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# 87/1. Schedule of meetings of the Governing Council in 1987 and the biennialization of documentation

#### The Governing Council

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1. <u>Decides</u> that the thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council shall be held in New York from 26 May to 19 June 1987, and that the schedule of meetings shall be as follows:

Plenary
Committee of the Whole
High-level segment (plenary)
Budgetary and Finance Committee
Drafting Group

26 May-9 and 19 June 1987 9-18 June 1987 2-4 June 1987 26 May-19 June 1987 2-17 June 1987;

2. <u>Endorses</u> the proposal by the General Assembly that the biennial session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries be held from 18 to 22 May 1987 in New York;

II

Takes note of the decisions by the Committee of the Whole on the future activities of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole, as follows:

- (a) The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on 13 and 14 April 1987 in New York, subject to the availability of conference services;
- (b) The Secretariat is asked to arrange the meeting in a small conference room if available, or else in the Chamber of the Economic and Social Council;
  - (c) The agenda for the next meeting of the Working Group is:
  - (i) Government execution;
  - (ii) Implementation of the Programme of the United Nations Development Programme: Update on the action plan for implementation of proposals to improve programme/project quality;
  - (iii) Rates of programme delivery;
- (d) In conformity with paragraph (1) of Governing Council decision 86/1 of 18 February 1986, organizations of the United Nations system will be invited to participate as of 13 April in the afternoon and on 14 April 1987;

#### III

1. Takes note of the statement made by the Secretary of the Governing Council at the organizational session on the rationalization of the work of the Council, including measures concerning documentation;

- 2. Approves on an experimental basis the proposals, contained in a note by the Administrator (DP/1987/7), on biennialization and further streamlining of Council documentation, as reflected in the annex to the present decision;
- 3. Requests the Administrator to provide a progress report on the implementation of these measures at its organizational meeting for 1988.

#### Annex

# Proposals on biennialization and further streamlining of Governing Council documentation

### A. Reports to be submitted on a biennial basis

- 1. Reports of the special funds administered by the United Nations Development Programme other than the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). In the interim years, basic statistical and financial data on each of the funds will be included in a statistical addendum to the annual report of the Administrator. The schedule of full reports will be prepared in line with the work programme of the Second Committee of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.
- 2. Reports concerning matters on which consensus was not achieved at previous sessions, relating to amendments of the financial regulations of the United Nations Development Programme will be taken up biennially.

#### B. Reports to be consolidated

- 1. The reports of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sahel region and implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification will be submitted as a single report.
- 2. A report entitled "Annual Review of Programme and Project Activities", to include in 1987: the use of equipment; project personnel; Government execution; and implementation of measures to improve programme and project quality.
- 3. A report entitled "Annual Review of Thematic Programmes Established by the Governing Council", to include in 1987: human resources development; co-ordination; and the implementation strategy for women in development.
- 4. A report entitled "Fourth Cycle Indicative Planning Figure and Other Resource Utilization" will incorporate such matters as Special Programme Resources (SPR); the special needs of island developing countries; changes in indicative planning figure calculations; and issues relating to net contributor status during the fourth cycle.

15t meeting 17 February 1987

# 87/2. Agenda and organization of work of the Governing Council in 1987

#### The Governing Council

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<u>Decides</u> to waive for its meetings in 1987 rule 22 of its rules of procedure, inasmuch as that rule refers to the requirement of a quorum of one third of the members of the Governing Council present to open a meeting or to proceed with a debate;

ΙI

Approves the provisional agenda and tentative schedule of work for its special session from 17 to 20 February 1987 (DP/1987/L.2 and Add.1 and 2), as orally amended;

TII

Approves the provisional agenda and the tentative schedule of work for its thirty-fourth session (DP/1987/L.3), as orally amended, and on the understanding that the President of the Council be given flexibility to ensure a smooth and proper conduct of the session;

IV

- 1. Agrees that the Committee of the Whole shall deal with the following items:
  - (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. <u>Decides</u> to allocate the following items of the provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session to its Budgetary and Finance Committee:
  - 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, 1986;
  - 9 (b). Budget estimates for 1988-1989;
  - 9 (c). Trust funds;

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- 9 (d). Guidelines for procurement;
- 9 (e). Audit reports;
- 9 (f). Sectoral support;
- 9 (g). Other matters;
- 3. <u>Further decides</u> that the Budgetary and Finance Committee shall also review the financial implications of draft decisions before the Governing Council takes action thereon;

V

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;

VI

- Decides to open the list of speakers for the high-level segment of its session on 27 April 1987 and to close it on 2 June 1987;
- 2. Decides that there shall be a time-limit of 15 minutes for all interventions, those made by delegations and secretariat alike, during the debate;

VII

Agrees to waive the 10-week rule for the submission of documents to be considered by the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session, as specified in the note by the secretariat (DP/1987/5 and Corr.1);

#### VIII

Approves the recommendation made by the Bureau of the Governing Council that the plenary meetings of the Council should continue to be provided with summary records.

2nd and 5th meetings 17 and 20 February 1987

# 87/3. Election of the members of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole

#### The Governing Council

<u>Elects</u> 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 1988, subject to the results of the review of Governing Council decisions 83/5 of 24 June 1983 and 86/23 of 27 June 1986, to be carried out at the thirty-fourth session:

Benin, Brazil, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Cuba, Denmark, Germany, Federal Republic of, India, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Republic of Korea, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and United States of America.

2nd and 5th meetings 17 and 20 February 1987

# 87/4. Country, intercountry, interregional and global programmes and projects

The Governing Council

Ι

Takes note of the report of the Administrator on trends and problems in country programmes (DP/1987/4 and Add.1);

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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 figures:

Albania DP/CP/ALB/3

DP/CP/ALB/NOTE/3 and Corr.1

Antiqua and Barbuda DP/CP/ANT/2

Argentina DP/CP/ARG/4 and Corr.1

DP/CP/ARG/NOTE/4

Bolivia DP/CP/BOL/4

DP/CP/BOL/NOTE/4

British Virgin Islands DP/CP/BVI/2

Burma DP/CP/BUR/5

DP/CP/BUR/NOTE/5

Chile DP/CP/CHI/4 and Corr.1

DP/CP/CHI/NOTE/4

Cyprus DP/CP/CYP/3 and Corr.1

DP/CP/CYP/NOTE/3

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Dominica DP/CP/DMI/2

Eastern Caribbean DP/CP/CAR/4 DP/CP/CAR/NOTE/4

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Egypt

DP/CP/EGY/4

DP/CP/EGY/NOTE/4

Grenada

DP/CP/GRN/2

Guyana

DP/CP/GUY/4

Iraq

DP/CP/IRQ/4

Liberia

DP/CP/LIR/4

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DP/CP/LIR/NOTE/4

Malawi

DP/CP/MLW/4 and Corr.1

DP/CP/MLW/NOTE/4

Malaysia

DP/CP/MAL/4 and Corr.1

DP/CP/MAL/NOTE/4

Montserrat

DP/CP/MOT/2

Panama

DP/CP/PAN/4

Saint Kitts and Nevis

DP/CP/STK/2

Saint Lucia

DP/CP/STL/2

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

DP/CP/STV/2

Singapore

DP/CP/SIN/6 and Corr.1

Swaziland

DP/CP/SWA/4

Syrian Arab Republic

DP/CP/SYR/4 and Corr.1

Thailand

DP/CP/THA/4

DP/CP/THA/NOTE/4

Turks and Caicos Islands

DP/CP/TCI/2

United Republic of Tanzania

DP/CP/URT/4

DP/CP/URT/NOTE/4

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DP/CP/ZAI/4

DP/CP/ZAI/NOTE/4

III

Takes note of the extension of the following country programmes through 1988:

Equatorial Guinea

DP/CP/EQG/2/EXTENSION I

Jordan

DP/CP/JOR/3/EXTENSION I

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Portugal

DP/CP/POR/2/EXTENSION I

Sudan

DP/CP/SUD/2/EXTENSION I

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Takes note of the following intercountry programmes:

Asia and the Pacific

DP/RAP/1

Europe

DP/REU/2 and Corr.1

Latin America and the Caribbean

DP/RLA/3 and Corr.1

V

Takes note of the extension of the regional programme for the Arab States to the end of 1987 (DP/RAB/1/EXTENSION I);

VΙ

Approves the global and interregional programme as contained in document DP/INTGLO/1;

VII

Approves the global project recommendations placed before the Council, as contained in documents DP/PROJECTS/REC/20, DP/PROJECTS/REC/21 and Corr.1, and DP/PROJECTS/REC/22;

4th meeting 20 February 1987

87/5. Recent trends in the recruitment, cost and utilization of project personnel and other personnel working in development co-operation

### The Governing Council

Approves the proposals of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme with regard to the report requested by the Governing Council in its decision 85/10 of 28 June 1985 on project personnel, as contained in the annex to the present decision.

### <u>Annex</u>

## Proposals on project personnel

(a) For the thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council, to be held 26 May-19 June 1987, the information in document DP/1986/WG/WP.5 shall be updated and refined to remove any inconsistencies and to supply such additional information as current sources make possible;

- (b) Because of the inadequacies of the data base and lack of precision in definition of certain terms, the United Nations Development Programme shall have discussions with agencies to set up a data base from which it would be possible to extract readily the kind of information that discussions in the Working Group show to be necessary;
- (c) Case studies shall be undertaken by a representative list of projects with varying component mixes of different categories of personnel to determine the extent to which the objectives of projects have been achieved; whether the right mix of experts in terms of quality and cost has been used, and to the extent possible; and to determine whether a different personnel mix would have achieved the same or better results and would have been more cost-effective;
- (d) Steps shall be taken by the United Nations Development Programme to ensure that the best mix of personnel appropriate to the needs of each project in terms of cost and quality is always identified and used.

4th meeting 20 February 1987

#### 87/6. Project Development Facility

#### The Governing Council

Authorizes the Administrator to incur additional expenses, until June 1987, up to \$500,000 for the Project Development Facility.

4th meeting 20 February 1987

87/7. Effective date for the implementation of the results of the job classification exercise for the General Service and related categories in the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 86/11 of 21 February 1986 on the job classification exercise for the General Service posts in New York,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 41/209 of 11 December 1986 approving the proposals of the Secretary-General relating to the job classification of the General Service and related categories in New York and Geneva, which include an implementation date of 1 January 1985,

Having considered the note by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on this subject (DP/1987/62),

Authorizes the Administrator to revise the date of implementation of the results of the job classification exercise for the General Service and related categories in New York from 1 January 1986 to 1 January 1985.

4th meeting 20 February 1987

# 87/8. Representation of African national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity

#### The Governing Council

Approves the recommendation of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, contained in document DP/1987/8, paragraph 5, concerning participation and its funding of representatives of African national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity.

4th meeting 20 February 1987

# 87/9. Agenda and organization of work of the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session

#### The Governing Council

Approves the agenda and organization of work for its thirty-fourth session (DP/1987/L.6 and Corr.1).

6th meeting 26 May 1987

#### 87/10. Annual report of the Administrator

### The Governing Council,

Having considered the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for 1986 (DP/1987/12 and Add.1 and 2 (Parts I and II), Add.3-5 (Parts I and II) and Add.6),

Taking into account the views expressed thereon during the high-level segment of the thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council,

- 1. Takes note with interest of the management actions taken by the Administrator to improve programme and project quality;
- 2. <u>Welcomes</u> the increased project delivery achieved in 1986 in the programmes funded by the United Nations Development Programme;
- 3. Urges the Administrator to continue to take measures to achieve improved performance by the executing agencies in regard to United Nations Development Programme-funded activities;

- 4. <u>Urges</u> the Administrator to continue to encourage the execution of projects by Governments and to intensify measures designed to increase delivery rates and appeals to Governments to intensify their efforts to achieve higher implementation rates for Government-executed projects;
- 5. Reaffirms its support for the measures taken by the Administrator, in consultations with Governments, to involve grass-roots and non-governmental organizations in activities supported by the United Nations Development Programme and supports his plans to strengthen co-operation with non-governmental organizations through small-scale development activities and requests the Administrator to report thereon to the Council at its thirty-fifth (1988) session;
- 6. Affirms the importance of improved management of the environment and the supportive role that the United Nations Development Programme can play in this area in regard to its activities in co-operation with the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Bank and other relevant bodies;
- 7. Reaffirms paragraph 17 of its decision 84/4 of 29 June 1984 and notes the intention of the Administrator to fulfil it and pursue his actions in this context;
- 8. Requests the Administrator to pursue efforts to extend technical assistance to Governments at their request, and in conformity with their development requirements, in order to improve their capacity to carry out their programmes of economic recovery and development, including their debt management strategies, and to alleviate the human and social consequences of such programmes, and further requests the Administrator to facilitate the availability of detailed information on aid requirements arising from debt problems in order to attract additional financing;
- 9. Takes note of the establishment by the Administrator of a "Task Force on the Future" and requests him to report on its work in conjunction with his annual report for 1987;
- 10. Urges the Administrator to review ongoing efforts to increase public awareness of the scope and effectiveness of the activities of the United Nations Development Programme and its contribution to economic and social development and requests the Administrator to propose to the Governing Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) further effective steps in this regard.

29th meeting 18 June 1987

# 87/11. Operational activities for development

#### The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 41/171 of 5 December 1986 on operational activities for development, by which the Assembly invited the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system to provide the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1987 with views and comments on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/74 of 23 July 1986, in particular on the role of the resident co-ordinators, the use of the United Nations Development Programme country programming process as a framework for

operational activities, the co-location of field offices and the further harmonization of operational procedures,

Recalling its decision 86/17 of 27 June 1986 on the triennial review of operational activities,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on co-ordination (DP/1987/15/Add.1), the report of the Administrator on the organizational and financial structure of the United Nations Development Programme-administered system (DP/1987/53), the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Field representation of organizations of the United Nations system: structure and co-ordination" (A/41/424), and the comments thereon of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,

- 1. <u>Brings</u> to the attention of the Economic and Social Council the following views on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/171 of 5 December 1986:
- (a) The Governing Council considers General Assembly resolution 41/171 as an important element of the framework for the participation of the United Nations Development Programme in the operational activities of the United Nations system;
- (b) The Governing Council further considers that its decision 86/17 outlines its views on several issues raised in decision 41/171;
- (c) The Council draws the attention of the Economic and Social Council to several decisions taken at its thirty-fourth session (1987) which respond to various matters related to operational activities, <u>inter alia</u>, the co-ordination of technical assistance, the organizational and financial structure of the system administered by the United Nations Development Programme, programme and project quality, procurement from developing countries and United Nations technical co-operation activities;
- (d) The Governing Council strongly reaffirms its full support for improved coherence of action by the system at the country level and for the role and responsibilities envisaged by General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 which, regarding the resident co-ordinator, decided that he or she be the single official in whom, on behalf of the United Nations system, should be entrusted overall responsibility for, and co-ordination of United Nations operational activities for development and who, in consultation with, and with the consent of the Government concerned, should exercise team leadership and be responsible for evolving, at the country level, a multi-disciplinary dimension in sectoral development programmes. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 41/171, the Governing Council strongly urges Governments and organizations of the United Nations system to provide resident co-ordinators with the requisite authority to carry out their roles and responsibilities and believes that paragraph 16 of Assembly resolution 41/171 enumerates essential measures which should be taken in this respect;
- (e) The Council is firmly of the view that the main responsibility for defining, at the country level, the activities of the resident co-ordinator within the framework of resolutions 32/197 and 41/171 resides with host Governments, who in exercising their sovereign responsibility for all development programmes, should

decide to utilize to the extent considered necessary the services of the resident co-ordinator in the manner envisaged in resolution 32/197;

- (f) The Governing Council also recognizes that an important step bowards strengthening the resident co-ordinator involves the governing bodies of the United Nations system instructing their own secretariats and field staff to interact with resident co-ordinators in the manner envisaged in resolution 32/197;
- (g) The Council notes that the resident co-ordinator's authority within the United Nations system has been enhanced by the designation of the resident co-ordinator as the representative of the Secretary-General in the field. As a further practical step towards strengthening the team leadership role of the resident co-ordinator, his or her views are to be solicited on projects proposed for United Nations system funding if the recipient Government so desires;
- (h) The Council stresses the importance of the United Nations Development Programme country programme as the framework for promoting a more coherent and co-ordinated approach to technical co-operation activities by the United Nations development system. The wider use of this process is, however, not yet a characteristic of many United Nations system technical co-operation programmes. More complete participation by members of the system in the country programme process, in accordance with the 1970 Consensus, would help in the utilization of the United Nations Development Programme country programme as the framework for technical co-operation activities of the United Nations system;
- (i) The work of the Joint Consultative Group on Policy marks an important initiative towards greater inter-agency co-ordination. Nevertheless, inter-agency collaboration at the programme level needs further development. As a step in this direction, members of the Joint Consultative Group on Policy are encouraged to engage in more systematic exchanges, so as to ensure a coherent and complementary approach to development efforts. In this respect, active co-operation at the field level is encouraged, including co-ordinated programming practices;
- (j) The Council welcomes the decision of the Secretary-General to conduct a review through the Joint Consultative Group on Policy of the field representation of organizations under his authority and awaits with interest concrete proposals emanating from this review. While welcoming his approach regarding the consolidation of United Nations Information Centres with the offices of the resident co-ordinators, the Council notes that the additional information functions will not be funded from the income or voluntary contributions of the United Nations Development Programme. The Council draws the attention of the Economic and Social Council to its decision 87/12 on Joint Inspection Unit reports, including, inter alia, the report on field representation;
- (k) Harmonized and simplified procedures for the programming and delivery of the United Nations system technical co-operation should be more actively pursued;
- 2. <u>Urges</u> other governing bodies, through the Economic and Social Council, to review their own field representation and to seriously consider with the United Nations Development Programme the feasibility of co-location and/or common services in consultation with host Governments.

30th meeting 19 June 1987 The Governing Council,

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<u>Having considered</u> the note of the Administrator on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit for  $1986 \ (DP/1987/13 \ and \ Corr.l)$ ,

Takes note of the information provided in the note of the Administrator with respect to the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Problems of storage and its costs in organizations of the United Nations system" (A/41/806 and Corr.1), and "Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States" (A/41/615) and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon (A/41/615/Add.1);

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Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Technical co-operation activities of the International Telecommunication Union",

Reaffirms its decision 86/52 of 27 June 1986 concerning additional support cost reimbursement to the International Telecommunication Union;

III

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Field representation of organizations of the United Nations system: structure and co-ordination" (A/41/242) and comments of the Administrative Committee for Co-ordination thereon (A/42/290),

- 1. Reaffirms its decision 85/3 of 28 June 1985 on co-ordination;
- 2. Expresses its support for recommendations 1 and 2 of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit addressed to the General Assembly and recommends that the General Assembly adopt a resolution appealing to Governments and urging organizations of the United Nations system to adopt all measures required to achieve the full implementation of these recommendations;
- 3. Notes the comments of the Administrative Committee for Co-ordination on recommendation 3 of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit and welcomes the intention of the Administrator to pursue the consultations with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in order to ensure the selection of well-qualified and experienced candidates for the post of resident co-ordinator from a broader roster;

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Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Technical co-operation between UNDP and the regional economic commissions: Economic Commission for Africa" (A/42/110) and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon (A/42/110/Add.1),

- 1. Takes note of the Joint Inspection Unit report and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;
- 2. <u>Emphasizes</u> the importance and necessity to improve the mechanism for co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic Commission for Africa.

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#### 87/13. Programme and project quality

#### The Governing Council

- 1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the implementation of measures to improve programme and project quality (DP/1987/16);
- 2. Notes the Administrator's decision to ensure that the Programme Review Committee is involved at an early stage of the country programming process;
- 3. Requests that the next annual report on programme quality include information on the procedural framework established by the Administrator for mid-term reviews of country programmes and intercountry programmes;
- 4. <u>Welcomes</u> the strengthened mechanism for project appraisal, which should lead to the speeding up of the appraisal process;
- 5. Notes that the proposed changes in project development procedures should be undertaken to assist in increasing the capacity of recipient Governments, at their request, in the critical early stages of project design, in accordance with the 1970 Consensus;
- 6. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) the outcome of initiatives to improve management information systems relating to programme activities, specifically the substantive and qualitative aspects;
- 7. Urges the Administrator to ensure completion of the revision of the United Nations Development Programme Policies and Procedures Manual by the end of 1987 and its prompt distribution in all working languages as soon as possible thereafter;
- 8. Recalls its decisions 86/15 of 27 June 1986 and 86/18 of 27 June 1986 and reiterates the request made in decision 86/15 urging the Administrator to initiate appropriate administrative measures to ensure improved performance by the executing agencies so that they are fully accountable for the fulfilment of their obligations in the execution of projects supported by the United Nations Development Programme;
- 9. Welcomes the resumption of annual agency review meetings and requests the Administrator to report thereon to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988), including specific proposals designed to ensure agency accountability.

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#### 87/14. Government execution

### The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator (DP/1987/16) containing, inter alia, the review and assessment of Government execution during the experimental period for the use of add-on funds,

Noting the progress made in promoting Government execution as an important modality of project implementation and the commendable efforts made by the Governments in this regard, which have led to an increase in approvals of projects under this modality,

Considering that the growth in Government execution has led to an increase in the work-load related to the financial accounting and administration of the programme by the Division of Finance,

- 1. Decides to extend until 31 December 1988 the add-on arrangements as described in decision 82/8 of 18 June 1982;
- 2. Takes note that the Administrator is undertaking an evaluation study which will make an assessment of the impact and cost-effectiveness of Government-executed projects and a more detailed quantitative and qualitative assessment of Government execution;
- 3. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) on the outcome of this evaluation, giving specific attention to the question of auditing and to the work-load of the United Nations Development Programme headquarters associated with it;
- 4. Authorizes the Administrator to charge the actual additional staff costs of the Division of Finance associated with Government execution to support costs of the United Nations Development Programme up to a maximum of \$600,000, as from 1 July 1987, for a period of 18 months, pending the decisions on the long-term financing of these costs to be taken by the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) on the basis of the above-mentioned evaluation report.

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#### 87/15. Women in development

## The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the annual review of thematic programmes established by the Council (DP/1987/15), and in particular referring to the strategies to promote the role of women in development, and the additional information provided by the Director, Division for Women in Development,

l. <u>Notes with appreciation</u> the establishment of the Division for Women in Development and in particular the adequate status given to it in the organizational structure of the United Nations Development Programme, as well as arrangements to ensure the contribution of field offices and bureaux to the objectives of the Division;

- 2. Notes the necessity of complementarity and the need to avoid auplication between the new Division and the United Nations Development Fund for comen; and requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) on the respective work plans of the two units;
- 3. Emphasizes the importance of training activities in the process of integrating women in development and requests that such training, wherever possible, include agency and Government representatives involved in United Nations Development Programme-supported programmes and projects;
- 4. Stresses the importance of the application of appropriate women in development perspectives in the earliest stages of programme and project design and their inclusion in systematic follow-up at all successive stages;
- 5. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) on how women in development perspectives are reflected in the content of the work of the United Nations Development Programme, including specific examples illustrating the practical implications of women in development perspectives on project and programme content;
- 6. Stresses the need for close co-operation by the Division of Women in Development with relevant units of the United Nations organizations and agencies, including the secretariat of the Commission on the Status of Women and the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for Women, as well as Governments and non-governmental organizations.

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#### 87/16. Human resources development

#### The Governing Council

- 1. Takes note of the preliminary conclusions summarized in the Administrator's report (DP/1987/15) resulting from the analysis now under way of the experience of the United Nations Development Programme in human resources development projects during the past three programme cycles, as well as the comments made thereon by delegations;
- 2. Notes the work programme proposed by the Administrator and requests that it include activities that will generate information on the achievements of the United Nations Development Programme in human resources development, supported by appropriate quantitative data, and an assessment of the impact of United Nations Development Programme-financed activities in human resources development;
- 3. Also takes note with satisfaction that the United Nations Development Programme has carried out, in accordance with decision 86/14 of 27 June 1986, the first regional workshop on human resources development, which took place in Argentina, in collaboration with the Bariloche Foundation; and also takes note of the recommendations contained in paragraph 12 of document DP/1987/15/Add.2;
- 4. Requests the Administrator to submit a full report to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) in accordance with its decision 86/14 of 27 June 1986,

providing a detailed critical analysis of the experience of the United Nations Development Programme since 1970 in the field of human resources development, and including specific proposals designed to ensure that the lessons learned from this experience will be applied in future programme activities of the United Nations Development Programme, taking into account the relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions on human resources development, as well as the conclusions of the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme Co-ordination/Administrative Committee for Co-ordination on human resources development scheduled to take place in June 1987.

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#### 87/17. Co-ordination of technical assistance

#### The Governing Council

- 1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the co-ordination of technical assistance (DP/1987/15/Add.1);
- 2. <u>Welcomes</u> the emphasis in the report on the necessity for recipient Governments to determine their own policies and priorities, and for co-ordinating technical assistance programmes and projects;
- 3. Supports the efforts being made by the Administrator to assist recipient countries to strengthen their aid co-ordination mechanisms;
- 4. Supports the principle behind the co-ordinating mechanisms such as national technical co-operation assessments and programmes and round-table meetings established by the Administrator and urges their expanded coverage after suitable review and modification consistent with Council decision 86/17 of 27 June 1986, particularly its paragraphs 3 and 4 (c);
- 5. Endorses the proposals made by the Administrator to improve the quality of the development co-operation reports and to issue annually a United Nations Development Programme Report on the state of technical co-operation;
- 6. <u>Calls</u> on donors to follow a consistent approach in United Nations system governing bodies regarding the establishment of trust funds;
- 7. Notes the Administrator's initiative to present proposals on the possible rationalization of the terms and conditions of technical co-operation with a view to encouraging donors to adopt, as far as possible, standard modalities for technical co-operation, and that in this regard, he will hold a series of bilateral discussions with both donors and recipient countries and requests the Administrator to submit those proposals to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988);
- 8. Requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation and the Administrator to actively promote the use of the United Nations Development Programme country programme as a frame of reference for the programming of technical assistance by the relevant organizations, organs and bodies of the United Nations system.

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#### 87/18. Focal point for short-term advisory services

#### The Governing Council

- 1. Takes note of the Administrator's report on the implementation of the focal point for short-term advisory services (DP/1987/17);
- 2. Notes the progress made in implementing the short-term advisory services programme;
- 3. Notes with appreciation the contributions being made by short-term advisory services co-operating organizations;
- 4. Requests that efforts be made to procure short-term advisory services from underutilized countries in order to achieve a better geographical distribution on the supply side;
- 5. Approves the extension of the experimental period through 31 December 1989;
- Resources to finance the activities of the focal point during 1988 and 1989 and authorizes the financing of the six-month period 1 July to 31 December 1987 out of the savings anticipated from the \$450,000 approved by the Council in decisions 85/13 of 28 June 1985 and 86/30 of 27 June 1986 on the understanding that any savings realized during this 30-month period should revert to the Special Programme Resources.

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# 87/19. Procurement from developing countries

#### The Governing Council

- 1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations
  Development Programme on procurement of equipment and services with special
  reference to procurement from developing countries (DP/1987/19) and the oral report
  thereon;
- 2. Notes with concern the drop in 1986 in procurement from developing countries;
- 3. Notes with interest that the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit will continue to undertake pilot projects for supply source identification missions to developing countries with the purpose of producing country binders to be made available to the procurement services of all executing agencies, and requests that the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit extend these missions to as many countries as possible;
- 4. <u>Invites</u> the executing agencies of the United Nations system to contribute in any way possible to the work of the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit;

- 5. Recognizes that increased procurement from developing countries depends on action by all parties the United Nations Development Programme, the funding and executing agencies of the United Nations system and the Governments;
- 6. Strongly urges the Administrator to take further appropriate steps to increase procurement from developing countries and further urges the participating and executing agencies to intensify their efforts in that regard;
- 7. Considers it important that Governments take appropriate steps to promote procurement from developing countries;
- 8. Invites the Governments themselves, if they so wish, to collect and disseminate information on local procurement capabilities/bidding opportunities in their countries and requests the Administrator to assist Governments, at their request, and through appropriate projects, in collecting necessary data with a view to compiling or elaborating directories of local procurement sources and channelling this information to the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit and relevant participating and executing agencies;
- 9. Requests the agencies to provide to the permanent missions of developing countries in the capitals where the agencies' headquarters are located advance notices on business/bidding opportunities;
- 10. Notes the steps which the Administrator has already taken to modify the procurement practices of the Office for Projects Execution, including evaluation criteria;
- 11. Requests agencies to ensure that statistical data submitted reflect, on a comparable basis, both country of procurement and country of origin as well as source of funds;
- 12. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) on the steps taken, results and further actions planned, with a view to promoting more procurement from developing countries.

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87/20. Review of the Committee of the Whole and its Working Group

The Governing Council,

Recalling the Consensus contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, entitled "The capacity of the United Nations development system", a/

Reaffirming that the Governing Council is the legislative body of the United Nations Development Programme and therefore is the only decision-making body of the Programme,

 $<sup>\</sup>underline{a}/\underline{Official}$  Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 28 (A/8028), p. 58.

Reaffirming its decision 85/16 of 29 June 1985 entitled "Fourth or gramming cycle", b/

Recalling its decision 83/5 of 24 June 1983 entitled "Measures to mobilize increased resources for the United Nations Development Programme on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis",  $\underline{c}$ /

Recalling decision 85/17 of 29 June 1985 entitled "Programming",  $\underline{d}$  by which it decided to establish, on an experimental basis, a working group of the Committee of the Whole,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the "Review of the Committee of the Whole and its Working Group" (DP/1987/64), which was submitted pursuant to decision 86/23 of 27 June 1986 entitled "The future of the Committee of the Whole and of its Working Group", e/

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#### Committee of the Whole

- 1. Recognizes that, although there is still some room for refinement in its working methods, the Committee of the Whole has helped to expedite the work of the Council and strengthened the role of the Governing Council in programme planning and review:
- 2. <u>Decides</u> to continue the Committee of the Whole with its mandate as listed in decision 83/5; in addition, the Committee of the Whole shall consider programming matters of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on an experimental basis, provided that the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the United Nations Development Programme issues shall not be considered simultaneously;
- 3. <u>Decides</u> further to review the Committee of the Whole at its thirty-seventh session (1990);

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#### Working Group of the Committee of the Whole

1. <u>Considers</u> that the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole has carried out its work in a generally acceptable manner in the context of its short life of only one year;

b/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 11 (E/1985/32), p. 59.

c/ <u>Ihid.</u>, 1983, Supplement No. 9 (E/1983/20), p. 48.

d/ Ibid., 1985, Supplement No. 11 (E/1985/32), p. 60.

e/ <u>Ibid.</u>, <u>1986</u>, <u>Supplement No. 9</u> (E/1986/29), p. 70.

- 2. Decides to continue, on an experimental basis, the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole with its present status and mandate as listed in decision 85/17, taking into account paragraph 2 of section I above, and decision 86/1 of 18 February 1986, and to review its functioning in 1989, in the light of the outcome of the General Assembly's review of the structure and functioning of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations;
- 3. Expresses the need for active, substantive and responsive participation of the United Nations Development Programme and executing agencies regarding the issues taken up by the Working Group;
- 4. Recalls Governing Council decision 86/1, and decides, as a general rule, to convene no more than two meetings of the Working Group per year for durations of up to one week each;
- 5. <u>Decides</u> that, to facilitate appropriate participation of representatives from capitals of members of the Programme, the agenda items of the Working Group should be clearly focused and grouped according to subject-matter, in particular the discussion of items regarding the United Nations Fund for Population Activities;
- 6. Authorizes the Administrator to facilitate, to the extent that extrabudgetary resources are available, the participation of officials from developing countries who are responsible for technical co-operation activities to attend meetings of the Working Group.

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# 87/21. Assistance to national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity

### The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on assistance given to national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity (DP/1987/63),

Considering the views expressed thereon by different members of the Council,

- l. <u>Takes note</u> of the report and, in particular, of the steps that the Administrator has continued to take, to achieve progressive improvements in the quality, timeliness and efficiency of delivery of United Nations Development Programme assistance to national liberation movements;
  - 2. Requests the Administrator to:
- (a) Continue to assist with the maximum efficiency and flexibility possible within the mandate of the United Nations Development Programme, the national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity;
- (b) Ensure that the assistance to be extended to national liberation movements during the fourth programming cycle shall be guided by the provisions of the first programme proposal of assistance to national liberation movements (DP/CP/NIM/1);

(c) Report to the Governing Council at its thirty-fifth (1988) and subsequent sessions on the trends, developments and effectiveness of this assistance, and relevant issues pertaining to the implementation and management thereof.

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#### 87/22. Assistance to the Palestinian people

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator (DP/1987/23),

- 1. Notes with appreciation the achievements of the programme of assistance to the Palestinian people;
- 2. <u>Invites</u> Governments and other donors to make financial contributions to this activity.

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87/23. The role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of
Action for African Economic Recovery and Development
1986-1990

The Governing Council,

Recalling the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, adopted by the Special Session of the General Assembly (S-13/2, annex) and the subsequent decision 86/27 of 27 June 1986 by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme authorizing and encouraging the Administrator to assist in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action,

Taking note of the Administrator's report contained in documents DP/1987/20 and DP/1987/27, and expressing appreciation to those Governments which have so far contributed generously towards the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development,

Taking note also of the establishment of the African Project Development Facility,

Mindful of the fact that at their April 1987 meeting, the African Ministers of Economic Planning and Development expressed concern at the lack of sufficient progress in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action,

Recalling the Extraordinary Meeting of the Economic Commission for Africa in October 1986 of African Ministers of Economic Planning and Development endorsing the national technical co-operation assessments and programme exercises,

- l. Endorses the national technical co-operation assessments and programme exercises as an important new instrument, and requests the Administrator to extend this pilot initiative to other interested African countries;
- 2. <u>Urges</u> the United Nations Development Programme in co-operation with the Economic Commission for Africa to provide increased support, as a matter of priority, to African countries in the implementation, follow-up and monitoring of the priority themes of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development;
- 3. Authorizes the Administrator to continue to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with the necessary support required in order to enhance the capacity of the Economic Commission for Africa in implementing regional and subregional projects within the framework of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development;
- 4. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to assist interested African Governments, at their request, in strengthening their capacities to formulate and implement economic reforms and sectoral plans;
- 5. Requests the Administrator, in co-operation with relevant United Nations organs and bodies, including the Joint Consultative Group on Policy (the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the World Food Programme), to continue to assist interested African countries, as well as subregional and regional organizations, at their request, in assessing the possible adverse effects of adjustment programmes, in particular on the social sectors of their economies and their institutional capacities and in identifying specific recommendations on remedial measures;
- Nations Development Programme and its associated funds and programmes provide more integrated and efficient support to the African countries and to ensure that renewed efforts are taken to achieve more coherence and co-operation with other United Nations funding organizations, and that co-ordination and practical co-operation continue to be strengthened with the Economic Commission for Africa and other multilateral and intergovernmental organizations in the follow-up to, and implementation of, the United Nations Programme of Action;
- 7. Urges also the United Nations Development Programme to utilize technical co-operation among developing countries as fully as possible in carrying out its operations at the national, interregional and intra-African levels;
- 8. <u>Invites</u> the United Nations Development Programme to take concrete measures in order to integrate and enhance the role of women in all aspects of economic and social development in Africa;
- 9. Requestes the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1982) on actions taken to implement this decision.

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# 87/24. Liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operations Trust Fund and allocation of its remaining balance

#### The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on action taken by him to implement General Assembly resolution 38/201 of 20 December 1983 on the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operations Trust Fund and allocation of the remaining balance (DP/1987/61) and the further information provided orally by the Associate Administrator,

- 1. Expresses its satisfaction at the action taken by the Administrator, in pursuance of paragraph 1 (a) of General Assembly resolution 38/201, in approving assistance to urgently needed projects, inter alia, in the food and agricultural sectors in countries afflicted by famine and malnutrition as a result, particularly, of severe or prolonged drought, with special emphasis on African countries;
- 2. Takes note of the status of projects set out in the report of the Administrator (DP/1987/61, paras. 10-14) financed under paragraph 1 (c) of General Assembly resolution 38/201, concerning activities in economic and technical co-operation among developing countries of critical importance to developing countries, according to the priorities set by them;
- 3. Notes further, as reported by the Administrator, the decision of the Group of 77 that only the interest income earned on their share of the Trust Fund resources under paragraph 1 (c) of General Assembly resolution 38/201 be utilized to finance additional Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries/Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries projects for countries members of the Group, leaving intact the unencumbered funds as at 31 December 1986 of \$4,998,652.

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#### 87/25. Implementation of the fourth programming cycle

#### The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the implementation of the fourth programming cycle, 1987-1991 (DP/1987/22),

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1. Confirms the principles established with regard to the achievement of net contributor status during the fourth cycle for recipient countries with 1983 per capita gross national product above \$3,000, excluding island developing countries with a population in 1983 of 1 million or less and with a 1983 per capita gross national product between \$3,000 and \$4,200, as reflected in paragraphs 10 through 13 of its decision 85/16 of 29 June 1985;

- 2. Strongly urges all Governments affected by the provisions of these paragraphs to make voluntary contributions to the Programme as required to achieve net contributor status;
- 3. Requests the Administrator to continue his consultations with those countries and report the outcome to the Governing Council at its organizational meeting in February 1988;
- 4. Further requests the Administrator to establish a programming profile for those countries that have not achieved net contributor status referred to in paragraph 1 above, consistent with the requirements of decision 85/16;
- 5. <u>Confirms</u> the Administrator's interpretation of paragraph 11 of decision 85/16 regarding deputy resident representative posts as contained in paragraph 11 of DP/1987/22;

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- 6. Takes note of paragraph 18 of document DP/1987/22 reflecting carry-over of the Special Programme Resources from the third to the fourth cycle as well as the Special Programme Resources status at the end of the third programming cycle, as reflected in annex I of the document;
- 7. Authorizes the Administrator to implement the criteria for future Special Programme Resources allocations under "contingencies", as set out in paragraph 15 of document DP/1987/22 pending further review of these criteria at its thirty-fifth session (1988);
- 8. Takes note of the oral status report by the Administrator regarding the Project Development Facility;
- 9. Approves the allocation of an additional \$500,000 for the Project Development Facility from the fourth cycle Special Programme Resources earmarking for programme development activities;
- 10. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-fifth session in June 1988, on the experience with the Project Development Facility including, but not limited to, an assessment of its impact, its ease of use, the degree of its acceptance by Governments and field offices, its revolving nature as well as any conclusion thereof on its usefulness for future operations, in particular with regard to the timely development of an adequate pipeline of projects as required for increased indicative planning figure programme delivery in line with fourth cycle delivery targets;

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11. Takes note of part three of document DP/1987/22, in which the Administrator, in response to decision 86/33 of 27 June 1986, provided information both on the special needs of island developing countries and on the special measures taken by the United Nations Development Programme in favour of island developing countries;

- 12. Notes with satisfaction the important position which island developing countries occupy in the overall programme of assistance of the United Nations Development Programme;
- 13. Reiterates its continuing support for the various measures and programmes initiated by the United Nations Development Programme to respond to the special needs of island developing countries;

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- 14. Recalls its decision 85/16 on fourth cycle indicative planning figures and its subsequent decision 86/9 of 21 February 1986 on economically disadvantaged states in southern Africa as well as its decision 86/54 of 27 June 1986 concerning the inclusion of Mauritania, Kiribati and Tuvalu in the list of least developed countries;
- 15. Takes note of the outcome of the Administrator's recalculation of the fourth cycle indicative planning figures for Kiribati, Lesotho, Tuvalu, Suriname, Swaziland and the United Republic of Tanzania by the Administrator, in pursuance of the above decisions, as documented in part four of document DP/1987/22, in particular paragraph 58;
- 16. Takes note of the Associate Administrator's oral presentation regarding a request by the Government of Nicaragua to be allowed to spread repayment of the amount of \$3 million indicative planning figure resources previously borrowed over both the fourth and the fifth programming cycles, in order to avoid substantial curtailment of the indicative planning figure-financed activities;
- 17. Requests the Administrator to effect during the fourth programming cycle full repayment of the indicative planning figure amount previously borrowed by Nicaragua and further authorizes the Administrator to permit Nicaragua to borrow, if necessary, up to \$2 million from the fifth cycle indicative planning figure.

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# 87/26. Indicative planning figure for Namibia

### The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the fourth cycle indicative planning figure for Namibia (DP/1987/24) and the oral introduction thereof,

Taking note of the views expressed thereon by representatives of member states and observers, including the representative of the United Nations Council for Namibia,

Noting further that appropriate measures are already under consideration by the Senate of the United Nations Institute for Namibia for increasing the effectiveness of the Institute and the cost-effective utilization of additional resources to be placed at its disposal,

Recalling paragraph 15 of its decision 85/16 of 29 June 1985,

- 1. Decides to increase the fourth cycle indicative planning figure of Namibia of \$6.3 million by an additional \$3 million on the understanding that this new, higher level of the indicative planning figure relates to the fourth cycle only;
- 2. Requests the Administrator to ensure that disbursement of the additional indicative planning figure is made in a cost-effective manner and that disbursements relating to the United Nations Institute for Namibia are made in consonance with the implementation of the decisions taken and to be taken by the Senate of the Institute on increased cost-effectiveness;
- 3. Further requests the Administrator to continue to co-operate with the United Nations Council for Namibia and the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia and to assist, in as efficient a manner as possible, the development activities for Namibia funded from the indicative planning figure for Namibia, taking into account the need for flexibility within the mandate of the United Nations Development Programme, as well as other development assistance activities funded by the indicative planning figure for national liberation movements for the benefit of Namibians.

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# 87/27. Country and intercountry programmes and projects

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1. Takes note of the reports of the Administrator on trends and problems in country programmes as contained in documents DP/1987/25 and Add.1;

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2. Also takes note of the reports of the Administrator on the implementation of selected country programmes in each region: Africa (DP/1987/27); Arab States (DP/1987/28); Asia and the Pacific (DP/1987/29 and Corr.1); Europe (DP/1987/30); Latin America and the Caribbean (DP/1987/31);

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3. Approves the following country programmes for the duration of their programme period and within the limits of their illustrative indicative planning figures for the period 1987-1991, taking into account the balance of overexpenditure and underexpenditure of their 1982-1986 indicative planning figures:

Algeria

DP/CP/ALG/5
DP/CP/ALG/5/Corr.1
(English and French only)
DP/CP/ALG/NOTE/5

Angola DP/CP/ANG/2

DP/CP/ANG/NOTE/2

Bahamas DP/CP/BHA/2

Botswana DP/CP/BOT/4

DP/CP/BOT/NOTE/4

Brazil DP/CP/BRA/4

DP/CP/BRA/NOTE/4

Burundi DP/CP/BDI/4 and Corr.l and 2

DP/CP/BDI/NOTE/4

Cameroon DP/CP/CMR/4

DP/CP/CMR/4/Corr.l

(English and French only)

DP/CP/CMR/NOTE/4

Central African Republic DP/CP/CAF/4

DP/CP/CAF/NOTE/4

Chad DP/CP/CHD/4

DP/CP/CHD/NOTE/4

Colombia DP/CP/COL/4

DP/CP/COL/NOTE/4

Comoros DP/CP/COI/3

Costa Rica DP/CP/COS/4

Côte d'Ivoire DP/CP/IVC/4

DP/CP/IVC/NOTE/4

Democratic People's DP/CP/DRK/2

Republic of Korea DP/CP/DRK/NOTE/2

Democratic Yemen DP/CP/PDY/4

DP/CP/PDY/NOTE/4

Djibouti DP/CP/DJI/2

Dominican Republic DP/CP/DOM/4

Gambia DP/CP/GAM/4

DP/CP/GAM/NOTE/4

Ghana DP/CP/GHA/4

DP/CP/GHA/NOTE/4

Guatemala DP/CP/GJA/5

DP/CP/GUA/MOTE/5

Guinea

DP/CP/GUI/4

DP/CP/GUI/NOTE/4

Guinea-Bissau

DP/CP/GBS/3

DP/CP/GBS/NOTE/3

Haiti

DP/CP/HAI/4

DP/CP/HAI/NOTE/4

Honduras

DP/CP/HON/4

DP/CP/HON/NOTE/4

Kuwait

DP/CP/KUW/4

DP/CP/KUW/NOTE/4

Lesotho

DP/CP/LES/4

DP/CP/LES/NOTE/4

Madagascar

DP/CP/MAG/4

DP/CP/MAG/NOTE/4

Mali

DP/CP/MLI/4

DP/CP/MLI/NOTE/4

Mauritius

DP/CP/MAR/4

Mexico

DP/CP/MEX/4

DP/CP/MEX/NOTE/4 and Corr.1

Morocco

DP/CP/MOR/4

DP/CP/MOR/NOTE/4

Mozambique

DP/CP/MOZ/3

DP/CP/MOZ/NOTE/3

National liberation movements

DP/CP/NIM/1

DP/CP/NLM/NOTE/1

DP/CP/NLM/NOTE/1/Corr.1

(English only)

Nigeria

Oman

DP/CP/NIR/3

DP/CP/NIR/NOTE/3

DP/CP/OMA/4

Pakistan f/

DP/CP/PAK/4 and Corr.1

DP/CP/PAK/NOTE/4

 $<sup>\</sup>underline{f}/$  At the 29th meeting on 18 June 1987, the representative of Pakistan objected to the issue of Corr.1, while at the same meeting the representative of India expressed the view that Corr.1 was an integral part of the country programme.

Republic of Korea DP/CP/ROK/4

DP/CP/ROK/NOTE/4

Senegal DP/CP/SEN/4

DP/CP/SEN/NOTE/4

Sri Lanka DP/CP/SRL/4

DP/CP/SRL/NOTE/4

Togo DP/CP/TOG/4

DP/CP/TOG/NOTE/4

Turkey DP/CP/TUR/4

DP/CP/TUR/NOTE/4

United Arab Emirates DP/CP/UAE/4

DP/CP/UAE/NOTE/4

Uruquay DP/CP/URU/4

Venezuela DP/CP/VEN/4

Zambia DP/CP/ZAM/4

DP/CP/ZAM/NOTE/4

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4. Agrees that in the absence of a country programme for Afghanistan for the fourth cycle, the Administrator will continue to appraise and approve projects consistent with the rules, regulations and normal criteria of the United Nations Development Programme.

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5. Takes note of the extension of the following country programmes:

Bahrain DP/CP/BAH/3/EXTENSION 1

Bermuda DP/CP/BER/1/EXTENSION 1

Burkina Faso DP/CP/UPV/3/EXTENSION 1

Cape Verde DP/CP/CVI/2/EXTENSION 1

Congo DP/CP/PRC/2/EXTENSION 1

Gabon DP/CP/GAB/3/EXTENSION 1

Iran (Islamic Republic of) DP/CP/IRA/3/EXTENSION 1

Kenya DP/CP/KEN/4/EXTENSION 1

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya DP/CP/LIB/3/EXTENSION 1

Niger	DP/CP/NER/3/EXTENSION	1
Romania	DP/CP/ROM/3/EXTENSION	1
Sao Tome and Principe	DP/CP/STP/2/EXTENSION	1
Sierra Leone	DP/CP/SIL/3/EXTENSION	1
Trinidad and Tobago	DP/CP/TRI/3/EXTENSION	1
Uganda	DP/CP/UGA/2/EXTENSION	1
Yemen	DP/CP/YEM/3/EXTENSION	1

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Takes note of the regional programme for Africa (DP/RAF/3);

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7. Approves the following global projects:

Improved Control of Animal Trypanosomiasis (DP/PROJECTS/REC/23)

Development of Wheat Varieties for Marginal Areas (DP/PROJECTS/REC/24)

Technology Transfer on Selected Food Crops for the Semi-Arid Tropics (DP/PROJECTS/REC/25)

Human Resources Development for Generation and Transfer for Root and Tuber Crops Technology (DP/PROJECTS/REC/26)

29th meeting 18 June 1987

#### 87/28. Co-operation against AIDS

The Governing Council,

Aware that the AIDS pandemic is an international problem of extraordinary scope, which requires urgent international action in a co-ordinated and coherent manner,

Noting the statement of the representative of the World Health Organization to the Council and the remarks of the Administrator on the role of the Administrator in this respect,

Notes with satisfaction the response of the Administrator to collaborate with the World Health Organization and other agencies in the efforts to fight AIDS and takes note that concrete proposals will be submitted to the Governing Council at its special session (February 1988).

30th meeting 19 June 1987

### 87/29. Tribute to Mr. Rafael M. Salas

#### The Governing Council,

Recalling that under the leadership of Mr. Rafael M. Salas, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities grew from a small trust fund in 1969 to the largest source of multilateral population assistance today,

Considering that he was one of the principal architects of the universal consensus that underlies the involvement of Governments and the international community in the area of population,

- Notes with great sorrow the sudden death of Mr. Salas on 3 March 1987;
- 2. Acknowledges with deep gratitude his unique contribution to the acceptance world-wide of population as an integral component of overall development plans and programmes;
  - 3. Expresses its deepest condolences and sympathy to the family of Mr. Salas.

11th meeting 28 May 1987

### 87/30. United Nations Fund for Population Activities

#### The Governing Council,

Taking into account the views expressed by delegations at its thirty-fourth session (1987) during the consideration of matters concerning the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

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

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

Also recalling paragraphs 1 and 2 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 that set forth the aims and purposes of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

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1. <u>Takes note</u> of the reports of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the activities of the Fund in 1986 (DP/1987/32 (parts I and II) and DP/1987/33 (parts I and II));

- 2. Notes with satisfaction the sound financial condition of the Fund in 1986, especially in view of the loss of the contribution from its traditional major donor and expresses its appreciation to all donors to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, especially those that were able to increase their contributions in 1986 and with particular reference to the additional efforts made by three donors in 1986 in the form of special one-time contributions to the Fund;
- 3. <u>Urges</u> all countries that are able to do so to increase their contributions in 1987 and future years, and to make their contribution payments as early as possible in the year for which the pledge is made;
- 4. Notes with satisfaction the proportions of assistance allocated to the highest priority programme areas outlined in Governing Council decision 81/7 I, paragraph 3, of 23 June 1981, as reflected in the annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities for 1986 (DP/1987/32 (parts I and II)), in accordance with the Council's previous directives;
- 5. Takes note with satisfaction of the increase in both volume and percentage terms of United Nations Fund for Population Activities assistance to sub-Saharan Africa in keeping with section I, paragraph 1 of Governing Council decision 86/34 I, urging the Executive Director to increase the attention given to this region;
- 6. Reiterates its directive that the United Nations Fund for Population Activities continue to allocate at least two thirds of country programme assistance to the priority countries for United Nations Fund for Population Activities assistance;
- 7. Urges that steps be taken to augment the resource base so that even while increasing the emphasis on assistance to sub-Saharan Africa and other priority countries, support for programmes in non-priority countries is maintained at present levels, if not increased;
- 8. Welcomes the intention of the Fund as set forth in the statement of 26 May 1987 by the Executive Director to the Council to conduct a wide-ranging review and assessment of accumulated population experience in key areas within its mandate, as well as of United Nations Fund for Population Activities field and headquarters operations, in order to improve further the quality, impact, effectiveness and outreach of all United Nations Fund for Population Activities-assisted programmes and projects; and requests the Executive Director to include information on the review and assessment in a section of the Annual Report of the Executive Director to the Governing Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) and to provide a special report on the completed review and assessment to the Council at its thirty-sixth session (1989);
- 9. Notes with satisfaction the plans of the Fund to assist Governments to strengthen their own co-ordination machinery in the population field and the Fund's efforts to increase co-ordination and co-operation with other organizations and agencies notably within the Joint Consultative Group on Policy and the wider United Nations system; and urges the Executive Director to increase such collaboration by assisting the formulation and implementation of comprehensive national plans for population and health issues to ensure the complementarity of the actions of the relevant agencies and organizations of the United Nations system;

- 10. Welcomes the stated intention of the Executive Director to take steps to ensure more open, substantive and continuing dialogue with Council members between sessions of the Council:
- 11. Agrees that, in accordance with Section II, paragraph 2 of decision 87/20 entitled Review of the Committee of the Whole and its Working Group, inter-sessional meetings of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole be used to consider important aspects of the Fund's present and planned programmes and initiatives, the initial discussion to take place preferably in February 1988;
- 12. Encourages national Governments, whenever possible, to present their proposed United Nations Development Programme and United Nations Fund for Population Activities country programmes to the same session of the Governing Council and requests the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to co-ordinate their inputs and presentations and to assist the countries, at their request, in co-ordinating the two programmes so as to ensure their complementarity and consistency;
- 13. Also notes with satisfaction the report of the Executive Director on procedures for feedback and use of evaluation results (DP/1987/39) as requested in decision 86/34 I, paragraph 4 of 27 June 1986; endorses the proposed system; requests the Executive Director to ensure the necessary resources are provided for the finalization of the system by the end of 1987; and requests the Executive Director to include information on the finalization and initial implementation of the system in her report on evaluation to the thirty-fifth session (1988) of the Governing Council;
- 14. Notes document DP/1987/36 on implementation experience and endorses the strategies outlined in this document to continue, in close co-operation with the agencies, to improve implementation of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities programme, particularly in its support for strengthening of technical backstopping, including, inter alia, increased technical resources and the strengthening of the Fund's technical capacity; endorses further decentralization to the field offices and the need for staff training of the recipient countries; and urges the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to take technical expertise, competence and past performance into account in proposing implementing entities to recipient Governments;
- 15. Notes with special satisfaction the report of the Executive Director on the strategy for United Nations Fund for Population Activities assistance to sub-Saharan Africa (DP/1987/37) submitted in response to decision 86/34 I, paragraph 2; agrees with the overall objectives of the proposed strategy and with the four areas that were targeted in the paper as priority areas for United Nations Fund for Population Activities assistance; and requests the Executive Director to report to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) on the status of the implementation of the strategy;
- 16. Notes with appreciation the report on an implementation strategy to strengthen the capacity of the Fund to deal with issues concerning women, population and development (DP/1987/38); endorses the proposed four-year work plan; further endorses the Executive Director's decision to give the Special Unit for Women an adequate status in the organizational structure of the Fund; urges the Executive Director to ensure the accountability of all staff for its implementation; also urges the Executive Director to take all necessary measures to

facilitate the full, prompt implementation of the strategy, including arrividing adequate human and financial resources to the Special Unit for Women are ensuring heightened awareness and training of the Fund's entire staff; and requests the Executive Director to provide status reports on the implementation of the strategy to the Council at its thirty-sixth (1989) and thirty-eighth (1991) sessions.

- 17. Takes note of the report on the attribution of intercountry activities (DP/1987/40); approves the methodology for such attribution to developing countries as contained in the report; and requests the Executive Director to report regularly on such attribution for the past year in the work plan of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities.
- 18. Requests the Executive Director to submit the intercountry programme of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities for the years 1988-1991 to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) for its approval.

#### Note

The Governing Council in this section of the decision has requested the Executive Director to submit the following reports:

#### I. TO THE COUNCIL AT ITS THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION (1988)

- A. In the Annual Report of the Executive Director to include specific chapters on:
  - Information on the Fund's wide-ranging review and assessment of accumulated population experience in key areas within its mandate as requested in section I, paragraph 8;
  - 2. A status report on the implementation of the Fund's strategy for sub-Saharan Africa as requested in section I, paragraph 15, and in paragraph 2 of decision 87/32;
- B. To include in the previously requested report on evaluation, information on the finalization and initial implementation of the proposed system for feedback and use of lessons learned from evaluations as requested in section I, paragraph 13;
- C. All intercountry programmes of the Fund for the years 1988-1991, as requested in section I, paragraph 18;

#### II. TO THE COUNCIL AT ITS THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION (1989)

- A. Status reports on the Fund's implementation strategy to strengthen the capacity of the Fund to deal with issues concerning women, population and development as requested in section I, paragraph 16;
- B. Report on the Fund's wide-ranging review and assessment of accumulated population experience in key areas within its mandate as requested in section I, paragraph 8;

Having considered the work plan for 1988-1991 and request for approval authority (DP/1987/34) and the report of the financial implementation of Governing Council-approved United Nations Fund for Population Activities country programmes and projects (DP/1987/35),

- 1. Commends the Executive Director for cautious forward planning at times of uncertainty of available resources;
- 2. Approves the revised programme ceiling for 1987 of \$137.6 million as contained in document DP/1987/34, including an increase in the overprogramming to 10 per cent of new programmable resources of 1987;
- 3. <u>Decides</u> to maintain the level of permitted overprogramming up to 10 per cent of new programmable resources for 1988;
  - Approves the work plan for 1988-1991;
- 5. Authorizes the net additional approval authority in accordance with the work plan in the amounts of:
- (a) \$30.0 million for 1988, to bring the total for 1988 to 100 per cent of the 1988 level, or \$153.7 million;
- (b) \$32.8 million for 1989, to bring the total for 1989 to 75 per cent of the 1988 level, or \$115.3 million;
- (c) \$35.7 million for 1990 to bring the total for 1990 to 50 per cent of the 1988 level, or \$76.9 million;
- (d) \$38.4 million for 1991 to bring the total for 1991 to 25 per cent of the 1988 level.

III

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

1. Approves United Nations Fund for Population Activities assistance to the 31 multi-year large-scale country programmes, as set forth in the recommendation by the Executive Director (DP/1987/L.7) and enumerated below and in table B of document DP/1987/35, and included in the work plan for 1988-1991 (DP/1987/34); the level of assistance to each multi-year country programme from the regular resources of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, subject to the availability of funds initially to be programmed at the lower level set forth on the first page of each document, it being understood that the United Nations Fund for Population Activities would seek to provide the balance required to meet the higher level proposed on the first page of the country programme documents as its funding situation permits; it also being understood that if and to the extent the funding situation of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities would not permit it to finance the higher proposed level for the country programmes, the Fund will seek to locate and obtain resources from other funding sources, including from multi-bilateral sources:

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Sub-Saharan Africa
Angola (DP/FPA/CP/9);
Botswana (DP/FPA/CP/13);
Burkina Faso (DP/FPA/CP/16);
Burundi (DP/FPA/CP/24);
Cameroon (DP/FPA/CP/30);
Congo (DP/FPA/CP/21);
Ethiopia (DP/FPA/CP/27);
Gambia (DP/FPA/CP/7);
Guinea (DP/FPA/CP/20);
Guinea-Bissau (DP/FPA/CP/11);
Kenya (DP/FPA/CP/26);
Liberia (DP/FPA/CP/6);
Madagascar (DP/FPA/CP/28);
Malawi (DP/FPA/CP/8 and Corr.1);
Mali (DP/FPA/CP/12);
Mauritania (DP/FPA/CP/23 and Corr.1);
Niger (DP/FPA/CP/17);
Nigeria (DP/FPA/CP/19);
Rwanda (DP/FPA/CP/29);
Senegal (DP/FPA/CP/18);
United Republic of Tanzania (DP/FPA/CP/10);
Asia and the Pacific
Malaysia (DP/FPA/CP/3);
Sri Lanka (DP/FPA/CP/2);
Thailand (DP/FPA/CP/1);
Latin America and the Caribbean
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Honduras (DP/FPA/CP/31);

#### Middle East and Mediterranean

Democratic Yemen (DP/FPA/CP/4);
Morocco (DP/FPA/CP/15);
Somalia (DP/FPA/CP/25);
Sudan (DP/FPA/CP/22);
Tunisia (DP/FPA/CP/14);
Yemen (DP/FPA/CP/5);

2. Also approves United Nations Fund for Population Activities assistance to the following large-scale multi-year intercountry programme and project:

The Global Training Programme in Population and Development (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/34 and DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/34/Corr.1) in the amount of \$3.95 million.

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87/31. United Nations Fund for Population Activities: financial, budgetary and administrative matters

The Governing Council,

Having considered the budget estimates of the administrative and programme support services for the 1988-1989 biennium (DP/1987/41), the annual review of the financial situation for 1986 (DP/1987/42), the audited accounts of executing agencies (DP/1987/43) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1987/44),

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

Recalling its decision 85/20 of 29 June 1985,

1. Approves appropriations in the amount of \$59,523,700 gross, to be allocated from the resources indicated below to finance the 1988-1989 biennial budget for the administrative and programme support services, and agrees that the overhead credits available to the Fund in the estimated amount of \$3,800,000 and the miscellaneous income from trust funds for support services in the amount of \$400,000 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations, resulting in net appropriations of \$55,323,700 as indicated below:

#### 1988-1989 biennial budget

#### (thousands of US dollars)

<u>Programme</u>	Gross appropriations	Estimated credits and income	Net appropriations		
Executive direction and management	4 975.1	-	4 975.1		
Administration and information support services	14 044.6	2 100.0	11 944.6		
Programme planning, appraisal and monitoring	20 573.4	2 100.0	18 473.4		
Field and programme support	19 930.6		19 930.6		
Total appropriations	59 523.7	4 200.0	55 323.7		

- 2. <u>Authorizes</u> the Executive Director to transfer credits between programmes within reasonable limits, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; and requests her to report thereon to the Council;
- 3. Approves the transfer of the 31 General Service temporary posts at headquarters to the category of established, regular posts in the administrative and programme support services budget;
- 4. Also approves the establishment, in the administrative and programme support services budget for the biennium 1988-1989, of nine international programme officer posts located in those countries in which a deputy representative of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities has been posted;
- 5. Decides to include in the regular administrative and programme support services budget for the biennium 1988-1989, on a temporary basis, 289 local posts, with all corresponding posts currently financed by project funds to be abolished;
- 6. Requests the Executive Director, bearing in mind the priorities of the field programmes, particularly of the strategy of assistance to sub-Saharan Africa in the framework of decision 87/32, to undertake and submit to the Governing Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988), a review of overall staffing requirements in the field and at headquarters; in order to achieve the most effective organizational structure in relation to the Fund's priorities and resources, particular attention shall be paid to the possibility of merging units with a view to reaching more balanced distribution and classification of posts;
- 7. Approves in principle the results of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities/United Nations Development Programme job classification, and decides that the actual implementation, effective from 1 January 1988, shall be subject to the outcome of overall staffing review requested in paragraph 6;

- 8. Notes with satisfaction the measures already introduced in response to paragraph 3, section I, of decision 85/20 of 29 June 1985 and paragraph 5 of decision 86/35 of 27 June 1986, regarding savings and economies in all categories of expenditure, including staffing;
- 9. Takes note of the annual financial review (DP/1987/42) for 1986 and requests the Executive Director to continue to submit such reviews at future sessions;
- 10. Also takes note of the audited accounts of executing agencies (DP/1987/43).

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# 87/32. Implementation of the strategy for United Nations Fund for Population Activities assistance to sub-Saharan Africa

#### The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 86/34 I of 27 June 1986, requesting the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to present a strategy for United Nations Fund for Population Activities assistance to sub-Saharan Africa,

Having considered with appreciation the report of the Executive Director on the strategy for the United Nations Fund for Population Activities assistance in sub-Saharan Africa as contained in document DP/1987/37,

Cognizant of the urgent need for African countries to pursue and implement population policies and promote population awareness with a view to achieving balance between population growth and resources, development and environment,

Emphasizing, therefore, the need for substantial bilateral and multilateral technical and financial assistance for African countries,

- 1. Notes with satisfaction the objectives and goals set out in the strategy by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities for sub-Saharan Africa in the area of population activities and the need to implement the strategy;
- 2. Requests the Executive Director to increase both human and financial resources to African countries for the successful implementation of the strategy and to that end urges all countries that are able to do so to increase their contributions in 1987 and future years, and to make their contribution payments as early as possible in the year for which the pledge is made; and further requests the Executive Director to report to the thirty-fifth session (1988) of the Governing Council on steps taken, as well as short- and long-term requirements;
- 3. Requests also the Executive Director to support and strengthen training institutions in Africa in the area of population policy and development and to assist Governments in setting up training programmes for mid- and lower-level managers at national and subregional levels;

4. Requests further the Executive Director to increase suppose, at the request of African Governments, for innovative projects initiated of implemented by non-governmental organizations and in particular national non-governmental organizations.

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# 87/33. United Nations Fund for Population Activities: change of name

#### The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2211 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, in response to which a trust fund, subsequently named the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, was established in 1967 by the Secretary-General,

Recalling further paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, which placed the United Nations Fund for Population Activities under the authority of the General Assembly, decided that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme shall be the governing body of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, and set forth the role and functions of the Governing Council and of the Economic and Social Council with respect to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

Also recalling paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Economic and Social Council resolution 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, that set forth the aims and purposes of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

Proposes to the Economic and Social Council and to the General Assembly, as suggested by the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, to change the formal title of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to the United Nations Population Fund, while retaining the well-known acronym UNFPA, it being understood that this change in title in no way changes, nor will change, the present mandate, aims and purposes of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities or the role and functions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly with respect to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities.

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### 87/34. 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/1987/45 and Add.1),

1. Welcomes the steps taken by the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development for increased effectiveness and productivity, the increased volume of project delivery in 1986, the elimination of previous support costs deficits, and the increased project implementation rate;

- 2. Urges the Department to give continued attention to its performance, especially regarding its level of programme delivery in the context of the approval of project budgets at the outset of the 1987-1991 country programme cycle;
- 3. <u>Urges</u>, that hearing in mind the sizeable staff cuts already sustained by the Department, recommendation 15 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations g/ should be applied judiciously and with flexibility in the case of the Department;
- 4. Welcomes the steps taken by the Department for improved analysis and reporting of results of project evaluations, and encourages further such efforts aimed at augmenting the quality of projects and programmes, bearing in mind also the important roles of Governments as well as funding agencies in ensuring practical feedback and follow-up of the recommendations of evaluation missions;
- 5. Welcomes the measures initiated by the Department for implementation of the recommendations of the 1986 meeting of national recruitment services, and urges further expeditious actions, especially as concerns increasing the participation, as technical co-operation personnel, of: women, personnel from developing countries, and personnel from other countries whose potentials, until now, have not been sufficiently utilized;
- 6. Notes with concern the existing shares of developing countries and underutilized donor countries in the provision of equipment and subcontracting services and urges that efforts be pursued to improve the situation, particularly through wider and more appropriate use of information on the potentials of these countries;
- 7. <u>Welcomes</u> the preparation of a departmental implementation strategy on the participation of women in development, and encourages its application at the Headquarters and field levels, taking into account the parallel strategies within the United Nations development system;
- 8. Requests the United Nations Development Programme and donor countries to contribute adequate funds for the implementation of the Special Action Programme for Administration and Management in Africa and urges the Department to intensify its efforts in assisting African countries to enhance their public administration, in particular support of training programmes for middle- and lower-level management at the national level;
- 9. Notes with interest the recent augmentation of the Department's programme in Africa, reflecting the interests of requesting Governments, the budgetary allocations of funding bodies and the measures taken by the Department in collaboration with its partners to increase the volume and rates of project implementation, and urges the continuation of such special efforts as may be necessary in this regard;

g/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49).

- 10. Welcomes the new emphasis being placed by the Department upon support and follow-up to intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries in conjunction with the United Nations Development Programme and in response to the requests of Governments; encourages further such efforts and related allocations of resources from the Department's share in the United Nations Regular Programme of Technical Co-operation;
- 11. Recognizes the importance of the identification of opportunities for wider co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development and urges that the guidelines on this co-operation be finalized, bearing in mind the technical capabilities of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development as executing agency and the financial and co-ordinating role of the United Nations Development Programme;
- 12. <u>Invites</u> the Secretary-General to continue to make available, through various means, further information on the role, experience and competence of the Department so as to assist Governments of developing countries and others in becoming more fully aware of the possibilities for technical co-operation available through its services.

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87/35. Organizational and financial structure of the system administered by the United Nations Development Programme

The Governing Council,

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the Administrator on the organizational and financial structure of the system administered by the United Nations Development Programme (DP/1987/53),

- 1. Takes note of the Administrator's conclusions as outlined in section V regarding the most appropriate management and staffing arrangements for the various programmes and funds under his responsibility;
- 2. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-sixth session (1989) on the experience gained in this regard, including the consequences of the study on paper-flow and to include in his report an assessment of the extent to which these efforts have increased the coherence, complementarity and effectiveness of the programmes for which he is responsible.

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#### 87/36. United Nations Volunteers

#### The Governing Council,

<u>Having considered</u> the reports of the Administrator on the United Nations Volunteer programme and Financial, Budgetary and Administrative Matters (DP/1987/46 and DP/1987/55 (Vol. I)) and the views expressed thereon at its thirty-fourth session (1987),

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, 31/131 (XXXI) of 16 December 1976, and 31/166 (XXXI) of 21 December 1976,

Informed by the views of the second United Nations Volunteers High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on International Volunteerism and Development held in Maseru from 16 to 21 November 1986,

Conscious of the change in the level of maturity, qualifications and expertise of volunteers serving with the United Nations Volunteers and with co-operating volunteer-sending societies,

Convinced of the value of volunteers in the United Nations system of operational activities, and considering that volunteers are an underused resource,

- 1. Reaffirms its recognition of the United Nations Volunteer Programme as an important source of cost-effective operational expertise for development co-operation activities;
- 2. Requests the Administrator to continue, as the need arises, to arrange annual consultation meetings with other volunteer-sending organizations and with interested Governments;
- 3. Endorses the view that the use of United Nations Volunteers should be expanded;
- 4. Requests the Administrator to identify and where possible to eliminate from the programmes within his purview any unnecessary administrative and financial mechanisms which restrict the use of United Nations Volunteers;
- 5. <u>Invites</u> the other organs of the United Nations system to review their arrangements for project preparation with a view to ensuring that appropriate use of United Nations Volunteers is considered at all stages of the project cycle and particularly at the project preparation stage;
- 6. Requests the Administrator to hold operational level meetings with other United Nations agencies with a view to encouraging their use of United Nations Volunteers where possible;
- 7. Requests the Administrator to make efforts towards increasing the proportion of women volunteers;
- 8. Urges the United Nations Development Programme to promote the volunteer concept in all regions by bringing to the attention of Governments and Resident Representatives the possibility of the United Nations Volunteers as a source of technical expertise;

- 9. Requests the Administrator to undertake a review as per the terms of reference in the annex to this decision, taking into account discussions carried out in the Governing Council;
- 10. Recognizes the need for the United Nations Volunteers to continue to meet effectively the existing and future demand of United Nations Volunteers in developing countries and, pending the review mentioned in paragraph 9, agrees to continue the bridging arrangements until December 1988 to enable orderly operations and recruitment of United Nations Volunteers;
- 11. Requests the Administrator to report on actions taken to implement this decision to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988).

#### Annex

#### PROPOSED REVIEW OF THE UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS PROGRAMME

#### Purpose of the review

- 1. Over the years, as a result of the several mandates given to it by the General Assembly and the increasing demand in the developing countries for a cost-effective manpower mechanism in the United Nations system, the United Nations Volunteers programme has experienced an increasing growth of activity. In addition to this increase in demand, this growth of activity has taken place within the context of an increasing participation of the United Nations Volunteers programme in domestic development services, in youth and in the promotion of volunteerism in development.
- 2. Against this background, and with a view to giving the Governing Council and the Administrator guidance on the use of volunteers in the operational activities of the United Nations system and on the priorities for the United Nations Volunteers programme, it is decided to conduct an objective review, the results of which, together with the recommendations of the Administrator, would be presented to to the Governing Council at its thirty-fifth session (June 1988).

#### Terms of reference

- 3. The review should examine and make appropriate recommendations on the following:
- (a) The activities of the United Nations Volunteers programme and the relationship of these activities to the mandate given to the United Nations Volunteers programme. The review should also consider how these mandates are being fulfilled and the question of priorities given to its activities, in particular the extent to which volunteers under the programme have been and should be employed in connection, respectively, with projects financed under core and non-core resources and United Nations Development Programme projects funded and executed by other bodies within the United Nations development system and other activities.
- (b) The role of the United Nations Volunteers programme in emergencies and what institutional arrangements, if any, should be made for this purpose.

- (c) The recruitment and placement methods of the United Nations Volunteers, inter alia, the selection of candidates, the speed of recruitment, and the quality of the programming, i.e., the adequacy of volunteer job assignments. In this context, the review shall also examine whether and how volunteer recruitment should be streamlined and adapted to the differing needs and conditions in countries participating in the programme, keeping in view the principle of universality.
- (d) The existing mechanisms and capacities for orientation, support, monitoring, debriefing and evaluation of United Nations Volunteers activities in the field.
- (e) The actual cost of recruitment, administration and fielding of United Nations Volunteers; and in the light of this data, the most appropriate future resources and modalities of funding, the advantages and disadvantages of each, with a view to simplifying the financing structure at headquarters, external and in-country levels.

#### The conduct of the review

- 4. The review is to be conducted by the Administrator through the Central Evaluation Office of the United Nations Development Programme. Opportunity should be taken:
- (a) To review United Nations Volunteers operations in selected countries and to evaluate the way in which the United Nations Volunteers programme is responding to the needs of these countries;
- (b) To have extensive discussions with the United Nations Development Programme, users of United Nations Volunteers agencies, volunteers and with officials in participating Governments, as well as with a number of major volunteer-sending organizations.
- 5. Those undertaking the review should establish their own work programme, and provide it to the Administrator for his information.
- 6. The review should be completed in a time-frame to enable detailed considerations of its findings and the Administrator's recommendations by the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988).

#### Financing the review

7. The cost of the review should not exceed \$100,000, and should be financed from the Special Programme Resources.

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#### 87/37. United Nations Capital Development Fund

#### The Governing Council

- 1. <u>Takes note</u> with satisfaction of the Administrator's annual report on the United Nations Capital Development Fund, including the report on implementation of the partial funding system (DP/1987/47);
- 2. Commends the Administrator on the substantial progress achieved with regard to programme delivery and expansion of the Fund's activities;
- 3. Decides that the Fund should modify the partial funding system as proposed in document DP/1987/47, and requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-seventh session (1990) on the implementation of the modified partial funding system;
- 4. <u>Invites</u> the Administrator to include in future reports to the Council information on the results obtained in the Fund's various fields of action as well as on the experience gained with the different funding modalities used by the Fund;
- 5. Calls upon all countries which make voluntary contributions to the Fund to increase them and appeals to countries in a position to do so to contribute to the Fund so as to enable it to maintain the momentum achieved in the past year in channelling concessional capital assistance first and foremost to the least developed countries, in order to accelerate their economic and social development.

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# 87/38. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

#### The Governing Council

- 1. Takes note of the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (DP/1987/48);
- 2. Notes the approval by the Administrator of supplementary short-term financing for mineral exploration in the province of Chubut, Argentina (ARG/NR/77/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/9) and for geothermal exploration in the Qualibou Caldera, St. Lucia (STL/GT/84/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/10);
- 3. Notes with satisfaction the Fund's continued efforts to obtain investment follow-up for its projects and its recent success in attracting additional countries to the list of voluntary contributors and joint-financing partners;
- 4. Requests the Administrator to review the terms and conditions for the Fund's assistance with a view to seeing whether they can be made more attractive to the recipient countries, without sacrificing the intention to build up a revolving fund from replenishments from successful projects, and to report on it to the thirty-fifth session of the Council;

- 5. Notes with concern the lack of needed resources to meet the existing demand for mineral and geothermal exploration projects in developing countries;
- 6. 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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# 87/39. United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development and the Energy Account

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 86/38 of 27 June 1986 on the establishment within the United Nations Development Programme of a facility for science and technology for development,

Having considered document DP/1987/49 on the United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development and the Energy Account,

- l. <u>Takes note</u> of the organizational arrangements made by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for the establishment of the Fund within the Bureau for Special Activities and the objectives and functions assigned to the merged programmes;
- 2. Recalls the role of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development in providing guidance and priorities for the Fund's activities, within the framework of the Vienna Programme of Action and notes the responsibilities of the Council pursuant to General Assembly resolution 41/183 of 8 December 1986 for reviewing all aspects of the Fund's operations and management;
- 3. Requests the Administrator to inform the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) to what extent the new arrangements have served to enhance the work of the United Nations Development Programme in the fields of science, technology and energy;
- 4. <u>Urges</u> all Governments and the international community as a whole to support the Fund and the Energy Account at the annual pledging conferences for the operational activities of the United Nations and through individual co-financing arrangements and other available co-operative modalities.

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# 87/40. Activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelia Office and assistance to other drought-stricken countries of Africa

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 86/39 of 27 June 1986, and decision 87/1 of 17 February 1987 on the implementation of the medium— and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme and the implementation of the plan of action to combat desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region,

Deeply concerned by the serious effects of drought and desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region which have aggravated food shortages and famine and undermined the development of the countries in the region,

<u>Convinced</u> that Africa's socio-economic recovery will be severely handicapped in the absence of more concerted international effort to counter the effects of drought and desertification,

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,

Recalling 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 of the efforts of the Administrator to establish within the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office a unit responsible for East African countries,

Taking note also of the efforts made by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to implement the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme of the member countries of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel, and noting with satisfaction the co-operation that the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office has started with the newly established Inter-Governmental Authority for Drought and Development,

- 1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office and United Nations assistance to other drought-stricken countries in Africa (DP/1987/50);
- 2. Takes note of the decision of the Administrator to ask the new Director to make a study of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office with a view to making an in-depth assessment, including an assessment of assistance required to fulfil programmes and projects undertaken by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office;
- 3. 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 by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the face of financial constraints;

- 4. 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 direct financing of United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office-sponsored projects which enable it to respond to the priority requirements of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region;
- 5. Reaffirms the role of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in co-ordinating United Nations efforts to help the States members of the Permanent Inter-State 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;
- 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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# 87/41. United Nations Development Fund for Women

#### The Governing Council,

Having considered the annual report of the Administrator on the United Nations Development Fund for Women (DP/1987/52), which emphasizes the operational activities undertaken within the two priorities of the Fund's mandate,

- 1. <u>Commends</u> the Fund's new operational directions with special reference to its programming approach, which provides frameworks for its investments based on national and regional development priorities and its co-operation with Governments and non-governmental organizations, to strengthen national institutional capacities to plan and implement development programmes and projects as well as its mainstreaming initiatives;
- 2. <u>Urges</u> the Fund to intensify its focus on the development of approaches to securing the active consideration of women in mainstream programmes and projects within the overall United Nations system of development co-operation as consistent with General Assembly resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984;
- 3. Notes measures taken by the Administrator to finalize and implement guidelines on the working relationship between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Development Fund for Women;
- 4. Notes with satisfaction the co-operation being established between the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the United Nations Development Programme Division for Women in Development; notes further the Administrator's statement on the respective and complementary functions of the Division for Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women;

- 5. Notes with interest the conclusions of the recent consultancy study entitled "Evaluation of the United Nations Development Fund for Women" at well as the comments made thereon by delegations and requests the Administrator and the Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women jointly to review the recommendations of the study, to determine thereby how the administrative and operational issues raised in the study can be addressed within the mandate and resources of each organization, and to report to the Governing Council at its special session in February 1988 on the steps taken in this regard;
- 6. Welcomes the growth in financial resources available to the United Nations Development Fund for Women and invites Governments, non-governmental organizations and other sources in a position to do so to contribute or augment their contributions to the Fund in line with Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/26.

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### 87/42. Annual review of the financial situation in 1986

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations
Development Programme on the review of the financial situation (DP/1987/54 and Add.1),

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

- l. Requests the Administrator to monitor the resource situation and report to the Council in February 1988 to seek its guidance on whether a review of indicative planning figures for the fourth cycle should be undertaken for consideration of the Council at its June 1988 session;
- 2. Requests the Administrator to report on problems relating to utilization of currencies;
- 3. Requests the Administrator to provide a comprehensive review of the experience gained on the provision of management services at the thirty-fifth session of the Governing Council (1988);
- 4. Agrees that the formula for establishing the level of the operational reserve during the fourth cycle should be the same as that established for the third cycle in decision 80/50 of 30 June 1980, taking into account paragraphs 5 (c) and 17 of decision 85/16 of 29 June 1985;
- 5. Approves the Administrator's proposal to use up to \$650,000 from the reserve for construction loans to Governments, as a revolving fund, to purchase appliances which would be rented to eligible international staff.

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#### 87/43. Budget estimates for 1988-1989

#### The Governing Council,

Having considered the 1988-1989 biennial budget estimates of the United Nations Development Programme and the funds administered by the Programme (DP/1987/55), as well as the Administrator's report on the organizational and financial structure of the United Nations Development Programme-administered system (DP/1987/53) and the Secretary-General's note to Governing Council members (DP/1987/67),

- 1. Takes note with appreciation of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1987/56);
- 2. Notes that the measures taken by the Administrator to reorganize the structure of the United Nations Development Programme administration are aimed at strengthening its operational capacities and improving its efficiency;
- 3. Notes with satisfaction the gradual improvement reported in the employment of women in the professional and managerial levels of the United Nations Development Programme and urges that continuing priority be attached to the representation of women at all levels in the United Nations Development Programme;
- 4. Endorses the endeavours of the United Nations Development Programme to secure a world-wide representation in its staff and urges that continued efforts be given to this aspect of the recruitment process;
- 5. Approves appropriations in the amount of \$394,057,400 (gross), to be allocated from the resources indicated below to finance the 1988-1989 biennial budget, and resolves that the income estimates in an amount of \$62,368,000 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations, resulting in net appropriations of \$331,689,400, as indicated in the annex below;
- 6. <u>Decides</u> that the budgetary grading of the position of the Director of the Geneva Office shall be retained at the Assistant Secretary-General level for the 1988-1989 biennium or until the departure of the present incumbent, whichever is earlier;
- 7. Requests the Administrator to review the role and functions of the Geneva Office as a whole, including appropriate staffing grades, and to report thereon to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988);
- 8. Notes the report mentioned in decisions 87/19 and 87/46 and authorizes meanwhile, on a temporary basis, the establishment of one additional Professional post and one additional General Service post for the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit, charged to the United Nations Development Programme support-cost line;
- 9. Takes note of the independent review of the United Nations Volunteers (decision 87/36) to be submitted to the Governing Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988), and the Council's intention to determine at that session, inter alia, the most appropriate long-term funding mechanism for the United Nations Volunteers;

- 10. Notes the Administrator's projection that the number of United Nations Volunteers in the field will reach at least 1,500 before the outcome of this review process;
- 11. Agrees, as an interim measure, to continue the current bridging arrangements to December 1988 to enable the United Nations Volunteers to cope effectively with the growing demand for volunteers by maintaining the present extrabudgetary posts and increasing them by a maximum of four additional extrabudgetary Professional and two additional extrabudgetary General Service posts to supplement the core staffing of the United Nations Volunteers and for this purpose approves an exceptional allocation of up to \$1,310,200 in 1988 to be charged against the United Nations Development Programme support-cost resources and to be treated as extrabudgetary income for the United Nations Volunteers programme;
- 12. <u>Decides</u> that, before recruiting any of the above additional staff, the Administrator shall satisfy himself as to the number of staff required to meet the needs of the United Nations Volunteers programme;
- 13. Requests the Administrator to review all types of expenditure charged to the support-cost line of the United Nations Development Programme resources, especially in relation to the administrative and programme support budget of the organization, and to present to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) an action-oriented report;
- 14. Requests the Administrator to prepare a subject index of all Governing Council decisions, financed by savings from the biennial budget, for distribution prior to the thirty-fifth session (1988);
- 15. Further requests the Administrator to report on the progress on the subject index to the Governing Council at its special session in February 1988.

# 1988-1989 biennial budget (thousands of United States dollars)

	-	Gross appropriations		timated income	Net appropriations	
ources of the United Nations						
Development Programme						
Core activities	334	748.2	36	000.0	298	748.2
OPE	22	092.3	22	092.3	-30	0.0
IAPSU	3	275.7	3	275.7		0.0
UNV	9	561.0	•	0.0	9	561.0
UNSO-UNDP/UNEP joint venture					•	301.0
(institutional support)	2	0.00	1	000.0	. 1	000.0
TCDC/INRES		671.4	_	0.0	-	671.4
Consultative group		900.0		0.0		900.0
Africa strengthening		0.0		0.0		0.0
Subtotal	373	248.6	62	368.0	310	880.6

	Gross appropriations	Estimated income	Net appropriations	
Resources of the United Nations Capit	al			
Development Fund	7 195.9	0.0	7 195.9	
Resources of the United Nations				
Revolving Fund for Natural				
Resources Exploration	3 035.1	0.0	3 035.1	
Resources of the United Nations				
Sudano-Sahelian Office	4 496.2	0.0	4 496.2	
Resources of the United Nations	•			
Development Fund for Women	3 266.6	0.0	3 266.6	
Resources of the United Nations Fund				
for Science and Technology for				
Development	2 815.0	0.0	2 815.0	
Total	394 057.4	62 368.0	331 689.4	

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#### 87/44. Revised budget estimates for 1986-1987

#### The Governing Council,

Having considered the revised estimates for the 1986-1987 biennial budget of the United Nations Development Programme and the Funds administered by the United Nations Development Programme (DP/1987/55 (Vol. I) and Corr.l and DP/1987/55 (Vol. II) and Corr.l and DP/1987/55 (Vol. II) /Add.l and Corr.l),

- 1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1987/56);
- 2. Approves revised appropriations in the amount of \$343,694,000 (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 \$54,445,800 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations, resulting in net appropriations of \$289,248,200, as indicated below.

Annex
1986-1987 biennial budget estimates
(thousands of United States dollars)

	Gross appropriations			imated ncome		et riations
Resources of UNDP						
Core activities	287	985.1	30	257.5	257	727.6
Office for Projects Execution Inter-Agency Procurement	20	675.7	20	675.7		0.0
Services Unit	2	512.6	2	512.6		0.0
United Nations Volunteers UNSO-UNDP/UNEP joint venture	8	679.9		0.0	. 8	679.9
(institutional support)	2	0.00	1	000.0	1	000.0
TCDC/INRES		729.4		0.0		729.4
Consultative Group on International						
Agricultural Research		900.0		0.0		900.0
Africa strengthening	1	752.5		0.0	1	752.5
Subtotal	325	235.2	54	445.8	270	789.4
Resources of the United Nations Capita	-					
Development Fund	-	309.1		0.0	6	309.1
Resources of the United Nations Revolv					_	
Fund for Natural Resources Exploration	<u>on</u> 3	076.6		0.0	3	076.6
Resources of the United Nations						
Sudano-Sahelian Office	4	345.3		0.0	4	345.3
Resources of the United Nations	_	200 6			•	200 6
Development Fund for Women	_	288.6		0.0	2	288.6
Resources of the United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Developme		439.2		0.0	2	439.2
Total	343	694.0	54	445.8	289	248.2

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# 87/45. Trust funds established by the Administrator in 1986

# The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on trust funds established by him in 1986 (DP/1987/57) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon (DP/1987/56),

Takes note of the information provided in the report on the trust funds established by the Administrator in 1986.

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#### 87/46. Common procurement policies and practices

### The Governing Council

- 1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations
  Development Programme on the analysis of responses to the questionnaire on agency
  procurement practices (DP/1987/10) and of the oral report thereon;
- 2. Approves the approach taken and expresses satisfaction with the comprehensive statement now prepared on the common principles and practices governing procurement of goods and services, incorporating a major system-wide harmonization effort and requests the Administrator to continue his efforts to overcome the problems encountered in this regard;
- 3. Urges the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit to work with the agencies of the United Nations system in order to expand further the area of commonality in procurement, particularly with a view to increasing procurement from developing and underutilized donor countries, consistent with maximum effectiveness;
- 4. Requests the Administrator to include in his report on procurement, requested in decision 87/19, detailed information on the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit, its work programme, particularly with regard to the promotion of increased procurement from developing as well as underutilized donor countries, its staffing and its future place within the programme and structure of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations system.

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#### 87/47. Audit reports

#### The Governing Council

- 1. Takes note of documents DP/1987/9 and Add.1, containing the audited financial statements and audit reports of executing agencies for the year 1985, the Administrator's comments on substantive observations made by the external auditors, the action taken by the Administration in response to Governing Council decision 86/48 of 27 June 1986, and the views of the Panel of External Auditors as expressed in the letter received by the Administrator from the Chairman of the Panel, annexed to document DP/1987/9;
- 2. Also takes note of the audited financial statements and audit report of the United Nations Development Programme for the year 1985 (A/41/5/Add.1), the audited financial statements and audit report of the United Nations for the biennium 1984/1985 (A/41/5, Vol. I), the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on those audit reports (A/41/632), as

well as the views expressed by members of the Fifth Committee on those audit reports in the course of the forty-first session of the General Assembly;

- 3. Requests that for future sessions of the Governing Council, appropriate reference be made to such documentation as is referred to in paragraph 2 above in the document containing the provisional agenda and organization of work of the Budgetary and Finance Committee;
- 4. Reaffirms its wish that increasing emphasis be given by the external auditors of funds allocated to executing agencies by the United Nations Development Programme to the preparation of long-term narrative audit reports which include observations on the effectiveness of financial management.

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### 87/48. Sectoral support

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 86/50 of 27 June 1986,

Recalling further its understanding that the financing of the senior industrial development field advisers programme during the fourth programming cycle is a shared responsibility of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the United Nations Development Programme,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on sectoral support (DP/1987/58) and the views and comments of the members of the Council thereon,

- 1. Endorses the proposals of the Administrator contained in paragraph 11, with the amendment that all senior industrial development field adviser posts should be classified only up to the P-5 level but that the present incumbents at the D-1 level retain that level, and agrees that the allocation of the amount of \$6,400,000 that was withheld by its decision 86/50 of 27 June 1986 be used for 1990 and 1991 to cover the services of a maximum number of senior industrial development field adviser posts;
- 2. Requests the Administrator to provide in his report on the annual review of the financial situation details on the implementation of the senior industrial development field adviser programme, including the status of financial contributions from the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization or any other sources;
- 3. Requests further the Administrator to undertake a review of the whole sectoral support programme and to report to the Council in 1990 on the nature and scope of United Nations Development Programme support to the sectoral programmes of relevant specialized agencies of the United Nations system during the fifth programming cycle.

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#### 87/49. Request for reimbursement of additional support costs

The Governing Council,

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Having considered the note by the Administrator on the request presented by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (DP/1987/68),

Noting that the average annual exchange rate of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization headquarters location had appreciated by more than 11 per cent vis-à-vis the United States dollar between 1985 and 1986,

Authorizes the Administrator to reimburse the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for its support costs in the year 1986 on the basis of 14 per cent of its project delivery of projects financed by the United Nations Development Programme in that year, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5 (a) of decision 81/40 of 30 June 1981;

II

Having taken note of the request for extension of the provisions of paragraph 2 (c) of Governing Council decision 80/44 of 27 June 1980 to the years 1987-1991, contained in document DP/1987/69,

Taking into account the views expressed by members of the Council in the course of their discussion of this subject,

Noting that the provisions of paragraph 2 (c) of decision 80/44 were intended to provide temporary relief to executing agencies during a transitional period of five years,

Decides that the provisions of paragraph 2 (c) of decision 80/44 shall remain unchanged and accordingly shall not apply to the years 1987 to 1991;

III

Having considered the request by the World Meteorological Organization for additional support-cost reimbursement for the years 1981-1986, contained as an appendix in document DP/1987/54 and the comments made thereon by the Administrator in paragraphs 40 to 45 of that document, as well as those of the representative of the World Meteorological Organization,

Taking into account the views expressed by members of the Council in the course of their discussion of this subject,

Noting that according to the presentation of the World Meteorological Organization, the amounts reported to the United Nations Development Programme by the World Meteorological Organization in previous years as actual support costs incurred in respect of projects financed by the United Nations Development Programme excluded some costs allowable for reimbursement in accordance with the established United Nations Development Programme arrangements,

Reaffirming its decisions 80/44 and 81/40 on agency support costs,

- 1. Invites the administration of the World Meteorological intanization to prepare, if necessary, a financial statement showing for each of the years 1984-1986: (a) the total actual support costs, including technical support costs, incurred by the World Meteorological Organization in respect of United Nations Development Programme-financed projects; (b) the delivery of United Nations Development Programme-financed projects; (c) similar information to (a) and (b) in respect of non-United Nations Development Programme-funded projects; and (d) support-cost reimbursement from non-United Nations Development Programme sources;
- 2. <u>Further requests</u> that the external auditors of the World Meteorological Organization examine and verify the amounts shown in such a financial statement;
- 3. Authorizes the Administrator to make an additional reimbursement for support costs to the World Meteorological Organization equal to the difference between the amounts already reimbursed by the United Nations Development Programme for each of the years 1984-1986 and the amounts to which the World Meteorological Organization would be entitled for each of those years, based upon the maximum amounts allowed under paragraph 4 of decision 81/40, after taking into account the total actual support costs claimed by the World Meteorological Organization under paragraph 1. The Administrator shall satisfy himself that such actual support costs are in keeping with the definition of support costs used by the United Nations Development Programme in the case of other agencies.

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87/50. Submission to the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the in-depth study of the United Nations intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields

### The Governing Council

- 1. Adopts the submission to the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the in-depth study of the United Nations intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields, pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112, paragraph (i), as contained in the annex to this decision, and requests the Administrator to transmit to the Special Commission the response of the Council;
- 2. Agrees to consider, at its organizational meeting for 1988, how a number of areas for improvement listed in the annex can be implemented.

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#### Annex

#### I. INTRODUCTION

- 1. In accordance with decision 87/2 of its organizational meeting for 1987, the Governing Council reviewed the question of the response to Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112 of 6 February 1987, paragraph (i), during the high-level segment of its thirty-fourth session. This report constitutes the response of the Council on the subject.
- 2. The United Nations Development Programme operates on the basis of the principles of universality and the voluntary nature of the contributions to its programme. The prime objective of UNDP is to provide technical co-operation to developing countries in support of their efforts for economic and social development and for the achievement of self-reliance. The basic purposes and primeiples of the UNDP are contained in General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, also known as the Consensus. The essential feature of the Consensus includes the general principles guiding the country programming process, the establishment of indicative planning figures (IPFs) and the concept of formulation, appraisal and approval of projects. Moreover, the Consensus provides the framework for the management of UNDP resources and the tripartite partnership in the implementation of UNDP programmes. In accordance with the Consensus, country programme priorities are set by the recipient Government, which has the exclusive responsibility for formulating its development policies, objectives and priorities.

#### II. INTERGOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE

- 3. The General Assembly, by its resolution 2029 (XX) of 22 November 1965, established the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme "to perform the functions previously exercised by the Governing Council of the Special Fund and the Technical Assistance Committee, including the consideration and approval of projects and programmes and the allocation of funds; in addition, it shall provide general policy guidance and direction for the United Nations Development Programme as a whole, as well as for the United Nations regular programmes of technical assistance". The General Assembly also requested the Governing Council to submit its report and recommendations thereon to the Economic and Social Council for consideration by the Council at its second regular session.
- 4. The Council has established a Budgetary and Finance Committee and a Drafting Group, which meet during the regular session of the Governing Council. In 1971, the Governing Council decided that beginning in 1972, a Budgetary and Finance Committee of the Governing Council open to all members be established (E/5043/Rev.l, para. 198). In 1983, the Council decided, in decision 83/1 of 14 February 1983, that its Drafting Group should elaborate and finalize draft decisions on items referred to it, for ultimate adoption by the Council. By decision 83/5 of 24 June 1983, the Council decided that, for a trial period of three years, it should, in the context of regularly scheduled sessions, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole. In accordance with decision 86/23 of 27 June 1986, the trial period for the Committee of the Whole has been extended until June 1987 (see para. 17). Moreover, by decision 85/17 of 29 June 1985, the Governing Council decided to establish, on an experimental basis and within existing resources, a Working Group of the Committee of the Whole to facilitate and

help expedite the consideration of matters arising from the mandate of the Committee of the Whole. The structure of the UNDP Governing Council is subject to periodic review.

5. In addition to UNDP, the Council has responsibilities for the following funds and programmes established by the General Assembly or the Council itself:

United Nations Capital Development Fund General Assembly resolution 2321 (XXII) of 15 December 1967

United Nations Volunteers General Assembly resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970

United Nations Fund for Population Activities General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972

Special Measures Fund for Least-Developed Established by the Governing Countries Council in 1973 (see report E/5256, para. 129)

United Nations Revolving Fund for General Assembly resolution
Natural Resources Exploration 3167 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973

United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office General Assembly resolution 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973 (integrated into UNDP in 1976)

United Nations Trust Fund for Assistance to Established by Governing Council Colonial Countries and Peoples in 1973 (see report E/5543/Rev.l, para. 136)

United Nations Development Fund for Women General Assembly resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984

United Nations Fund for Science and Technology General Assembly resolution 41/183 of 8 December 1986 h/
Governing Council decision 80/27

UNDP Development Study Programme Governing Council decision 81/30 of 27 June 1981

UNDP Trust Fund for the Nationhood Programme General Assembly resolution for Namibia 31/153 of 20 December 1976

UNDP Trust Fund for Countries Afflicted by General Assembly resolution Famine and Malnutrition 38/201 of 20 December 1983

Pérez-Guerrero Trust Fund for Economic and General Assembly resolution Technical Co-operation among Developing 38/201 of 20 December 1983 Countries

 $<sup>\</sup>underline{h}/$  See paras. 2 and 3 for specific arrangements with the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development.

The Council is also responsible for trust funds established by the Administrator on which he reports annually (for 1986, see DP/1987/57). Moreover, the Delettment for Technical Co-operation for Development receives general policy guides and direction from the Governing Council, but its budget is reviewed by the General Assembly as part of the budget of the Secretariat.

- 6. Based on the experience acquired since its establishment, the Council concludes that it should continue to function on the basis of the principles and purposes contained in General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) of 22 November 1965 on the consolidation of the Special Fund and the expanded programme of technical assistance in a United Nations Development Programme, 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system, 2813 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 on the enlargement of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 on new dimensions in technical co-operation and 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system.
- The Governing Council regularly reviews its methods and procedures with a view to the continuous improvement of their effectiveness. By General Assembly resolution 32/71 of 9 December 1977, the Governing Council was authorized to hold from 1978 onwards, and on an experimental basis, one regular session annually. While the Governing Council reduced the number of its annual regular sessions from two to one, the actual time spent each year on meetings remains at about seven weeks. This includes the regular session, organizational meeting, special sessions, meetings of the Committee of the Whole and its Working Group. The actual number of meetings varies in accordance with the work-load of the Governing Council. A comprehensive review took place in 1981, resulting in Council decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981 on the streamlining and rationalization of the work of the Governing Council. Subsequent reviews have taken place in 1983 (section III A of Council decision 83/5 of 24 June 1983) and in 1985 (Council decisions 85/17 and 85/45 of 28 June 1985). Moreover, each year the Council considers, at its organizational meeting, the most effective manner in which to schedule its work in plenary and the subsidiary bodies.
- 8. After a detailed review of the functioning of the Governing Council and its subsidiary machinery, held during the high-level segment, the Governing Council reiterated that the Council itself must remain the only decision-making body of UNDP and other funds, in accordance with the mandate given by the respective United Nations General Assembly resolutions. It also concluded that further improvements in the following areas should be considered.
- 9. Whenever possible, Governments are encouraged to present proposed UNDP and United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) country programmes to the Governing Council at the same session.
- 10. The Council recalled its mandate in General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX) of 22 November 1965 which, inter alia, called on the Council to provide general policy guidance and direction for the United Nations regular programmes of technical assistance and concluded that there is a need for improvement in this regard, including activities of the Department for Technical Co-operation for Development, and called the attention of the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council to that point.

- 11. There is a need to avoid repetition in the presentation and a sideration of similar subjects. The Council is continually making efforts to streamline and improve the documentation process by consolidating certain items which at present are dispersed in the agenda under a single item. This will also reduce the number and volume of documents.
- 12. The Governing Council, at its organizational meeting in 1988, will reduce the time allocated for the Budgetary and Finance Committee, keeping as far as possible the number of meetings within the target of 30 for budget years and 20 for non-budget years.
- 13. The Council recognizes the problems encountered by delegations in attending more than two simultaneous meetings. In order to ensure the efficient conduct of its business, the Council will consider how best to schedule its plenary meetings, the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group in order to avoid having more than two meetings taking place simultaneously, except in particular circumstances. In this context, the Council will organize its work in order to avoid duplication between the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group. In accordance with decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981, all necessary facilities should be made available, including interpretation.
- 14. In addition to its organizational meeting, the Council should continue to hold its regular session on an annual basis, keeping the agreed duration of no more than four weeks for regular sessions.
- 15. The practice of holding a high-level segment has proved useful and should be continued, including the selection by the Council in some years of an appropriate topic for the policy review. It was agreed that the allocation of three days was sufficient to accommodate the list of speakers. The practice of establishing a 15-minute limit on statements has worked effectively. The Council is aware that further improvements should be considered as concerns the appropriate timing for holding the high-level segment during regular sessions and the policy function of this segment in the Council.
- 16. Any informal briefing of the Governing Council convened by the Administrator in accordance with Council decision 81/37 (para. 3 (o)), shall be open to all members of the Programme. Moreover, any understanding reached in these meetings shall be considered to be of an informal character and for information purposes only. These understandings shall not constitute a decision of the Council.

#### Committee of the Whole and its Working Group

- 17. The thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council reviewed the Committee of the Whole and its Working Group and took decision 87/50, to which the present report is annexed.
- 18. Some delegations affirmed that the objective of decision 83/5 of 24 June 1983 is, as indicated by its title, a measure to mobilize increased resources for the United Nations Development Programme on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis and that in order to achieve this objective it was decided, among other measures, to create, on an experimental basis, the Committee of the Whole of the UNDP Governing Council. Since these delegations mentioned that the assumed average annual growth of total voluntary contributions of at least 8 per cent on a basis of the target of \$700 million anticipated for 1986 for the purpose of forward

planning as decided in decision 85/16 of 29 June 1985, has not been reached, they seriously questioned the relevance of having to maintain the Committee of the Whole. In this connection they pointed out that the actual increase in national currency was only 6.6 per cent of the resources of the Programme.

- 19. On the basis of the above and since the Committee of the Whole is in fact the Council meeting informally, the same delegations expressed the view that in order to simplify the structure of the Council, it would be preferable to discontinue the Committee of the Whole and to use in its place informal meetings of the Council with a view of carrying out the actual mandate assigned to the Committee of the Whole.
- 20. Other delegations found that the Committee of the Whole, and later the Working Group, had been an important element in restoring the confidence of their Governments in UNDP, especially given its character as a voluntary fund. They noted that UNDP had in the early eighties faced financial constraints resulting in a reduction of the IPF allocations. They affirmed that this trend has since been reversed and UNDP today is on a sound financial footing. They maintained that based on the 1987 target of \$756 million for the purpose of forward planning, actual contributions to the UNDP core programme in 1987 would surpass this considerably and were estimated at \$873 million and the overall resources of UNDP-administered programmes and funds were expected to exceed \$1 billion. They further noted that voluntary contributions to UNDP in 1987 of the estimated \$873 million represented an increase of 12 per cent over 1986, well in excess of the 8 per cent planning figure mentioned in paragraph 3 of decision 85/16.
- 21. These delegations also believe that the Committee of the Whole and the Working Group have contributed to strengthening the role of the Council in dealing with policy and programming matters and have deepened the dialogue with the UNDP secretariat and the specialized agencies. In their views, these bodies were also crucial to the understanding of issues related to programme and project quality and offered an invaluable forum to consider major reforms undertaken by the Administrator. They have thus been essential to the credibility of UNDP as co-ordinator and funder of a major share of United Nations system technical co-operation.
- 22. In their opinion, the Working Group has effectively facilitated the work of the Committee of the Whole and has been a forum for open and in-depth discussions ensuring greater transparency of the management of the UNDP programme as well as increasing the understanding of technical and operational problems among delegations and between delegations and the secretariat. These delegations, therefore, were of the opinion that the two organs should be maintained, refinements made in their working methods and procedures, and their mandates enlarged to continue and extend the advantages of in-depth consideration afforded by these two bodies to other programmes and funds under the purview of the Governing Council.
- 23. Some delegations considered it important to reiterate that the Working Group is not a decision-making body and should not take over functions inherent to the Council itself, and reaffirmed that the purpose of the Working Group was to assist and help to accelerate the work of the Committee of the Whole, in accordance with decision 85/17. However, they expressed concern about the limited membership of the Working Group and about the difficulties faced by developing countries in being adequately represented in the Working Group.

- 24. The same delegations expressed regret that the secretariat had carried out work based on deliberations of the Working Group which these delegations believed should first have been considered by the Council.
- 25. Furthermore, they reaffirmed that the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole does not accomplish its objectives since the discussions in this body have been of a very general and theoretical nature.
- 26. Some delegations also pointed out that it would be possible to have more efficient and adequate mechanisms in order to achieve, inter alia, the intended objectives of the Working Group. In this context they suggested that, among other alternatives, the possibility should be considered of holding periodic technical meetings at which questions concerning co-ordination, implementation and monitoring of projects and other activities of relevance to each specific region, such as regional programmes, could be discussed. Appropriate representatives of the UNDP secretariat, executing agencies, and interested countries, donors and recipients, and resident representatives of UNDP, would participate in these meetings, and the results would be communicated to the Governing Council.
- 27. As far as these delegations are concerned, these new initiatives could make discussions more practical and concrete and could facilitate the work of the Council as well as deepen the dialogue between the UNDP secretariat, members of the Council and specialized agencies, especially as national experts from developing countries would have a particular interest in participating in these meetings, which has generally not always been the case in the Working Group.

#### III. INTERRELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER UNITED NATIONS BODIES

- 28. There was no consensus at the Council at this stage, on the questions of a single governing body for operational activities. While most delegations felt that such an idea had serious drawbacks, some delegations felt that it was premature to express their views on the idea at the current session of the Governing Council.
- 29. The Special Commission may wish to consider how best the Economic and Social Council could give more thorough consideration to the report of the Governing Council, preferably in conjunction with reports by other governing bodies dealing with operational activities. The Governing Council will ensure that in future the report be submitted to the Economic and Social Council with an appropriate introduction containing the main issues discussed by the Governing Council.
- 30. It was further suggested that UNDP could benefit by the Economic and Social Council's consideration of the reports on operational activities of the different organizations of the United Nations system using a thematic approach, sector by sector.
- 31. In view of the very short interval at present between the conclusion of the Governing Council and the discussion by the Economic and Social Council of operational activities under which most decisions of the Council are discussed, the Special Commission may also wish to consider how best to organize the calendar of meetings.

- 32. An area requiring further attention is improved co-operation between UNDP and all Regional Economic Commissions. It is also important to obtain a more active participation of agencies in the work of the Council, including in subsidiary bodies of the Council. UNDP itself should also participate more actively in the deliberations of the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system.
- 33. UNDP and the funds it administers (see para. 5) support a number of activities on which other intergovernmental bodies set substantive and sectoral policy. This is another area where a higher degree of co-ordination and rationalization should be achieved.

#### IV. SECRETARIAT SUPPORT STRUCTURE

- 34. By its decision 87/1, the Council approved, on an experimental basis, proposals on biennialization and further streamlining of Governing Council documentation and identified reports to be submitted on a biennial basis and reports to be consolidated. The Council has taken additional steps to improve the quality and reduce the number and total volume of documentation in decision 87/50. Moreover, the Council will decide for which items oral reports will be sufficient, thus limiting the need for the preparation of written reports on each item. The number of reports requested in Council decisions should be under constant review, also with a view to avoiding overlap in reporting and in order to respect the biennialized programme of work.
- 35. The preparation of delegations for sessions of the Governing Council and therefore the conduct of business of the Council itself is seriously affected by the late receipt of Council documents. The Special Commission may wish to consider what steps should be taken to avoid future problems.
- 36. A number of points were raised on strengthening the role of the Governing Council whenever changes are made in the structure of the UNDP secretariat. For structural changes of the secretariat, which involve additional posts or which would have a negative impact on approved activities of UNDP, prior approval of the Council is required.
- 37. Delegations found the structure of the secretariat, in general, appropriate to the size and complexity of the diverse funds and programmes of UNDP. The Council will continue to conduct periodic reviews of the secretariat structure to ensure that it follows the policies and priorities set by Governments, improves its efficiency and corresponds to the volume of resources available to undertake operational activities.
- 38. The role and responsibility of the United Nations resident co-ordinators in the field should be strengthened, as defined by General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 41/171 of 5 December 1986, in order to promote greater coherence and co-ordination of operational activities in the United Nations system and to respond constructively to host country Government requests to play a broader co-ordinating role in appropriate cases. The Special Commission may wish to consider how to improve the procedure for the appointment of the resident co-ordinator in such a way as to strengthen the authority of the resident co-ordinator vis-à-vis local representatives of the United Nations system. The Special Commission may also wish to consider ways and means of locating, in a

- common facility, the representatives of the United Nations system for operational activities in consultation with host Governments.
- 39. The re-institution of agency review meetings is considered useful in achieving better co-operation between UNDP and agencies and allows agencies to express their views on operational matters.
- 40. It was reaffirmed that priority setting is the perogative of the Governing Council as concerns the overall direction of UNDP.

### 87/51. Measures concerning documentation for the Governing Council

The Governing Council,

Greatly concerned about the serious deterioration in the timely provision of documentation for the Governing Council sessions,

<u>Deploring</u> that documentation is rarely available six weeks prior to the start of each session, and often not before the respective items are to be discussed,

Very concerned that the lateness of documents prevents adequate study and preparation by Governments and thereby seriously affects the ability of the Council effectively to carry out its oversight responsibilities for the United Nations Development Programme, and considering that members are therefore reluctant to address issues before the Council,

- l. Requests that the Administrator take all necessary measures in order to ensure the simultaneous distribution of documents in all languages in conformity with General Assembly resolution 36/117 B of 10 December 1981;
- 2. Reaffirms its rules of procedures as well as previous decisions 79/33 of 2 July 1979, 83/40 of 18 June 1983, and 85/45 of 28 June 1985 concerning the preparation and timely distribution of documents for the Council;
- 3. Recommends that, in seeking to reduce the number of documents presented to the Governing Council, the Administrator take measures to eliminate duplication of material and rationalize its presentation;
- 4. <u>Urges</u> that the Administrator and the heads of other organizations and programmes reporting to the Governing Council take prompt and effective action to rectify this problem;
- 5. Requests that the Council be informed at its organizational meeting in February 1988 on the measures taken to provide timely documentation in all working languages.

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# 87/52. Other reports and documents considered by the Governing Council

# The Governing Council

Takes note of the following:

(a) Report of the Administrator on the United Nations Development Programme Development Study Programme (DP/1987/14);

23rd meeting 5 June 1987

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries (A/42/275 and E/1987/76);

24th meeting 8 June 1987

(c) The statement made by the Deputy Director of the Special Unit for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries on matters arising from the fifth session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries;

25th meeting 8 June 1987

(d) The report of the Administrator on the United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures in 1985 (DP/1986/68) and the views expressed thereon;

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(e) The report of the Administrator on action taken by other organs of the United Nations in 1986 and 1987 (DP/1987/60 and Add.1) and the views expressed thereon;

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(f) The report of the Administrator on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries (DP/1987/18);

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(g) The report of the Administrator on evaluation (DP/1987/21).

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# 87/53. Future sessions of the Governing Council and its subsidiary bodies

#### The Governing Council

Approves the following schedule of future sessions of the Council and its subsidiary bodies:

#### 1987

Working Group of the Committee of the Whole

United Nations Headquarters 14-16 September i/

#### 1988

Governing Council, organizational meeting and special session

United Nations Headquarters 16-18 February

Working Group of the Committee of the Whole

United Nations Headquarters 19-24 February

Governing Council, thirty-fifth session, subject to review at the organizational meeting, with a view to examining the possibility of shortening the

United Nations Office at Geneva 6 June-1 July

30th meeting 19 June 1987

# 87/54. Provisional agenda of the Governing Council at its thirty-fifth session

#### The Governing Council,

session

Recalling its decisions 81/37 of 27 June 1981 and 86/57 of 27 June 1986,

Approves the following provisional agenda for its thirty-fifth session (1988):

 $<sup>\</sup>underline{i}/$  On the understanding that the dates of this session will not coincide with the dates of the resumed session of the Economic and Social Council, to be decided at its second regular session.

# Provisional agenda of the thirty-fifth session (1988)

- 1. Opening of the session.
- 2. Election of officers
- Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
- 4. High-level segment: policy review
- 5. Programme implementation
- 6. Programme planning
- 7. United Nations Fund for Population Activities
- 8. United Nations technical co-operation activities
- 9. Other funds and programmes
- 10. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters
- 11. Other matters
- 12. Date and provisional agenda for the thirty-sixth session of the Council.