Summary

The present report has been prepared in compliance with General Assembly resolution 59/252 of 22 December 2004. The report highlights the main features of the ongoing training and capacity-building programmes of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). It puts special emphasis on recent methodologies developed by the Institute such as e-learning and web-based interactive platforms, knowledge management and new approaches to public-private partnerships.

It proposes ways in which UNITAR could provide more systematically specialized common services to the United Nations funds and programmes and to the organizations of the system. While the voluntary contributions remain at a low level, the financial situation of UNITAR has improved, owing to the increase of special-purpose grants.

The report concludes by providing seven concrete recommendations.