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## OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Extract from the report of the Governing Council of the  
United Nations Development Programme on its organizational  
meeting for 1984 and on its thirty-first session \*/

### Note by the Secretariat

The decisions adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its organizational meeting for 1984 and at its thirty-first session are presented in the annex to the present note.

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## INTRODUCTION

1. The report on the thirty-first session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is presented to the Economic and Social Council in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 2079 (XX) of 22 November 1965.

2. The report is submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984 for consideration under item 19 of its agenda, entitled "Operational activities for development". The decisions adopted by the Governing Council which are relevant to this item are listed below:

- 84/4. Measures to be taken to meet the changing technical co-operation requirements of the developing countries
- 84/6. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit
- 84/10. Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries
- 84/15. Evaluation
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- 84/23. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (UNRFNRE)
- 84/43. Action taken in response to General Assembly resolution 37/228

3. In addition, the following decisions of the Governing Council are relevant to the consideration of other items on the agenda of the Economic and Social Council:

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	84/19. Use of United Nations Volunteers to assist the most severely affected African countries in the implementation of emergency assistance programmes
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84/L. Programme and organization of work of the Governing Council  
in 1984

I

1. Approves the provisional agenda and the tentative schedule of work for its thirty-first session as contained in annexes I, II and III to DP/1984/L.2;

2. Decides that the schedule of meetings shall be as follows:

Plenary	4 June 1984 (a.m.), 12-29 June 1984
Committee of the Whole	4 June 1984 (p.m.) - 8 June 1984
Budgetary and Finance Committee	4-29 June 1984
Drafting Group	18-29 June 1984

II

1. Agrees that, upon resolving itself into the Committee of the Whole on 4 June 1984, the Committee of the Whole would deal with the following items of the provisional agenda:

5(b) Programme planning: country and intercountry programmes and projects

4(d) Programme implementation: evaluation;

2. Decides to allocate the following items of the provisional agenda for consideration by its Budgetary and Finance Committee:

4(b) Implemenation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions: Government contributions to local office costs

4(c) Special programmes of assistance: report on assistance to Namibia;

6 United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) (financial and administrative questions related to this item)

8 Other funds and programmes (financial and administrative questions related to this item)

8(a) United Nations Volunteers (UNV)

8(b) United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)

8(c) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (UNRFNRE)

8(d) Technical co-operation among developing countries (TCDC)

8(e) United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (UNFSSTD)

8(f) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO)

8(g) Programmes in energy development

9(a) Annual review of the financial situation 1983



- 9(b) Revised budget estimates for the biennium 1984-1985
- 9(c) Extrabudgetary resources
- 9(d) Trust funds
- 9(e) UNDP financial regulations
- 9(f) Agency support costs
- 9(g) Audit reports
- 9(h) Sectoral support
- 9(i) Other matters

and decides that the Budgetary and Finance Committee shall also review the financial implications of draft decisions before the Council can take action thereon;

### III

Agrees to waive the 10-week rule for the submission of certain documents to be considered by the Governing Council at its thirty-first session as described in document DP/1984/2 and Corr.1.;

### IV

Confirms the principles contained in section III of Governing Council decision 83/1, which shall guide the deliberations of the Drafting Group;

### V

Athorizes its Bureau, in consultation with the Administrator, to review and, if required, adjust the organizational arrangements for the thirty-first session provisionally agreed to at the present organizational meeting, taking into account any new developments which might have a bearing on the session;

### VI

Takes note of the oral progress report by the Secretary of the Governing Council on further steps and efforts to implement the various decisions of the Council on the rationalization of its work.

4th meeting  
23 February 1984

## 84/2. Joint United Nations/UNDP/UNIDO evaluation in the field of manufactures

### The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator contained in document DP/1984/1 and of the views expressed by delegations during the organizational meeting of the Council as contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1984/SR.2-4):

2. Notes that many of the recommendations contained in the evaluation study are already implemented under existing UNDP policies and procedures and that other recommendations contained in the evaluation study are the subject of further study by the Administrator with a view to determining whether they can appropriately be introduced into UNDP policies and procedures;

3. Decides to transmit to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination the report of the Administrator (DP/1984/1) and the views expressed by delegations in the Council (DP/1984/SR.2-4);

4. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council on the actions taken or his recommendations in respect of each separate recommendation contained in the evaluation report; and

5. Decides to examine further this report at its thirty-first session in the light of the recommendations and observations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

4th meeting  
23 February 1984

84/3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the Governing Council at its thirty-first session

The Governing Council

Adopts the agenda for its thirty-first session as contained in documents DP/1984/L.3 and DP/1984/3 and Corr.1, as well as the schedule of work contained in document DP/1984/L.4.

5th meeting  
4 June 1984

84/4. Measures to be taken to meet the changing technical co-operation requirements of developing countries

The Governing Council

Reaffirming the critical role of technical co-operation in promoting self-reliance and building human resources in developing countries and the unique contribution of the United Nations Development Programme to this effort,

Reaffirming also the central and co-ordinating role of the United Nations Development Programme as the leading body for technical co-operation within the framework of the United Nations,

Recognizing the importance of ensuring that the technical co-operation activities of the United Nations system remain responsive to changing development needs and geared to the specific requirements of individual countries,

Recognizing also the necessity to continue the examination of ways in which the provision of technical co-operation by the Programme in addressing those needs can be made more effective,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system and 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1985 on new dimensions in technical co-operation, together with their annexes,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980 stressing, inter alia, the important role to be played by technical co-operation in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling further General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system and 35/81 of 5 December 1980 on a comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development, and General Assembly resolution 37/226 of 20 December 1982 on operational activities for development of the United Nations system and the role of the United Nations Development Programme therein,

Sharing the deep concern expressed by Governments and by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme that the Programme be adequately financed and equipped to meet the changing technical co-operation requirements of developing countries,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator on measures to be taken to meet the changing technical co-operation requirements of developing countries (DP/1984/4) and the relevant parts of DP/1984/5, the annual report of the Administrator for 1983, and the comments of Governments thereon,

1. Notes the Administrator's findings on the continuing need for technical co-operation and on the changing requirements for such co-operation which call for new measures and appropriate adaptations on the part of the Programme;

2. Stresses the importance of maintaining a balanced approach in meeting such needs and the necessity of enhanced effectiveness in the programming and implementation process;

3. Affirms the necessity to maintain the capacity of the Programme for flexible responses to meet changing needs in a widely varying set of local conditions and in this regard to pursue the "continuous programming" within the framework of the country programmes as an effective means of responding to changing technical co-operation needs of a country;

4. Urges all organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate with the United Nations Development Programme in making effective use of the country programming process as a frame of reference for technical co-operation;

5. Considers that the assessment and planning of over-all technical co-operation needs of the developing countries could provide a useful framework of action for co-ordinated provision of the technical assistance from external sources, that the country programming process can be a useful vehicle for interested countries in this respect and requests the Administrator to assist Governments, at their request, in formulating such programmes;

6. Encourages Governments, when preparing their country programmes, to continue taking into account the global themes and priorities elaborated and expressed in various intergovernmental resolutions as they relate to their national plans;

7. Further encourages Governments to consider the advisability of bringing together smaller projects into "umbrella projects" to reduce the administrative workload entailed in managing larger numbers of smaller projects and to gain in programming impact;

8. Invites the executing agencies to continue to improve their policies and procedures to ensure that their accumulated technical knowledge is fully accessible to Governments irrespective of project execution arrangements;

9. Notes with satisfaction the increased co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and regional development banks in accordance with paragraph 23 of General Assembly resolution 38/171 and within the framework of the follow-up activities and urges these organizations to continue their close collaboration with the Programme, especially with respect to country and sectoral analysis, and the programming and implementation of technical co-operation;

10. Reaffirms the importance of pre-investment and investment support activities as an integral part of the Programme's technical co-operation programme;

11. Welcomes the expanded role being played by the Programme's field office network in the management and support services being placed at the disposal of Governments, as well as the increasingly important role of these offices in resource mobilization;

12. Endorses the Administrator's view that the more advanced developing countries continue to require multilateral technical co-operation from the Programme particularly in such areas as high technology, and in other areas where changing economic and social circumstances make new demands;

13. Urges the Programme to continue expanding and adapting its services and assistance to low-income developing countries and ensure that their emerging needs in high technology and in other areas where changing economic and social circumstances make new demands also receive adequate attention;

14. Also urges the Programme to continue to respond effectively to meet the technical assistance needs of the least developed countries, in particular towards implementation of relevant parts of the Substantive New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries;

15. Expresses its appreciation to the Administrator for assisting the least developed countries in the preparation of round-table meetings as called for by the Substantive New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries and urges the Administrator to pay special attention to the follow-up to round-table meetings;

16. Welcomes the emphasis placed by the Administrator on grassroots approaches for development and on recipient Governments' increasingly tapping the potential of non-governmental organizations within the context of country programming and project execution, without prejudice to the basic principles of the Programme as embodied in the 1970 Consensus;

17. Welcomes further the Administrator's initiatives to strengthen and broaden the Programme's efforts to assist Governments, strictly in accordance with their priorities and expressly at their wish and with their consent, through collaboration with the private sector;

18. Stress the importance of covering both the short-term and long-term needs of developing countries for skilled manpower and requests the Administrator to consider measures for addressing these needs, including the proposal for a human resources facility put forward during its thirty-first session and to report thereon at its thirty-second session;

19. Invites the Administrator to consider ways in which Government can be assisted in the strengthening of their central planning and co-ordination capabilities;

20. Recognizes the increasing interest of Governments in more effective country-level co-ordination, by the recipient Government, of external assistance and recognizes as well that the structure and resources of the Programme can provide recipient Governments, at their request, with complementary means for achieving this task;

21. Reaffirms that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and paragraph 22 of General Assembly resolution 38/171 of 19 December 1983 as well as the priorities set by the Government and in consultation and with the consent of the Government concerned, the United Nations Development Programme country programming process be used as a frame of reference for the co-ordination of United Nations operational activities for development at the country level under the over-all responsibility of the Resident Co-ordinator and with full use of the facilities of the Programme's network, in order to facilitate the task of the host country in co-ordinating external assistance, achieving improved coherence of action, reducing administrative overhead costs and avoiding duplication of effort;

22. Appeals to the participating organizations of the United Nations system to join with the Programme in the efforts of the host government to bring about wider and more effective development co-operation at the country level in accordance with the wishes of the host Government; and

23. Requests the Administrator to undertake further steps to strengthen the co-ordination capabilities of the United Nations Development Programme field offices and to report thereon to the next session of the Governing Council.

33rd meeting  
29 June 1984

84/5. Annual report of the Administrator

The Governing Council,

Having considered the annual report of the Administrator for 1983 (DP/1984/5 and Add.1-4, and 5 (Part I), and 5 (Part II) and Corr.1 and Add.6),

Taking into account the views expressed thereon during the thirty-first session of the Governing Council,

1. Welcomes the steps taken by the Administrator to improve Programme effectiveness, including, in particular, the enhanced services being extended by United Nations Development Programme field offices at the country level, as well as the increased emphasis on evaluation;

2. Takes note with appreciation of the vigorous implementation by the Administrator of the provisions of Governing Council decision 83/5 stemming from the work of the Intersessional Committee of the Whole;

3. Encourages the Administrator in his efforts to mobilize additional resources for technical co-operation at the country level;

4. Requests the Administrator to conduct a survey of Governing Council members to ascertain the usefulness of documents issued for the thirty-first session, the results of the survey to be used as a basis for a discussion at the thirty-second session in 1985; and

5. Encourages the Administrator to continue his efforts at ensuring the timely preparation and distribution of documentation for the consideration of the Governing Council.

33rd meeting  
29 June 1984

84/6. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

The Governing Council,

I

Having considered the note by the Administrator on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit issued since the beginning of 1983 (DP/1984/6),

Takes note of the information provided therein with respect to the report on the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) (JIU/REP/83/1), the report on the United Nations Department of Technical Co-operation for Development (JIU/REP/83/2), the report on the United Nations Department of International Economic and Social Affairs (JIU/REP/83/7), the report on the contribution of the United Nations system to conservation and management of cultural and natural heritage in Asia and the Pacific (JIU/REP/83/10), as well as with respect to General Assembly resolution 38/229 regarding the recommendation of the Joint Inspection Unit contained in paragraph 12 of its annual report (A/38/34).

## II

Having considered the Joint Inspection Unit's "Progress report on the implementation of recommendations on regional programmes in the conservation and management of African wildlife" (JIU/REP/83/3),

Accepts the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit contained in its report, taking into account the comments of the Secretary-General on those recommendations as contained in document E/1984/3/Add.1,

## III

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit, "Field offices of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (JIU/REP/83/4), and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon contained in document DP/1984/7,

1. Accepts recommendation 1 on the strengthening of field offices, but takes note of the Secretary-General's comment that a policy recommendation regarding general contributions to the cost of UNDP field offices should await a full examination of all the field offices of all the organizations of the system including the related cost, and that the role of the Resident Co-ordinator should be taken into account;

2. Takes note also of the Administrator's intention to review the staffing and other needs of the field offices particularly in the least developed countries in Africa;

3. Urges recipient Governments to make available on secondment to the UNDP field offices in their countries a number of qualified persons to serve as programme officers;

4. Accepts recommendation 2 on policy implementation, taking into account the relevant comment of the Secretary-General;

5. Accepts recommendation 3 on substantive programme functions, bearing in mind that substantive programme work remains the major part of the workload of most field offices;

6. Accepts those parts of recommendation 4 on personnel questions contained in paragraphs (a), (c) and (d) on page 26 of the report, noting that these recommendations are already an integral part of UNDP's personnel policies and practices; and

7. Does not accept paragraph (b) of recommendation 4 in the light of the Administrator's reservations contained in paragraph 25 of the Secretary-General's comments and in the light of the discussion in the Council at its thirty-first session.

#### IV

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit, "Evaluation System of the United Nations Development Programme" (JIU/REP/83/5) and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon contained in document DP/1984/9,

Accepts the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit, noting that recommendation 2, calling for the establishment of a Central Evaluation Unit, has already been implemented.

#### V

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit, "Office for Projects Execution of the United Nations Development Programme (OPE)" (JIU/REP/83/9),

Taking note of the comments of the Administrator in document DP/1984/8, of the other organizations of the United Nations System in document DP/1984/74, and of the Secretary-General in document A/39/80/Add.1,

Taking note also of the comments of the Administrator during the discussion of this report, and the assurances given by him regarding his intention to undertake meaningful consultations with agencies and organizations of the United Nations system within the context of the Guidelines for Direct Execution issued by the Administrator,

Recalling paragraphs 38-42 of General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the responsibility of the Administrator in consultation with Governments to select the agent by which Programme assistance to each project will be implemented,

Recalling further the Administrator's full responsibility and accountability for all phases and aspects of the implementation of the Programme,

1. Does not accept recommendation 1 made by the Unit;
2. Accepts recommendation 2 made by the Unit;
3. Welcomes the Administrator's statement of his adherence to the principle of partnership as set out in the Consensus regarding the designation of executing agencies, bearing in mind always his obligation to provide the best possible service to developing countries;



4. Reaffirms that the Office for Projects Execution has been established with the full approval of the Council in recognition of the need of the Administrator to have at his disposal an appropriate instrument for providing direct project services to Governments;

5. Approves the continued use of the Office for Projects Execution as an agent for the implementation of projects where the Administrator decides in consultation with the Government and the executing agencies concerned that the expertise or services required are such that the delivery of service through the Office for Projects Execution will best serve the interests of the country concerned; and

6. Requests the Administrator to pursue vigorously the goal of self-reliance as expressed in the Governing Council decision on the new dimensions for technical co-operation of 25 June 1975 and endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 3405 (XXX) by promoting the modality of government execution and the innovative use of the Office of Projects Execution as a co-operating organization.

33rd meeting  
29 June 1984

84/7. Measures to promote better understanding of the role of the United Nations Development Programme and of the resource needs of the Programme

The Governing Council,

Recognizing that the expanded support for the United Nations Development Programme and the growth in its resources are linked to knowledge and appreciation of the role and achievements of the Programme, particularly in donor countries,

Considering that the United Nations Development Programme, with the largest volume of voluntary contributions to mobilize each year and the most difficult image to project, has one of the smallest information budgets among the major funds and agencies of the United Nation system,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the progress report by the Administrator (DP/1984/10) on the implementation of the action proposals submitted to the Intersessional Committee of the Whole (DP/1983/ICW/7) to promote a better understanding of the role and activities and resource needs of the Programme; and

2. Requests the Administrator to present specific proposals together with their budgetary implications, if any, for the strengthening of the Programme's Division of Information and its activities to the thirty-second session of the Council.

33rd meeting  
29 June 1984

84/8. Pre-investment activities

The Governing Council,

Having considered the progress report of the Administrator on pre-investment activities (DP/1984/11),

Reiterating its invitation to Governments to give due priority to pre-investment activities in their country programming,

1. Notes the progress made in financing feasibility studies from the special account of \$1 million from Special Programme Resources;

2. Endorses the efforts of the Administrator and the agencies to increase pre-investment activities under the co-operative arrangements;

3. Takes note of the relationship established between the United Nations Development Programme and sources of development finance to promote complementarity of programming and follow-up investment to United Nations Development Programme-assisted pre-investment activities and requests the Administrator to continue in the framework of the mandate given to him earlier by the Council such relationships and consider broadening their scope to include other sources of finance as mandated; and

4. Notes the progress under the training programmes in pre-investment for Programme staff and host Government counterparts with financial institutions including the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank and requests the Administrator to continue training in this area.

33rd meeting  
29 June 1984

84/9. Government contributions to local office costs

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of DP/1984/12 containing a progress report on host government contributions towards local office costs and a summary of legal opinion of host government obligations in this respect;

2. Expresses appreciation to Governments that have met their commitments as mutually agreed in accordance with the Standard Basic Agreement of Assistance (SBAA) or similar agreements or those that have agreed to increase their contributions to local office costs;

3. Reconfirms that, following decision 82/18, the Administrator may waive in part host government contributions to local office costs to be made by them as mutually agreed in accordance with their commitments under the SBAA or similar agreements;

4. Calls on Governments which have not done so to increase their contribution at least to the level of their commitments as mutually agreed in accordance with the SBAA or similar agreements;

5. Requests the Administrator to pursue vigorously negotiations with Governments that have not yet reached the levels indicated in paragraph 4 above for contributions to local office costs with an aim of concluding such negotiations before the end of 1984;

6. Requests the Administrator to ensure that resident representatives have appropriate consultations with the host Governments, before they submit their biennial budget requests;

7. Requests the Administrator to provide the Council with information concerning the net flow of contributions to and payments from the UNDP system in respect of each participating Government;

8. Authorizes, in connection with paragraph 7 above, the Administrator to establish from 1 January 1985 an accounting linkage of voluntary contributions, contributions to voluntary programme costs and contributions to local office costs, in such a manner that contributions are first accounted for against the local office costs; and

9. Requests the Administrator to report on progress achieved on these matters to the Governing Council at its thirty-second session.

33rd meeting  
29 June 1984

84/10. Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 83/9 of 24 June 1983 taken at its thirtieth session,

Taking note of the report submitted by the Administrator on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries (DP/1984/13 and Add.1 and Corr.1);

Noting with concern that voluntary contributions to United Nations Capital Development Fund and Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries have steadily declined in 1983 and 1984;

Noting its decision 84/18, on the economic and social crisis in Africa and bearing in mind that the LDCs in that continent have been most severely affected by that crisis;

1. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Governing Council at its thirty-second session, within the framework of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries and in anticipation of the global mid-term review of the SNPA to be held in September 1985, an evaluation report on the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of SNPA particularly focusing on the experiences gained by the Programme with the donor consultation process through round-table conferences with particular emphasis on:

- (a) The dialogue between LDCs concerned and the donor community;
  - (b) Co-ordination and utilization of aid available to LDCs concerned;
  - (c) Management of aid by LDC Governments concerned and the social and economic policy measures undertaken by them, where appropriate;
  - (d) Impact on the level and flow of aid and any resulting additionality, concessionality and flexibility in line with the commitments undertaken in the SNPA and resolution 142(VI) of UNCTAD; and
  - (e) Appropriate modalities for follow-up to the round-table conferences;
2. Reiterates its appeal to all countries, particularly donor countries, to make all possible efforts to increase their voluntary contributions to the United Nations Capital Development Fund and the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries, and/or to appropriately extend increased financial support through other suitable channels to LDCs;
3. Requests the Administrator to continue to assist Governments of LDCs as appropriate in the follow-up of round-table meetings; and
4. Welcomes the appointment of a Co-ordinator of Assistance to LDCs in the Planning and Co-ordination Office of the United Nations Development Programme.

33rd meeting  
29 June 1984

84/11. Assistance to the national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator (DP/1984/15) and the statements made during the debate by Council members and representatives of the national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity,

- 1. Takes note with appreciation of the concerted efforts and actions the Administrator has set in motion to bring about improvements in the design, implementation and monitoring of projects of assistance to the national liberation movements;
- 2. Requests the Administrator to continue to assist efficiently and with the maximum flexibility possible within the context of the Programme's mandate, the national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity, bearing in mind the comments made during the debate in the Council;

3. Also requests the Administrator to follow through with the initiatives aimed at further improving the design, implementation and monitoring of projects of assistance to the national liberation movements and take the necessary measures aimed at ensuring timely delivery of inputs to approved projects; and

4. Further requests the Administrator to continue to report to the Council on assistance to the national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity.

33rd meeting  
29 June 1984

84/12. Assistance to Namibia

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of DP/1984/14/Add.1 dealing with reimbursement of support costs for project activities financed from the United Nations Fund for Namibia;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Administrator and to the executing agencies for action taken to treat part of the costs of projects, where appropriate, as expenditure against government cash counterpart contributions (GCCC) and approves this modality;

3. Takes further note of agencies' views on the possibility of granting total waiver of support costs in respect of projects financed by the United Nations Fund for Namibia and the views of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia on the subject; and

4. Notes that the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia intends to continue discussions with the executing agencies implementing such projects with the view to obtaining full waiver of such support costs.

33rd meeting  
29 June 1984

84/13. Assistance to the Palestinian people

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 79/18 of 26 June 1979, 81/13 of 23 June 1981, 82/13 of 18 June 1982, 83/11 of 24 June 1983 and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions,

Reaffirming the commitment of UNDP to assist the Palestinian people in advancing their economic and social development,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator on the programme of assistance (document DP/1984/16),

1. Expresses satisfaction with the efforts of the Administrator in assisting the Palestinian people in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip;

2. Notes with regret that previous appeals by the Council and the General Assembly for additional special contributions amounting to at least \$8 million in the third programming cycle have drawn only a very modest response so far;

3. Reconfirms the need for such special contributions, now made even more urgent by the full commitment of all funds made available from Special Programme Resources;

4. Notes further that unless additional contributions are received, it will not be possible to undertake in timely and fully effective fashion the ready pipeline of basic development projects in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip; and

5. Requests the Administrator, when the total amount available for allocations to Special Programme Resources for the fourth cycle has been determined, to make proposals for the consideration by the Council of the amount which could be appropriately utilized from these resources, having regard to the other claims thereon, for supporting programmes of assistance to the Palestinian people.

33rd meeting

29 June 1984

84/14. Action taken to implement General Assembly resolution 38/201

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on action taken by him to implement General Assembly resolution 38/201 dealing with the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operations Trust Fund and allocation of its remaining balance (DP/1984/71 and Add.1) and the further information provided orally by the Administration,

1. Expresses its satisfaction at the speedy action taken by the Administrator, in pursuance of paragraph 1(a) of General Assembly resolution 38/201, in approving assistance to urgently needed projects, primarily in the food and agricultural sectors in countries afflicted by famine and malnutrition as a result, particularly, of severe or prolonged drought, with special emphasis on African countries;

2. Takes note of the arrangements reflected in paragraph 16 of DP/1984/71 for the initiation of project proposals for financing under paragraph 1(c) of General Assembly resolution 38/201 dealing with activities in economic and technical co-operation among developing countries of critical importance to developing countries, according to the priorities set by them; and

3. Requests the Administrator to report further to the Council at its thirty-second session on the implementation of resolution 38/201.

33rd meeting  
29 June 1984

84/15. Evaluation

The Governing Council.

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on evaluation (DP/1984/18) on the status of thematic evaluations (DP/1984/18/Annex I), the summary of the UNDP/FAO thematic evaluation study on national agricultural research (DP/1984/18/Annex II), the summary of the UNDP/ILO thematic evaluation study on training of industrial manpower (DP/1984/18/Annex III), and on the interorganizational evaluation study of women's participation in development (DP/1984/19);

2. Takes note also of the report of the Administrator on the joint United Nations/UNDP/UNIDO evaluation of UNDP-financed technical co-operation activities of UNIDO in the field of manufactures (DP/1984/68) and of chapter IV of the draft report of the Committee for Programme Co-ordination (E/AC.51/1984/L.5/Add.21); and

3. Endorses the course of action proposed by the Administrator in section II of his report contained in DP/1984/68.

33rd meeting  
29 June 1984

84/16. Mid-term review of the third programming cycle, 1982-1986

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the mid-term review of the third programming cycle (DP/1984/20 and Add.1),

Reaffirming its decision 80/30,

Reaffirming also its decision 83/5,

1. Notes the Administrator's review of the voluntary contributions experience, in particular that voluntary contributions over the past four years increased, on the average, by 7.2 per cent annually in pledged currencies but declined, on the average, by 1.2 per cent annually expressed in US dollars;

2. Also notes the Administrator's projection of resumed growth in voluntary contributions for the years 1985 and 1986, although at a level far below the one envisaged for the cycle;

3. Urges all countries which are in a position to do so, to increase their contributions to the Programme to achieve adequate real growth of the resources of the Programme during the remaining years of the third programming cycle;

4. Takes note with appreciation of the Administrator's actions to safeguard the financial and substantive integrity of the Programme;

5. Further takes note with appreciation of the actions taken by the Administrator to reduce the staffing and other administrative costs to a level which is more commensurate with the lower programme level;

6. Decides that no meaningful general revision of IPFs can be made under the current resource situation;

7. Decides further that though the current resource situation may not allow any revision of IPFs of those countries whose real economic situation has deteriorated substantially from 1978 levels, such a revision may be considered to the extent that improvement in the resource position of UNDP will permit in the future, and to the extent that it would not result in the reduction of other programmes;

8. Notes that the Administrator has been able to implement Governing Council decision 83/14, section VI, in respect of the programme levels of countries with small IPFS, as the modest amounts involved made this possible;

9. Notes the Administrator's actions to increase the resource flows to and improve the co-ordination of UNDP's activities for the least developed countries;

10. Decides that for the purpose of determining the carry-forward to the fourth cycle, the norm against which positive or negative carry-forwards would be calculated shall be derived using the 55 per cent of the illustrative IPF, except for those smaller IPFs covered by decision 83/14, as implemented;

11. Approves the proposed conditions for borrowing from fourth cycle IPFs as follows:

(a) Borrowing will be authorized only to such an extent that it does not threaten the financial integrity of the Programme and that total expenditures are kept within available resources;

(b) Borrowing will be authorized only for countries in a region up to a maximum of expected under-expenditures in the third cycle in respect of other countries in the region;

(c) Borrowing will be authorized only for countries where the fourth-cycle IPF is expected to be larger than the third-cycle illustrative IPF (at 55 per cent);

(d) Borrowing will be authorized only up to a maximum of 15 per cent of the third-cycle illustrative IPF (at 55 per cent) for each country qualifying for borrowing;



(e) Borrowing for intercountry programmes will be allowed only up to the estimated extent of underspending in other intercountry programmes and not to exceed 15 per cent of each third-cycle illustrative IPF (at 55 per cent); for the purpose of borrowing from the fourth cycle, the global and interregional programmes may be counted together as recommended in DP/1984/20/Add.1;

(f) In all cases the borrowed amount will constitute a first charge against the corresponding fourth-cycle IPF;

(g) The Administrator will report to the Governing Council on his use of selective borrowing from the fourth cycle.

12. Approves furthermore a pro-rated illustrative IPF for St. Helena of \$330,000 for the years 1984-1986;

13. Takes note of:

(a) The continued lack of adequate data to calculate illustrative IPFs for Democratic Kampuchea and Lebanon for whom provisional illustrative IPFs of \$25.5 million and \$10 million respectively will remain in effect until sufficient data are available;

(b) The fact that while revised data was available for Hungary, the illustrative IPF for Hungary remains unchanged at its "floor" level, namely \$3.5 million;

(c) The accession to independence by Brunei and the consequent revision of its illustrative IPF to \$730,000; and

14. Takes note of the Administrator's report on movement towards net contributor status as outlined in decision 80/30 paragraph 6 (e), and urges those countries which have not made progress towards those targets outlined in decision 83/30 to increase their efforts to do so with a view to reaching those targets.

33rd meeting  
29 June 1984

84/17. Country and intercountry programmes and projects

The Governing Council,

I

Takes note of the report of the Administrator on relevant trends and problems in the country programmes proposed for approval in June 1984 (DP/1984/21) as well as the comments made thereon by representatives of Governments;

## II

Takes note of the reports of the Administrator on the implementation of country programmes in each region: Africa (DP/1984/22); Arab States (DP/1984/23); Asia and the Pacific (DP/1984/24); Europe (DP/1984/26); and Latin America (DP/1984/25).

## III

1. Approves the following proposed country programmes for the duration of their programme periods and within the limits of their illustrative indicative planning figures for the period 1982-1986, taking into account the balance of over-expenditure and under-expenditure of their 1977-1981 indicative planning figures:

- (a) Africa: Benin (DP/CP/BEN/3) and Swaziland (DP/CP/SWA/3);
- (b) Arab States: Lebanon (DP/CP/LEB/2);
- (c) Asia and the Pacific: Singapore (DP/CP/SIN/5 and Corr.1);
- (d) Latin America: Bolivia (DP/CP/BOL/3 and DO/CP/BOL/NOTE/3) and El Salvador (DP/CP/ELS/3);

2. Decides to extend the country programme for Guatemala (DP/CP/GUA/EXTENSION) through 1984 and the country programme for Suriname (DP/CP/SUR/EXTENSION) through 1984 and 1985.

3. Authorizes the Administrator to proceed with appraisal and approval action on requests for UNDP assistance for projects falling within the outlines of each country programme, in accordance with Governing Council decision 81/16 of 27 June 1981 that expenditures be kept in conformity with the relevant indicative planning figures, increased as appropriate with government cost-sharing contributions, and always subject to the overriding requirements of containing expenditures within the financial resources available at any given time so as to preserve the financial integrity of the Programme;

## IV

Approves the follow-up assistance for the following global projects: International Rice Testing and Improvement Programme (Phase II) (GLO/84/001) (DP/PROJECTS/REC/13); International Maize Testing Programme and Selected Training Activities (GLO/84/002) (DP/PROJECTS/REC/12); Maximizing Crop Production through Biological Nitrogen Fixation (GLO/84/004) (DP/PROJECTS/REC/14); and Survey and Identification of World Marine Fish Resources (GLO/82/001) (DP/PROJECTS/REC/15) and authorizes the Administrator to make the appropriate arrangements for their execution.

V

Requests the Administrator, in the implementation of all the programmes listed above, to take into account the views expressed during their consideration at the thirty-first session of the Council by the representatives of Governments.

18th meeting

21 June 1984

84/18. The economic and social crisis in Africa

The Governing Council,

Recognizing with deep concern the economic and social crisis in Africa, aggravated, inter alia, by unfavourable climatic conditions and poor agricultural production in recent years, directly affecting a large part of the African population as well as its prospects for economic growth, development and the attainment of self-reliance,

Conscious of the particular burdens and severe difficulties faced by most African Governments, and the need for appropriate, intensive and sustained co-operation with and support from UNDP, other multilateral and bilateral aid partners, and the international community,

Taking note with appreciation of the Secretary-General's special initiatives undertaken in response to the immense and immediate needs in Africa and of the close collaboration and support provided to the Secretary-General by the Administrator in this regard,

Taking note also of the Administrator's report on the implementation of selected country programmes in the Africa region, 1983 (DP/1984/22) and of his comments on this subject in his introductory statement,

Taking note further of the report of the Administrator (DP/1984/22/Add.1) on UNDP activities in the Africa region during the past year,

Noting as well the Council's decision 84/10, Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,

1. Reaffirms the importance of the central co-ordinating role of UNDP within the United Nations system in assisting African Governments to meet their urgent needs as well as their medium-term and long-term technical co-operation requirements for development;

2. Urges Member Governments, organizations of the United Nations development system and other multilateral programmes within the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations to make use, as appropriate, of the capacity of the Resident Co-ordinator and the UNDP field network at the request of the recipient country concerned for the improvement of the co-ordination of technical co-operation activities at the country level to increase aid effectiveness;

3. Invites the Administrator to continue to assist Governments, at their request, in strengthening their national planning and co-ordination capabilities;

4. Further invites the Administrator, pursuant to operative paragraph 23 of General Assembly resolution 38/171 of 19 December 1983 to continue his efforts at closer collaboration with the World Bank, regional banks and with other organizations of the United Nations development system, in such areas as programming and co-ordinating assistance flows, resources mobilization and development of priority activities which could help meet immediate needs and strengthen the foundation for long-term development in Africa;

5. Notes with appreciation the attention UNDP is giving to round-table conferences of donors organized with UNDP assistance in the Africa region in order to improve development assistance efforts and aid co-ordination, and requests the Administrator to provide all possible support to future round-table conferences and to follow-up activities including donor consultations which are being undertaken by an increasing number of African countries towards the end of maximizing the effectiveness of round-table conferences as a forum for candid discussion on development needs and problems leading to increased aid flows, where appropriate, and improved design and implementation of programmes;

6. Urges donor countries to support the efforts of African countries, through UNDP and such other funds and programmes under the Administrator's authority as the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, the United Nations Capital Development Fund and the United Nations Volunteers, to plan and implement development projects and programmes designed to meet immediate needs and build Africa's capacity to deal more effectively with the development problems including periodic drought and famine as well as the limited institutional capacity which the continent faces;

7. Urges all multilateral and bilateral aid partners, including non-governmental organizations, to consider supporting priority development projects related to the economic and social crisis in Africa through, inter alia, co-financing and other cost-sharing arrangements with UNDP;

8. Requests the Administrator to take all appropriate measures to effectively support the ICARA II Conference and its appropriate follow-up;

9. Supports the Administrator's initiative to channel on an immediate and exceptional basis an increased number of United Nations volunteers to the most severely affected countries in Africa, to augment their indigenous infrastructure with technical personnel to handle the material assistance being provided from a variety of sources to face the current situation of economic crisis;

10. Endorses the Administrator's intention to review the capacity of field offices in the Africa region to undertake effectively the additional workload arising from the evolving circumstances and increased responsibilities which were not foreseen at the time of the Headquarters and

Field Office Staffing Survey, and to present to the Council at its thirty-second session recommendations on how field offices in Africa may better cope with the realities of the current economic and social crisis as well as the immediate and long-term developments in Africa;

11. Notes with appreciation the speedy action taken by the Administrator to implement General Assembly resolution 38/201, paragraph 1(a), the major part of the funds under which has been applied, in accordance with that resolution, to finance urgently needed projects in countries affected by famine and malnutrition in Africa;

12. Requests the Administrator to bring to the attention of the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session, 1984, during its high-level debate on the economic and social crisis in Africa, the action taken by the Governing Council at its thirty-first session in respect of Africa; and

13. Welcomes the efforts taken by the Administrator in assisting in the implementation of the Secretary-General's initiative on the economic and social crisis in Africa and requests the Administrator to continue to provide his fullest support to this initiative.

33rd meeting  
29 June 1984

84/19. Use of United Nations volunteers to assist the most severely affected African countries in the implementation of emergency assistance programmes

The Governing Council,

Having considered the Administrator's report contained in document DP/1984/22/Add. 1,

Cognizant of the natural disaster caused by prolonged drought that is besetting the African region,

Recalling that the Administrator is authorized by Governing Council decision 80/48 to approve special projects to finance emergency assistance and to assist in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of stricken areas,

1. Approves, on the understanding that this should not be regarded as a precedent, an allocation of \$1,500,000 from Special Programme Resources for a regional project in sub-Saharan Africa to counter the effects of the natural disaster in the region by providing United Nations volunteers to the affected region;

2. Takes note that the project document will be elaborated by the Administrator in collaboration with the Governments of the developing countries concerned; and

3. Takes note of the Administrator's assurance that fully structured assignments will be worked out with recipient Governments prior to sending United Nations volunteers to their field positions.

33rd meeting  
29 June 1984

84/20. Preparations for the fourth programming cycle

The Governing Council,

Having considered with appreciation the report of the Administrator (DP/1984/27) concerning preparations for the fourth programming cycle,

1. Takes note of the proposed timetable for the Council's actions in the preparations for the fourth programming cycle and decides to consider this subject further at a special meeting to be held in early 1985, with a view to finalizing a decision on the fourth programming cycle at the thirty-second session of the Governing Council in June 1985;

2. Requests the Administrator, in continuation of, and guided by the discussion on this subject at the thirty-first session of the Council, to prepare and submit to the special meeting alternative scenarios for the fourth programming cycle;

3. Requests the Administrator to arrange, in accordance with Council decision 83/5, 1(b), informal consultations during the latter half of 1984 to be held among all participating Governments to discuss the size of the resources to be taken into account for the next programming cycle; and

4. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Council at its thirty-second session a detailed report elaborating his suggestions contained in paragraph 17 of DP/1984/27, taking fully into account the views expressed thereon during the debate.

33rd meeting  
29 June 1984

84/21. United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The Governing Council,

I.

Recalling paragraphs 2 and 3 of General Assembly resolution 3109 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 concerning the role of the Governing Council relating to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

Taking note of the reports of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the activities of the Fund in 1983 (DP/1984/28, Parts I and II; DP/1984/29; DP/1984/30 and Corr.1; and DP/1984/30 Add. 1 and Corr. 1),

Continuing to underscore the importance of the human rights and voluntary aspects in regard to family planning for individuals and couples, as embodied in the World Population Plan of Action, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and other international declarations and strategies adopted by the United Nations,

Taking into account the statements made by delegations at the thirty-first session of the Governing Council,

1. Notes with satisfaction the trends in the proportion of assistance allocated to the priority programme areas outlined in decision 81/7, I, paragraph 3, as reflected in the annual report of the Executive Director for 1983 (DP/1984/28, Parts I and II) and expresses the hope that these trends will continue, keeping in mind the current needs of some individual countries for support in lower priority work-plan categories and the role of women in population activities;

2. Also notes the increase in 1983 by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities in the proportion of population assistance going to the priority countries and reiterates the goal of devoting up to two-thirds of country programme assistance to the priority countries for population assistance from the Fund;

3. Further notes the need for paying special attention to increasing absorptive capacities, particularly in Africa;

4. Expresses concern about the decrease in programme and project implementation rate for 1983 and urges the Executive Director to take all necessary steps to improve the implementation rate in 1984 and future years, and report to the Governing Council at its thirty-second session on progress achieved, on obstacles as well as on measures to be taken towards improving programme and project implementation and monitoring;

5. Takes note with appreciation of the report on the evaluation activities of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (DP/1984/33), endorses the approach to future evaluation activities as outlined in the document, as well as the need for training in evaluation at all levels, encourages increase in these activities, and notes that a report will be made to the Council at its thirty-third session on the comparative results of past evaluations, according to the major work-plan categories, including activities related to women, as requested in decision 83/17, I, paragraph 7;

6. Expresses its appreciation for the reports on programme planning (DP/1984/34) and programming procedures (DP/1984/35 and Corr.1) and, taking into account the views expressed by Council members, requests the Executive Director to further improve programme planning and programming procedures;

7. Expresses its appreciation for the report on the programmes of the regional and interregional demographic training and research centres (DP/1984/41), supports continued assistance to such centres, taking into account the particular needs of the centres located in Sub-Saharan Africa, and

requests the Executive Director to provide a progress report to the Council at its thirty-third session on the extent to which these centres have incorporated the principles related to funding and programming outlined in the recommendation by him (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/8) and including steps taken by such centres to achieve self-reliance;

8. Requests the Executive Director to strengthen his efforts to reduce, as appropriate, the proportion of assistance from the Fund allocated to intercountry activities and to provide a report to the Council at its thirty-third session, clarifying the definition of intercountry activities and reviewing the possibility of a revision of the definition and the target;

9. Expresses its appreciation to all donors to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, and urges all countries that are able to do so to increase their contributions to the Fund;

10. Also urges Governments to make payments of their contributions to the Fund as early as possible; and

11. Approves United Nations Fund for Population Activities assistance to the large-scale country programmes or projects for: Central African Republic (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/9), Togo (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/10), Zambia (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/11), China (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/12), Viet Nam (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/13), Dominican Republic (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/14), and Peru (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/15) and DP/FPA/PROJECTS/RECS/9-15/Corr.1;

## II.

Taking note of the report of the Executive Director on United Nations Fund for Population Activities strategy for support of contraceptive research (DP/1984/36),

1. Approves the general principles outlined in section I of the document;

2. Decides that the level of the Fund's contribution to the World Health Organization (WHO)/Human Reproduction Programme (HRP) should be fixed at \$2 million for 1985;

3. Approves the strategy for funding contraceptive research set forth in paragraph 19 of DP/1984/36; and

4. Requests the Executive Director to present to the Council at its thirty-second session a brief report on the results of the recommendations of the Policy and Co-ordination Committee of WHO/HRP together with a recommendation for the level of UNFPA funding for WHO/HRP for the period 1986-1989;



### III.

Expressing its appreciation for the update of the review and reassessment and the Work Plan for 1985-1988 (DP/1984/31), noting the request for approval authority contained therein and commending the Executive Director for his cautious approach in forward planning,

1. Approves the update of the review and reassessment contained in the report of the Executive Director (DP/1984/31) as well as the principles listed therein, and the Work Plan for 1985-1988, on the understanding that the Executive Director will limit approval of projects to available resources, and also approves net additional approval authority in accordance with the Work Plan in the following amounts:

(a) For 1984, an additional \$3.8 million to bring the total for 1984 to \$142 million;

(b) For 1985, \$48.4 million to bring the total for 1985 to 100 per cent of the 1985 level or \$152.0 million;

(c) For 1986, \$44.9 million to bring the total for 1986 to 75 per cent of the 1985 level or \$114.0 million;

(d) For 1987, \$41.5 million to bring the total for 1987 to 50 per cent of the 1985 level or \$76.0 million; and

(e) For 1988, \$38.0 million or 25 per cent of the 1985 level;

2. Expresses its appreciation for the report on the status of financial implementation of Governing Council approved UNFPA country programmes and projects (DP/1984/32) and requests that similar reports be provided in future years as an annex to the Work Plan and request for approval authority; and

3. Further requests the Executive Director in the next Work Plan to report on intercountry activities by work-plan categories, noting constraints encountered in achieving the 25 per cent target set for intercountry programme activities.

### IV.

Noting that over the past decade changes have taken place in the perception of the relationship between population issues and social development,

Also noting that active intergovernmental guidance in the formulation of policy guidelines for population programmes is required in view of the increased dimension and interdisciplinary nature of these programmes,

Noting further the suggestions and recommendations from several intergovernmental conferences and meetings in the context of preparations for

the International Conference on Population, on the role of the United Nations in population activities, with particular reference to strengthening of the activities of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

1. Requests the Executive Director to report to the Council at its thirty-second session on the implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population for the activities of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities within its existing mandate; and

2. Invites the Secretary-General, pursuant to the International Conference on Population, to take into account the views of the Governing Council in the study and examination of ways and means to ensure the more effective delivery of population assistance by the United Nations system.

#### V.

Recalling resolution 367 (XIV) of 28 March 1979, of the Economic Commission for Africa Conference of Ministers which, inter alia, requested the Executive Secretary of the Commission to start negotiations with the host governments to modify the statutes governing the Regional Institute for Population Studies (RIPS) and the Institut de Formation et de Recherche Demographiques (IFORD) to make them regional in character and to enable all the countries served by the institutes to take full part in their management and financial support,

Recalling further General Assembly decision 37/444 of 21 December 1972, which approved the new statutes of both institutes,

Taking note of the generally expressed need by the Demographer's Committee of the Joint Conference of African Planners, Statisticians and Demographers for facilities for middle-level training,

Aware of the continued need of African countries for demographers and of expertise to ensure the integration of population variables in African development planning,

Taking note of the precarious financial state of IFORD consequent to regionalization which is due to the insufficiency and irregularity in the receipt of contributions from the Member States,

Taking note also of the issues raised by United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) evaluation missions and the efforts being made to resolve them,

Concerned about the reduction in UNFPA-funding of the training institutes and the poor prospects for future funding of the institutes,

Conscious of the economic crisis of unprecedented proportions which the African countries are experiencing and the efforts which they are making to overcome this crisis and the need of these countries for increased international support,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the support extended to the African Institutes by UNFPA;
2. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to provide adequate financial support to IFORD and RIPS to enable them to continue to operate effectively;
3. Urges African Governments to strive for increased contribution to the institutes, in particular prompt payment of their assessed contributions in order to enable the institutes to be self-supporting in the near future; and
4. Requests the Executive Director of UNFPA to submit a report at the thirty-third session of the United Nations Development Programme Governing Council on the steps being taken to transfer the responsibilities for the activities of the institutes to participating Member States.

## VI.

Having considered the report of the Executive Director on the inclusion of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities Deputy Representatives and limited core staff into the regular manning table (DP/1984/38 and Corr.1) and the comments thereon expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1984/40) and the proposed amendments to UNFPA Financial Regulations (DP/1984/72),

1. Requests the Executive Director in preparing the biennial budget of the Fund for 1986-1987 to include all international and local staff in headquarters and in field offices, without prejudice to a final decision by the Council at its thirty-second session on the appropriate format;
2. Decides that the Council, when considering the biennial budget of the Fund for 1986-1987, shall also consider if and to what extent field posts should be established on a permanent or temporary basis and the criteria which should be applied in determining those Deputy Representative and Senior Adviser on Population (DRSAP) posts to be proposed for inclusion in the regular manning table, taking into account the recommendation of ACABQ thereon;
3. Notes the intention of the Executive Director to prepare a detailed implementation plan and revised manning table to be included in the document which he has been requested to prepare on UNFPA's basic manpower requirements for consideration by the Council at its thirty-second session;
4. Approves the amendment to regulation 16.3 of the UNFPA Financial Regulations, relating to the submission of annual accounts to the United Nations Board of Auditors;
5. Notes the amendments to the annex to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, approved by the General Assembly in its decision 38/408, concerning additional terms of reference governing the audit of the United Nations, and notes that these will consequently be reflected in the Information Annex to the UNFPA Financial Regulations; and

6. Requests the Executive Director to revise the UNFPA Financial Regulations incorporating the above amendments thereto.

## VII.

Having considered document DP/1984/39 containing the audited accounts of the executing agencies for the year 1982,

Noting that the audited accounts of UNFPA's executing agencies for 1982, and those for prior years, have not been accompanied by narrative audit reports,

Considering that actions taken as a result of past decisions of the Council in connection with the audit reports of executing agencies of UNDP would be equally appropriate in the case of UNFPA,

1. Emphasizes the importance which the Council attaches to receiving narrative audit reports which disclose the results of audits that are sufficiently wide in scope as to cover those areas which the Council has identified in its previous decisions, including, in particular, the audit of the effectiveness of financial management;

2. Requests the Executive Director to bring this decision, and the views expressed by the Budgetary and Finance Committee in the course of its discussion of this matter, to the attention of the Panel of External Auditors and of the administrations of the executing agencies, and to report to the Council on their reaction; and

3. Further requests the Executive Director to provide annually an oral report to the Budgetary and Finance Committee in regard to UNFPA's annual audit as submitted to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly and UNFPA's response to such audit.

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### 84/22. United Nations technical co-operation activities

#### The Governing Council,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities (DP/1984/42, and Add. 1-3) and recalling its decision 83/16,

1. Notes with appreciation that the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development has streamlined its organizational structure and reduced its administrative costs, and endorses the efforts of the Department to promote a more integrated approach to programme and project management, and to improve further its processes and procedures with a view to achieving greater effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of its services to developing countries;

2. Notes with concern, however, the decline in the availability of resources necessary to maintain programmes and projects of vital interest to developing countries, which decline may put at risk the effective carrying out of projects entrusted to the Department;

3. Reiterates its request that necessary action be completed, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 32/197, to strengthen the role of the Department, as the main operational arm of the United Nations Secretariat for management of technical co-operation activities, in order to eliminate any unnecessary overlap and duplication of functions;

4. Further invites, following General Assembly resolution 38/171, financial and funding institutions to take full account of the Department's special competence, experience and operational capability in the designation of executing agent or in advising Governments on sources of assistance for implementation of projects which they may fund in fields where the Department has recognized expertise;

5. Reaffirms its support for the programme of work of the Department under the regular programme of technical co-operation, and endorses the more flexible use of the regular programme as seed money for innovative activities, including pilot projects which could lead to larger-scale projects funded from other sources, as well as for the Department's programme of interregional advisory services in meeting the needs of the least developed, island developing, land-locked developing and other particularly disadvantaged countries;

6. Endorses the Department's efforts in support of the Secretary-General's initiative for Africa to further develop programmes, particularly within its field of competence; and

7. Recommends, in order to enable the Department to serve the interest of developing countries and to increase for that purpose access to funds allocated for technical co-operation by such financial institutions as the World Bank, that consideration be given to establishing within the Department a flexible procedure to cover the initial cost of project formulation and recruitment of experts, on a replenishment basis, including the review of any financial implications.

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84/23. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (UNRFNRE)

The Governing Council,

1. Approves the project, Gold Exploration in the Sula Mountains - Kangari Hills in Sierra Leone (SIL/NR/82/001), subject to the availability of funds;

2. Recognizes the unique role and the continuing importance of the Revolving Fund as a source of high-risk financing for natural resources, particularly at a time of significant reduction of other traditional international sources;

3. Expresses concern about the deteriorating financial capacity of the Revolving Fund to meet the demand of the developing countries for their natural resource exploration and development activities;

4. Appeals strongly to Member States to support the Revolving Fund with significant voluntary contributions in order for it to fulfil its mandate; and

5. Requests the Administrator to pursue vigorously co-financing as a means to increase the resources of the Revolving Fund available to developing countries under the authority granted in decision 80/29.

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84/24. Activities and staffing of the Special Unit for TCDC

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator contained in document DP/1984/46,

Cognizant of the importance all countries attach to TCDC activities,

Recognizing the importance and pertinence of the recommendations of the High-level Committee on the Review of TCDC on the need to strengthen the staffing of the Special Unit,

Noting the current financial constraints of the United Nations Development Programme,

Also noting the Administrator's conclusion not to recommend additional staff to the unit at this stage,

Requests the Administrator to keep the issue of staffing of the Special Unit for TCDC under review, in particular in conjunction with the preparation of the 1986-1987 biennial budget.

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84/25. Additional allocation from Special Programme Resources  
for the promotion of action-oriented TCDC activities

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on an additional allocation from Special Programme Resources for action-oriented promotional activities for TCDC (DP/1984/46/Add.1),

1. Approves the recommendation of the Administrator for an additional \$800,000 to be allocated from Special Programme Resources for 1984-1986 to ensure continuation of action-oriented promotional activities for TCDC; and
2. Requests the Administrator to provide to the Council at its thirty-second session a detailed report on the use of the funds made available in 1983 and 1984 from Special Programme Resources for this purpose.

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84/26. Report on the TCDC Information Referral System (INRES)

The Governing Council,

Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Administrator (DP/1984/48) on the progress of the TCDC Information Referral System (INRES).

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84/27. Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian Region

The Governing Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly General Assembly resolutions 37/216 of 20 December 1982 and 38/164 of 19 December 1983, and Council resolutions 1982/55 of 29 July 1982 and 1983/68 of 29 July 1983,

Recalling also its own decisions 82/26 of 18 June 1982 and 83/24 of 22 June 1983,

Noting the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme adopted in May 1984 which, inter-alia, endorsed again the United Nations Environment Programme's partnership with UNDP in support of the joint venture to assist the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, in combating desertification,

Conscious of the need for the speedy implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification as an integral part of the general efforts to promote the economic and social development of the region on an ecologically sound basis and of the crucial role of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in implementing the Plan,

Stressing that desertification is both a major form of environmental degradation and an obstacle to development in areas with fragile ecosystems characterized by low and erratic rainfall, and that it is progressing at an alarming rate throughout the African continent,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Administrator on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region (DP/1984/50);
2. Endorses the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to add Ghana and Togo to the list of countries eligible to receive assistance through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;
3. Commends the Administrator on the progress achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in assisting the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, within the joint UNSO-UNDP/UNEP venture, in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;
4. Urges all Governments, organizations, organs and other bodies of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and private organizations, to intensify their assistance either bilaterally or through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office or any other intermediary, in response to the priority requirements of the countries of the region;
5. Further urges all Governments of the affected areas to intensify their co-ordination efforts in combating desertification; and
6. Requests the Administrator to continue to report annually to the Governing Council on the implementation of the Plan of Action to combat desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

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84/28. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The Governing Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly General Assembly resolutions 37/165 of 17 December 1982 and 38/225 of 20 December 1983, and Council resolutions 1982/49 of 28 July 1982 and 1983/68 of 29 July 1983,

Recalling also its decisions 82/27 of 18 June 1982 and 83/26 of 22 June 1983,

Gravely concerned by the critical impact of the persistent drought on the economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian countries, as underscored by the visit of the Secretary-General to Africa in January/February 1984,

Recognizing the decisive role played by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in helping to combat the effects of the drought through the implementation of the priority medium-term and long-term recovery and



rehabilitation programme of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and the mobilization of the necessary resources to finance their respective priority projects,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (A/39/211);

2. Commends the Administrator for his continuing priority attention to the pressing needs of the drought-affected Sudano-Sahelian countries and for the results achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in supporting the drought-related medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation activities in the region;

3. Expresses its gratitude to the Governments, United Nations agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals who have contributed to the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

4. Appeals to all Governments and other actual and potential donors to further strengthen their support for the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office so as to enable it to respond more fully to the priority requirements of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel, including voluntary contributions through the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

5. Requests the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to continue its close co-operation with the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel and its Member States with a view to accelerating the implementation of the recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region; and

6. Requests the Administrator to continue to report annually to the Governing Council on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

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84/29. Alternative ways and means of financing the UNSO-UNDP/UNEP joint venture beyond the 1984-1985 biennium

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 80/45, 81/4, 82/26, 82/28 and 83/25 concerning the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian Region,

Conscious of the need for the speedy implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, particularly in view of the current situation affecting these countries,

Recognizing the crucial role of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in implementing the Plan of Action in the Sudano-Sahelian region,

Further recognizing the need to channel assistance to the Sudano-Sahelian countries on an increasing and assured basis to enable them to effectively combat desertification,

Having considered the report of the Administrator (DP/1984/51 and corrigenda 1 and 2) on the alternative ways and means of financing the UNSO-UNDP/UNEP joint venture beyond the 1984-1985 biennium,

1. Notes with satisfaction the provisions that have been made by the Administrator of UNDP to ensure that the costs of the Programme's participation in the UNSO-UNDP/UNEP joint venture for 1984-1985 are fully secured despite the tight resource situation of the regional indicative planning figure;

2. Notes that the Administrator of UNDP, in consultation with the Executive Director of UNEP, has examined in detail the alternative sources of financing the UNSO-UNDP/UNEP joint venture beyond the 1984-1985 biennium;

3. Endorses the Administrator's recommendation that, pending the identification and availability of alternative sources of funding, the UNSO-UNDP/UNEP joint venture continue to be funded from the regional indicative planning figures for Africa and for the Arab States, and from the administrative budget of UNDP; and

4. Requests the Administrator of UNDP to continue to co-operate with the Executive Director of UNEP and to ensure that additional resources are made available in the future under the UNSO-UNDP/UNEP joint venture, to the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in their efforts to combat desertification.

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#### 84/30. Programmes in energy development

##### The Governing Council.

Having considered the report of the Administrator on programmes in energy development contained in document DP/1984/37,

Taking note of the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy concerning the UNDP Energy Account,

Noting that the Administrator will continue to promote increased participation of the relevant United Nations organizations in the implementation of programmes and projects in the field of energy,

Recalling the central funding and co-ordinating role of UNDP,

1. Authorizes the Administrator to continue with an Energy Account within UNDP, as established by decision 80/27, as long as it receives adequate funding support from donors;
2. Calls on all Governments, who are in a position to do so, to contribute on an increasing basis to the Energy Account;
3. Requests the Administrator to ensure that the activities financed from the Energy Account are harmonized with the regular activities of UNDP; and
4. Further requests the Administrator to report in a more comprehensive fashion to the Governing Council at its thirty-second session on the results achieved in the activities financed from the Energy Account.

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81/31. Annual review of the financial situation, 1983

The Governing Council.

Having reviewed the report of the Administrator on the review of the financial situation in 1983 (DP/1983/53), including the request made by ITU for an additional support cost reimbursement, and

Taking into account the observations and comments made by its members thereon,

1. Takes note of the steps being taken by the Administrator to ensure that the level of programme delivery is consistent with existing and projected resource availability;
2. Encourages the Administrator to continue to make available for projects and programmes in developing countries the maximum possible level of resources in conformity with the financial viability of the Programme;
3. Expresses satisfaction at the prompt payment of pledges by many donors and urges all Governments to continue making such payments as early in the year as possible;
4. Urges all Governments in a position to do so to increase their voluntary contributions to the Programme on a more predictable, continuous and assured basis;
5. Requests the Administrator to investigate various possible alternatives to utilize accumulated non-convertible roubles and report thereon to the thirty-second session of the Governing Council; and
6. Decides that support cost reimbursement to executing agencies, including ITU, should to be made in accordance with the provisions of Governing Council decisions 80/44 and 81/40.

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84/32 Revised budget estimates for the biennium 1984-1985The Governing Council,

Having considered the 1984-1985 revised biennial budget estimates of the United Nations Development Programme as contained in document DP/1984/54,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1984/56);

2. Approves appropriations in an amount of \$332,615,200 (gross) to be allocated from the resources indicated below to finance the 1984-1985 biennial budget and resolves that the income estimates in an amount of \$70,296,900 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations, resulting in net appropriations of \$262,318,300 as indicated below:

1984-1985 biennial budget  
(Thousands of US dollars)

	<u>Net appropriations</u>	<u>Estimated income</u>	<u>Net appropriations</u>
<u>Resources of UNDP</u>			
(i) UNDP core activities	294 628.8	51 164.2	243 464.6
(ii) OPE	13 503.6	15 303.6 <sup>a/</sup>	-
(iii) IAPSU	2 171.2	2 171.2 <sup>b/</sup>	-
(iv) UNV	6 389.0	1 037.9	5 351.1
(v) UNSO-UNDP/UNEP joint venture (institutional support)	2 190.1	1 205.5 <sup>c/</sup>	986.6
(iv) TCDC/INRES	.636.2	41.7	594.5
(vii) OGIAR	.900.0	-	900.0
Total UNDP	<u>320 218.9</u>	<u>68 922.1</u>	<u>251 296.8</u>
<u>Resources of the United Capital development Fund (UNCDF)</u>			
(i) UNCDF	5 580.0	650.8	4 929.2
<u>Resources of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (UNRNRE)</u>			
(i) UNRNRE	3 007.4	323.5	2 683.9
<u>Resources of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO)</u>			
(i) UNSO	3 808.9	400.5	3 408.4
Total appropriations	<u>332 615.2</u>	<u>70 296.9</u>	<u>262 318.3</u>

3. Approves the Administrator's proposals for changes in the presentation of the 1986-1987 biennial budget estimates as follows:

- (a) Budgeting of all staff costs on a net basis;
- (b) Deletion of the provision for training from the common staff cost category and the presentation of the related estimates under the organizational unit of the Division of Personnel; and
- (c) Deletion of information designated as "distributed costs" and presentation for the related estimates only under the appropriate organizational unit;

4. Approves a contingency provision not to exceed a total amount in dollars equal to 3 per cent of approved gross appropriations, bearing in mind that the authority to use this contingency provision shall be limited to unforeseen requirements arising in the second year of a biennium due to currency movements, inflation or decisions of the General Assembly in that year affecting administrative cost factors in the biennial budget, and shall be subject to the prior concurrence of ACABQ;

5. Requests the Administrator to report on the use of this authority to the thirty-second session of the Governing Council;

6. Decides that the effective data for implementation of the results of job classification and new salary scale for UNDP General Service staff at headquarters shall be the same as that applied by the Secretary-General for United Nations Headquarters General Service staff; and

7. Authorizes the Administrator to implement the results of job classification and the new salary scale with the prior concurrence of ACABQ, and requests the Administrator to report thereon to the thirty-second session of the Council.

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a/ Estimated support cost reimbursements to OPE of \$7.8 million in respect of UNDP-funded and other technical co-operation activities; \$3.0 million in respect of UNCDF-funded activities and \$1.3 million in respect of UNSO-funded activities. \$1.2 million relates to staff assessment.

b/ Including reimbursement of \$1.9 million for IAPSU from the agency support cost provision within the general resources of UNDP. The balance of income of \$0.3 relates to staff assessment.

c/ Including UNEP half-share of the cost of the joint venture (institutional support).

84/33. Extrabudgetary resources

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Administrator on the concept of extrabudgetary resources contained in DP/1984/55; and
2. Requests the Administrator to provide to the Governing Council at its thirty-second session a concise and comprehensive report on the structure, financing and interrelation of all funds administered by the Administrator.

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84/34 Trust funds established by the Administrator in 1983

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on trust funds established by him in 1983 (DP/1984/69), as well as the information provided orally by the Associate Administrator and the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Finance and Administration,

Bearing in mind the views expressed thereon,

1. Takes notes of the report of the Administrator (DP/1984/69); and
2. Requests the Administrator to provide the Governing Council each year with comprehensive and detailed information on the trust funds established by him, as well as on the individual projects financed from such trust funds.

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84/35. Trust funds conditioned on procurement from a donor country

The Governing Council,

Having considered the Administrator's report on trust funds conditioned on procurement in a donor country contained in DP/1984/58 and Add.1,

Reaffirming the fundamental principles of multilateralism as embodied in the Consensus and in UNDP's Financial Regulations, inter alia, financial regulation 14.5,

Noting General Assembly resolution 37/244 concerning the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (UNFSTD),

Having regard to the exceptional situation pertaining to the least developed countries, in particular those countries in Africa afflicted by drought and desertification,

Recognizing the availability of parallel financing and co-financing as means to complement the general resources of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) and the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) in accordance with their respective mandates,

Recalling, subsequent to and in the spirit of decision 83/5, that the Administrator may, at the request of the recipient country for bilaterally financed projects, provide a fully range of services, including procurement and financial services, as part of management services,

1. Decides, as regards UNFSSTD, to extend decision 83/32 until 30 April 1986;

2. Decides to extend the experiment period concerning trust funds conditioned on procurement in the donor country as regards UNCDF and UNSO for a further period of two years until 30 April 1986;

3. Decides that this experiemntal period shall not be extended beyond 30 April 1986 and that the Governing Council will take a final decision regarding the issue of trust funds conditioned on procurement in the donor country at its thirty-third session;

4. Decides, as regards UNCDF, to allow the Administrator to accept trust funds conditioned on procurement in the donor country until 30 April 1986, provided that:

(a) The donor country has not decreased its contributions in national currency to the general resources of UNDP;

(b) The donor is a contributor in the same year to the general resources of UNCDF;

(c) The contribution conditioned on procurement in the donor country does not exceed 10 per cent of the sum of the donor's contributions to the general resources of UNDP and UNCDF;

5. Urges all Governments to increase their contributions to the general resources of UNCDF so that the activities of UNCDF relating to the least developed countries can expand without recourse to contributions conditioned on procurement in the donor country;

6. Decides, as regards UNSO, to authorize the Administrator to accept trust funds conditioned on procurement in the donor country until 30 April 1986, provided that:

(a) The donor country has not reduced its contributions in national currency to the general resources of UNDP;

(b) The donor is a contributor in the same year to the general resources of UNDP;

(c) The contribution conditioned on procurement in the donor country does not exceed 15 per cent of the donor's contribution to the general resources of UNDP and UNSO;

7. Urges all Governments to increase their contributions to the general resources of UNSO so that programmes in the countries affected by drought and desertification can expand without recourse to contributions conditioned on procurement in the donor country; and

8. Requests the Administrator to make a full report, including his recommendations on the issue of trust funds conditioned on procurement in the donor country, to the thirty-third session of the Governing Council, including, in particular, an evaluation on the sectoral and geographical distribution of the use of the funds conditioned on procurement in the donor country as well as on procurement procedures utilized and the effects obtained.

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84/36 Financial Regulations: matters on which consensus was not achieved at the thirtieth session

The Governing Council,

1. Decides, notwithstanding the absence of a consensus in respect of the Administrator's proposed financial regulation 3.5, 3.6, 12.3 and 12.4 and the newly proposed regulation 3.6, remaining in brackets (see DP/1984/60), that all other regulations approved in its decision 81/28 of 30 June 1981 are fully in effect and that with respect to the five paragraphs remaining in brackets, existing financial regulations 6.4, 6.6, 4.2 and 4.3 shall, in the absence of such a consensus, apply until a decision is reached at the thirty-second session of the Governing Council; and

2. Further decides that the Budgetary and Finance Committee will consider during its meeting commencing immediately prior to the thirty-second session of the Governing Council, within the framework of the provisional agenda for the thirty-second session, the parts of the Financial Regulations and other questions on which consensus was not achieved at the thirty-first session of the Council, with a view to facilitating the resolution of these issues by the Council.

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84/37. Financial Regulations: guidelines for the procurement of equipment, supplies and services

The Governing Council

Having considered the note by the Administrator on guidelines for the procurement of equipment, supplies, and services (DP/1984/59), as well as the information provided orally by the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Finance and Administration,



1. Notes with appreciation the efforts and actions undertaken by UNDP in co-operation with agencies in order to reach greater harmonization of procurement procedures of executing agencies based on the principles of international competitive bidding and equitable geographic distribution;
2. Requests the Administrator to continue his efforts in this respect, inter alia, by means of developing practical measures and by making available to the Council for consideration at its thirty-second session the analyzed results of the study on agency practices; and
3. Further requests that the Council receive a report on developments in this regard at its next session.

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84/38. Annexes and amendments to UNDP Financial Regulations

The Governing Council,

Having considered the proposals of the Administrator for revisions to the Financial Regulations of UNDP as contained in documents DP/1984/61, and addenda 1 and 2,

Noting with appreciation the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as contained in its report (DP/1984/56),

1. Approves the following additions and amendments to the UNDP Financial Regulations:

(a) Annex II containing special provisions for the United Nations Capital Development Fund, as contained in document DP/1984/61/Add.1;

(b) Annex III containing special provisions for the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, as contained in document DP/1984/61/Add.1, except that the text proposed in that document for regulation 8.10(f) shall be deleted;

(c) The amendment of the text of annex I, relating to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, as contained in paragraph 7 of document DP/1984/61;

(d) The amendment to regulation 16.3 of the UNDP Financial Regulations relating to the submission of annual accounts to the United Nations Board of Auditors, as contained in paragraph 8 of document DP/1984/61;

2. Notes the amendments to the annex to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, approved by the General Assembly in its decision 38/408, concerning additional terms of reference governing the audit of the United Nations and that these will consequently be reflected in the Information Annex to the UNDP Financial Regulations; and

3. Requests the Administrator to revise the UNDP Financial Regulations incorporating the additions and amendments thereto set forth in paragraph 1 above.

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84/39. Ex post facto reporting on agency support costs

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the Administrator's note on ex post facto reporting on agency support costs (DP/1984/62) as well as the views and opinions of members of the Council on the report;

2. Expresses appreciation to the Administrator and the executing agencies for developing the format submitted; and

3. Requests the Administrator to continue submitting such a report on a biennial basis.

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84/40. Audit reports

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of documents DP/1984/63 and Add. 1 containing the audit reports of executing agencies for the year 1982, as well as the Administrator's comments on the substantive observations made by the external auditors and a description of the action taken by the Administration in response to Governing Council decision 83/38;

2. Emphasizes again the importance which the Council attaches to receiving long-form narrative audit reports which disclose the results of audits that are sufficiently wide in scope as to cover those areas which the Council has identified in its previous decisions, including, in particular, the audit of the effectiveness of financial management;

3. Requests the Administrator to bring this decision, and the views expressed by the Council's Budgetary and Finance Committee in the course of its discussion of this matter, to the attention of the Panel of External Auditors and of the administrations of the executing agencies;

4. Further requests the Administrator to convey the Council's views on this matter to the executive heads of the executing agencies so that they, in turn, may advise their respective legislative bodies of the Council's concern and request such further action by those legislative bodies as may be necessary or appropriate in each case;

5. Notes with appreciation and agrees with the proposal made by the external auditors of the Asian Development Bank to carry out, at an additional cost of approximately \$8,000, the additional audit procedures described in paragraph 5 of document DP/1984/63, including the preparation of a long-form audit report which would describe the procedures followed, the results obtained and any recommendations for improvement the auditors may wish to make;

6. Authorizes the Administrator to reimburse the Asian Development Bank for the additional audit costs referred to in operative paragraph 5 above and to charge these costs against the expenditure line for reimbursement of programme support costs, in addition to the reimbursement for programme support costs to which the Asian Development Bank would normally be entitled; and

7. Further requests the Administrator to make available at future sessions of the Council copies of the latest available General Assembly document containing the annual audited financial statements of UNDP, the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors thereon and the Administrator's financial report for the year in question, including his response to the observations of the auditors, as well as copies of the relevant decision of the General Assembly on the audit report, and to report orally to the Council on these matters.

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84/41. Sectoral support

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 80/32 of 27 June 1980, 81/39 of 30 June 1981, 82/38 of 18 June 1982 and 83/39 of 24 June 1983,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 38/192 of 20 December 1983 which decided that adequate resources should be provided from the United Nations regular budget for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in 1984 to maintain total staffing of the Senior Industrial Development Field Advisors (SIDFA) programme at the existing level of already appointed Advisors, in addition to the utilization in full of the allocation by UNDP, as well as voluntary funding through the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on sectoral support (DP/1984/64) and of the views and comments thereon;

2. Approves an allocation of \$2,943,000, subject to resource availability, to be used in 1986, as follows:

(a) \$912,000 to be used at the discretion of the Administrator for the smaller agencies;

(b) \$2,031,000 and any savings arising from previous years to cover the net costs to the United Nations Development Programme for the services of Senior Industrial Field Advisors;

3. Authorizes the Administrator to finance the maximum number of such advisors within available resources, and urges the Administrator to continue consultations jointly with the Executive Director of UNIDO with recipient countries in order to achieve a sharing of the cost of these services in accordance with Governing Council decisions 81/39 and 82/38;

4. Urges continued close collaboration of SIDFAs with other United Nations agency field representatives under the co-ordination of the resident co-ordinator;

5. Appeals to developed countries to provide voluntary contributions to increase the number of SIDFA posts;

6. Reaffirms that priority shall be given in the provision of the services of a Senior Industrial Development Field Advisor, to those countries which have shared in the financing of the total net cost of those services, taking into account the special needs of the least developed countries (LDCs); and

7. Requests the Administrator to report to the thirty-second session of the Governing Council on the current and future development of sectoral support, taking into account inter alia the linkage between sectoral support and sectoral analysis and further requests that the Administrator consult with the respective executive heads of agencies to ensure that all sectoral advisors concerned are associated with the preparation of the round-table meetings for the least developed countries;

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84/42. Reimbursement of services provided by UNDP  
field offices to other United Nations bodies

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator relating to the reimbursement of services provided by UNDP field offices to other United Nations bodies (DP/1984/73),

Reaffirming the co-ordinating role of UNDP at the country level,

Reaffirming also its decision 82/33 adopted at its twenty-ninth session,

Recalling that financial regulation 5.1, which was approved by decision 81/28 of the Council at its twenty-eighth session, provides that, in the case of trust funds to be administered by UNDP, trust funds which directly or indirectly involve additional financial liability for UNDP shall be established only by the Governing Council,

Decides that UNDP should be reimbursed by the United Nations organization concerned for the cost of services provided by UNDP to trust-fund activities of other United Nations bodies, unless the trust-fund donor or the host Government concerned itself directly provides UNDP reimbursement for those costs.

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84/43. Action taken in response to General Assembly resolution 37/228

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator contained in document DP/1984/65 concerning General Assembly resolution 37/228,

Noting that the Secretary-General of the United Nations has designated UNDP as the lead agency for the implementation of resolution 37/228,

Noting further that the Administrator is not able to implement the resolution without financial implications affecting programme volume,

Considering that UNDP is unable to implement the resolution from its available resources,

Requests the Administrator to inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations accordingly.

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84/44. Provisional agenda for and matters related to the thirty-second session of the Governing Council

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981,

1. Approves the following provisional agenda for its thirty-second session:

Provisional agenda for the thirty-second session<sup>a/</sup>

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of officers<sup>b/</sup>
3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
4. Policy review
5. Programme implementation
6. Programme planning
7. United Nations Fund for Population Activities
8. United Nations technical co-operation activities
9. Other funds and programmes
10. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters
11. Other matters
12. Date and provisional agenda for the thirty-second session;

2. Decides that the subject on policy review for discussion at the high-level segment of the session shall be: Co-ordination of external technical co-operation at the country level and examination of steps taken by UNDP to strengthen co-ordination in practice; and

3. Also decides that the indicative quota for the documentation to be submitted to the Council at its thirty-second session, excluding documentation on country and intercountry programmes and projects, shall be: 1,300 pages: 300 pages for policy papers and 1,000 pages for support papers.

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<sup>a/</sup> Prepared in accordance with Governing council decision 81/37. Sub-items will be added and annotations prepared in the light of other decisions adopted by the Council at its thirty-first session, relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984 and by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session and any other matters requiring the consideration of the Governing Council, in accordance with rule 8 of its rules of procedure (DP/1/Rev.4).

<sup>b/</sup> In accordance with section I, paragraph 3 (d), of Governing Council decision 81/37 and rules 1 and 11 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council (DP/1/Rev. 4), the election of officers will take place at the organizational meeting for 1985.

84/45. Arrangements for meetings of the Governing Council in 1985 <sup>a/</sup>

The Governing Council,

Decides, subject to confirmation by the Committee on Conferences and the General Assembly, as well as the Council's own review at its organizational meeting, that the arrangements for its meetings in 1985 shall be as follows:

Organizational meeting	19-22 February 1985, New York
Budgetary and Finance Committee	4-28 June 1985, New York
Governing Council	4-28 June 1985, New York
Committee of the Whole	4-7 June 1985, New York
High-level segment	10-14 June 1985, New York
Drafting Group	17-28 June 1985, New York

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<sup>a/</sup> The High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries is scheduled to meet from 28 May to 3 June 1985 in New York.

84/46. Other reports considered by the Governing Council  
at its thirty-first session

The Governing Council,

Takes note of the following reports:

(a) Report of the Administrator on the special programme of assistance: assistance to Namibia (DP/1984/14);

(b) Report of the Administrator on assistance to specific countries (DP/1984/17);

(c) Annual report of the Administrator for 1983 on United Nations Volunteers 9DP/1984/43);

(d) Annual report of the Administrator for 1983 on the United Nations Capital Development Fund (DP/1984/44 and Add.1);

(e) Report of the Administrator on assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa (DP/1984/52 and Add.1).

(f) Report of the Administrator on the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (DP/1984/49);

(g) Reports of the Administrator on United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures (DP/1984/66) (DP/1983/57);

(h) Note by the Administrator on action taken by other organs of the United Nations system in 1983 (DP/1984/67 and Add.1).

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