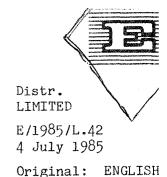
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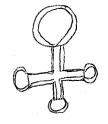
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Extract from the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1985 and on its thirty-second session */

Note by the Secretariat

The decisions adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Developmer Programme at its organizational meeting for 1985 and at its thirty-second session arpresented in the annex to the present note.



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INTRODUCTION

- 1. The report on the thirty-second session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme is presented to the Economic and Social Council in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX) of 22 November 1965.
- 2. The report is submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1985 for consideration under item 18 of its agenda, entitled "Operational activities for development". The decisions adopted by the Governing Council which are relevant to this item are listed below:
 - 85/3. Co-ordination
 - 85/6. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit
 - 85/11. Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries
 - 85/16. Fourth Programming Cycle
 - 85/17. Programming
 - 85/18. Country and Intercountry Programmes and Projects
 - 85/19. United Nations Fund for Population Activities
 - 85/21. United Nations Technical Co-operation Activities
 - 85/25. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration
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 - 85/32. United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries
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- In addition, the following decisions of the Governing Council are relevant to the consideration of other items of the agenda of the Economic and Social Council:

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4	85/16.	Fourth Programming Cycle (para. 14 concerning Namibia)
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85/1. Schedule of Meetings of the Governing Council in 1985

The Governing Council

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1. <u>Decides</u> that the schedule of meetings for the thirty-second session shall be as follows:

Governing Council	3-28 June 1985
Committee of the Whole	3-7 June 1985
High-level segment	10-14 June 1985
Budgetary and Finance Committee	3-28 June 1985
Informal consultations on the fourth programming cycle	17-20 June 1985
Drafting Group	21-28 June 1985

II

Agrees to waive the 10-week rule for the submission of certain documents to be considered by the Governing Council at its thirty-second session as described in the note by the Secretariat (DP/1985/2);

III

2. <u>Takes note</u> of the oral progress report made 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.

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- 3. <u>Decides</u> to postpone consideration of document DP/1984/47 on the use of country Indicative Planning Figures for Technical Co-operation for Developing Countries to its thirty-second session.
 - 85/2. Agenda and organization of work of the Governing Council in 1985

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The Governing Council,

1. Approves the provisional agenda and the tentative schedule of work for its thirty-second session (DP/1985/L.5, annexes I-III);

- 2. Agrees that, upon resolving itself into the Committee of the Whole on 3 June 1985, the Committee of the Whole will deal with the following items of the provisional agenda:
 - (a) All reports dealing with evaluation matters;
 - (b) Relevant trends and problems in country programmes;
 - (c) Reports on implementation of country programmes in various regions;
 - (d) Global and interregional projects; and
- (e) All country programmes for the region of Asia and the Pacific and Latin America;
 - (f) Programming aspects of the fourth programming cycle.
- 3. <u>Decides</u> to allocate the following items of the provisional agenda for consideration by its Budgetary and Finance Committee:
 - 8(i) Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women
 - 9(a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1984
 - 9(b) Revised budget estimates for the biennium 1984-1985 and budget estimates for the biennium 1986-1987
 - 9(c) Trust funds established by the Administrator, 1984
 - 9(d) UNDP financial regulations
 - (i) Matters on which consensus was not achieved at the thirty-first session
 - (ii) Guidelines for the procurement of equipment, supplies and services.
 - 9(e) Audit reports
 - 9(f) Sectoral support
 - 9(g) Other matters: the financial structure of the UNDP-administered system

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

III

<u>Confirms</u> the principles contained in section III of Governing Council decision 83/1 of 14 February 1983, which shall guide the deliberations of the Drafting Group;

IV

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

85/3. Co-ordination

The Governing Council,

Reaffirming the exclusive responsibility of developing countries for formulating their national development plans or priorities and objectives,

Reaffirming the responsibility of developing countries to co-ordinate development co-operation, including the determination of local co-ordination arrangements,

Recalling the provisions of General Assembly resolution 39/197 and recognizing the broad and continuing consensus within the entire United Nations system about the need for improved co-ordination of development co-operation, and calling for a renewed commitment of all parties to this process,

Noting that improved co-ordination contributes directly to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of development activities, including technical co-operation.

Emphasizing the urgency of taking practical measures, as appropriate, to improve the co-ordination of technical co-operation of the United Nations system at the field level, and the United Nations Development Programme-supported technical co-operation in particular,

Reaffirming the important role which the United Nations Development Programme plays in assisting developing countries, at their specific request, in strengthening their capacity to plan and co-ordinate development co-operation and also taking into account the mandate of the Resident Co-ordinator in facilitating the co-ordination of the operational activities of the United Nations system,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator on the co-ordination of external technical co-operation at the country level and examination of steps taken by the United Nations Development Programme to strengthen co-ordination in practice (DP/1985/4/ and Add. 1) and the comments of Governments thereon,

- 1. <u>Invites</u> developing countries to take all measures that may be necessary to ensure the best possible co-ordination of all external technical assistance, including the establishment of national programmes for the identification of priority technical co-operation needs, and, where necessary, to strengthen consultative arrangements with a view to promoting common understanding of the priorities and strategies established by the recipient country and thereby more effective external technical co-operation;
- 2. <u>Encourages</u> bilateral aid agencies and multilateral organizations to align their technical co-operation activities with the priority technical needs established by developing countries;
- 3. <u>Invites</u> Governments, as may be willing, to utilize fully the revised round-table process, in those countries that have selected the process, in order to attain, <u>inter alia</u>, the maximum co-ordination of external technical co-operation;
- 4. 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 of 19 December 1983 and within the framework of the follow-up activities, and urges those 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 and notes the progress achieved with regard to the revised round-table process, technical co-operation assessment missions and consultative group meetings;
- 5. Requests the Administrator to give priority attention to ensuring that UNDP is responsive to assisting developing countries, if so requested, in strengthening their capabilities in co-ordination, including the co-ordination of national technical co-operation programmes, and welcomes the steps being taken by UNDP to that effect as outlined in paragraphs 41-45 of document DP/1985/4:
- 6. <u>Invites</u> Governments to continue their efforts at co-ordination of national action with regard to operational activities for development, thus making it possible for concerted policies to be pursued in the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and so facilitate the implementation of this decision;
- 7. Reaffirms the responsibilities of the Resident Co-ordinator on behalf of the United Nations system with respect to co-ordination of operational activities carried out by the United Nations system at the country level in accordance with resolutions 32/197 and 34/213 including activities arising from co-financing arrangements and urges all the relevant organizations, organs and bodies of the United Nations system to co-operate fully with the Resident Co-ordinator in this regard;
- 8. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session on the results achieved in the implementation of this decision.

85/4. Programme implementation: Annual Report of the Administrator

The Governing Council,

Having considered the annual report of the Administrator for 1984 (DP/1985/5 and Add. 1, DP/1985/5/Add. 2 (Parts I and II), DP/1985/5/Add. 3 and 4, DP/1985/5/Add. 5 (Parts I and II) and DP/1985/5/Add. 6, and having also taken note of the Administrator's proposals for improving the quality of programmes and projects financed by UNDP as announced in the Administrator's opening statement to the Council on 10 June 1985,

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

- 1. Reaffirms the provisions of paragraph 38 of the annex to the Consensus contained in General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of December 1970 that the role of the organizations of the United Nations system in the implementation of country programmes should be that of partners, under the leadership of the United Nations Development Programme, and also reaffirms the Administrator's responsibility and accountability for the effective use of United Nations Development Programme resources, as well as for all other aspects of implementation of the Programme;
- 2. Supports the efforts undertaken by the Administrator to improve the quality and effectiveness of programmes and projects financed by the United Nations Development Programme in particular those measures aimed at strengthening UNDP's technical capability and role in project development, including the establishment of a Project Development Facility for an initial experimental period extending to the end of the third programming cycle to be financed from Special Programme Reserve up to a maximum of \$1 million. The Project Development Facility will undertake project identification, formulation and appraisal missions to be financed from project budgets, if such are established, it being understood that missions in the identification and formulation stage are to be undertaken at the request of Governments and appraisal missions with the concurrence of Governments. Further supports those measures related to improving agency performance in project formulation and implementation;
- 3. <u>Urges</u> Governments and agencies involved to make every effort to streamline internal procedures and institutional mechanisms in order to ensure the speedy implementation of United Nations Development Programme-financed activities in accordance with existing rules and regulations;
- 4. Requests Governments and the Administrator, as appropriate, to use indicative planning figure resources in identifying requirements for technical assistance, with a view to mobilizing and programming external resources to meet these requirements;

- 5. <u>Takes note</u> of the exceptional measures adopted by the Administrator in response to the critical situation in Africa and, in particular, of the efforts being made to co-ordinate emergency assistance with longer-term rehabilitation and development measures;
- 6. <u>Urges</u> the United Nations Development Programme to continue to respond to the changing technical co-operation requirements of developing countries;
- 7. <u>Takes note</u> of the Administrator's efforts in the management of residual funds transferred from the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and their utilization for activities in countries affected by drought, famine, flood and other natural disasters;
- 8. <u>Encourages</u> the Administrator to pursue further the progress achieved in enhancing the round-table process of consultation in favour of the least developed countries;
- 9. <u>Notes</u> with concern the decline in programme delivery in recent years despite the availability of resources, and requests the Administrator to carry out further intensive consultations with participating and executing agencies in order to improve project budgeting practices in the light of recent difficulties;
- 10. <u>Further requests</u> the Administrator to report on the implementation of the measures proposed and initiated to improve programme and project quality at the thirty-third session of the Governing Council.

85/5. The development of human resources

The Governing Council,

Emphasizing that the expansion of human capacities and skills in all developing countries should keep pace with capital investment and should be accorded sufficient priority in official development assistance and development plans of developing countries,

Recognizing the need to strengthen the vital role of human resources in the development process and also the need to take greater account of human resources needs in improving the design of projects and programmes,

Reaffirming the critical role of technical co-operation in the development of human resources in developing countries and the contribution of the United Nations Development Programme to that effect,

1. <u>Welcomes</u> the emphasis placed by the Administrator on the importance of strengthening the human factor in development, and takes note of the establishment by him of a task force in the United Nations Development Programme to advise him on measures to be taken to that effect;

- 2. <u>Welcomes further</u> the course of action set out in the report of the Administrator (DP/1985/22) and in his introductory statement for a series of workshops to be undertaken in the coming months as part of an intensive, world-wide process to promote human resources development;
- 3. Appeals to Governments to lend their full support to these endeavours in order to ensure that the crucial role of the development of human resources receives the attention it deserves at the national, regional and international levels.

85/6. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

The Governing Council,

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Having considered the note by the Administrator concerning the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit issued since the beginning of 1984 (DP/1985/6 and Corr.1 (English and Chinese only)),

Takes note of the information provided therein with respect to the reports entitled "Co-operation between and management of libraries of the United Nations system" (see A/39/299), "Publications policy and practice in the United Nations system" (see A/39/239 and Corr.1), "Reporting to the Economic and Social Council" (A/39/281 and Add.1), and "Staff costs and some aspects of utilization of human and financial resources in the United Nations Secretariat" (see A/39/522 and Corr.1);

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Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations technical co-operation in Central America and the Caribbean, Volume I. Central America" (see E/1985/3) and the comment of the Secretary-General thereon (see E/1985/3/Add.1),

<u>Accepts</u> the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit contained in its report, taking into account the comments of the Secretary-General on those recommendations;

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Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Drug abuse control activities in the United Nations system" (see A/39/646), the comments of the Secretary-General thereon (see A/40/260) and the information provided at the thirty-second session with respect to United Nations Development Programme activities in drug abuse control,

- 1. <u>Notes with appreciation</u> the initiatives undertaken by the Secretary-General as described in his comments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit;
- 2. Requests the Administrator to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in carrying out activities designed to enhance the co-ordination throughout the United Nations system of projects and programmes in the area of drug abuse control;
- 3. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council on a regular basis on the activities carried out by the United Nations Development Programme in the field of drug abuse control.

85/7. Evaluation programme: women in development

The Governing Council,

<u>Having considered</u> the summary report of the Administrator on the inter-organizational assessment of women's participation in development (DP/1985/10) and the report of the Administrator on women in development (DP/1985/55).

Bearing in mind the pertinent provisions of the forward-looking strategies of implementation for the advancement of women and concrete measures to overcome obstacles to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women (A/CONF.116/PC/25/Add.1),

Recognizing the efforts made by the United Nations Development Programme and other organizations of the United Nations development system to ensure that the interests of women as participants in and beneficiaries of development are taken into account in planning, designing and implementing projects,

Taking note of the data indicating that women's participation in United Nations Development Programme-assisted development projects is slowly increasing and that the decline shown by the figues for 1980 has been reversed in subsequent years.

- 1. <u>Urges</u> Governments to give more priority to using the special programming assistance for the integration of women in development being offered by the United Nations development system;
- 2. Strongly urges Governments, the United Nations development system and non-governmental organizations to implement the recommendations contained in the call for action in paragraphs 103 to 125 of the Administrator's report on the inter-organizational assessment of women's participation in development (DP/1985/10);

- 3. Requests the Administrator to develop, for presentation to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session, an internal implementation strategy to strengthen the capacity of the Programme to deal with issues of women in development. In so doing, he should call on the experience of the United Nations Development Fund for Women. This strategy should establish verifiable objectives and a time-frame for implementation with a view to promoting accountability. Such a strategy should also give special attention to improved staff training, monitoring existing guidelines, instructions and procedures for inclusion of women in development in programming missions and strengthening the focal point within the Programme's headquarters for the co-ordination of women's programmes.
 - 85/8. Measures to promote better understanding of the role and activities of the United Nations Development
 Programme (UNDP) and of the resource needs of the Programme: information support to technical co-operation among developing countries (TCDC) and to the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade (IDWSSD)

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 83/15 authorizing allocations from Special Programme Resources for information and communication support for the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade (IDWSSD) and for information support for the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries (TCDC),

Having considered the proposals by the Administrator in his note (DP/1985/8) for the continuation of these projects in 1986 by further allocations from Special Programme Resources pending allocation of resources for the fourth cycle,

- (a) Approves an allocation of \$319,200 from Special Programme Resources for continued information and communication support for the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade (IDWSSD) in 1986;
- (b) Approves an allocation of \$150,000 from Special Programme Resources for continued information support for the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries (TCDC) in 1986;
- (c) <u>Requests</u> the Administrator to present a report with his recommendations to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session.

85/9. Government execution

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator (DP/1985/12),

Taking note of the progress achieved in furthering the modality of government execution of projects through the steady increase in the number of such projects being undertaken, and also taking note of the fact that various difficulties remain, particularly owing to the lack of familiarity on the part of Governments with existing procedures,

<u>Further taking note</u> that the add-on arrangement which was established has not been operational for the full experimental period of two and a half years as foreseen in Governing Council decision 82/8,

- 1. Approves the extension of the experimental period of the add-on as established by decision 82/8 until 31 December 1987;
- 2. Requests the Administrator to monitor closely the use of add-on in supporting government execution and further requests that the review and assessment of government execution and the impact of the add-on which was envisaged in decision 82/8 be presented to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session. The review and assessment should, inter alia, make special reference to cost-effectiveness.
 - 85/10. Recent trends in the recruitment, cost and utilization of project personnel and other personnel working in development co-operation

The Governing Council,

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the Administrator on the recent trends in the recruitment, cost and utilization of project personnel and other personnel working in development co-operation (DP/1985/9),

- 1. <u>Endorses</u> the Administrator's initiative to ensure a more intensive use, as appropriate, of nationally recruited project personnel, the Transfer of Knowledge through Expatriate Nationals, etc., as mentioned in document DP/1985/9, with a view to achieving more cost-effectiveness;
- 2. <u>Further endances</u> the Administrator's efforts to use operational assistance-type contracts which facilitate the return of nationals in accordance with the criteria set out in paragraph 11 of document DP/1985/9;
- 3. <u>Urges</u> agencies and other parties in the development process to pay particular attention in the project design stage to ensuring greater cost-effectiveness in the utilization of project personnel by identifying the most appropriate categories of personnel in accordance with the requirements of individual projects and appropriate United Nations Development Programme guidelines;
- 4. Reaffirms the need to take account of the potential role of United Nations Volunteers in the development process when designing projects;
- 5. Strongly urges agencies to continue their efforts to improve their recruitment policies and procedures with respect to project personnel by:
- (a) Ensuring that the best suited individuals will be selected and nominated to meet the specific requirements of projects in accordance with existing rules and procedures of the United Nations system;
- (b) The timely circulation of job descriptions for vacancies, taking into account and making full use of the capacity of national recruitment services;
- (c) Submitting more than one candidate to recipient Governments for each vacant post;
- 6. <u>Strongly urges</u> recipient Governments to speed up the clearance process of project personnel, and further invites them to adhere as much as possible to the schedule as agreed in the project document in assigning their own staff to the project;
- 7. <u>Further endorses</u> the Administrator's efforts to improve the collection of data in order to monitor the quality and impact of various categories of personnel;
- 8. Requests the Administrator to report to the thirty-fourth session of the Council, making a comparative analysis of the cost, quality and impact of all categories of personnel.

85/11. Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the Least Peveloped Countries

The Governing Council.

- 1. <u>Takes note</u> of the report of the Administrator on the implementation the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least eveloped Countries (SNPA) (DP/1985/11);
- 2. Endorses the Administrator's proposals contained in paragraphs 21 nd 22 for the revitalization of the Special Measures Fund for the east-Developed Countries as a special-purpose fund for the LDCs; and requests im to report to the Council at its thirty-flird session on the arrangements ade by him for the utilization and management of SMF/LDC resources;
- 3. <u>Urges</u> all Governments to contribute or make increased contributions the Special Measures Fund for the LDCs and the United Nations Capital evelopment Fund in accordance with the recommendations of the Substantial New cogramme of Action:
- 4. <u>Notes</u> the findings of the evaluation of experience with the bund-table process in the Africa and the Asia and Pacific regions, and elcomes the introduction of an improved format for the round-table process as result of this evaluation:
- 5. Requests the Administrator to ensure that the round-table process revides an effective instrument for the implementation of the SNPA, and, in articular, for the promotion of a dialogue between LDC Covernments and lateral and multilateral donors on policy guidelines directed to the conomic development of the LDCs concerned through appropriate internal assistance;
- 6. Further requests the Administrator to review periodically the bund-table mechanism with a view to ensuring that it responds to the needs of me LDCs and of the donors in the efforts to achieve effective aid produced in the LDCs;
- 7. Also requests the Administrator to present, to the Mid-term Review the SNPA by the High-level Meeting of the Intergovernmental Group on LDCs UNCTAD, a comprehensive report on UNDP's special efforts in favour of the OCs, with particular emphasis on the period since the Conference of LDCs held Paris in 1981, and further requests that in the report the Administrator seess, among other things, and to the extent possible, the results of bund-table conferences held since 1981 and present his views on how UNDP, mors and the LDCs themselves might contribute to the ultimate success of the sitiatives taken by UNDP towards improved development co-operation with the OCs;

8. Agrees in principle to the Administrator's proposal for the financing of the cost of the various activities related to the round-table process during the fourth programming cycle (1987-1991) from Special Programme Resources, and requests him to make the necessary recommendations to the Council at its thirty-third session, including an indication of the various types of expenses that UNDP expects to incur.

57722. Strengthening the response to the crisis in Africa

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 84/18 concerning the economic and social crisis in Africa,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 39/29 concerning the critical situation in Africa, and the decision of the Organization of African Unity of November 1984.

Welcoming the Secretary-General's decision to establish the Office for Emergency Operations in Africa, his appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in his personal capacity as its Director and the Office's initial actions,

Recognizing with deep concern the persistent and continuing nature of the economic and social crisis in Africa and the necessity for the United Nations Development Programme and all other parts of the international community to respond to and assist African countries to fulfill both their critical short-term needs as well as their legitimate aspirations to achieve rebabilitation, stabilization and development in the medium— and longer-terms,

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the Administrator (DP/1985/26) on the United Nations Development Programme's activities in the African region during the past year, including measures, particularly at the field level, to strengthen the effectiveness of the round-table process, to co-ordinate emergency planning and relief efforts and to reorient United Nations Development Programme-financed programmes of assistance so that they will respond better to the immediate and longer-term priorities of African countries,

Also taking note of the Administrator's report on the strengthening of field offices in Africa (DP/1985/16),

Recognizing the increased responsibilities and volume of the work-load of the resident representative and field offices, exacerbated by the current economic and social crisis in the African region, for achieving, inter alia, higher quality and colevance in their traditional activities; for assisting Governments to improve planning, to conduct aid co-ordination activities and to implement the improved round-table process; for helping to mobilize additional resources; and for strengthening government capacity with respect to the programming and delivery of emergency aid to the affected countries,

Noting its decision taken at the present session on co-ordination,

- 1. <u>Invites</u> the Administrator to intensify and make more effective the itral role of the Programme and the resident representative in supporting co-ordination of the United Nations system's response in facilitating, the agreement of the countries concerned, the international community's action to the short-term and longer-term technical co-operation requirements. African countries which arise from both the critical economic situation and ager-term development objectives;
- 2. Requests the Administrator to take steps to continue to strengthen; United Nations Development programme's assistance to African Governments, their request, to reinforce their management capacities, particularly tated to the planning and so ordination of aid; and to bein African vernments to establish national strategies, plans and policies which equately reflect their rehabilitation, reconstruction and development quirements;
- 3. Further requests the Administrator to strengther the decided Wations relopment Programme's assistance to African Governments, at their request, conduct systematically the occessory assessments of technical co-operation quirements and to help them to establish national programmes for priority nan resources development and technical no-operation, which can serve, interia, as a basis for strengthering public sector management and also improving a country programmes of United Nations Development Programme financed sistance during the foorth programming cycle as well as the framework for re-co-ordinated and more effective technical co-operation from all aid rtners;
- 4. Encourages the Administrator to continue to take measures, in njunction with recipient Governments and the executing agencies, to orient e approved and prospective United Nations Development Programme-supported ogrammes so that they are most relevant and fully co-ordinated and have the eatest impact on African countries priority needs;
- 5. <u>Urges</u> Governments, as may be willing, organizations of the United tions system and other aid partners of the African countries to make better e of the co-ordination and facilitating functions of the resident -ordinator and of the capacity of the United Nations Development Programme the co-ordination and effective linkage of technical co-operation ogrammes;
- 6. Requests the Administrator to ensure that all the parts of the ited Nations Development Programme under his responsibility continue to play integrated, strong and supportive role vis-à-vis the Office for Emergency erations in Africa and, with regard to both short-term and long-term -operation, welcomes the fullest use by that Office of the capacity and ntral role of the resident co-ordinator and the United Nations Development ogramme field network in all countries in sub-Saharan Africa affected by the ergency situation;

- 7. <u>Supports</u> the Administrator's proposals for strengthening the capacity of field offices in sub-Saharan Africa in accordance with UNDP's Budget for 1986;
- 8. <u>Invites</u> the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1985, to endorse the action set out in this decision and, in that context, to request the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrator of UNDP and other executive heads, to take the necessary measures, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/197, to enable the resident co-ordinator who is normally the resident representative of UNDP, to carry out the responsibilities envisaged in this decision as effectively as possible.

85/13. Focal point for short-term advisory services

The Governing Council,

<u>Mindful</u> of the shortages of skills that exist in most developing countries and the need for assistance from all appropriate sources to support national efforts at overcoming such shortages,

Taking note of the existence of sources of human skills that have been relatively untapped by multilateral technical co-operation and the support that may be available from such sources, including those from developing countries.

Having considered the note of the Administrator on the original proposal to establish a "Human Resources Facility" (DP/1985/14) prepared in accordance with paragraph 18 of the Council's decision 84/4, and the exchange of views in the Council thereon,

Recognizing that the services to be provided by the focal point should be appropriately related to the needs of the recipient developing countries,

1. <u>Takes note</u> of the interest shown for the concept of a "Human Resources Facility";

2. Decides that:

(a) The Administrator, taking fully into account the debate on this subject, be authorized to confer on a focal point, for a trial period of 24 months, commencing on 1 July 1985, within UNDP headquarters, the task of utilizing the expertise and skills to be made available at the request of developing countries at highly concessional rates or at no cost from sources not normally tapped by multilateral programmes of technical co-operation;

- (b) The purpose of the focal point be to enhance the flow of skills to the enterprises and institutions of developing countries, as requested by them through their Governments, through short-term missions of highly qualified divisers drawn from the above-mentioned sources in developed and developing countries, to perform precisely defined tasks, which may include training;
- (c) The focal point shall be envisaged as a means of technical o-operation additional to mechanisms that already exist in this field. The unction of the focal point shall be to act as a clearing-house matching equests for specialized skills with the sources of supply mentioned above;
- (d) Requests for assistance made to the focal point from Governments or ational focal points specifically established for that purpose by the overnment should be channelled through the UNDP field office;
- (e) The focal point should collaborate closely with existing mechanisms aking available expertise to developing countries, including the United ations development system, non-governmental organizations and other nterested organizations and associations; it should, in so doing, co-operate ully with the facilities established to promote technical co-operation among eveloping countries;
- (f) The focal point, to the extent possible, should aim at developing inks between sources of expertise and beneficiaries in developing countries nd their respective Governments;
- (g) Funding for mission costs will generally be shared by donor and ecipient institutions on the basis reflected in paragraph 38 (a) of P/1985/14. Multilateral and bilateral development institutions, Governments nd other sources such as foundations, enterprises and similar entities, could ontribute to the financing of such missions on a case-by-case basis;
- (h) The financing of the administrative costs of the focal point for the rial period be made available, during the period 1 July 1985 through 31 ecember 1986, from the Special Programme Resources at an annual cost of 125,000 for salaries and an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for other expenses;
- (i) The trial period of two years comes to an end on 30 June 1987, nless decided otherwise by the Council;
 - 3. Invites all Governments to support the operations of the focal point;
- 4. Requests all interested organizations, similarly, to support the perations of the focal point and, as required, to consider financial ontributions to meet special operational costs of the focal point;
- 5. Requests the Administrator to provide a progress report to the ouncil at its thirty-third session and to provide a report to the Council at ts thirty-fourth session, based on a full evaluation of the activities of the ocal point. The evaluation should contain a clear recommendation on the ontinuance or discontinuance of the focal point after the experimental period.

85/14. 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 on assistance to the national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity (DP/1985/17), and the statements made during the debate by Governing Council members, observers and representatives of those national liberation movements.

- 1. <u>Takes note</u> of the Administrator's continuing efforts and resolves in ensuring timely and efficient delivery as well as close monitoring of assistance to the national liberation movements concerned;
- 2. <u>Endorses</u> the actions that the Administrator has taken, and plans to take in the future, to evaluate ongoing assistance projects with a view to determining the direction and thrust of development assistance to the national liberation movements concerned over the next programming cycle, 1987-1991;
 - 3. Requests the Administrator in this regard to:
- (a) Continue to assist, with the maximum flexibility possible within the mandate of the United Nations Development Programme, the national liberation movements recognized in this area by the Organization of African Unity;
- (b) Take all necessary steps to ensure that such assistance is delivered as expeditiously as possible, and that the quality and effectiveness thereof are maintained at the high levels expected of Programme assistance;
- (c) Continue to report to the Governing Council on the trends, developments and other issues relating to the administration, management and effectiveness of assistance to national libertion movements.

85/15. 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 84/13 of 29 June 1984 and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions,

Recognizing that the economic and social situation of the Palestinian people continues to require the special and urgent attention of the international community,

Reaffirming the commitment of the United Nations Development Programme to assist the Palestinian people in advancing their economic and social development,

Noting the difficulties encountered in efforts by the international community to bring meaningful and comprehensive development assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied territories.

Taking note of the report of the Administrator concerning the programme of assistance to the Palestinian people (DP/1985/18)).

- 1. Expresses its appreciation to the Administrator for his monitiveous afforts in the implementation of the programme of armistrator to the Palestinian people;
- 2. Recommends that further and vigorous offorts be ande organily in collaboration and direct consultation with all parties concerned, as requested in various relevant resolutious of the General Assembly, to achieve the goals regarding meeting the economic and social needs of the Palestinian people;
- 3. Expresses its gratitude to those Governments and fuels which have responded generously to appeals by the Coverning Council and the Concret Assembly for additional special contributions to the third programming eyele;
- 4. Reconfirms the need for additional special contributions, now made even more urgent by the full commitment of all funds made available from Special Programme Resources, and other sources.
- 5. Notes that, unless additional contributions are received, it will not be possible to undertake in a timely and fully affective fachion the ready pipeline of basic development projects in the West Bank and the Caza Strip;
- 6. <u>Authorizes</u> the allocation of an additional \$2 million from the third cycle Special Programme Resources in order to maintain the programme's momentum and ensure a smooth transition into the fourth cycle;
- 7. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session on the concrete measures taken for the full implementation of the present decision and the result actions in that respect

85/16. Fourth Programming Cycle

The Governing Council.

- 1. <u>Decides</u> to maintain for the fourth pregramming cycle a five-year planning period to cover the years 1987 to 1991 inclusive:
- 2. Decides the World Bank data on population and on per capita GNP for 1983 shall be used in the calculations in all cases where they are available. In all other instances where reference is made in this decimies to these criteria, the Administrator shall determine and use the best extinates available, taking into account estimates roulded to the Statistical Office of the Secretariat as well as from other reliable sources including estimates given by governments of recipient countries concenned;

- 3. Decides that for the purposes of forward planning an assumed average annual growth of total voluntary contributions of at least 8 per cent on a basis of the target of \$700 million anticipated for 1986, shall apply;
- 4. Further decides that in June 1989, the Governing Council shall review the resources available to date, the plans and any further indications by contributors to the Programme regarding the remaining years of the cycle, taking into account the perceived needs of the recipient countries, and make a determination as to whether higher IPFs shall be established for the remaining years of the cycle. Such higher IPFs shall be calculated on the basis of the criteria set out below:
- 5. Approves the following guidelines and criteria for the allocation of financial resources to the various programmes:
- (a) Of the total resources allocated for IPFs, 19 per cent shall be allocated for intercountry IPFs and 81 per cent for country IPFs;
- (b) Within the total amount of IPF resources allocated to intercountry programmes, 79.5 per cent will be allocated to the regional programmes, 8 per cent to the interregional programme and 12.5 per cent to the global programme;
- (c) In addition to the above resources for the intercountry programme, an amount of \$20 million will be allocated to the global programme from the resources set aside for increase in the Operational Reserve;
- (d) For the calculation of individual country IPFs, the methodology and criteria should take into account the following:
 - (i) Eighty per cent of the total amount available for country IPFs shall be allocated to countries with 1983 per capita GNP of up to \$750; the calculation to be made in such a way that the weighting is more advantageous to low-income countries with 1983 per capita GNP of \$375 and below;
 - (ii) The remaining 20 per cent of total country IPFs shall be allocated to countries with 1983 per capita GNP of above \$750, the calculation to be made in such a way that the weighting is more advantageous to countries with 1983 per capita GNP between \$751 and \$1,500;
 - (iii) Countries with a 1983 per capita GNP of below \$3,000 and small island countries with a population of one million or less and with a 1983 per capita GNP between \$3,000 and \$4,200 shall have a supplement, if necessary, to their IPFs for the fourth cycle so that they receive no less than 100 per cent of their country IPFs for the third cycle as established on the basis of decision 84/16, paragraph 10;

- (iv) Countries other than those referred to in paragraph (d) (iii) above shall have, if necessary, a supplement to their IPFs for the fourth cycle so that they receive no less than 80 per cent of their country IPFs for the third cycle, as established on the basis of decision 84/16, paragraph 10;
 - (v) Each country with a 1983 per capita GNP of above \$1,500 shall receive a country IPF for the fourth cycle of an amount which may not be in excess of its IPF for the third cycle as established on the basis of decision 84/16, paragraph 10;
- (vi) The weight ratio between the basic criteria and supplementary criteria used in computing illustrative country IPFs will be 75 to 25. In addition, the amount allocated for each supplementary point given will comprise a fixed part per supplementary point (25 per cent) and a variable part (75 per cent), the latter directly correlated to the amount of the IPF calculated on the basis of basic criteria. There will be a cap to limit the amount given for supplementary criteria to a maximum of 50 per cent of the amount given for basic criteria;
- (e) For the fourth cycle, the following supplementary criteria will be blied for countries:
 - (i) Inclusion in the list of countries designated as least developed among developing countries or, by decision of the Governing Council, to be treated "as if" it had been included in that list;
 - (ii) The country is a land-locked developing country;
- (iii) The country is an island developing country;
- (iv) A country has acceded to independence during the second programming cycle or thereafter;
- (v) A country is a front-line State;
- (vi) A country suffers from acute ecological or geographical disabilities;
- (vii) The magnitude of a country's development effort, the extent to which the Government is making structural changes to promote the development process and the distribution of income and other elements of social justice;
- (viii) The country's total annual debt service payments exceeds 20 per cent of total export earnings on goods and services, in 1983;

- (ix) The country's current account deficit exceeds 10 per cent of its gross domestic product or national income for at least two out of the three-year period 1981-1983;
 - (x) The country's continued deterioration of terms of trade measured as a decline by more than 15 per cent in at least two out of the three year period 1981-1983;
- 6. For regional IPFs the supplementary criteria enumerated in decision 80/30, paragraph 10 shall apply;
- 7. Strongly urges all countries, especially those who have hitherto made only relatively modest contributions, to increase their voluntary contributions at a level necessary to maintain the momentum of the programme in accordance with paragraph (6) of its decision 80/30 and <u>further urges</u> those countries whose contribution to UNDP expressed as a percentage of their official development assistance is low compared to the average of the contributions of such countries, to use every effort to increase their contributions:
- 8. Countries with per capita CNP of between \$1,500 and \$2,000 would exert their best efforts to increase gradually their annual regular contributions so as to reimburse partially on a voluntary basis as great a proportion as possible of the UNDP-financed programme, using the annualized LPF as a reference;
- 9. Taking into account the contributions to field office costs in accordance with Standard Basic Agreement or similar agreements, countries with a 1983 per capita GNP of between \$2,000 and \$3,000 and island developing countries referred to in paragraph 5 (d) (iii) above would gradually increase their annual regular contributions on a voluntary basis, so as to reimburse partially the UNDP financed programme in order to reach from the year 1987 onwards, on an annual basis, a ratio of contributions of at least 75 per cent of the 100 expenditure in each year together with the cost of the UNDP field elements and as incurred in excluding the cost of the Resident Representative and the Deputy; he date the local cost there shall be deducted costs which are not related to the delivery of the IPF programme;
- 10. Recognizes with appreciation that certain recipient developing thries with a per capita GNP above \$3,000 have achieved or expect to relieve continuary net contributor status during the third cycle, and calls up as them to continue to do so in the fourth cycle;
- li (a) Noces that certain recipient countries with 1983 per capita GNP above \$3,000, excluding island developing countries with a population in 1983 of less than one million and with 1983 per capita GNP between \$3,000 and \$4,200, have not yet achieved net contributor status, and in order to do so calls upon the Administrator to negotiate with Governments, as defined below, an amendment to the Standard Basic Agreement or similar agreements

corporating measures to ensure contributions equivalent to the IPF penditure in each year together with the cost of the UNDP field office as termined in consultation with host Governments and as incurred in each year, cluding the cost of the Resident Representative and the Deputy; in termining such local cost there shall be deducted costs which are not lated to the delivery of the IPF programme;

- (b) Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its irty-third session on the results of the negotiations referred to in (a) ove:
- (c) Commencing with the year 1987, the Administrator shall termine the difference in each year between the contributions made by the vernment both to the programme and to the cost of the local office on the e hand, and on the other, the IPF delivered together with the cost of the DP field office, as defined in paragraph 11 (a) above. The deficiency, if y, in each year shall be deducted from the IPF available for the rest of the cle commencing with the year 1989;
- (d) The Administrator shall in each year monitor the position so as ensure that the deficiency of an individual country at no time exceeds its F remaining unspent;
- (e) Pending final resolution of financial regulations dealing with rrency of contribution, contributions above expenditures paid by UNDP in cal currency shall be paid as much as possible in convertible currencies;
- 12. The Administrator shall report at the mid-term on the extent to ich the arrangements in paragraph 8 to 11 above have been fulfilled;
- 13. <u>Decides</u> that the IPF for National Liberation Movements shall be creased in the same proportion as the total increase of IPFs for countries th a per capita GNP below \$750;
- 14. <u>Decides</u>, taking into account the special circumstances relating to me situation of Namibia, to increase, on an exceptional basis, the fourth rele IPF for Namibia, as determined by the criteria for calculating country Fs above, by 50 per cent; an additional amount of up to \$3 million shall be rovided for Namibia following submission of a report by the Administrator at me thirty-third session of the Governing Council to justify this amount;
- 15. <u>Decides</u> to maintain, wherever possible, ongoing sub-regional ojects aimed at enhancing multi-island co-operation and therefore, without ejudice to the allocation of regional IPFs, to allocate an amount of \$2.5 .llion for a separate IPF for this purpose for the fourth programming cycle;

- 16. Reconfirms that 1.24 per cent of total resources during the fourth cycle will be allocated to specific activities to be financed under the Special Programme Resources (SPR). In addition to the above resources for the SPR, an amount of \$20 million will be allocated to the SPR from the resources set aside for increase in the Operational Reserve;
- 17. Requests the Administrator, in administering the programme, that in all circumstances, programme commitments are kept within foreseen available resources and that if mobilization of resources fall short of the target set in paragraph 3 above there will be a flat across-the-board percentage reduction in all IPFs in supercession of any criteria that may interfere with the share of the respective countries. The same principle shall apply to other programme elements, subject to the Governing Council's decision on UNDP's biennial administrative budget.

85 /17. Programming

The Governing Council,

Recalling the Consensus of 1970, and its decision 83/5 of June 1983 regarding, inter alia, strengthening the role of the Governing Council and participating Governments in programme planning and programme review,

Recognizing the exclusive right of recipient countries to establish their own priorities in the use of external technical assistance within their national plans and programmes,

Recognizing the work-load involved in the Council's consideration of programming matters and considering the need to expedite thoughtful and thorough treatment of such matters,

Recalling specifically the mandate of the Committee of the Whole:

- (a) To consider major issues related to programme matters;
- (b) To review country, regional, interregional and global programmes and projects;
 - (c) To review programme and project implementation;
 - (d) To consider reports on evaluation studies; and
- (e) To deal with other matters related to the programme management of the United Nations Development Programme;

Emphasizing at the same time the accountability of the Administrator of the Programme to the Governing Council,

Recognizing the requirement of the Governing Council to review programming matters on a continuous basis,

- 1. <u>Decides</u> to convene immediately following the organizational session, special session to the Governing Council in order to examine country rogrammes as available and programming matters, and further to consider the ossibility of convening other sessions in accordance with the information rovided by the Administrator;
- 2. Recognizes that country and inter-country programmes will be ensidered in accordance with paragraph 1 above and decides to establish, on a experimental basis and within existing resources, a working group of the committee of the Whole, consisting of 24 members of the Governing Council, to acilitate and help expedite the consideration of matters arising from the andate of the Committee of the Whole, particularly in respect of programming atters, other than country and inter-country programmes. This working group ill meet on a regular basis with attendance open to all members of the rogramme, and will report to the Committee of the Whole;
- 3. <u>Decides</u> that the review of the three-year trial period of the ommittee of the Whole which will take place at the thirty-third session of the Governing Council will be undertaken in the light of additional experience the Working Group and in the context of the Council's requirement to review rogramme matters on a continuous basis.

85/18. Country and inter-country programmes and projects

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<u>Takes note</u> of the Administrator's report on trends and problems in buntry programmes as contained in document DP/1985/21.

II

Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the implementation of elected country programmes in each region: Africa (DP/1985/23); Arab States (DP/1985/24); Asia and the Pacific (DP/1985/25); Latin America and the aribbean (DP/1985/26); Europe (DP/1985/27).

III

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

(a) Asia and the Pacific: Bhutan (DP/CP/BHU/4), Fiji (DP/CP/FIJ/4), adia (DP/CP/IND/3), Indonesia (DP/CP/INS/3) and Tonga (DP/CP/TON/4);

- (b) Latin America: Guatemala (DP/CP/GUA/4);
- 2. <u>Takes note</u> of the extension of the country programme for Bangladesh (DP/CP/BGD/Extension/I) and the country programme of Suriname (DP/CP/SUR/Mxtension/III);
- 3. Anthorize the Administrator to proceed with appraisal and approval action on requests for United Nations Development Programme 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 should 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

<u>Authorizes</u>, in the absence of a country programme for the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, for the remaining portion of the third cycle, the Administrator to provide continued support for ongoing projects in Afghanistan and to consider for approval new projects consistent with the rules, regulations and normal criteria of UNDP.

V

Approves the following global projects:

Technology Transfer on Food and Forage Legumes in West Asia and North Africa, (DP/PROJECTS/REC/16)

Research and Development of Integrated Resource Recovery (Phase II), (DP/PROJECTS/REC/17)

West African Sorghum and Millet Improvement Programme, (DP/PROJECTS/REC/18)

Takes note of the steps the Administrator had taken, in consultation with the World Bank and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in securing international status for some of the agricultural research centres of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), including arrangements being concluded between the World Bank and UNDP to reconstitute, with the concurrence of the respective host Governments, Colombia and Mexico, the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) and the International Centre for Maize and Wheat Improvement (CIMMYT) as interorganizational organizations under the aegis of CGIAR;

Takes note of the fact that the above arrangements are consistent with hose worked out in setting up the International Crops Research Institute for he Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), the International Centre for Agricultural esearch in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and the International Service for National gricultural Research (ISNAR) by the CGIAR co-sponsors in agreement with the espective host Governments, India, the Syrian Arab Republic and the etherlands.

85/19. United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The Governing Council,

I

Emphasizing the sovereignty of nations in the formulation, adoption and mplementation of their population policies, consistent with basic human ights and responsibilities of individuals, couples and families,

Recalling paragraphs 2 and 3 of General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) f 18 December 1972, concerning the role of the Governing Council of the nited Nations Development Programme relating to the United Nations Fund for opulation Activities,

Continuing to underscore the importance of the human rights and voluntary spects of family planning for all couples and individuals, as embodied in the orld Population Plan of Action, 1/ the recommendations for the further mplementation of the World Plan of Action, 2/ the Mexico City Declaration on opulation and Development, 3/ the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 4/ he International Covenants on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and on ivil and Political Rights 5/ and other international declarations and trategies adopted by the United Nations,

^{1/} Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 9-30 August 1974 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E. 75.XIII.3), Chap.

^{2/} Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico ity, 6-14 August 1984 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and orr. 1 and 3), Chap. I.B.

^{3/} Ibid., Chap. I.A.

^{4/} General Assembly resolution 217 A (III))

^{5/} General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)

Affirming that it is the policy of the Fund, in accordance with its own family planning guidelines and the various declarations and strategies cited in the preceding paragraph, not to provide assistance for abortions, abortion services or abortion-related equipment and supplies as a method of family planning,

Taking into account the views expressed by delegations during the consideration of agenda item 6,

- 1. <u>Takes note</u> of the reports of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the activities of the Fund in 1984 (DP/1985/28 (Parts I and II), DP/1985/29, DP/1985/30 (Parts I and II));
- 2. <u>Notes with satisfaction</u> the increase in resources contributed to the Fund in 1984, expresses its appreciation to all donors to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, urges all countries that are able to do so to increase their contributions in 1986 and future years, and also urges all Governments to make their contribution payments as early as possible;
- 3. <u>Authorizes</u> the Executive Director to request the convening of a special session of the Governing Council at any time prior to the next regularly scheduled session of the Council, should, in his opinion, developments in regard to the Fund's resource situation and the necessity for reprogramming of available resources warrant it;
- 4. Notes with satisfaction the relative proportions of assistance allocated to the priority programme areas outlined in Governing Council decision 81/7 I, paragraph 3, of 23 June 1981 and particularly the increase in the percentage of total programme resources allocated to family planning, as reflected in the annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities for 1984 (DP/1985/28 (Parts I and II)) in accordance with the Council's previous directives, and expresses the expectation that the present global proportions will be maintained, 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;
- 5. Also notes with satisfaction the increase in 1984, as noted in the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the Fund in 1984 (DP/1985/28 (Parts I and II)), in the proportion of assistance from the Fund to priority countries, reiterates its goal of devoting up to two thirds of country programme assistance to the priority countries for population assistance from the Fund, and recalls its request as outlined in decision 83/17 I, paragraph 4, for a report by the Executive Director to be presented to the Council at its thirty-third session on the experience gained by the Fund in using the present set of criteria for selecting priority countries;

- 6. Notes with appreciation the Fund's increased attention to the role and status of women, and requests that the Fund further strengthen its activities directed both to special women's projects and to the role of women in all population programmes and activities;
- 7. Further notes that the project implementation rate in 1984 remained at about the same level as in 1983 as reflected in the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the Fund in 1984 (DP/1985/28 (Parts I and II)) and in the report of the Executive Director on progress achieved in improving the project implementation rate and on obstacles to, and measures to be taken towards, improving programme and project implementation and monitoring (DP/1985/33), also notes with satisfaction the Fund's intention to address the need for further developing and strengthening the system of monitoring and evaluation and for the feedback of the results into its policies and programmes, and requests the Executive Director to strengthen the Fund's efforts to improve the implementation of projects and to strengthen the capacity of Governments to implement their population policies and programmes and to report on implementation experience relating to allocations and expenditures with the different executing agencies at its thirty-fourth ession;
- 8. Expresses its appreciation for the progress report on the extent to which the various regional and interregional demographic training and research centres have incorporated the principles related to funding and programming, contained in document DP/1985/28 (Part I) and, taking into account the request of the Executive Director that the Council consider the importance of training on the whole spectrum of population activities, requests the Executive Director to provide a progress report on the regional and interregional centres as requested in Governing Council decisions 84/21 I, paragraph 7 and 84/21 V, paragraph 4;
- 9. Also expresses its appreciation for the report on the evaluations indertaken by the Fund in 1984 as outlined in DP/1985/28 (Part II), and recalls its decision 83/17 I, paragraph 7 calling for a report to the Council t its thirty-third session on the comparative results of past evaluations according to major work-plan categories, including activities related to women also including results of different kinds of evaluation undertaken in onnection with UNFPA-funded projects;
- 10. Approves UNFPA assistance to the large-scale country programmes or rojects, as set forth in the recommendation by the Executive Director DP/1985/L.7) and included in the work-plan for 1986-1989, subject to vailability of resources:

In Ghana (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/16) in the amount of \$3 million;

In the Ivory Coast (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/17) in the amount of \$1.7 million;

In Sierra Leone (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/18) in the amount of \$2.8 million;

In Uganda (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/19) in the amount of \$3.5 million;

In Bangladesh (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/25) in the amount of \$20 million;

In India (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/24) in the amount of \$63.8 million;

In Indonesia (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/23) in the amount of \$18 million;

In Brazil (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/22) in the amount of \$15 million;

In Cuba (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/21)) in the amount of \$2.4 million;

In Nicaragua (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/20) in the amount of \$1.2 million with the balance of a total of \$6 million as described in DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/20 to be provided from other sources;

11. <u>Decides</u> to consider at its organizational session in 1986 making provision for more time at future sessions of the Governing Council in order to ensure adequate and full consideration of items and documentation of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the agenda of the Council.

II

Taking note of the reports of the Executive Director on a problem-oriented analysis of the Fund's experience in the family planning area (DP/1985/31), on the use of incentives and disincentives in family planning programmes (DP/1985/32) and on the results of the recommendations of the Policy and Co-ordination Committee of the World Health Organization Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction together with a recommendation for the level of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities funding for the Special Programme for the period 1986-1989 (DP/1985/34),

- 1. <u>Confirms</u> that all activities undertaken by the Fund should be consistent with the provisions of the World Population Plan of Action, the Mexico City Declaration on Population and Development and the recommendations for the further implementation of the Plan;
- 2. Requests the Executive Director to continue to pursue improvements in the design, management, monitoring and evaluation of family planning programmes and projects;
- 3. Requests the Executive Director, in view of the relative paucity of research in the area of incentives and disincentives in family planning programmes to encourage and support research on the effects of incentive and disincentive schemes on the quality of services offered and on the individual's free and informed choice;

- 4. <u>Takes note with satisfaction</u> of the greater co-ordination of international efforts in the field of contraceptive research, as outlined in document DP/1985/34;
- 5. Approves the allocation by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities of an additional \$500,000 to the World Health Organization's Special Programme for Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction for 1985, for a total of \$2.5 million for 1985, and decides that the Fund's allocations to the Special Programme should be increased if resources increase and funds are available to the level of \$2.75 million for 1986, \$3 million for 1987, \$3.25 million for 1988, and \$3.5 million for 1989.

III

Expressing satisfaction with the outcome of the International Conference on Population, 1984, the recommendations adopted for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action and the Mexico City Declaration on Population and Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/228 of 18 December 1984,

Further recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/4 of 28 May 1985, particularly paragraph 4 thereof, in which the Council invited the Secretary-General to avail himself of the advice of members of, inter alia, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in carrying out the task entrusted to him in paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 39/228.

Recalling also its decision 84/21 IV, in which it, inter alia, invited 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,

Taking note of the report of the Executive Director on the implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population, 1984, for the activities of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (DP/1985/37 and Add. 1),

Keeping in mind the views expressed on the role of UNFPA in DP/1985/37/Add.1,

1. <u>Requests</u> the Executive Director to continue to concentrate the Fund's assistance in its core areas, as defined in decision 81/7 I, paragraph 3, and to give increased emphasis in strengthening UNFPA activities at the national level;

2. <u>Further requests</u> the Executive Director to circulate to all members of the Governing Council, as soon as it is available, the report of the Secretary-General regarding the relevant recommendations in particular recommendation 83, for further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action concerning the role of international co-operation;

IV

Taking note of the update of the review and reassessment of the programme of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the work-plan for 1986-1989 and request for approval authority, as contained in the report of the Executive Director (DP/1985/35), as well as the report of the Executive Director on the status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved United Nations Fund for Population Activities country programmes and projects (DP/1985/36),

- 1. Approves the update of the review and reassessment contained in the report of the Executive Director, as well as the work-plan for 1986-1989, 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 1986, an additional \$40.3 million, to bring the total for 1986 to 100 per cent of the 1986 level, or \$154.3 million;
- (b) For 1987, an additional \$39.7 million, to bring the total for 1987 to 75 per cent of the 1986 level, or \$115.7 million;
- (c) For 1988, an additional \$39.1 million, to bring the total for 1988 to 50 per cent of the 1986 level, or \$77.1 million;
 - (d) For 1989, \$39.6 million, or 25 per cent of the 1986 level;
- 2. Notes the proportional distribution of allocations between country and intercountry activities achieved in 1984, and <u>reaffirms</u> the existing target of up to 25 per cent of programmable resources for intercountry activities, and <u>recalls</u> its requests as outlined in decision 84/21 I, paragraph 8, for a report to be presented 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.

85/20. United Nations Fund for Population Activities: 1986-1987 Budget

The Governing Council,

Having considered the 1986-1987 biennial budget estimates for administrative and programme support services of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities for the biennium 1986-1987 (DP/1985/39 and Corr. 1 and Add. 1), the report of the Executive Director on the inclusion of the Fund's deputy representatives and other field and headquarters' posts into the regular manning table and on the basic manpower requirements of the Fund (DP/1985/38 and Corr. 1 and 2), together with the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon (DP/1985/40);

Recognizing the importance of the Fund's field staff in the Fund's efforts to assist developing countries to increase their self-reliance in population matters, as well as the importance of regular rotation between headquarters and field Professional staff;

<u>Having taken into account</u> the views and comments of Members of Council on the documentation before it;

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1. Approves the appropriations in the amount of \$36,643,669 net to be allocated from the resources of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to finance the 1986-1987 administrative and programme support services as follows:

United States dollars
3 727 405
10 844 565
17 154 077
4 917 622
36 643 669

- 2. <u>Authorizes</u> the Executive Director to transfer credits between programmes within reasonable limits, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
- 3. Requests the Executive Director during the biennium 1986-1987 to teep the administrative and programme support services costs to a minimum, including a reduction in travel and communication costs as recommended in paragraph 36 and 37 of the report of the Advisory Committee (DP/1985/40), as well as hospitality costs, all of which are reflected in the above figures, with the intention of holding down the ratio between administrative costs and total costs, particularly in the light of the resource situation;
- 4. Requests the Executive Director to prepare a comprehensive report on ersonnel management and recommendations thereon to be submitted to the overning Council at its next session. This report should, inter alia, noclude a study of the link between the work-load and personnel structure in he United Nations Fund for Population Activities; priorities in order to trengthen specific areas of the Fund, according to Governing Council decision 3/17 III, paragraph 6; career development; feasibility of redeployment of osts and rotation of personnel between the field and headquarters and ecruitment policies;

- 5. Requests the Executive Director to present to the Governing Council for approval, at its thirty-third session, draft guidelines for what should be regarded as project-related personnel expenditures and consequently budgeted as project costs and what should be regarded as administrative related personnel expenditures and consequently budgeted as administrative costs;
- 6. <u>Decides</u> to establish in the regular administrative and programme support services budget for the biennium 1986-1987 the following new posts:
 (a) 33 Deputy Representative and Senior Advisors on Population (DRSAP) posts of which 17 could be filled in 1986; (b)) 9 International Programme Officer posts in those countries in which no DRSAP post exists; (c) 100 Professional posts at headquarters, namely a Programme Officer for the Asia and Pacific Branch, a Chief, Budget and Managment Analysis Section, a Senior Management Specialist, a Senior Family Planning Specialist, an Evaluation Officer, a Programme Officer for the Africa Branch, two Procurement Officers, a Policy Officer and a Technical Officer, with all corresponding posts currently financed by project funds to be abolished;
- 7. Also decides that all new posts established within the budget under paragraph 6 above shall be filled in accordance with established criteria governing appointments as stipulated under the United Nations Staff Rules and United Nations Development Programme personnel policies and practices;
- 8. <u>Decides</u> that no further project-funded posts shall be established at headquarters without prior approval of the Council, pending the approval of the guidelines called for in paragraph 5 above;
- 9. <u>Decides</u> that the project-funded Professional posts at headquarters shall be abolished upon the expiration of the contracts of the current incumbents, with the exception of the minimum number of posts absolutely necessary for the operations of the Fund, contracts for such posts may be extended until the end of 1986;
- 10. <u>Further decides</u> that headquarters General Service project-funded posts which are vacant, as well as those which, upon the expiration of the contracts of the current incumbents, are, in the judgement of the Executive Director, not essential for the operation of the Fund, shall be abolished and that consideration of the remaining project-funded General Service posts be deferred until the thirty-third session of the Governing Council;
- 11. <u>Decides</u> that, in principle, the new DRSAP posts mentioned in paragraph 6 above shall be established up to the P-5 level; and further up-grading of such posts to D-1 level shall be submitted to and approved by the Governing Council;
- 12. Requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council, at its thirty-third session on the implementation of the decisions outlined in paragraphs 6 and 11 above, particularly paragraph 6 (a), including justification for any remaining project-funded posts at headquarters;

- 13. <u>Authorizes</u> the Executive Director to implement the results of the job classification exercise and the new salary scale for General Service staff of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities when such results are implemented by the Secretary-General for the United Nations General Service and with the same effective date;
- 14. <u>Authorizes</u> the Executive Director to implement the reclassification results for Professional posts effective 1 January 1986.

II

Having considered the format of the biennial budget estimates for the 1986-1987 biennium as contained in document DP/1985/39 and Corr.l and Add.l,

Requests the Executive Director, when presenting the financial and budgetary situation of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, to follow the guidelines used by the United Nations Development Programme, in particular:

- (a) To use identical parameters and designations, where feasible, for the presentation of basic financial and budgetary data and to present to the Council at its thirty-third session a prototype for an improved format of future budgets, taking into account the comments made in the Budgetary and Finance Committee during the thirty-second session of the Council;
- (b) To present to the Governing Council at each session, in addition to the biennial presentation of budget proposals, documentation containing the annual financial review including, for information, extrabudgetary resources, as well as revised budget estimates, if any.

III

Having considered the audited accounts of the participating and executing igencies related to funds allocated to them by the United Nations Fund for 'opulation Activities as at 31 December 1983 (DP/1985/41) and the reaction of varticipating and executing agencies and the Panel of External Auditors in 'egard to narrative audit reports (DP/1985/42),

- 1. <u>Taking note</u> of the audited accounts of the participating and executing agencies;
- 2. Requests the Executive Director to reiterate to agencies the mportance attached by the Governing Council to long-form narrative reports, nd to continue his efforts to obtain these reports from the participating and xecuting agencies and the Panel of External Auditors.

85/21. 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/1985/43 and Add. 1-3), and recalling its decision 84/22 of 29 June 1984,

- 1. <u>Commends</u> the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the United Nations Secretariat for reducing its administrative costs and for continuing to improve its processes and procedures, thereby increasing the efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of its services to developing countries despite the sharp reductions in staff over the past two years, and urges it to continue its efforts to eliminate the deficit in its overhead income account;
- 2. <u>Notes with concern</u>, however, that fundamental constraints external to the Department have yet to be addressed, in order to place the Department on a firmer financial footing:
- 3. Reiterates accordingly its request that necessary action by the Secretary-General be completed, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 32/197, paragraphs 62 and 63, of 20 December 1977, with regard to the clustering in a single organizational entity of all technical, managerial and operational capabilities related to technical co-operation activities of the United Nations Secretariat and, requests the Secretary-General to continue to explore specific measures in administrative, financial, and personnel matters in order to increase the Department's competitiveness as an executing agency, and to report back to the Council at its thirty-third session;
- 4. Endorses the major role of the Department in setting into place a Special Action Programme for Africa to improve the administrative and mangerial capabilities in the field of public administration and finance, as reflected in Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/10 adopted on 29 May 1985, and draws attention to the need for a greater concentration of resources on administrative and management improved programmes;
- 5. Reaffirms in this connection its support for the programme of work of the Department under the Regular Programme of Technical Co-operation and the use of this source of financing, inter alia, to support the country programming exercise, as welcomed in its decision 79/22, and to cover on a cost-sharing and reimbursable basis the cost of project identification, appraisal and formulation;
- 6. Requests again financial and funding institutions to make the fullest possible use of the Department's special competence, experience and operational capabilities during the various phases of the project cycle;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to develop for presentation to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session an internal implementation strategy based on the valuable work already done to further strengthen the capacity of the Department to deal with issues of women in development and invites the Department to co-operate fully with the UNDP in this respect.

85/22. <u>United Nations Volunteers Programme</u>

The Governing Council

- 1. <u>Takes note</u> of the annual report of the Administrator on the United Nations Volunteers programme (DP/1985/44 and Add.1);
- 2. <u>Notes</u> the progress achieved in assisting the most severely affected african countries in utilizing more effectively emergency relief assistance through, <u>inter alia</u>, the provision of qualified United Nations volunteers ander a regional project (RAF/84/024) approved by the Governing Council at its thirty-first session in decision 84/18;
- 3. <u>Urges</u> the Administrator to continue assisting the Governments of frican countries affected by the present emergency through, <u>inter alia</u>, the rovision of United Nations volunteers beyond the duration of the present egional emergency project, and <u>urges</u> donor Governments and all United Nations ystem organizations to consider the particular advantages of flexibility, peed and cost-effectiveness of using United Nations volunteers when making dditional allocations to assist in the current emergency;
- 4. <u>Takes note</u> with satisfaction of the fact that the United Nations olunteers programme's relevance and advantages have now been fully recognized y the developing countries, as manifested by the number of United Nations olunteers now serving in development projects the highest number ever chieved since the inception of the programme;
- 5. <u>Urges</u> Governments and United Nations system organizations to ontinue and increase the utilization of United Nations Volunteer inputs, here appropriate, in meeting the crucial qualified manpower requirements in he execution of development programmes and projects and to give this due onsideration in the design and preparation of such programmes and projects;
- 6. <u>Also notes</u> the United Nations Volunteers programme's approach to and chievements in participatory development programmes, in particular through ts Domestic Development Service programme activities;
- 7. Encourages recipient Governments and the Administrator to consider, hen carrying out country programme exercises, the allocation of an increased olume of indicative planning figure resources for Domestic Development ervice programmes aimed at helping the least advantaged communities to articipate more actively in their own development.

85/23. <u>International day for volunteers for economic and</u> social development

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the annual report of the Administrator on the United Nations Volunteers programme (DP/1985/44),

Considering that volunteer service as exemplified not only by the United Nations Volunteers programme but also by thousands of volunteers of all nationalities belonging to many organizations throughout the world is making a most noteworthy contribution to programmes for socio-economic development,

Recognizing that the observance of an appropriate day would serve to create greater world-wide awareness of the nature of this contribution and thereby stimulate more people to offer their services as volunteers both at home and abroad.

<u>Cognizant</u> also of the fact that such an observance would stimulate the work of all volunteer organizations and constitute a source of encouragement for these volunteers, many of whom engage in volunteer service at considerable personal sacrifice.

Noting the assurance of the Administrator that the observance would involve no further financial implications for the United Nations Development Programme,

Recommends that the General Assembly consider the question of designating an International Day for Volunteers for Economic and Social Development.

85/24. United Nations Capital Development Fund

The Governing Council,

- 1. <u>Takes note</u> of the annual report of the Administrator on the United Nations Capital Development Fund contained in document DP/1985/45:
- 2. <u>Notes</u> the increase in project approvals made possible by joint-financing arrangements;
- 3. <u>Notes</u> especially the increase in programme delivery attained by the Fund:
- 4. Agrees with the activation, on a trial basis for three years and within existing administrative resources, by the Fund of a concessional loan facility for revenue-producing projects, and requests the Administrator to keep the Council informed of such loan operations and their impact on the Fund's portfolio and total resources. The Council shall review the issue at its thirty-fifth session;

- 5. Notes the emphasis being given to project evaluation activities and to the feedback provided by them to improve project quality;
- 6. Considers it important that the views of the Fund are presented in the round-table process as improved and developed by the Administrator;
- 7. <u>Calls</u> on all Member States to provide adequate resources for the Fund through new or increased voluntary contributions in order to allow the Fund to respond to the needs of the developing countries in the implementation of the Substantive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, and <u>encourages</u> UNCDF to make its programme better known to donors and potential donors.

85/25. <u>United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration</u>

The Governing Council,

- 1. <u>Takes note</u> of the annual report of the Administrator on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (DP/1985/46 and Add. 1);
- 2. <u>Endorses</u> the appointment of Mr. Shigeaki Tomita as the new Director of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;
- 3. <u>Notes</u> the approval by the Administrator of supplementary short-term funding for mineral exploration in the Migori area of Kenya (KEN/NR/78/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/6);
- 4. Approves the projects "Mineral exploration for gold in Rwanda" (RWA/NR/83/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/4); and "Geothermal exploration drilling at Las Planillas, Jalisco State, Mexico" (MEX/NR/83/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/5);
- 5. <u>Notes</u> with appreciation the successful effort of the Administrator in obtaining co-financing for the project in Saint Lucia, and <u>urges</u> him to continue such efforts:
- 6. Notes with concern the depletion of the resources of the Fund, thereby hampering the approval of projects in support of the programmes of the developing countries for the exploration and utilization of their mineral and geothermal resources;
- 7. Renews its appeal to Member States to contribute to the financial resources of the Fund in order for it to fulfill its mandate.

85/26. Technical co-operation among developing countries

The Governing Council,

- 1. Takes note of the decisions adopted by the High-level Committee on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries at its fourth session (TCDC/4/L.10).
- 2. Approves an allocation of \$1.5 million from the Special Programme Resources for promotion of action-oriented TCDC activities, as stipulated in decision 4/6 of the High-Level Committee.
 - 85/27. Integration of issues relevant to women into promotional and operational activities for technical co-operation among developing countries

The Governing Council,

Reiterating the importance of the promotion of women's participation in development programmes and the integration of women in development and recalling decisions 2/2 and 3/7 of the High-level Committee on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,

- 1. <u>Invites</u> the agencies and organizations of the United Nations system to include, as appropriate, specific reference to women in all promotional activities for technical co-operation among developing countries as an important aspect of human resource development;
- 2. <u>Invites</u> the agencies and organizations of the United Nations development system to elaborate further and to disseminate guidelines on the incorporation of issues relevant to the advancement of women into programmes and projects for technical co-operation among developing countries;
- 3. <u>Invites</u> developing countries to elaborate proposals for applicable and feasible programmes and projects for technical co-operation among developing countries benefitting women;
- 4. <u>Reiterates</u> the importance of the networking and strengthening of linkages between focal points for technical co-operation among developing countries and women's and professional organizations having experience with women's issues and development issues;
- 5. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to strengthen support to the incorporation of issues relevant to women through an increased co-operation with the organizations, such as the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, which are active in the field of women and development.

85/28. United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development

The Governing Council.

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (DP/1985/49),

Taking note of the Administrator's statement on this subject in which he, inter alia, referred to the critical financial situation of the Financing System and recent intergovernmental efforts to deal with this serious problem, including resolution 5 (vii) recently adopted by the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development,

- 1. <u>Approves</u> the two projects contained in documents DP/STD/PROJECTS/REC/3 and DP/STD/PROJECTS/REC/4;
- 2. <u>Calls upon</u> the Administrator to render the fullest assistance to the Secretary-General in carrying out the responsibilities entrusted to him by the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development in its resolution 5 (vii);
- 3. Requests the Administrator to keep the members of the Governing Council informed on developments in this respect.
 - 85/29. 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 38/164 of 19 December 1983 and 39/168 of 17 December 1984, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1983/68 of 29 July 1983, 1984/65 of 26 July 1984 and 1984/72 of 27 July 1984,

Recalling also its own decisions 83/24 of 22 June 1983 and 84/27 of 29 June 1984,

Noting the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme adopted in May 1985 which, inter alia, endorsed again the United Nations Environment Programme's partnership with the United Nations Development Programme in support of the joint venture to assist the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, in combatting 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 descriptication 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. <u>Takes note</u> of the report of the Administrator on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region (DP/1985/50);
- 2. <u>Commends</u> the initiative of the Ministerial Conference on Desertification held at Dakar in July 1984 that led to an extensive debate in the Second Committee on this aspect of the present economic and social crisis in Africa;
- 3. Takes note of the decision 13/10, taken on 23 May 1985 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme in May 1985 and endorses the decision to add the United Republic of Tanzania to the list of countries which are eligible to receive assistance through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification:
- 4. <u>Commends</u> the Administrator on the progress achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office/United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Environment Programme venture, in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;
- 5. <u>Urges</u> all Governments, the organizations, organs and other bodies of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental 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;
- 6. <u>Further urges</u> all Governments of the affected areas to intensify their co-ordination efforts in combatting desertification;
- 7. Requests the Administrator to continue to report annually to the Governing Council on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification.
 - 85/30. 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 38/225

of 20 December 1983 and 39/206 of 17 December 1984, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1983/68 of 29 July 1983 and 1984/72 of 27 July 1984,

<u>Recalling also</u> its decisions 83/26 of 22 June 1983 and 84/28 of 29 June 1984.

Gravely concerned by the continuing effects of the drought on the economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian countries,

Recognizing the 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. <u>Takes note</u> 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 (E/1985/65);
- 2. <u>Commends</u> the Administrator for his continuing priority attention to the pressing needs of the drought-affected Sudano-Sahelian countries and for supporting the drought-related medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation activities in the region;
- 3. <u>Expresses</u> its gratitude to the Governments, United Nations agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental 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 further to 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 on Drought Control in the Sahel and its member States with a view to supporting the second-generation programme of member States;
- 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.

85/31. Programmes in energy development

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the results achieved in assisting countries in the development of their high-priority energy programmes and projects in 1984 (DP/1985/52 and DP/1985/52/Add.1),

Taking note of General Assembly resolutions 39/173 of 17 December 1984 on the implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy and 39/176, of 17 December 1984 on the development of the energy resources of developing countries,

Noting the catalytic role played by the Energy Account in mobilizing additional resources, both multilateral and bilateral, to implement energy projects and the existing close co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in matters of energy,

<u>Further noting</u> that donors have found the Energy Account mechanism for channelling additional funds useful, especially since it has led to increased participation of bilateral and multilateral programmes in energy activities,

Recalling the central funding and co-ordinating role of the United Nations Development Programme,

- 1. <u>Authorizes</u> the Administrator to continue with an Energy Account within the United Nations Development Programme, as established by Governing Council decision 80/27 of 26 June 1980, as long as it receives adequate funding support from donors;
- 2. <u>Calls upon</u> all Governments that are in a position to do so to contribute on an increasing basis to the Energy Account in order that it may continue on a more stable basis;
- 3. <u>Notes with satisfaction</u> the progress achieved in assisting the countries of the South Pacific through the Regional Energy Development Programme, including financing of services of energy planners from the Energy Account:
- 4. Also notes with satisfaction the assistance provided to a number of countries in conducting energy sector assessments;
- 5. Requests the Administrator to continue to support the priority energy requirements of the Pacific and other regions;

6. <u>Requests</u> the Administrator to report in detail to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session on the results of the activities financed from the Energy Account, especially on the extent to which the Account has contributed to playing its catalytic role in mobilizing additional resources to implement the Nairobi Programme of Action.

85/32. <u>United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked</u> Developing Countries

The Governing Council,

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the Administrator on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries (DP/1985/53),

Concurring with the Administrator's conclusion that the Fund will cease to be viable during the biennium 1985-1986,

- 1. <u>Recommends</u> to the United Nations General Assembly that, in the asbence of any prospect for increased contributions to the Fund, steps should be taken to dissolve the Fund in an orderly manner;
- 2. <u>Further recommends</u> to the United Nations General Assembly that the Fund should be declared closed for further contributions with effect from 1 January 1986 and that, following completion of all activities in respect of projects approved by that date, any uncommitted resources should be transferred to the general resources of UNDP.

85/33. United Nations Development Fund for Women

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984, by which the Assembly decided, inter alia, that the activities of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women should be continued through establishment of a separate and identifiable entity, designated the United Nations Development Fund for Women, in autonomous association with the United Nations Development Programme and that the modalities for the future management arrangements as contained in the annex to the resolution should enter into force at the latest on 1 January 1986,

Noting the Administrator's proposal to classify the post of Director of the Fund to the D-1 level,

1. <u>Welcomes</u> the arrangements made by the Administrator to accept the responsibility for the United Nations Development Fund for Women as of 1 July 1985;

- 2. <u>Requests</u> the Administrator to prepare the 1986-1987 biennial budget estimates in respect of the Fund for review by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions at its continuing fortieth session, September-December 1985;
- 3. <u>Decides</u> to consider the 1986-1987 biennial budget proposal for the Fund, as well as staffing matters, at its February 1986 organizational meeting;
- 4. <u>Authorizes</u> the Administrator to maintain the current level of staffing and budgetary expenditures pending approval by the Governing Council of the 1986-1987 biennial budget;
- 5. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council on an annual basis on the establishment of administrative arrangements relating to the association of the United Nations Development Fund for Women with the United Nations Development Programme.

85/34. Annual review of the financial situation, 1984

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator on the review of the financial situation of 1984 (DP/1985/54 and DP/1985/54/Add. 1).

<u>Taking into account</u> the observations and comments made by its members thereon,

Noting with interest the information provided by the Administrator concerning the management of a global cash management system,

- 1. Expresses its concern at the decline in programme delivery in recent years, despite the availability of resources;
- 2. Expresses its further concern at the high level of financial holdings by the United Nations Development Programme:
- 3. <u>Takes note</u> of the measures undertaken by the Administrator to improve programme delivery and performance, and urges their early implementation by the Programme and executing agencies in order to achieve full delivery at the recognized programming targets for the third cycle;
- 4. Requests the Administrator to report further on the subject of cash management, taking into account the views expressed by delegations;
- 5. <u>Invites</u> member States to expedite project-related actions awaiting their approval and concurrence;
- 6. <u>Further urges</u> all Governments to increase their voluntary contributions to the Programme and to make prompt and early payment of pledges; and

7. <u>Further takes note</u> of the Administrator's intentions regarding the se of the Reserve for Construction Loans and related matters.

85/35. Revised 1984-1985 budget

The Governing Council,

<u>Having considered</u> the 1984-1985 biennial budget estimates of the United tions Development Programme and the funds administered by the United Nations velopment Programme (DP/1985/57).

- 1. <u>Takes note with appreciation</u> of the report of the Advisory Committee Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1985/56);
- 2. Approves revised appropriations in the amount of \$318,552,0000 ross), to be allocated from the resources indicated below to finance the 84-1985 biennial budget, and resolves that the income estimates in an amount \$75,212,100 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations, resulting in t appropriations of \$243,340,100, as indicated in the annex to the present solution;
- 3. <u>Authorizes</u> the Administrator to implement the results of the job assification exercise and then new salary scale for General Service staff of e United Nations Development Programme at headquarters when such results are plemented by the Secretary-General for the United Nations General Service d with the same effective date.

Annex

1984-1985 BIENNIAL BUDGET

Gross	Estima	ated	Net
appropriations	inco	ome	appropriations
(United	States	dolla	rs)

53 986 500 224 542 100

Resources

(i)

ited Nations Development

ii) Office for Project

Core activities

(ii)	Office for Project Execution	15 254 500	15 254 500	-
ii)	Inter-agency Procurement Services Unit	2 072 700	2 072 700	

278 528 600

		Gross appropriations (United	Estimated <u>income</u> States dollar	Net <u>appropriations</u> rs)
(iv) United Nations Volunteers	6 027 800	1 026 200	5 001 600
(v	<pre>Outlied Nations Sudano- Sahelian-UNDP/UNEP joint venture (institutional support)</pre>	2 255 500	1 268 900	986 600
(vi) Information Referral System for Technical Co-operation among Development Countries	632 500	46 800	585 700
(vii) Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research	900 000		900 000
	Total	305 671 600	73 655 600	232 016 000
	<u>United Nations Capital</u> <u>Development Fund</u>	5 595 600	689 000	4 906 600
	United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration	3 199 600	377 900	2 821 700
	United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office	4 085 400	489 600	3 595 800
	Total appropriations	318 552 200	75 212 100	243 340 100

85/36. 1986 Budget

The Governing Council,

<u>Having considered</u> the 1986-1987 biennial budget estimates of the United Nations Development Programme and the funds administered by the United Nations Development Programme (DP/1985/57),

- 1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1985/56);
- 2. Approves appropriations in an amount of \$170,319,100 (gross), to be allocated from the resources indicated below to finance the 1986 budget and resolves that the income estimates in an amount of \$24,946,000 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations, resulting in net appropriations of \$145,373,100 as indicated in the annex to the present resolution;

- 3. <u>Decides</u> that of the appropriation for UNDP resources approved in paragraph 2 above, \$3.0 million shall be reflected as a separate appropriation line within the 1986 budget entitled "African strengthening" and that these resources shall take the form of a subvention to the extrabudgetary account for "Strengthening field offices in Africa" and shall be reimbursed to the extent that contributions are made by donors for this purpose;
- 4. <u>Calls upon</u> Member states to make further pledges to this extrabudgetary account in order to ensure that the resources of the United Nations Development Programme are devoted to their primary purpose, namely technical co-operation, to the maximum extent possible;
- Strongly urges that those organizations of the United Nations system which either benefit from the services being provided by the field offices of the United Nations Development Programme in Africa, or whose mandates and substantive involvement render them most suitable for providing assistance to Africa (for example, within the United Nations, the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs and the Economic Commission for Africa), make available to the United Nations Development Programme suitable resources in cash or in kind through redeployment from within their own provisions for the purpose of strengthening co-ordination and emergency functions in Africa by the United Nations system, and in particular the United Nations Development Programme; such contributions shall be treated as a credit to the extrabudgetary account for strengthening field offices in Africa referred to in paragraph 3 above, and would be an appropriate reflection of the principle that all agencies of the United Nations system should share in the response to Africa;
- 6. Requests the Administrator to continue his efforts in this regard with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as well as with the heads of the specialized agencies of the United Nations system with a view to securing the co-operation outlined in the preceding paragraph;
- 7. <u>Urges</u> States Members of the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system to ensure that the requests contained in the three preceding paragraphs are met to the maximum extent possible;
- 8. Requests the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the United Nations to submit to the Governing Council at its February 1986 session, proposed adjustments to the guidelines endorsed by the Council in the exercise of its authority to establish guidelines for the regular programme of technical co-operation (sect. 24 of the United Nations programme budget), which would enable the Department to play its full and appropriate part in addressing the emergency situation in, as well as the long-term development needs of, Africa;
- 9. <u>Notes</u> that no decision was taken at the current session concerning the closure of the field office in Belgrade, and that the issue is to be reconsidered at the thirty-third session;

income appropriations

Net

Estimated

(United States dollars)

10. <u>Authorizes</u> the Administrator to implement the reclassification results for international Professional posts effective 1 January 1986.

<u>Annex</u>

1986 Budget

Gross

appropriations

Reso	ources			
United Na Programme	tions Development			
(i)	Core activities	146 761 100	15 306 100	131 455 000
(ii)	Office for Project Execution	8 171 100	8 171 100	-
(iii)	Inter-agency Procurement Services Unit	964 600	964 600	-
(iv)	United Nations Volunteers	3 092 700	-	3 092 700
(v)	United Nations Sudano- Sahelian-UNDP/UNEP joint venture (institutional support)	996 300	504 200	492 100
(vi)	Information Referral System for Technical Co-operation among Development Countries	359 000	-	359 000
(vii)	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research	450 000	-	450 000
(viii)	Africa strengthening	3 000 000		3 000 000
	Total	<u>163 794 800</u>	<u>24 946 000</u>	<u>138 848 800</u>
	ed Nations Capital lopment Fund	3 032 200	-	3 032 200
for	ed Nations Revolving Fund Natural Resources oration	1 468 600	-	1 468 600

Total appropriations	170 319 100	24 946 000	145 373 100
Office	2 023 500		2 023 500
United Nations Sudano-Sahelian			

85/37. Trust funds established by the Administrator in 1984

The Governing Council,

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the Administrator on trust funds stablished by him in 1984 (DP/1985/59 and Corr.1), the report of the Advisory ommittee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1985/56), and the aformation provided orally by the Associate Administrator,

Bearing in mind the views expressed thereon by delegations,

Requests that the Administrator provide the Governing Council with aformation on individual projects, equivalent to that contained in annex II document DP/1985/59, financed by trust funds restricted to use in the donor puntry, as well as summary information on the status of all trust funds stablished by him since 1981 which are still financially active.

85/38. <u>Financial regulations: Matters on which consensus</u> was not achieved at the thirty-first session

The Governing Council,

Having considered the note by the Administrator contained in document 2/1985/60.

- (a) Approves the texts proposed by the Administrator in 1981 as nancial regulations 3.5, 3.6, 12.3 and 12.4 for inclusion in the Financial gulations as regulations 4.5, 4.7, 13.3 and 13.4 respectively, in place of me former regulations 6.4, 6.6, and 4.2 and 4.3 which had remained in force anding agreement on these matters;
- (b) <u>Decides</u> that the Budgetary and Finance Committee will consider aring its meetings at the thirty-third session of the Governing Council, thin the framework of the provisional agenda for the thirty-third session, oposed financial regulation 4.6, remaining in brackets (see DP/1985/60, nex III), as well as those other matters on which consensus was not achieved the thirty-second session of the Council (see DP/1985/60, annex II), with a ew to facilitating the resolution of those issues by the Council.
 - 85/39. <u>Financial regulations: Guidelines for the procurement of equipment, supplies and services</u>

The Governing Council,

<u>Having considered</u> the note by the Administrator (DP/1985/61), as well as the information provides orally by the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Special Activities,

- (a) <u>Notes with appreciation</u> the efforts undertaken by the United Nations Development Programme and the agencies to harmonize their practices in procurement of equipment, supplies and services;
- (b) <u>Requests</u> the Programme and the agencies to continue their co-operation to achieve uniformity in their procurement practices and to reflect such common practices in the General Business Guide issued by the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit so as to make the United Nations system's procurement process both more accessible and more transparent;
- (c) <u>Urges</u> UNDP and the agencies to make enhanced efforts to expand the geographical distribution of the sources of supply including under-utilized donors and developing countries;
- (d) Requests the Administrator to consult with the executing agencies on the possibility of producing, for information of the Governing Council, a further, more specific analysis of replies to the questionnaire on agencies procurement practices;
- (e) <u>Requests</u> the Administrator to make an oral report to the Council at its thirty-third session on the results achieved in the implementation of this decision.

85/40. Audit Reports

The Governing Council,

Having considered documents DP/1985/62 and Add.1 containing the audited accounts of the executing agencies for the financial period ending 31 December 1983, the reports of the external auditors thereon, the Administrator's comments on substantive observations made by the external auditors and a description of the action taken by the Administrator in response to Governing Council decision 84/40,

Having also considered General Assembly resolution A/39/5/Add.1 and A/39/5, vol. I, which contain respectively the audited financial statements of UNDP for the year 1983 and of the United Nations for the biennium 1982-1983, as well as the reports of the United Nations Board of Auditors thereon, copies of which had been made available at the thirty-second session of the Council,

(a) Expresses its appreciation for the increasing emphasis given by the external auditors to the preparation of long-form narrative audit reports which include observations on the effectiveness of the financial management of projects;

- (b) <u>Requests</u> the Administrator to bring this decision, and the views expressed by the Committee in the course of its discussion of this subject, to the attention of the Panel of External Auditors, and to continue his efforts, in consultation with the Panel, to ensure that long-form narrative audit reports are submitted in respect of every executing agency which carries out a significant volume of UNDP-financed acitivites;
- (c) <u>Further requests</u> the Administrator in future years to expand the scope of his comments on the audit reports received so as to include a summary of the most significant observations contained in audit reports of UNDP itself and of the United Nations, as well as of the comments made and follow-up actions taken by the respective Administrations in response to those observations.

85/41. <u>Sectoral Support</u>

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 84/41 of 29 June 1984 approving the allocation of funds subject to resource availability through 1986 for both the sectoral support programme with smaller agencies and the Senior Industrial Development Field Adviser programme with UNIDO in the amounts of \$912,000 and \$2,031,000 respectively.

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the Administrator on sectoral support (DP/1985/63) and the views and comments of members thereon,

- (a) <u>Endorses</u> the proposals of the Administrator contained in paragraphs 21 and 22 of his report concerning the continuation with improved management measures of the sectoral support programme with smaller agencies through the fourth cycle, 1987-1991;
- (b) Requests the Administrator to undertake the necessary review of the policy of UNDP in regard to the Senior Industrial Development Field Adviser programme in the fourth cycle, taking due account of the possible change of status of UNIDO to a specialized agency, and to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session on the results of that review;
- (c) <u>Further decides</u> to consider and decide on the UNDP support in the fourth cycle for the Senior Industrial Development Field Adviser programme at its thirty-third session

85/42. Other matters: The financial structure of the UNDP-administered system

The Governing Council,

Having considered the Administrator's report on the financial structure of the UNDP administered system (DP/1985/64),

- (a) <u>Requests</u> the Administrator to review the current organizational arrangements that characterize his management of the funds under his authority and to provide a report to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session containing proposals whereby the current organizational arrangements for the management of these funds may be made more effective and efficient;
- (b) <u>Takes note</u> of the Administrator's intention to make available to the cost-sharing programmes the interest earned on cost-sharing balances after the costs to UNDP relating to the respective programmes have been met;
- (c) <u>Authorizes</u> the Administrator, further to decision 85/5 IV, paragragraph 3, for those agencies which did not respond to decision 80/44, paragraph 4 and decision 82/5 IV, paragraph 2, to lower the support cost reimbursement rate relating to a project financed either by a trust fund or cost-sharing when it is determined by the Administrator that the agency concerned had indicated its willingness to accept a lower rate for the same project;
- (d) <u>Recommends</u> to the United Nations General Assembly that it endorse the proposals contained in paragraph 7 of DP/1985/64 relating to the closure as of 31 December 1985 of the Fund of the United Nations for the Development of West Irian, the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency Residual Assets, the United Nations Relief Operations in Bangladesh and the Trust Fund Programme for the Republic of Zaire.

85/43. Other matters: ITU request for additional support cost reimbursement

The Governing Council,

<u>Having considered</u> information provided by representatives of ITU and UNDP concerning a request made by the International Telecommunication Union for additional reimbursement of support costs relating to UNDP-financed activities,

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

Reaffirms its decision 84/31, paragraph 6, in which it decided that support cost reimbursement to executing agencies, including the International Telecommunication Union, should continue to be made in accordance with the provision of Governing Council decisions 80/44 and 81/40.

85/44. Other matters: Currency exchange rates applicable to activities of the United Nations Development Programme

The Governing Council,

<u>Having considered</u> document DP/1985/7 of 18 June 1985 presented at its thirty-second session,

<u>Having heard</u> the statements made by the Permanent Representative of Somalia and the Administrator of UNDP on this subject,

Expresses the hope that further consultations would be fruitful.

85/45. <u>Measures to be taken concerning the documentation</u> of the Governing Council

The Governing Council,

<u>Considering</u> the concerns expressed regarding the problems resulting from frequent lateness in receipt of documentation and the reluctance of members to continue to operate in this disorganized fashion,

<u>Deploring</u> the serious gaps which still exist regarding the translation and simultaneous distribution of documents in all the official languages,

- 1. <u>Takes note</u> of the Administrator's note (DP/1985/69) on the replies to the survey of Governing Council members to ascertain the usefulness of documents issued for the thirty-first session as requested in operative paragraph 4 of its decision 84/5;
- 2. Requests members of the Governing Council, who have not yet done so, to respond to the Administrator's questionnaire on "The usefulness of documents issued for the Governing Council", and on the basis of which the Secretariat will prepare a report, so that the Governing Council may continue to examine this matter at its organizational session in February 1986;
- 3. Reaffirms its previous decisions 79/33 (operative paras. 4 (a)-4 (d)) and 83/40 (operative paras. 1 and 5) with respect to the preparation and timely distribution of documents of the Governing Council and strongly insists that the Administrator take decisive action to solve this problem once and for all, and to report at the February 1986 organizational session, the measures that have been taken:
- 4. Requests the Administrator to continue the efforts he has already made to improve the quality, reduce the quantity and accelerate the distribution of the Council's documentation;
- 5. <u>Decides</u> to continue the practice established in operative paragraph of decision 83/40 and to allocate up to \$200,000 per biennium for the editing, translation, typing and production of documents for the Governing Council with a view to circulating documents to delegations at the earliest possible time.

85/46. Provisional agenda for the thirty-third session of the Governing Council and related matters

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 81/37 of 27 June 1981 and 85/44 of 29 June 1984,

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

Provisional agenda for the thirty-third session

- 1. Opening of the session
- 2. Election of officers
- 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-fourth session;
- 2. Decides that the subject of policy review for discussion during the high-level segment of the session shall be "the unique role of UNDP in human resources development and development co-operation in the '80s".
- 3. Also decides that the indicative quota for the documentation to be submitted to the Governing Council at its thirty-third 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 and calls upon the administrator to undertake all steps to reduce the volume of documentation even further.

85/47. Arrangements for meetings of the Governing Council in 1986

The Governing Council,

<u>Decides</u>, subject to confirmation by the Committee on Conferences and the General Assembly, as well as its own review at its organizational meeting, that the arrangements for its meetings in 1986 shall be as follows:

Organizational meeting and special session $\underline{1}/$	February 1986, New York (dates to be set)
Governing Council including:	June 1986, Geneva (four weeks)
Bugetary and Finance Committee	June 1986, Geneva (four weeks)
Committee of the Whole	June 1986, Geneva (1 week)
High-level segment	June 1986, Geneva (1 week)
Drafting Group	June 1986, Geneva (2 weeks)

In addition, meetings of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole stablished by decision 85/17. on Programming (para. 2), will be scheduled.

85/48. Other reports considered by the Governing Council at its thirty-second session

The Governing Council,

Takes note of the following reports:

- (a) Report of the Administrator on Implementation of General Assembly solution 38/201 concerning the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency perations Trust Fund and the allocation of its remaining balance (DP/1985/15);
- (b) Oral report of the Director of External Relations and the Governing puncil Secretariat on the UNDP Development Study Programme;
- (c) Report of the Administrator on Assistance to Specific Countries (P/1985/19);
 - (d) Report of the Administrator on Evaluation (DP/1985/13);
- (e) Reports of the Administrator on United Nations system regular and trabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures (DP/1984/66); (DP/1985/65);
- (f) Note by the Administrator on action taken by other organs of the ited Nations system in 1983 (DP/1985/66 and DP/1985/66/Add.1).

^{1/} See decision 85/17. on Programming, para. 1.