and four members from Western European and other States) and seventeen members shall serve for a term of four years (four members from African States, four members from Asian States, three members from Latin American and Caribbean States, two members from Eastern European States and four members from Western European and other States);*

3. *Further decides that, in accordance with previous practice, the terms of office of all the members of the Committee for Development Policy shall be concurrent;*

4. *Decides that the election of members of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development shall be held every four years and the terms of office of all the members of the Committee shall be concurrent.*

*47th plenary meeting  
31 July 1998*

**1998/48. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling General Assembly resolution 52/95 of 12 December 1997 on the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,*

*Reiterating the importance of the autonomous status of the Institute, as set out in article I of its statute,<sup>143</sup>*

<sup>143</sup> A/39/511, annex.

*Welcoming the recent appointment of the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,*

*Bearing in mind that the entire operation of the Institute depends solely on voluntary contributions,*

*Expressing deep concern over the serious financial situation of the Institute, and noting the efforts undertaken to date by the Director to assuage that concern,*

*Welcoming the growing number of developing countries that contribute to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,*

*Reiterating the content of paragraph 334 of the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women<sup>2</sup> and the relevant provisions contained in agreed conclusions 1997/2 of 18 July 1997 of the Economic and Social Council, on mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system,<sup>45</sup> which emphasized the need for research and related training activities and the role of the Institute within the United Nations system,*

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 eighteenth session<sup>144</sup> and the decisions contained therein;*

2. *Also takes note of the programme budget of the Institute for the biennium 1998-1999, approved by the Board of Trustees at its eighteenth session;<sup>145</sup>*

3. *Commends the Institute for its efforts to coordinate its activities with the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Secretariat, the United Nations Development Fund for Women and other entities of the United Nations and through relevant inter-agency and Administrative Committee on Coordination subcommittees and its efforts to develop joint activities and fund-raising with the specialized and related agencies of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, so as to promote programmes that contribute to the advancement of women;*

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

5. *Requests the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, in cooperation with the Board of Trustees and all interested partners, taking into account the outcome of the planned Inter-Agency Brainstorming Workshop and the planned International Dialogue on Research Priorities, to draw up a strategic and comprehensive work plan, without delay, setting out a vision for the future, taking into account the comparative advantages of the mandate of the Institute within the United Nations system;*

6. *Requests the Joint Inspection Unit, in accordance with its proposed work plan, to carry out an evaluation of the*

<sup>144</sup> E/1998/46.

<sup>145</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. V.