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#### OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Extract from the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations

Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1986 and on

its thirty-third session \*/

#### Note by the Secretariat

The decisions adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its organizational meeting for 1986 and at its thirty-third session are presented in the annex to the present note.

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#### INTRODUCTION

- 1. The report on the thirty-third session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is presented to the Economic and Social Council in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX) of 22 November 1965.
- 2. The report is submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1986 for consideration under item 19 of its agenda, entitled "Operational activities for development". The decisions adopted by the Governing Council which are relevant to that item are listed below:
  - 86/14. Human resources development
  - 86/15. Annual report of the Administrator
  - 86/16. Increasing public awareness of UNDP activities
  - 86/17. Operational activities for development
  - 86/18. Implementation of measures to improve programme and project quality
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  - 86/24. Pre-investment activities
  - 86/36. United Nations technical co-operation activities
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  - 86/28. Evaluation
  - 86/32. Country and intercountry programmes and projects
  - 86/34. United Nations Fund for Population Activities
  - 86/45. Trust funds conditioned on procurement from the donor country
  - 86/47. Guidelines for the procurement of equipment, supplies and services
- 3. In addition, the following decisions of the Governing Council are relevant to the consideration of other items on the agenda of the Economic and Social Council:

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#### 86/1. Arrangements for the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole

#### The Governing Council,

Decides that, subject to review at its thirty-third session, June 1986, the following arrangements shall govern the activities of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole, established by Council decision 85/17;

(a) The membership of the Working Group shall be increased from 24 to 26 with the following allocation of seats:

African States	6 seats
Asian and Pacific States and Yugoslavia	5 seats
Latin American and Caribbean States	4 seats
Western European and other States	9 seats
Eastern European States	2 seats

Beginning in 1990, the membership will be increased to 27 every fifth year thereafter. The additional seat will be allocated to the Eastern European Group;

- (b) Membership of the Working Group shall be for one year, from one organizational meeting to the following, with the possibility of re-election,
- (c) The President of the Council shall be the Chairman of the Working Group, in case the Chairman of the Working Group has to be absent from a session or meeting, he/she should designate another member of the Bureau, who is a member of the Working Group, to preside,
- (d) The rules of procedure of the Governing Council shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the Working Group,
- (e) The Governing Council, resolving itself into the Committee of the Whole, shall assign topics to the Working Group. These topics will be chosen from among the Committee of the Whole's own agenda, in accordance with decision 85/17;
- (f) Until June 1986, the topics to be assigned to the Working Group shall be derived from Council decision 83/5, section III A, paragraph 2 (c) and (d);
- (g) The Governing Council, resolving itself into the Committee of the Whole, shall determine the number of sessions to be held by the Working Group. The exact dates for these sessions will be determined through informal consultations by the President of the Governing Council, taking into account the availability of services and facilities and Council decision 85/17;
- (h) The Working Group will receive interpretation services in the six official languages of the Council,
  - (i) The documents before the Working Group shall be:

- (i) Official documents of the Council prepared in accordance with its agenda relating to topics assigned to the Working Group in keeping with the mandate of the Committee of the Whole, such documents will be subject to the six-weeks rule in accordance with existing practices of the Council,
- (ii) Working papers requested by the Working Group during its meetings for consideration at those or subsequent meetings; these working papers will be available to any member of the Programme wishing to obtain them provided that where time allows such papers shall be made available in the official languages of the Council;
- (j) The Chairman of the Working Group shall make a report to the Committee of the Whole in the form of a statement on the work of the Working Group on which the Committee of the Whole may deliberate. The Working Group will not be required to adopt the report,
- (k) All members of the Programme will be formally notified of all meetings of the Working Group;
- (1) The Working Group will invite participation by organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant bodies when it considers their presence required.

2nd meeting 18 February 1986

### 86/2. Election of the Members of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole

#### The Governing Council

Elects the following countries as members of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole, for a term of one year, to end at its organizational meeting for 1987:

Argentina, Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, China, Denmark, Ethiopia, France, India, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Pakistan, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Swaziland, Sweden, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, USSR, United Kingdom, and United States.

2nd and 10th meetings 18 and 21 February 1986

#### 86/3. Terms of office of Members of the Governing Council

#### The Governing Council,

Recommends to the Economic and Social Council that in electing members of the Governing Council pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2813 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, it decide that:

- "(a) Members of the Governing Council shall henceforth serve for a term of three years beginning with the organizational session of the Council in February of the year following the election and ending on the day preceding the organizational session in February three years later;
- (b) The term of office of current members of the Governing Council be adjusted accordingly".

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18 February 1986

# 86/4. Schedule of meetings of the Governing Council in 1986 The Governing Council,

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Decides that the thirty-third session of the Governing Council shall be held from 2-27 June 1986, with a possible extension until 1 July 1986,

Plenary 2 June 1986

Committee of the Whole 2-7 June, 16-17 June and, if

required, 28 June-1 July 1986

High-level segment (Plenary) 9-13 June 1986

Plenary 18-27 June and, if required,

1 July 1986

Budgetary and Finance Committee 2-27 June

Drafting Group 16-27 June 1986;

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Agrees to waive the 10-week rule for the submission of certain documents to be considered by the Governing Council at its thirty-third session, in 1986, as described in the note by the secretariat (DP/1986/5);

III

Takes note of the oral progress report made by the Secretary of the Governing Council in accordance with Council decision 85/45, paragraph 2 on measures taken concerning the documentation of the Council as well as on other efforts to implement the various decisions of the Council on the rationalization of its work;

18 February 1986

## 86/5. Agenda and organization of work of the Governing Council in 1986

The Governing Council,

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Approves the provisional agenda for its special session (DP/1986/L.2 and Add. 1);

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Approves the provisional agenda and the tentative schedule of work for its special session, in June 1986, as orally amended (DP/1986/L.3) and DP/1986/L.3/Corr.1) and on the understanding that the President would have sufficient flexibility in ensuring a smooth conduct of the session;

#### III

- 1. Agrees that the Committee of the Whole will deal with the following items of the provisional agenda:
  - (a) Relevant trends and problems in country programmes;
  - (b) Implementation of country programmes in various regions;
  - (c) All country and intercountry programmes;
  - (d) Global and interregional projects;
  - (e) Evaluation matters;
- 2. Decides to allocate the following items of the provisional agenda to its Budgetary and Finance Committee:
  - 6 United Nations Fund for Population Activities: Budgetary and financial matters;
  - 8 (a)-8 (h) Other funds and programmes: Financial and administrative questions;
  - 9 (a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1985;
  - 9 (b) Revised budget estimates for 1986 and budget estimates for 1987;
  - 9 (c) Trust funds;
  - 9 (d) UNDP financial regulations;
  - 9 (e) Audit reports;
  - 9 (f) Sectoral support;
  - 9 (g) Other matters;

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

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Reaffirms 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 on the understanding that draft decisions should not be circulated before the conclusion of a debate in plenary, so that the substance of the debate may be fully reflected,

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- 1. Decides to open the list of speakers for the high-level segment of its session on 5 May 1986 and close it on 17 June 1986;
- 2. Decides that there shall be a time-limit of 15 minutes for all interventions during the debate;
- 3. Agrees to address issues relating to the 1986 Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development in the context of the high-level segment of the thirty-third session (DP/1986/73/Rev.1).

10th meeting 3 June 1985

# 86/6. Revised guidelines of the United Nations Regular Programme of Technical Co-operation

The Governing Council,

Having considered the note by the Administrator on the revised guidelines for the United Nations Regular Programme of Technical Co-operation (DP/1986/7);

- 1. Takes note of the programme of activities of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development for 1986-1987 as contained therein;
- 2. Decides that no further adjustments to the existing guidelines are necessary at this time.

7th meeting 20 February 1986

#### 86/7. United Nations Development Fund for Women

#### The Governing Council,

Having considered the 1986-1987 biennial budget estimates of the United Nations Development Fund for Women contained in document DP/1986/6,

- 1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1986/71);
- 2. Approves appropriations in the amount of \$2,172,000 to be allocated from the resources of the Fund, to finance its 1986-1987 biennial budget.

9th meeting 21 February 1986

#### 86/8. Special Programme Resources

#### The Governing Council,

Taking note that, in accordance with the resource planning criteria endorsed by its decision 85/16, adopted at its thirty-second session (June 1985), the Special Programme Resources to be available for the fourth programming cycle total \$76.4 million,

Having considered the note by the Administrator (DP/1986/2) on the use of third cycle Special Programme Resources during the current cycle and the notional planning figures intended to be established by the Administrator with regard to the use of the fourth cycle Special Programme Resources during the period 1987-1991, including an amount for country programme assessment needs,

Bearing in mind its decision 80/48, paragraph 7, in which it authorized the use of Special Programme Resources for specific purposes during the third IPF cycle 1982-1986,

- 1. Authorizes the use of Special Programme Resources during the fourth programming cycle, 1987-1991, for the following purposes in accordance with the mandates of UNDP as specified in relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and decisions of the Governing Council, in particular General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV), subject to the notional planning figures set out in the table on page 5 of document DP/1986/2:
  - (a) Financing emergency assistance in cases of natural disasters,
- (b) Financing longer-term assistance directly related to the effects of natural disaster, intended to assist in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of stricken areas and of direct benefit to the population of the stricken areas;
- (c) Financing activities related to programme development, including, inter alia, those aimed at: (i) achieving more effective aid co-ordination in accordance with Governing Council decision 85/3, (ii) enhancing programme quality, taking into account a final decision by the Governing Council on the Project Development Facility, (iii) promoting new initiatives and innovative approaches with a potential programme-wide impact, (iv) longer-term research and development in the area of social and economic development, and (v) undertaking country programme assessment needs as agreed upon by the recipient countries concerned,
  - (d) Financing of contingencies;

- (e) Financing action-oriented promotional activities of technical co-operation among developing countries, subject to specific amounts authorized and to be authorized by the Governing Council;
- 2. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council every two years as to the status and use of the Special Programme Resources.

9th meeting 21 February 1986

#### 86/9. Economically disadvantaged States in southern Africa

#### The Governing Council,

Taking note in its decision 85/16, paragraph 5 (e) (v), adopted at its thirty-second session in June 1985 1/, in which the Governing Council decided that, in calculating country indicative planning figures (IPFs) for the fourth programming cycle, 1987-1991, one of the supplementary criteria to be applied would be the country's status as a front-line State,

Having considered the note by the Administrator on the determination of front-line States (DP/1986/9),

Decides that the supplementary criteria contained in paragraph 5 (e) (v) of decision 85/16 be now rescinded and be replaced by the designation "Economically disadvantaged States in southern Africa" and that for purposes of calculating their fourth cycle IPFs, one supplementary point should be awarded to countries which because of their geographical location in southern Africa and their destabilization by South Africa, are economically disadvantaged, namely: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

9th meeting 21 February 1986

#### 86/10. UNDP Field offices in Belgrade and Bucharest

#### The Governing Council

- 1. Decides to defer consideration of the note by the Administrator on UNDP field offices in Belgrade and Bucharest (DP/1986/8) to its thirty-third session (1986);
- 2. Requests the Administrator to conduct, in the meantime, consultations with the parties concerned.

9th meeting 21 February 1986

#### 86/11. Job classification

#### The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 85/35 on the revised 1984-1985 budget adopted at its thirty-second session, June 1985,

Having considered the Report of the Administrator on implementation of the results of job classification for the general service and related categories in UNDP and UNFPA (DP/1986/72),

Authorizes the Administrator to implement the results of the classification exercise, effective 1 January 1986 and, to revert to this matter, if necessary, in the future, upon the finalization of the exercise in the United Nations.

9th meeting 21 February 1986

### 86/12. Expression of appreciation to Bradford Morse Administrator of UNDP, 1976-1986

#### The Governing Council,

Noting with regret the decision of Mr. Bradford Morse to retire from his duties as Administrator of UNDP,

Considering his dynamism, enthusiasm, firm commitment and unrelenting efforts to alleviate human suffering and to improve the economic and social conditions in the developing countries by raising the level of resources, increasing the numbers and improving the quality of the programmes of UNDP, as well as the special funds under his administration,

Acknowledging with great satisfaction that under his guidance the UNDP achieved significant progress in promoting the economic and social progress in the developing countries of the world,

- 1. Expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Bradford Morse for the effective and dedicated manner in which he performed his functions as Administrator of UNDP from 1976 to 1986, and additionally as Director of the Office for Emergency Operations in Africa (OEOA) from 1985 to 1986;
- 2. Extends its best wishes to him and his family for a long, happy life and continued success in the future.

35th meeting 27 June 1986

#### 86/13. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

#### The Governing Council

Approves the provisional agenda and the tentative schedule of work for its thirty-third session, in 1986 (DP/1986/19 and annexes 1-2, DP/1986/L.9 and Add.1).

35th meeting 27 June 1986

#### 86/14. The role of UNDP in human resources development

#### The Governing Council,

Recognizing human resources development as an integral part of all economic development activities, not only as an instrument of self-sustained economic growth but also as an objective of development itself,

Acknowledging that the needs for human resources development should be taken into account in the programming and implementation of technical co-operation,

- 1. Takes note of the analysis of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in his report (DP/1986/10) and also of the report of the Tokyo Workshop (DP/1986/10/Add.1);
- 2. Requests the Administrator to submit a detailed critical analysis of UNDP experience since 1970 in human resources development to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) and provide an interim report on this analysis to the Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987);
- 3. <u>Urges</u> all Governments to continue to attach a high priority to human resources development, keeping in mind its multi-sectoral and multi-dimensional character;
- 4. Calls upon UNDP, in the exercise of its central funding and its co-ordinating functions in relation to multilateral technical co-operation in the United Nations system, to ensure adequate attention to human resources development concerns in its own programmes and in its co-ordinating activities, and to play a key role in promoting human resources development;
- 5. <u>Invites</u> the Administrator, upon request by Governments of developing countries and bearing in mind the desirability of relying to the maximum extent possible on their national and regional institutions and personnel, to contribute in the development of human resources in their countries by assisting them in, inter alia:
- (a) The preparation of national strategies for the development of human resources;
  - (b) Undertaking national survey on technical co-operation needs;

- (c) Drawing up and implementing comprehensive training programmes in a co-ordinated and effective manner;
  - (d) Exchanging information regarding externally-financed training;
- (e) Utilizing the capacity and experience at the grass-roots level of relevant community and voluntary organizations engaged in development activities;
- (f) Formulating strategies designed to ensure the continued effectiveness of the human resources development programmes in the face of economic difficulties;
- (g) Strengthening their endogenous institutional capacity in all sectors to foster human resources development;
- 6. Requests the Administrator to promote the utilization by developing countries of the experience in the field of human resources development in other developing countries;
- 7. Notes the initiative of the Administrator in organizing, in collaboration with relevant regional institutions, workshops on human resources development and requests him to ensure that they result in a practical exchange of experience in human resources development activities of participating countries and to ensure that the full experience of UNDP in human resources development be taken into account as conclusions emerge from the conduct of the critical analysis requested in paragraph 2 above.

35th meeting 27 June 1986

#### 86/15. Annual report of the Administrator

The Governing Council,

Having considered the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for 1985 (DP/1986/11),

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

1. Requests the Administrator, in the light of the major review of United Nations operational activities by the Economic and Social Council, to undertake an assessment, with the Director General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, of the experience of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the co-ordination of technical co-operation activities of the United Nations development system and to report thereon to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987) in conjunction with the report called for under its decision 85/3;

- 2. Emphasizes again that the co-ordination of all technical co-operation activities is the responsibility of recipient Governments themselves and reaffirms requests to the Administrator, made at previous sessions of the Governing Council, for UNDP to assist developing countries to strengthen their national technical co-operation co-ordination mechanisms, and, in this connection, notes with interest the suggestion of the Administrator that donors and recipient Governments which are so desirous could utilize UNDP in assisting the co-ordination of externally-funded training activities at the country level, and his proposal to start such an arrangement in two or three selected countries in each region, and requests the Administrator to report on the progress made in this experiment to the Governing Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988),
- 3. Requests the Administrator to stand ready to assist Governments which are so desirous in the context of their country programmes, in the fields of public administration and financial management, in the formulation of technical co-operation programmes;
- 4. <u>Urges</u> the Administrator to analyse the staffing situation at headquarters and in the field in order to ensure that UNDP field offices are adequately staffed in numbers and possess the skills, training and competence necessary to discharge their functions effectively and to report to the Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987);
- 5. Reaffirms paragraph 17 of its decision 84/4 and notes the intention of the Administrator to fulfil it;
- 6. <u>Urges</u> the Administrator, in pursuance of Governing Council decision 84/8, to expand those pre-investment activities of UNDP which might attract financing from new sources, including private ones;
- 7. Requests the Administrator to pursue vigorously, at all levels, ongoing efforts to increase the quality of UNDP programmes and projects;
- 8. Reaffirms its support for the measures already being taken by the Administrator to involve, at the request of Governments, grassroots and non-governmental organizations, such as co-operatives, "colectividades" and communities, in the development process, and urges the Administrator to expand the activities of UNDP in this regard,
- 9. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987) on recent UNDP experience in financing equipment and its importance in relation to other project components;
- 10. Expresses concern at the declining implementation rate of the projects funded by UNDP, and, while supporting the measures being undertaken by the Administrator to improve the rate of implementation, urges him to initiate appropriate administrative measures to ensure improved performance by the executing agencies and that they are fully accountable for the fulfilment of their obligations to UNDP in the execution of UNDP-funded projects, and appeals to Governments and the executing agencies to assist in the attainment of these objectives,

11. Reaffirms the importance it attaches to Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries and requests the Administrator to strengthen his efforts to support and promote the utilization of this modality, wherever appropriate, in technical co-operation programmes and projects.

35th meeting 27 June 1986

#### 86/16. Increasing public awareness of UNDP activities

#### The Governing Council,

- 1. Recognizes the need for Governments and the general public in both developed and developing countries to be more aware of the scope and effectiveness of UNDP activities;
- 2. Appreciates that such awareness plays an important part in determining the resources generated for the work of UNDP and accordingly strongly supports the Administrator's efforts to promote and increase UNDP visibility in order to enlarge public awareness of the scope and effectiveness of UNDP activities and their contribution to economic and social development,
- 3. Requests the Administrator to keep the Council informed of his efforts on this subject.

35th meeting 27 June 1986

#### 86/17. Operational activities for development

#### The Governing Council,

Responding to General Assembly resolution 40/211 inviting, inter-alia, governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system to provide the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, their views on the system-wide policy issues affecting operational activities,

Noting General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2688 (XXV) on the capacity of the United Nations development system and 3405 (XXX) on New Dimensions in Technical Co-operation,

Appreciating the overall positive impact of the operational activities by the United Nations system on the development of developing countries and mindful of their growing needs,

Emphasizing the need to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

- 1. Expresses its concern at the decline in the share of UNDP in total technical co-operation expenditures of the United Nations system engaged in operational activities for development;
- 2. Reaffirms the central role of the United Nations Development Programme in funding technical co-operation activities for development within the United Nations system and emphasizes the need to provide the Programme with increased and adequate resources to fulfil its role;
- 3. Supports the expanding role and responsibilities of UNDP in the area of co-ordination of technical assistance within the United Nations system and calls upon the United Nations system to give greater attention to the strengthening of the co-ordinating capacity of recipient Governments;
- 4. Brings to the attention of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council the following views on issues of importance in the context of the triennial review of operational activities for development:
- (a) the United Nations system, under the leadership of the Director-General of Development and International Economic Co-operation, should pursue a co-ordinated and coherent strategy for operational activities for development to serve as a basis for long-term action to assist developing countries in achieving their development objectives;
- (b) the Joint Consultative Group on Policy, made up of UNDP, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Fund for Population Activities and World Food Programme, provides a positive example of co-operation which should be encouraged;
- (c) the role and responsibility of the United Nations resident co-ordinators in the field should be strengthened as defined in United Nations General Assembly resolution 32/197 in order to promote greater coherence and co-ordination within the United Nations system and to respond constructively to host country Government requests to play a broader co-ordinating role in appropriate cases;
- (d) collaboration between the UNDP and the specialized agencies in the joint programming of technical co-operation activities of the United Nations system should be enhanced with a view to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of project implementation and thus enabling better utilization of resources;
- (e) executing agencies should be fully accountable for the fulfilment of their obligations to UNDP in the execution of UNDP-funded projects;
- (f) comprehensive technical co-operation needs surveys may provide useful framework for technical co-operation activities in support of the development strategy and objectives adopted by developing countries;
- (g) Governments and the specialized agencies should consider using the UNDP country programme as a mechanism appropriate for promoting a more coherent and co-ordinated approach to technical co-operation activities by the United Nations development system;

- (h) the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system involved in operational activities should continue to make every effort to streamline their procedures in order to ensure the speedy implementation of activities financed by the UNDP;
- (i) appropriate measures should be taken to expand the geographical distribution of procurements by the organs and bodies of the United Nations system engaged in operational activities through, inter alia, a better utilization of sources of supplies from developing countries and under-utilized donor countries;
- (j) efforts should be continued to harmonize to the extent possible the operational procedures of UNDP and the specialized agencies, in areas such as project presentation, monitoring activities, evaluation and procurement,
- (k) national and regional inputs and expertise should be used wherever possible in the implementation of projects;
- (1) measures should be taken to facilitate the transfer of skills to developing countries;
- (m) efforts should be undertaken to strengthen the necessary dialogue and interaction between relevant governing bodies of the United Nations system in the area of operational activities so as to ensure consistency between decisions taken by central and sectoral policy bodies;
- (n) the United Nations system should encourage, promote and support Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (TCDC) in compliance with all relevant decisions taken in this regard, in particular, the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, so as to allow this important dimension of co-operation to adequately fulfil its role in support of development,
- (o) the Secretary-General should consider further measures to promote coherence of action, to increase programme effectiveness and to mobilize increasing resources for United Nations operational activities for development;
- 5. Requests the Administrator to reflect these views and concerns in his presentation to the Economic and Social Council and to prepare a brief background note on these issues, in accordance with Governing Council policies, to assist the General Assembly deliberations and their outcome.

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# 86/18. Implementation of measures to improve programme and project quality

#### The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the UNDP on the implementation of measures to improve programme and project quality (DP/1986/13);

- 2. Welcomes the continuing emphasis towards improvement of programme and project quality,
- 3. Requests the Administrator to pursue measures to improve programme and project quality in keeping with the 1970 Consensus, and taking into account the respective responsibilities of all parties involved, in particular those of Governments, in the identification and selection of projects, and to report to the Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987) on further progress made,
- 4. Urges the Administrator to intensify his efforts designed to contribute to improved performance of agencies executing UNDP projects;
- 5. Stresses the need to bring programme delivery more in line with programme commitments and requests the Administrator to include in his report to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987) steps he has taken to improve programme delivery and the results achieved;
- 6. Decides to extend the experimental period of the Project Development Facility (PDF) to 30 June 1987 and authorizes the use of the balance remaining at 31 December 1986 from the \$1 million allocated by its decision 85/4 for the PDF during this period;
- 7. Notes that the Administrator, in the event that additional funding be required prior to the expiration of the extended experimental period, would submit such a proposal to the organizational session of the Council for 1987.

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#### 86/19. Women in development

#### The Governing Council,

Reiterating the importance of the promotion of women's participation in development programmes and the integration of women in development,

Having considered the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the formulation and implementation of a plan of action designed to strengthen the capacity of the Programme to deal with issues on women in development (DP/1986/14),

Bearing in mind the pertinent recommendations of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women (A/CONF.116/28),

- 1. Welcomes the increased systematic involvement of UNDP in the process of further integrating women in development, pursuant to decision 85/7;
- 2. Takes note of the plan of action on women in development presented in document DP/1986/14, encourages the Administrator to proceed to implement it within the mandate of UNDP and in accordance with the 1970 Consensus, paying due attention to relevant experiences of organizations engaged in operational activities within the United Nations system, including the

possibility of instituting joint staff training programmes in this field, and requests him also to elaborate upon it further before the thirty-fourth session (1987), bearing in mind the discussion of this subject at the thirty-third session (1986);

- 3. <u>Urges</u> the Administrator, in the implementation of the Plan of Action, to bear in mind the prerogative of developing countries to define their own development priorities as well as the continuing need to improve programme delivery;
- 4. Requests the Administrator to report to the thirty-fourth session (1987) of the Council on the progress made in implementing the various activities outlined in the just-mentioned plan of action.

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#### 86/20. Women in development: implementation strategy

#### The Governing Council,

Having considered the document DP/1986/14, setting out the strategy on Women in Development for the United Nations Development Programme, as well as oral information provided by the Administration on this subject,

Noting that the estimated cost of the Administrator's proposals for the preliminary phase of a staff training programme on Women in Development amounts to approximately \$375,000 during the biennium 1986-1987,

- 1. Authorizes the Administrator to meet these costs from savings in the 1986-1987 biennial budget;
- 2. <u>Further authorizes</u> the Administrator, if it does not prove possible to meet these costs fully from the 1986-1987 biennial budget, to charge the shortfall against Special Programme Resources under the programme development category;
- 3. Requests the Administrator to include cost-effective proposals for the full implementation of the training programme, as part of the regular UNDP training programme, in the 1988-1989 biennial budget estimates to be submitted to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987); and
- 4. Further requests the Administrator to submit at the same time comprehensive proposals for the full implementation of the strategy.

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#### 86/21. Activities in the field of drug abuse control

#### The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on activities in the field of drug abuse control (DP/1986/15),

Recalling resolution 40/122 adopted by the General Assembly at its fortieth session to convene in 1987 an "International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking",

Further noting the co-ordination provided at the field level by UNDP resident representatives,

- 1. Urges the continuation of the close co-operation between UNDP and the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC), taking their respective mandates into consideration;
- 2. Requests the Administrator to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General with respect to the international conference, and to continue to support his efforts to enhance co-ordination throughout the United Nations system of programmes and projects in the area of drug-abuse control; and
- 3. Requests also the Administrator to report biennially to the Council on UNDP activities in this area.

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### 86/22. Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries

#### The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 85/11 of 29 June 1985, in which it requested the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-third session (1986) on the arrangements made by him for the utilization and management of resources in the Special Measures Fund,

Recalling also in the same decision, its agreement 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), as well as its request for the Administrator to make the necessary recommendations to the Council at its thirty-third session (1986), including an indication of the various types of expenses that the United Nations Development Programme expects to incur,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the UNDP on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action (SNPA) for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries (DP/1986/17);

- 2. Recalls the primary role of each least developed country in the co-ordination of aid activities;
- 3. Endorses the new arrangements initiated by the Administrator in connection with the management of the Special Measures Fund as well as on the financing of round-table activities;
- 4. Recognizes the need for further improvement of the round-table process;
- 5. Recalls United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/205 entitled "Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries", in particular, chapter XVII of Annex B, entitled "Measures for Ensuring the Implementation of the Programme Over the Decade",
- 6. Recalls further its decision 85/11 and requests the Administrator to ensure that the round-table process provides an effective instrument for the implementation of the SNPA, taking into account the views presented in the Governing Council, especially those of the least developed countries;
- 7. <u>Further requests</u> the Administrator to present a report on the progress made in this respect to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987).

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#### 86/23. The future of the Committee of the Whole and of its Working Group

#### The Governing Council,

- 1. Decides to extend the trial period of the Committee of the Whole by one year, and to review the experience with the Committee of the Whole and the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole at the thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council (1987);
- 2. Confirms, until then, the mandate of the Committee of the Whole, as contained in decision 83/5 and of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole, as contained in decision 85/17, as well as the continued validity of the arrangements for the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole, as laid down in decision 86/1, and as modified at the current session of the Council.

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#### 86/24. Pre-investment activities

#### The Governing Council,

Having considered the progress report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on pre-investment activities (DP/1986/19),

- 1. <u>Invites</u> Governments to continue to give due priority to pre-investment activities in their country programming;
- 2. Takes note of the special interest arrangements established between the United Nations Development Programme and sources of development finance to promote complementarity of programming and follow-up investment based on Programme-assisted pre-investment activities and requests the Administrator to strengthen the scope of such arrangements, keeping in mind the development orientation of UNDP projects;
- 3. Encourages the efforts of the Administrator and the agencies to increase pre-investment activities under the co-operative arrangements;
- 4. Notes the progress achieved under the training programmes in pre-investment established in co-operation with financial institutions, including the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank for UNDP and agency staff and host Government counterparts, supports the Administrator's efforts to continue training in this field,
- 5. Approves the extension of the operations of the Investment Feasibility Study Facility into the fourth cycle.

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#### 86/25. Procurement from developing countries

#### The Governing Council,

- 1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on Procurement from developing countries (DP/1986/24), and of the oral report made thereon;
- 2. Notes the steps which the Administrator has taken or is considering, to counteract the difficulties in increasing procurement from developing countries and, in this regard, urges the Administrator to take further appropriate steps to increase procurement from developing countries by UNDP itself and, in his continuing dialogue with executing and participating agencies of the United Nations system, to impress upon them that they take urgent steps to implement fully the UNDP legislative provisions in this regard, taking into account the suggestions made to remedy the deficiencies listed in document DP/1986/24;
- 3. Further urges the executing agencies to intensify their efforts in this regard,
- 4. Requests the Administrator to urge the agencies to adhere to the recommendations on this subject adopted by the High-level Committee on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (TCDC), the UNDP Governing Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations and stresses that the agencies should observe the 15 per cent price preference in favour of procurement from developing countries in all UNDP-financed projects;

- 5. Considers that it will be appropriate that Governments also pursue the subject of procurement from developing countries in the governing bodies of the agencies;
- 6. Requests the Administrator to report to the High-level Committee on TCDC at its next session, and to the Council at its thirty-fourth (1987) session on the results of his efforts to expand procurement from the developing countries and on steps taken by the agencies in implementation of decision 4/1 of the High-level Committee on TCDC.

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86/26. Assistance to national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity (OAU)

#### The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on assistance to national liberation movements (NLMs) recognized by the Organization of African Unity (DP/1986/21), as well as the report of the evaluation mission on projects of assistance to NLMs,

Taking note of the contribution of capital, material and technical assistance by some bilateral donors, through direct arrangements with NLMs themselves,

- 1. Takes note of the measures the Administrator has put into effect to increase the quality and efficiency of planning, backstopping, monitoring and delivery of UNDP assistance to NLMs;
- 2. Decides that a programme proposal be prepared to serve as a framework of UNDP assistance to NLMs during the fourth programme cycle, reflecting to the fullest extent possible, the programme priorities and areas of concentration outlined in section V of the report of the evaluation mission (summarized in document DP/1986/21);
- 3. Further requests the Administrator, taking into account the findings and recommendations of the evaluation mission as outlined in its report, to continue to:
- (a) assist with the maximum efficiency and flexibility possible within the mandate of UNDP, NLMs recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity;
- (b) after consultations with the NLMs, collaborate closely with concerned executing agencies to ensure that the quality and efficiency of the formulation, delivery, backstopping and monitoring of this assistance are maintained at increasingly high standards;

(c) report to the Governing Council in 1987 on the trends, developments and other issues pertaining to the administration, management and effectiveness of assistance to NLMs.

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86/27. Role of UNDP in the implementation of the United Nations
Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery
and Development, 1986-1990

#### The Governing Council,

Recalling the adoption on 1 June 1986 by the General Assembly, at its Special Session on the Critical Economic Situation in Africa, of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990.

Welcoming the commitment by African Governments to provide the necessary framework to launch long-term programmes for self-sustaining socio-economic development and growth,

Convinced of the need for special action by the international community in support of the efforts of African Governments to achieve economic recovery and development,

Noting the emphasis in the Programme of Action on the need to intensify economic and technical co-operation with African countries during and beyond the duration of the Programme,

Emphasizing the importance, in implementing the Programme of Action of effective follow-up mechanisms as well as of the strengthening of the evaluation and co-ordination capacity of African countries themselves both at the national and regional levels,

Acknowledging the United Nations Development Programme's positive and flexible response to the African economic crisis for the past two years, including the re-direction of programming in the region to help governments more effectively address the development issues underlying the emergency situation,

<u>Welcoming</u> the General Assembly's request that the organs, organisations and bodies of the United Nations system participate fully in and support the implementation of the Programme,

- l. Authorizes the Administrator to take appropriate action within his mandate in relation to the implementation of the Programme of Action and to report thereon to the Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987);
- 2. Encourages the Administrator, in full consultation with the United Nations Secretary-General to undertake an evaluation and co-ordination role at the national and regional levels when African Governments so request;

3. Requests the Administrator to formulate proposals for the consideration of the Council at its thirty-fourth session on the contribution that UNDP can make to implementing the Programme of Action, paying special attention to the priorities contained therein, in relation to technical co-operation programmes in Africa.

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#### 86/28. Evaluation

#### The Governing Council,

- 1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on evaluation (DP/1986/20);
- 2. Takes note also of the oral report on the work on this subject by the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole presented by the Group's Chairman;
- 3. Endorses the efforts of the Administrator to raise the quality of evaluations and ensure better compliance with UNDP internal evaluation procedures in order to safeguard the tripartite nature of the evaluation system and requests him to integrate the results of evaluations in future activities of UNDP, in accordance with guidance provided by the Governing Council;
- 4. <u>Calls upon</u> the Administrator to pay particular attention to the strengthening of the developing countries' own evaluation capacities, and requests the Administrator to intensify his efforts in this regard,
- 5. Supports and encourages the current efforts of the Administrator to contribute to the harmonization of the evaluation, monitoring and reporting procedures used by the United Nations system;
- 6. <u>Calls upon</u> the Administrator to examine the criteria for the selection of projects to be evaluated, taking into account the views expressed during the discussion in the Committee of the Whole, and to report thereon to the Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987).

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#### 86/29. IPF for Namibia

#### The Governing Council,

Having considered the question relating to the Namibia IPF and having heard the statements by the United Nations Council for Namibia, Member States and the Representative of the South West African People's Organization (SWAPO) emphasizing the unique situation of Namibia and the Namibian people;

- 1. Requests the Administrator, taking into account the need for flexibility and understanding and, in close collaboration with the Council for Namibia and the Office of the Commissioner for Namibia, to prepare new action oriented recommendations and proposals to maximize the cost-effective utilization of the increase in the Namibia IPF;
- 2. Further requests the Administrator to submit a report in this regard to the Council at its Organizational Session in February 1987 with a view to enabling it to consider the approval of additional funds.

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#### 86/30. Special Programme Resources

#### The Governing Council,

Noting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on programme planning in the fourth programming cycle from Special Programme Resources (SPR) (DP/1986/78),

Recalling its decision 86/8, which authorized the use of SPR for specific purposes during the fourth programming cycle,

Having considered the proposals contained in the Administrator's reports:

DP/1986/84	Region;	and	Communications	Decade	in	Asia	and	the	Pacific	
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- DP/1986/16 Measures to promote better understanding of the role and activities of UNDP and of the resource needs of the Programme;
- DP/1986/18 Focal Point for Short-term Advisory Services;
- DP/1986/22 Assistance to the Palestinian People;
- DP/1986/13 Implementation of Measures to improve programme and project quality (PDF),
- 1. Authorizes the Administrator to allocate an additional amount up to \$4 million from the third cycle SPR, for the programme of assistance to the Palestinian People, on the understanding that any such allocated amounts will be budgeted before 31 December 1986;
- 2. Authorizes the carry-over from the third to the fourth cycle of the unallocated SPR funds as well as those allocated but not budgeted as at 31 December 1986, such amounts to be added to the authorized level of SPR for the fourth cycle;
- 3. Further authorizes the notional earmarking of \$6 million from the unallocated amount of fourth cycle SPR for the Decade for Transport and Communications in Asia and the Pacific;

- 4. <u>Decides</u> to allocate amounts from the fourth cycle unallocated SPR for the following:
- (a) International Drinking Water and Sanitation Decade \$1.28 million for information support projects as per DP/1986/16, paragraph 14,
- (b) Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries \$1.6 million for information support activities as per DP/1986/16, paragraph 19,
- (c) Administrative costs for the Focal Point for Short-term Advisory Services \$112,500, as per DP/1986/18, paragraph 11;
- 5. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987) a proposal as to the type of activities which could be considered for financing under the category "contingencies", taking into account the views expressed by the Council.

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86/31. Determining per capita GNP for Bulgaria and Poland

The Governing Council,

Approves the recommendation contained in paragraph 14 of document DP/1986/83.

32nd meeting 24 June 1986

86/32. Country and intercountry programmes and projects

The Governing Council,

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Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on trends and problems in country programmes, as contained in document DP/1986/25 and document DP/1986/25/Add.1;

II

Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the implementation of selected country programmes in each region: Africa (DP/1986/26); Arab States (DP/1986/27); Asia and the Pacific (DP/1986/28); Europe (DP/1986/29); Latin America and the Caribbean (DP/1986/30);

III

l. Approves the following country programmes for the duration of their programme periods and within the limits of their illustrative indicative planning figures for the period 1987-1991, taking into account the balance of over-expenditure and under-expenditure of their 1982-1986 indicative planning

Anguilla	DP/CP/ANL/1	Ethiopia	DP/CP/ETH/4 DP/CP/ETH/NOTE/4
Aruba	DP/CP/ARU/l	Hungary	DP/CP/HUN/4 DP/CP/HUN/NOTE/4
Bangladesh	DP/CP/BGD/4 DP/CP/BGD/NOTE/4	Jamaica	DP/CP/JAM/4 DP/CP/JAM/NOTE/4
Barbados	DP/CP/BAR/4 DP/CP/BAR/NOTE/4	Kiribati	DP/CP/KIR/2
Belize	DP/CP/BZE/3	Lao People's Democratic Rep.	DP/CP/LAO/4 DP/CP/LAO/NOTE/4
Bulgaria	DP/CP/BUL/4 DP/CP/BUL/NOTE/4	Malta	DP/CP/MAT/4 DP/CP/MAT/NOTE/4
Cayman Islands	DP/CP/CAY/23	Mauritania	DP/CP/MAU/3 DP/CP/MAU/NOTE/3
China	DP/CP/CPR/2 DP/CP/CPR/NOTE/2	Mongolia	DP/CP/MON/4
Cook Islands	DP/CP/CKI/2	Nepal	DP/CP/NEP/4 DP/CP/NEP/NOTE/4
Cuba	DP/CP/CUB/4 DP/CP/CUB/NOTE/4	Netherlands Antilles	DP/CP/NAN/2
Ecuador	DP/CP/ECU/4	Nicaragua	DP/CP/NIC/4
El Salvador	DP/CP/ELS/4	Niue	DP/CP/NIU/3
Papua New Guinea	DP/CP/PNG/4	Somalia	DP/CP/SOM/4 DP/CP/SOM/NOTE/4
Paraguay	DP/CP/PAR/4	St. Helena	DP/CP/STH/1
Peru	DP/CP/PER/4 DP/CP/PER/NOTE/4	Suriname	DP/CP/SUR/3
Philippines	DP/CP/PHI/4	Tokelau	DP/CP/TOK/2
	DP/CP/PHI/NOTE/4	Tunisia	DP/CP/TUN/4
Poland	DP/CP/POL/4 DP/CP/POL/NOTE/4	Tuvalu	DP/CP/TUV/2
Rwanda	DP/CP/RWA/4 DP/CP/RWA/NOTE/4	Vanuatu	DP/CP/VAN/2
Samoa	DP/CP/SAM/4	Viet Nam	DP/CP/VIE/3 DP/CP/VIE/NOTE/4
Saudi Arabia	DP/CP/SAU/4 DP/CP/SAU/NOTE/4	Yugoslavia	DP/CP/YUG/4 DP/CP/YUG/NOTE/4

Seychelles

DP/CP/SEY/3

Zimbabwe

DP/CP/ZIM/2 DP/CP/ZIM/NOTE/4

Solomon Islands DP/CP/SOI/4

Takes note of the extension of the country programme for Maldives (DP/CP/MDV/EXTENSION/1);

IV

Approves the following global project:

International Center of Insect Physiology and Ecology - Field testing and demonstration of integrated pest management strategies (DP/PROJECTS/REC/19).

> 34th meeting 25 June 1986

#### Special Needs of Island Developing Countries 86/33.

The Governing Council,

Taking into consideration the difficult problems facing the island developing countries, including those countries which are handicapped by their small size and small population, acute ecological and geographical disabilities as well as by very limited domestic market, their remoteness from major international markets, scarce natural resources, heavy dependence on a few commodities, depleteable and non-renewable resources, and their exposure to natural disasters,

Taking fully into account the special needs of island developing countries, as envisaged by numerous United Nations resolutions, in particular General Assembly resolution 34/205 of 19 December 1979, 35/61 of 5 December 1980, 37/206 of 20 December 1982 and 39/212 of 18 December 1984 regarding the special needs and problems of island developing countries,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 on new dimensions in technical co-operation,

Reaffirming the basic principle of the universal and voluntary nature of the programme, as contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

Keeping in view the needs of island developing countries for technical assistance with the ultimate aim of achieving national self-reliance and making their economies more diversified and less dependent on foreign supplies and achieving self-sustained economic growth,

Aware of the need to make additional and timely effort to implement specific measures to help the island developing countries overcome the major handicaps that hinder their development process,

Taking into consideration any adverse effects which decision 85/16 might have on the development process of certain island developing countries, especially the very small among them, which are faced with depleting natural resources and other problems identified in preambular paragraph 1,

- 1. Takes note of the Administrator's reports contained in documents DP/1986/56 and Add. 1 concerning the annual review of the financial situation in 1985, and DP/1986/59 concerning Government contributions to local office costs;
- 2. Recognizes the special needs of island developing countries as embodied in various United Nations resolutions, in particular 39/212 of 18 December 1984 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries,
- 3. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth (1987) session a report on his evaluation of the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of specific measures in favour of the island developing countries, in particular their efforts to achieve self-sustaining economic growth;
- 4. Requests the Administrator, in the preparation of the report required by paragraph 13 (d) of decision 85/16, to bring to the attention of the Council any special problems encountered by island developing countries in complying with the decision in paragraphs 8-13 of the above-mentioned decision.

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#### 86/34. United Nations Fund for Population Activities

#### The Governing Council,

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

Takes note of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the activities of the Fund in 1985 (DP/1986/32 (parts I and II), DP/1986/33 and DP/1986/34 (parts I and II)),

Notes the need for increased resources to UNFPA and strongly urges all countries that are able to do so to increase their contributions in 1986 and future years, and to make their contribution payments as early as possible in the year for which the pledge is made,

l. <u>Urges</u> the Executive Director to increase the attention given to countries of the sub-Saharan Africa region in light of the 1986 Special Session of the General Assembly on the Critical Economic Situation in Africa and to present to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987) a strategy for UNFPA assistance to sub-Saharan Africa, taking account of the particular needs of those countries, the activities of other agencies and the specific catalytic role which UNFPA can play in addressing these needs,

- 2. Notes with satisfaction the efforts of the Fund to strengthen co-ordination and co-operation in population matters with other agencies and mechanisms within the United Nations system, as noted in the annual report of the Executive Director in document DP/1986/32 (parts I and II), urges the Executive Director to continue his efforts to strengthen co-ordination, consultation and co-operation at all levels and with all agencies in particular with United Nations Childrens Fund, World Health Organization, the World Bank and regional banks involved in population matters, both at headquarters and in the field, in order to ensure complementary efforts in building up a sustainable infrastructure for health and population activities;
- 3. Notes with appreciation the Fund's increased attention to the role and status of women in UNFPA-funded programmes and projects and the establishment of the Special Unit for Women and Youth under the Executive Director, requests the Executive Director to develop, for presentation to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987) and internal implementation strategy to strengthen the capacity of the Fund to deal with issues of women in development which would establish verifiable objectives and a time-frame for implementation with a view to promoting accountability and also give special attention to improved staff training, monitoring existing guidelines, instructions and procedures for inclusion of women in-development criteria and increasing the effectiveness of the Special Unit for Women within the Fund's headquarters, paying due attention to relevant experiences of organizations engaged in operational activities within the United Nations system, including the possibility of instituting joint staff training programmes in this field,
- 4. Notes with special satisfaction the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the evaluation activities of UNFPA (DP/1986/37), especially as it relates to the comparative results of past evaluations according to the major work-plan categories including activities relating to women, endorses the continuation of the Fund's efforts to strengthen the system of internal and independent, in-depth evaluations and to improve the utilization of the evaluation results through comparative analysis and feedback of the results into UNFPA policies and programmes and requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987) on the development and institutionalization of procedures ensuring such feedback and use of lessons learned from evaluations,
- 5. Takes note of the report regarding the experiences gained by the Fund in using the present set of criteria for selecting priority countries (DP/1986/38), agrees that the system of priority countries should be continued, and that the Executive Director should have the necessary flexibility in implementing programming guidelines with due attention to per capita delivery of programme resources in the priority countries and requests the Executive Director to provide to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) a further report on the Fund's programming experience in using the present set of criteria and his suggestions for any modification of the present set of criteria should he feel such modifications might be necessary;

- Takes note of the report on intercountry activities (DP/1986/39), requests the Executive Director (a) to report in each annual work plan, beginning in 1987, the level of support to intercountry activities and to technical advisory services for the previous year, and (b) to develop a system for attributing intercountry activities, as far as possible, to the countries that receive intercountry assistance, identifying and assigning administrative activities presently charged to intercountry programmes to the administrative budget, and to present the system to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987) for its consideration, and decides to provide assistance to the WHO Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction in accordance with earlier decisions of the Governing Council, and further decides that the number of technical advisers should remain at 1986 levels in all regions, or decline, with the exception of Africa, where an additional three advisers are approved,
- 7. Takes note of the report on the programmes of the regional and interregional demographic training and research centres (DP/1986/40) and particularly the measures being taken to transfer to participating member states the responsibilities for the regional institutes in sub-Saharan Africa and the efforts being undertaken by these institutes to achieve self-reliance in accordance with the principles outlined in document DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/8, paragraph 15, urges the Economic Commission for Africa and the Governing Councils of the Regional Institute for Population Studies (RIPS) and the Institut de formation et de recherche démographique (IFORD) to continue their efforts to achieve financial independence for RIPS and IFORD,
- 8. Agrees with the Executive Director in regard to eliminating the document entitled "Supplementary information on the work in 1985 of agencies and organizations executing UNFPA-funded programmes and projects" with the understanding that this information will be included in the printed version of the UNFPA annual report.

II

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General contained in document E/1986/18, dated 17 March 1986 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/7, dated 21 May 1986, outlining steps to be taken on the relevant recommendations of the International Conference on Population, and, in particular, recommendation 83 in regard to further strengthening of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

- 1. <u>Decides</u> to utilize reports of the Population Commission, during its discussion on UNFPA-related items, for greater exchange of information on population questions;
- 2. <u>Decides</u>, with a view to providing adequate time for consideration of UNFPA items, to review at its 1987 organizational session the number of sessions to be allocated to UNFPA, in the light of the experience gained at the current session;
- 3. Decides to continue organizing its work programme in a manner that will facilitate the consideration of UNFPA-related items in the plenary before relevant budgetary and administrative issues are taken up in the Budgetary and Finance Committee;

- 4. Requests the Executive Director of UNFPA to monitor the multilateral population programmes and projects it supports and, in this context, to continue producing on a regular basis the annual Inventory of Population Projects in Developing Countries Around the World and the triennial Guide to Sources of International Population Assistance, and to include in the Inventory an overview of major trends and developments in population programmes;
- 5. Further requests the Executive Director to continue to support, with the expressed consent of the recipient Government, innovative projects of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and to involve NGOs, community and social organizations and private groups, as and when appropriate, in formulating and implementing diverse projects.

III

Bearing in mind the Mexico City Declaration on Population and Development, and the Recommendations approved at the International Conference on Population (1984) for the further execution of the World Population Plan of Action, with respect to population distribution and internal migration,

Taking note of the Mexico City Declaration adopted by the Conference on Small and Middle-size Cities in Latin America and the Caribbean (1986), and the Barcelona Declaration adopted by the International Conference on Population and the Urban Future (1986),

Reaffirming the importance of national population distribution policies designed to stimulate more balanced regional development in every country, and to improve the quality of life in urban centres and rural localities, as an essential component of population policies and national development strategies,

l. Requests the Executive Director to continue UNFPA support, within its mandate, for research, training and other programme activities, including the holding of technical meetings, in the areas of migration, urbanization and population distribution, and to persevere in efforts relating to maternal and child health, family planning and changes in the age structure of population, in both rural and high density areas, in accordance with the specific needs of various countries, and to co-operate with other relevant United Nations bodies and organizations in this regard.

IV

Having considered the final report on the review and reassessment and work plan for 1987-1990 and request for approval authority (DP/1986/35) and the report on the status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved UNFPA country programmes and projects (DP/1986/36),

- 1. Approves the final report on the review and reassessment;
- 2. Authorizes the Executive Director to continue to make allocations to those country programmes of the review and reassessment which have not yet received the reduced amounts in accordance with the plans contained in document DP/1982/28, as mentioned in paragraph 17 (c) of document DP/1986/35, until such time as new country programmes for these countries are submitted to

- 3. Approves the revised country programme ceiling for 1986 of \$108 million as contained in document DP/1986/35, including an increase in the overprogramming to 10 per cent above new programmable resources of 1986;
- 4. Approves the borrowing of \$5 million in 1986 and \$3 million in 1987 from the operational reserve for purposes of the programme, and authorizes the Executive Director to delay the implementation of Council decision 81/7 III, paragraph 5, until the middle of the 1990s, if the income between 1986 and 1990 will only reach the assumptions of the lower scenario of the work plan 1987-1990, on the understanding that the level of the operational reserve should at no time fall below 16 per cent of estimated contributions,
- 5. Decides to raise the level of permitted overprogramming up to 10 per cent of new programmable resources for 1986 and 1987 and thereafter to review it annually;
- 6. Approves the work plan for 1987-1990 at the higher scenario, on the understanding that the Executive Director will implement the work plan in accordance with the lower scenario, until the resources of the higher scenario are actually available;
- 7. Authorizes the net additional approval authority in accordance with the work plan at the higher scenario in the amounts of:
- (a) \$49.3 million for 1987, to bring the total for 1987 to 100 per cent of the 1987 level or \$165 million;
- (b) \$46.6 million for 1988, to bring the total for 1988 to 75 per cent of the 1987 level or \$123.7 million;
- (c) \$43.9 million for 1989, to bring the total for 1989 to 50 per cent of the 1987 level or \$82.5 million, and
  - (d) 25 per cent of the 1987 level or \$41.2 million for 1990.

v

Having considered the recommendations of the Executive Director in regard to the proposed country and intercountry programmes and projects,

l. Approves UNFPA assistance to the large-scale country and intercountry programmes or projects, as set forth in the recommendation by the Executive Director (DP/1986/L.8) and included in the work plan for 1987-1990, the level of assistance to be determined by the Executive Director depending upon the availability of resources, and authorizes the Executive Director to seek multi-bilateral support should resources not become available to UNFPA for the funding of the entire proposed programmes:

In Zaïre (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/26) in the amount of \$7.5 million at the higher level or \$5 million at the lower level;

In the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/27) in the amount of \$2.2 million;

In Pakistan (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/28) in the amount of \$20 million at the higher level or \$15 million at the lower level;

In Egypt (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/29) in the amount of \$13.3 million at the higher level or \$8.3 million at the lower level;

In Mozambique (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/30) in the amount of \$6 million at the higher level or \$4 million at the lower level;

In Jordan (DP/FPA/PROJCTS/REC/31) in the amount of \$4 million at the higher level or \$3.3 million at the lower level;

In the Syrian Arab Republic (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/32) in the amount of \$4 million at the higher level or \$3.2 million at the lower level;

The Global Training Programme in Population and Development: Establishment of the International Centre for Training and Research in Population and Development in Association with the United Nations at the Catholic University of Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/33) in the amount of \$1,686,000.

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## 86/35. United Nations Fund for Population Activities: Financial, budgetary and personnel matters

#### The Governing Council,

Having considered the revised budget estimates for the 1986-1987 biennium (DP/1986/74 and Corr.1 and DP/1986/74/Add.1), the comprehensive report on personnel management policies and practices of UNFPA (DP/1986/41), the draft guidelines for determining project-related and administrative-related personnel expenditures (DP/1986/42), the report on the implementation of personnel decisions of the Governing Council as requested in decision 85/20 I, paragraph 12 (DP/1986/43), the prototype for a future budget format (DP/1986/44), the annual review of the 1985 UNFPA financial situation (DP/1986/45 and Corr.1), together with the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon (DP/1986/47),

Having taken into account the views and comments of members of the Council on the documentation before it,

1. Approves revised appropriations in the amount of \$40,300,400 gross, to be allocated from the resources indicated below to finance the 1986-1987 biennial budget for administrative and programme support services, and agrees that the overhead credits available to the Fund in the estimated amount of \$3,700,000 and the miscellaneous income from trust funds for support services in the amount of \$300,000 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations, resulting in net appropriations of \$36,300,400 as indicated below:

## 1986-1987 biennial budget (Thousands of US dollars)

Programme	Gross appropriations	Estimated credits and income	Net appropriations
Executive direction and management	4 264.1	-	4 264.1
Administration and information support services	12 670.9	2 000.0	10 670.9
Programme planning, appraisal and monitoring	18 447.7	2 000.0	16 447.7
Field and programme support	4 917.7		4 917.7
Total appropriations	40 300.4	4 000.0	36 300.4

- 2. Authorizes the Executive Director to transfer credits between programmes within reasonable limits, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
- 3. Approves the establishment, in the administrative and programme support services budget, of two new Professional and two new General Service posts in the Geneva Liaison Office;
- 4. Also approves, subject to the availability of resources, the establishment of up to 41 new General Service posts at headquarters, of which 10 posts, as specified by the administration, are to be established as regular posts and the remaining 31 as temporary posts under the administrative and programme support services budget;
- 5. Recalls its decision 85/20 I, particularly paragraph 3, and requests the Executive Director to introduce further savings and economies in all categories of expenditure, including staffing, especially in the event that no contribution is received from a major donor country, and to report to the Governing Council at its next session;
- 6. Decides not to establish a temporary P-3 post in the Europe Branch in the 1986-1987 biennial budget;
- 7. Takes note of the comprehensive report of the Executive Director on personnel management policies and practices of UNFPA (DP/1986/41);
- 8. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Executive Director on draft guidelines for determining project-related and administrative-related personnel expenditures (DP/1986/42), approves the guidelines set forth in paragraph 41 with regard to administrative and programme support personnel, but exclusive of the text in paragraph 41 (b) after "as set forth in paragraph 40" to the end of the paragraph, decides that the biennial budget should contain a proforma indication of the expected project-funded services at

headquarters, decides further that the Executive Director should report annually to the Governing Council, providing detailed information on the use of project funds for headquarters-based activities. This report should cover the following information:

- (a) project symbol, title, duration and budget,
- (b) title and duration of posts for more than six months plus all related or other expenditures (i.e., short-term consultancy services, office rental, travel costs, etc.).

The report should also spell out clearly why such activities could not be financed out of the biennial budget;

- 9. Also takes note of the report (DP/1986/43) on the implementation of personnel decisions of the Governing Council as requested in decision 85/20 I, paragraph 12;
- 10. Approves the prototype of the proposed biennial budget format for administrative and programme support services as provided in the annex to document DP/1986/44 and requests the Fund to utilize this format in the preparation of future biennial budgets, taking into account comments made during the debate;
- 11. Takes note of the annual financial review (DP/1986/45) for the year 1985, and requests the Executive Director to continue to provide the Council with such annual review of the Fund, taking into account comments made during the debate;
- 12. Takes note of the audited accounts of executing agencies (DP/1986/46).
- 13. Further takes note of the Note by the Executive Director on the establishment of an endowment fund (DP/1986/INF/3).

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#### 86/36. 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/1986/48 and Add.1-3),

Recalling decision 85/21 adopted at its thirty-second session (1985),

Recognizing the important role played in support of the developing countries by the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the United Nations (DTCD),

Recognizing the supervisory role of the UNDP Governing Council in relation to the operational activities of DTCD,

- 1. <u>Commends</u> the Department for further reducing its administrative costs and increasing the efficiency and effectiveness in delivery of its services;
- 2. Notes with satisfaction that such efforts have contributed to overcoming, in a short time, much of the past deficit in support cost earnings and looks forward to the elimination of the remaining deficit;
- 3. Further notes that the Secretary-General has adopted measures in administrative, financial and personnel matters to increase the effectiveness of the Department as an executing agency;
- 4. <u>Urges</u> the Secretary-General to continue such efforts as may be appropriate in order to relieve the Department of internal and external constraints of an administrative, financial and personnel nature which continue to impede its full competitiveness and effectiveness,
- 5. Further urges that steps be taken in regard to technical advisory staff in order to further strengthen the technical capabilities of the Department in keeping with the increasing demand for its services, given its successful financial performance in 1985, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987) on further steps taken,
- 6. Welcomes the progress made in the identification of the opportunities for wider co-operation between the UNDP and DTCD, bearing in mind the technical capabilities of DTCD and the financial and co-ordinating role of UNDP and requests the Secretary-General to report to the thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987) on the conclusions of the joint UNDP/DTCD task force and on the guidelines for field and headquarters practices to be established,
- 7. Requests the Secretary-General to implement General Assembly resolution 32/197, of 20 December 1977, in regard to technical support for operational activities in the field of statistics;
- 8. Invites funding institutions in the United Nations system, during the various phases of the project cycle, consistent with requests from Governments, to make the fullest possible and most effective use of the special competence, experience and operational capabilities of the Department, bearing in mind the relevant portions of General Assembly resolution 40/211 on operational activities, Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/7 on follow-up to the International Conference on Population, and the further consideration of population matters to take place at the forty-first session of the General Assembly, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the status of implementation to the Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987),
- 9. Requests the Department to take specific measures to make effective use of the knowledge, competence and national recruitment services available indigenously in assigning staff for technical assistance projects, bearing in mind the relevant rules and procedures of the organization;
- 10. Invites DTCD, after consultations with UNDP, to play a role in the elaboration and implementation of new initiatives pertaining to human resources development, especially as concerns work related to planning,

management and institution-building, in the areas of competence of the Department, and in response to requests, bearing in mind the Council's decision 86/14 on this subject,

- 11. Endorses the importance of the role of the Department in the implementation of the Special Action Programme for Administration and Management in Africa, and draws attention to the need for greater mobilization and concentration of resources on administrative and management programmes;
- 12. Notes the steps taken by the Department for the development of an internal implementation strategy to further strengthen its ability to deal with the issues of women in development, and invites the Department to complete this strengthening, taking into account the parallel efforts under way in the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the matter to the Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987);
- 13. Expresses deep concern at the negative trend in the proportion of the Department's technical co-operation activities in Africa and urges it to take special measures to reverse this trend, in co-operation with funding agencies and Governments, and in response to requests from African countries,
- 14. Encourages the Department to improve further the quality of its projects, in particular with regard to their design and implementation, and requests the Department to report on measures taken to this effect, including intensification of monitoring and evaluation, to the Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987),
- 15. Invites the Secretary-General to make available, through various means, further information on the role, experiences and competence of the Department, so as to assist the Governments of developing countries and others in becoming fully aware of the possibilities for technical co-operation available through its services.

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#### 86/37. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

#### The Governing Council,

- 1. Takes note of the annual report of the Administrator of the UNDP on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (DP/1986/51);
- 2. Notes the approval by the Administrator of the Offshore Phosphate Feasibility Study Project in Congo (PRC/NR/85/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/7) and the funding for geothermal exploration in the Qualibou Caldera, Saint Lucia (STL/GT/84/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/8),
- 3. Approves the projects "Exploration for precious and Base Metals in Honduras" (HON/NR/83/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS REC/5 and "Exploration for Precious and Base Metals in Côte d'Ivoire" (IVC/NR/84/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS REC/6);

- 4. Notes that all the accumulated resources of the Fund have now been committed, and that no new projects can be considered without additional financial support from donor Governments; and
- 5. Renews its appeal to Member States to contribute to the financial resources of the Fund in order for it to fulfil its mandate.

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# 86/38. United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development

#### The Governing Council,

Noting the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development to the General Assembly concerning the future of the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development, and the report of the Administrator on the same subject contained in document DP/1986/85,

- Programme Should, on the basis of the above recommended decisions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development, establish a facility in the form of a trust fund for Science and Technology for Development with effect from 1 January 1987, on the understanding that, in the event that the General Assembly's decision differs significantly from that proposed by the Intergovernmental Committee, the Administrator will again consult with the Governing Council at its special session in February 1987,
- 2. Notes that, in accordance with existing procedures for the handling of trust funds, the administrative costs of the new facility will be borne by the fund itself and will not be a charge to the general resources of UNDP,
- 3. Invites those Governments which have made or which are considering making pledges to the existing Financing System to transfer such pledges to the proposed trust fund with effect from 1 January 1987;
- 4. Urges all Governments and the international community as a whole to provide resources to the new facility at the earliest feasible opportunity and to continue to pledge resources regularly in the future; and
- 5. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987) on the arrangements made for putting into effect and complying with the decisions of the General Assembly on this matter; on the resources situation and prospects for the facility; and on his proposals for the organizational structure, staffing and budget of the facility for the 1988-1989 biennium.

86/39. Implementation of the medium and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme and implementation of the Plan of Action to combat desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The Governing Council,

Deeply concerned by the tragic consequences of a disastrous and persistent drought involving a substantial decrease in food and agricultural production as well as the spread of desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian countries,

Taking note of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development, 1986-1990, annexed to resolution S-13/2 of the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Critical Economic Situation in Africa,

Taking note of decision 13/30 B of 23 May 1985 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to combat desertification,

Taking note also of General Assembly resolution 40/221 of 17 December 1985 which requested the Administrator to pay special attention to the Inter-Governmental Authority for Drought and Development so as to ensure that its responsibilities are discharged effectively,

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to implement the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme of the members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and noting with satisfaction the co-operation between this Committee and the newly established Inter-Governmental Authority for Drought and Development,

- 1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (DP/1986/82) as well as of the report of the Administrator on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification (DP/1986/53);
- 2. Expresses its gratitude to the Governments, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region and commends the Administrator on the progress achieved in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the face of financial constraints,
- 3. Appeals to all Governments to strengthen further their support to the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, including voluntary contributions on the occasion of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, as well as through other channels so as to enable it to respond more fully to the priority requirements of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region;

- 4. Reaffirms the role of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in co-ordinating United Nations efforts to help the State members of the Permanent Interstate Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and the Inter-Governmental Authority for Drought and Development in implementing their recovery and rehabilitation programme, with due regard to ecological considerations and urges all Governments of the affected areas and specialized and operational agencies of the United Nations system to intensify their co-ordination to assure concerted efforts to combat desertification;
- 5. Requests the Administrator to review the financial and staffing situation of UNSO with a view to considering the need for strengthening it and to submit proposals on this matter consistent with resource projections to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987);
- 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 and on efforts to combat drought and desertification, as well as on co-operation of the United Nations system in this area.

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#### 86/40. Programmes in energy development

#### The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in assisting countries in the planning and implementation of their programmes and projects in the field of energy (DP/1986/54), and the need to strengthen the UNDP Energy Account through increased contributions to enable the Energy Account to fulfil its role more effectively,

- 1. Calls upon all Governments that are in a position to do so, to provide voluntary contributions and co-financing on an increasing basis, to enable the Energy Account to initiate innovative and demonstrative high priority projects, including those in the field of new and renewable sources of energy,
- 2. Further calls upon the Administrator to continue to provide support for energy activities initiated under the Energy Account from country and intercountry IPFs in order to meet the expanding requirements of developing countries in the field of energy,
- 3. Requests the Administrator to report regularly on developments regarding the utilization of country and intercountry IPFs for the financing of projects in the field of energy and, in particular, concerning new and renewable energy resources.

## 86/41. Organizational and financial structure of the UNDP-administered system

#### The Governing Council,

- 1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (DP/1986/67);
- 2. Urges the Administrator to pursue the initiatives outlined in sections  $\overline{I}$ ,  $\overline{II}$ ,  $\overline{IV}$  and  $\overline{V}$  of the report,
- 3. Requests the Administrator to prepare a detailed analytical report for the Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987), containing proposals regarding the most appropriate management and staffing arrangements for the various funds and programmes under his responsibility, including the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO), the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (UNFSSTD), the Energy Office, the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (UNRFNRE) and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) in order to achieve the most cost-effective organizational structure in relation to the resources being managed.

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#### 86/42. Annual review of the financial situation, 1985

### The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the review of the financial situation of 1985 (DP/1986/56 and Add.1),

Taking into account the observations and comments made by its members on that report,

- l. Notes the encouraging increase in programme expenditure achieved in 1985, nevertheless expresses its concern at the increase in the balance of general resources held by the United Nations Development Programme;
- 2. <u>Urges</u> the Administrator, in co-operation with recipient Governments and executing agencies, to continue to improve programme delivery so that it is better aligned with the balance of available resources, without compromising the quality of the Programme;
- 3. Further urges all Governments to make prompt and early payment of pledges, so as to accomplish the objectives foreseen in decision 85/16,

- 4. Takes note of the Administrator's policy regarding the use of currency options on a cautious basis;
- 5. Requests the Administrator to report on problems relating to the utilization of currencies;
- 6. Further takes note of the Adminstrator's intention to engage in the purchase and construction of housing in a prudent manner in line with the authority granted to him in decision 82/30;
- 7. Requests the Administrator to continue to report annually on the provision of management services and in this connection requests a detailed analysis of the experience gained to date in the report to be presented to the Governing Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988).

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86/43. Revised budget estimates for 1986 and budget estimates for 1987 and Government contributions to local office costs

The Governing Council,

Having considered the revised 1986-1987 biennial budget estimates of the United Nations Development Programme and the funds administered by the United Nations Development Programme (DP/1986/58),

- 1. Takes note with appreciation of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1986/60),
- 2. Decides that the field offices in Belgrade and Bucharest shall be maintained on the understanding that from 1987 there shall be no net additional cost to the biennial budget over and above the costs that would have been incurred in administering the Yugoslav and Romanian programmes from the UNDP office in Geneva;
- 3. Approves appropriations in an amount of \$334,199,500 (gross) to be allocated from the resources indicated below to finance the 1986-1987 biennial budget, and resolves that the income estimates in an amount of \$50,703,600 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations, resulting in net appropriations of \$283,495,900 as indicated in the table below.

## 1986-1987 biennial budget (in thousands of US dollars)

Resources of UNDP	Gross opropriations	Estimated income	Net appropriations
UNDP core activities OPE IAPSU UNV	288 127.7 16 945.8 2 166.7 7.308.9	(30 557.5) (16 945.8) (2 166.7) 0.0	257 570.2 0.0 0.0 7 308.9
UNSO-UNDP/UNEP joint venture (institutional support) TCDC/INRES CGIAR Africa strengthening	2 067.2 739.6 900.0 2 480.0	(1 033.6) 0.0 0.0 0.0	739.6 900.0 2 480.0
Resources of United Nations Capital Development Fund	6 196.5	(50 703.6)	6 196.5
Resources of United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration	3 034.2	0.0	3 034.2
Resources of United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office	4 232.9	(50 703.6)	4 232.9 283 495.9

- 4. Approves an exceptional allocation of \$791,630 to be charged against UNDP support cost resources and to be treated as extra-budgetary income to the United Nations Volunteers programme, in order to enable an immediate strengthening of its administrative capacity, consisting of five extra-budgetary professional posts, four extra-budgetary general service posts and related operating expenses for the period 1 September 1986 through 31 December 1987;
- 5. Requests the Administrator to undertake a substantive review of the mandate, role and work priorities of UNV and, taking into consideration the recommendations of the second UNV intergovernmental meeting in Maseru/Lesotho in November 1986, to submit his report to the Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987). The report should contain, in the context of the 1988-1989 biennial budget, the Administrator's alternative financing modalities to meet the need for staffing UNV headquarters in relation to its workload. The Administrator should also report on his proposed consultations with specialized agencies concerning compensation to UNV for service provided in identifying and fielding volunteers to work in agency-executed projects,
- 6. Takes note of the Administrator's proposals in respect of government local office cost obligations in the fourth cycle;

7. Takes note of the carry-forward of \$900,000 of the 1984-1985 support-cost earnings of the Office for Projects Execution as available for use in 1986-1987.

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## 86/44. Trust funds established by the Administrator in 1985

### The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on trust funds established by him in 1985 (DP/1986/61, DP/1986/61/Add.1 and DP/1986/61/Add.1 Corr.1) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon (DP/1986/60),

Takes note of the information provided in the report on the trust funds established by the Administrator in 1985, as well as the summary financial information provided on all trust funds established by him since 1981.

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#### 86/45. Trust Funds conditioned on procurement

#### The Governing Council,

- 1. Takes note of the report of the Adminstrator on trust funds conditioned on procurement from the donor country (DP/1986/62); and
- 2. Approves the recommendation of the Administrator that no new contributions conditioned on procurement from the donor country be accepted with regard to the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO), the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) and the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (UNFSSTD) after 30 April 1986.

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#### 86/46. UNDP financial regulations

#### The Governing Council,

Having considered the note by the Adminstrator contained in document DP/1986/63,

Decides that the Budgetary and Finance Committee will consider, during its meetings at the thirty-fourth session (1987) of the Governing Council, proposed financial regulation 4.6, remaining in brackets, as well as those other matters on which consensus was not achieved at the thirty-third session (1986) of the Council, as shown in the annex to document DP/1986/63.

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# 86/47. Guidelines for the procurement of equipment, supplies and services

#### The Governing Council,

Taking note of the oral report provided by the Assistant Administrator on the progress made by the Inter-Agency Procurement Unit in response to decision 85/39,

Further noting the establishment by the Inter-Agency Procurement Working Group of a subgroup to pursue efforts towards harmonization of procurement practices within the United Nations system,

- 1. Approves the approach which will govern the tasks of the subgroup towards further harmonization of procurement practices whereby, inter alia, differences in those practices inherent to agency mandates and sizes will be reflected and reported on;
- 2. Requests that the informal document containing the analysis of responses to the questionnaire on agency procurement policies and practices be distributed as an official document, and be submitted to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987);
- 3. Further requests a written progress report on the work of the subgroup, also including information on the trends in procurement from developing and under-utilized donor countries, and on further measures taken towards achieving equitable geographical distribution, consistent with the principle of international competitive bidding, supplemented by an oral report, to be given to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987), on the twelfth meeting of the Inter-Agency Procurement Working Group to be held in 1987,
- 4. Reiterates the need to take concrete measures towards observing the principle of equitable geographical distribution through increased procurement from developing and under-utilized donor countries, consistent with maximum effectiveness.

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#### 86/48. Audit reports

### The Governing Council,

Having considered documents DP/1986/64 and Add.1 containing the audited accounts of executing agencies for the year ended 31 December 1984, the reports of the external auditors thereon, the comments of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on substantive observations made by the external auditors and a description of the action taken by the Administration in response to Governing Council decision 85/40,

Having also considered General Assembly document A.40/5/Add.l, which contains the audited financial statements of UNDP for the year ended 31 December 1984, as well as the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors thereon, copies of which had been made available at the thirty-third session (1986) of the Council,

- 1. Reaffirms its wish that increasing emphasis be given by the external auditors to the preparation of long-form narrative audit reports which include observations on the effectiveness of financial management;
- 2. Requests 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-term narrative audit reports are submitted in respect of every executing agency which carries out a significant volume of UNDP-financed activities.

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### 86/49. Agency support costs - ex post facto report

#### The Governing Council,

Having taken note of the  $\underline{\text{ex}}$  post facto report on agency support costs (DP/1986/65) by the Adminstrator, and of the views and opinions of members of the Governing Council on the report,

Expressing its concern at the decline in the share of total technical co-operation expenditure in the United Nations system of operational activities relating to the United Nations Development Programme,

- l. Requests the Administrator to review the impact of fluctuating exchange rates on the support cost earnings of the agencies covered by flexibility arrangements and to make recommendations thereon to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987);
- 2. Further requests the Administrator to continue to submit an ex post facto report on Agency support costs on a biennial basis.

#### 86/50. Sectoral support

#### The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Adminstrator on sectoral support (DP/1986/66) and the views and comments of members thereon,

- 1. Notes the allocation of \$25,000,000 for the fourth programming cycle, together with any savings arising in the third cycle, to be used as follows:
- (a) \$9,600,000 to cover the costs to the United Nations Development Programme for the services of the maximum number of senior industrial development field advisers (SIDFAS), in 1987, 1988 and 1989 within these resources,
- (b) \$9,000,000 to be used at the discretion of the Adminstrator for the smaller agencies,
- (c) \$6,400,000 to be maintained for SIDFAS in the sectoral support line for further consideration of the Council,
- 2. Requests the Administrator to undertake an objective, substantive review of the SIDFA Programme, jointly with UNIDO, and to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987) on the results of that review. The review should include an assessment of the modality and the functions of SIDFAS, the optimum number of SIDFAS required in the foreseeable future and their possible location, their effective integration into the UNDP field offices, and proposals for the long-term financing of the SIDFA programme.

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#### 86/51. UNDP Field offices in Belgrade and Bucharest

#### The Governing Council,

Having considered the information provided by the Administration on this subject,

- 1. Agrees with the retention of the UNDP field offices in Belgrade and Bucharest on the basis of the agreement reached between the Administration and the Governments concerned;
- 2. Further agrees that the decision taken in this regard would not set a precedent for the future management of field operations; and
- 3. Decides that this agreement be reflected in the appropriation decision on the 1986-1987 biennial budget.

### 86/52. ITU request for additional support cost reimbursement

The Governing Council,

Having considered document DP/1986/80 and the statement by the representative of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) concerning a request of ITU for additional support cost reimbursement,

Taking into account the views expressed by its members thereon,

Noting the JIU report (JIU/REP/86/4),

Reaffirms its decisions 84/31 of 29 June 1984 and 85/43 of 29 June 1985, 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 provisions of Governing Council decisions 80/44 and 81/40.

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## 86/53. Financial implications of matters referred to the Committee by the Council

The Governing Council,

Requests the Administrator to ensure that at future sessions of the Council, all documents having financial implications and submitted for consideration by the Council contain, in a separate section, a concise statement of such financial implications, including the nature and duration of activities for which financing is requested, the source of financing proposed and, where appropriate and to the fullest extent possible, details of the proposed number and grades of additional staff requested and the estimated total costs by object of expenditure.

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## 86/54. Assistance to Mauritania, Kiribati and Tuvalu

The Governing Council,

Considering that, by its resolution 40/219, paragraph 6, the General Assembly asked UNDP to take special measures for Mauritania, pending examination of its situation by the Committee for Development Planning, which recommended that Mauritania be included in the least developed countries,

Noting that the Committee for Development Planning has recommended to the General Assembly the inclusion of Kiribati and Tuvalu in the list of Least Developed Countries,

- 1. <u>Invites</u> the Administrator to take such steps as may be possible to implement the above General Assembly resolution as well as to ensure that Mauritania receives such benefits as it may be entitled as an LDC, when the General Assembly approves the recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning,
- 2. Further invites the Administrator to take similar action in respect of Kiribati and Tuvalu.

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86/55. Other reports considered by the Governing Council at its thirty-second session

The Governing Council,

Takes note of the following reports:

(a) The reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (DP/1986/12):
United Nations Development System Support to the Implementation of the
Buenos Aires Plan of Action on Technical Co-operation among Developing
Countries (JIU/REP/85/3, issued as document A/40/656/Add.1); United Nations
Technical Co-operation in Central America and the Caribbean: Volume II: The
Caribbean (JIU/REP/85/6, issued as document E/1985/3/Add.3);

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(b) Oral reports of the Director of the Division of External Relations and the Secretary of the Governing Council on the UNDP Development Study Programme;

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(c) Oral report of the Director, Planning and Co-ordination Office, on the status of the UNDP Trust Fund for Developing Countries afflicted by famine and malnutrition;

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(d) The report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on Assistance to the Palestinian People (DP/1986/22);

27th meeting 19 June 1986 (e) The report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on mobilization of supplementary resources: The Projects Annotated Listing (PAL) Modality (DP/1986/81);

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(f) The report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Volunteers (DP/1986/49 and DP/1986/49/Add.1);

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(g) The report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Capital Development Fund (DP/1986/50);

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(h) The report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (DP/1986/53);

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(i) The report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Development Fund for Women (DP/1986/55);

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(j) The report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Volunteers Programme (DP/1986/49 and Add.1).

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(k) The report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations system regular and extra-budgetary technical co-operation expenditures in 1985 (DP/1986/68) and the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations system regular and extra-budgetary technical co-operation expenditures in 1984 (DP/1985/65);

28th meeting 20 June 1986 (1) The note by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on action taken by other organs of the United Nations in 1985 (DP/1986/69, DP/1986/69/Add.1 and DP/1986/69/Add.1/Corr.1);

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# 86/56. Future sessions of the UNDP Governing Council and its subsidiary bodies

#### The Governing Council,

Agrees to the following schedule of future sessions of the UNDP Governing Council and its subsidiary bodies:

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1986		
Working Group of the Committee of the Whole	New York	15 - 17 September
1987		
Working Group of the Committee of the Whole	New York	11 - 13 February
Governing Council - Organizational Meeting and Special Session	New York	17 - 20 February
Working Group of the Committee of the Whole	New York	April (to be determined)
(High-Level Committee on the Review of TCDC)	New York	26 - 29 May
Governing Council, thirty- fourth session	New York	1 - 26 June

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# 86/57. Provisional agenda for the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session

#### The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 81/37 of 27 June 1981 and 85/46 of 29 June 1985,

1. Approves the following provisional agenda for its thirty-fourth session  $(\overline{1987})_{\boldsymbol{\xi}}$ 

## Provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session 1/

- 1. Opening of the session
- 2. Election of officers 2/
- 3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
- 4. High-level segment policy review: Annual report of the Administrator, including operational activities of relevance to UNDP
- 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-fifth session (1988).

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#### Notes

- 1/ Prepared in accordance with Governing Council decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981. Sub-items will be added and annotations prepared in the light of other decisions adopted by the Council at its thirty-second session (1985) and relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1985 and by the General Assembly at its fortieth session and any other matters requiring the consideration of the Governing Council, in accordance with rule 8 of its rules of procedures (DP/1/Rev.4).
- 2/ In accordance with section I, paragraph 3 (d), of Governing Council decision 81/37 and rules 1 and 11 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council (DP/1/Rev.4), the election of officers will take place at the organizational meeting for 1987.