

RESOLUTION A.559(14)

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Agenda item 18(b)*

THE WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING resolution A.501(XII) by which it decided to establish the World Maritime University to meet the vital need for training of personnel in the running of safe and efficient merchant marines, the operation of efficient ports and sound maritime administrations in developing countries,

RECALLING ALSO resolution A.549(13) under which it established a Working Group of the Assembly to assist in obtaining the recurring contributions necessary to permit a secure future for the World Maritime University, and authorized the Secretary-General to take all appropriate and necessary steps to facilitate and assist the work of the Working Group,

HAVING CONSIDERED the reports received on the establishment and progress of the World Maritime University and the conclusions of its Working Group,

NOTING the remarkable success of the World Maritime University which has already produced the first group of 68 graduates and a second group which is due to graduate on 10 December 1985,

NOTING ALSO that the University has been placed on a sound and solid academic and administrative basis,

NOTING FURTHER WITH GREAT APPRECIATION the generous financial support being provided at present on a regular annual basis by the Government of Sweden, the Government of Norway, the United Nations Development Programme, and the Commonwealth Secretariat and, on an ad hoc basis, by other donors, in the form of fellowships and other donations,

CONCERNED HOWEVER that regular and assured contributions presently account for only about half of the University's expenditure, and bearing in mind the desirability of developing a plan for the sound financing of the University,

BEING AWARE that the World Maritime University will do everything possible within its Charter to maintain the quality and relevance of its courses, to publicize itself and to develop additional means of raising revenue and acquisition of other appropriate facilities,

1. REQUESTS the United Nations Development Programme to enhance significantly its annual contribution to the World Maritime University during the next UNDP programming cycle, 1987-1991;
2. REQUESTS the Government of Sweden, as host, to enhance significantly its annual financial support to the World Maritime University;
3. REQUESTS Member States of IMO, in particular developed countries, to provide financial assistance to the University in all appropriate ways, for example:
 - (a) By pledging voluntarily a specific number of fellowships for the University for the period 1987-1991;

(b) By contributing to the World Maritime University Capital Fund with the aim of achieving its target of \$25 million; and

(c) By other means of support to the University, for example a voluntary annual grant;

4. REQUESTS organizations, especially those enjoying consultative status with IMO, trusts, foundations, corporations and individuals to provide financial assistance to the University in all appropriate ways, particularly in accordance with the proposals in paragraph 3(a), (b) and (c) above;

5. REQUESTS developing countries to give priority to fellowships for the World Maritime University in discussions with bilateral donors and with the United Nations Development Programme;

6. AUTHORIZES the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to follow up the above requests.