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78/1. Country and intercountry programming and projects

The Governing Council

1. Approves the proposed country programmes for Cape Verde (DP/GC/CVI/R.1 and Corr.1); Chad (DP/GC/CHD/R.2); Czechoslovakia (DP/GC/CZE/R.2); Egypt (DP/GC/EGY/R.2 and Corr.1); Gambia (DP/GC/GAM/R.2); Greece (DP/GC/GRE/R.2 and Corr.1); Hungary (DP/GC/HUN/R.2); Kenya (DP/GC/KEN/R.3 and Corr.1); Mali (DP/GC/MLI/R.2); Malta (DP/GC/MAT/R.2); Mauritania (DP/GC/MAU/R.1 and Corr.1); Mongolia (DP/GC/MON/R.2); Niger (DP/GC/NER/R.2); Paraguay (DP/GC/PAR/R.2); Senegal (DP/GC/SEN/R.2); Togo (DP/GC/TOG/R.2); Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (DP/GC/TTP/R.1); Tunisia (DP/GC/TUN/R.2); Upper Volta (DP/GC/UPV/R.2); Uruguay (DP/GC/URU/R.2), for the duration of their respective programme periods and within the limits of the Indicative Planning Figures (IPFs) for 1977-1981, taking into account the balance of over-expenditure or under-expenditure of their 1972-1976 IPFs; and authorizes the Administrator to proceed with appraisal and approval action on requests for assistance falling within the outlines of the respective country programmes, while ensuring, in accordance with the decision of the Governing Council at its eighteenth session, that expenditures are kept in reasonable conformity with the relevant IPFs and are contained within the financial resources available at any given time;

2. Approves the projects for assistance to Viet Nam in building sites surveying and investigations (VIE/76/005) (DP/PROJECTS/R.9/Add.7) and National Institute of Agricultural Sciences (VIE/76/002) (DP/PROJECTS/R.9/Add.8); and authorizes the Administrator to make the appropriate arrangements with the Government and the executing agencies for the execution of those projects;

3. Approves the Administrator's recommendation to waive the government counterpart contribution for the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, Dakar (RAF/71/193) (DP/294);

4. Approves the following global projects: The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) African Co-operative Programme for the Improvement of Sorghums and Millets (Phase II) (GLO/77/002) (DP/PROJECTS/R.9/Add.1); The International Laboratory of Research on Animal Diseases (ILRAD) Research and Training on Animal Trypanosomiasis (GLO/77/008) (DP/PROJECTS/R.9/Add.2); The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) Research and Training in Sorghums and Millets (Phase II) (GLO/77/005) (DP/PROJECTS/R.9/Add.3); Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases: Research and Training on Human Trypanosomiasis (GLO/77/007) (DP/PROJECTS/R.9/Add.4); Integrated Cotton Research and Development Programme (Preparatory Assistance) (GLO/76/001) (DP/PROJECTS/R.9/Add.5); The International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) (Phase II) (GLO/76/004) (DP/PROJECTS/R.9/Add.6); and authorizes the Administrator to make the appropriate arrangements for the execution of those projects;

5. Takes note of the separation of the former Ellice Islands (Tuvalu) from the Gilbert and Ellice Islands; of General Assembly resolution 32/23 on the Gilbert Islands and General Assembly decision 32/407 on Tuvalu; and of the Governing Council's earlier decisions establishing Indicative Planning Figures (IPFs) for 1977-1981 and decides that, in place of the previously determined \$1.1 million 1977-1981 IPF for Gilbert Islands and Tuvalu, c/ in accordance with the established criteria for determining the allocation of resources, the 1977-1981 IPF should be \$550,000 for Gilbert Islands and \$550,000 for Tuvalu; and that, on achieving independence during the current IPF cycle, the 1977-1981 IPFs for Gilbert Islands and Tuvalu should each be \$1.14 million, d/ which figure may now be used for planning purposes.

c/ Ibid., Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5846/Rev.1), annex II.

d/ Ibid., Supplement No. 2A (E/5846/Rev.1), para. 292 (b) (i).

597th meeting
20 January 1978

78/2. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

The Governing Council

1. Approves the project "Copper/Gold Exploration in the Rio Pito Area, Panama" (PAN/NR/77/001) (DP/287) involving a minimum work plan of the equivalent of \$500,000 as an obligation of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration and possible additional expenditures for further activities following the minimum work plan up to a maximum of \$500,000 bringing total possible expenditure to the equivalent of \$1 million;
 2. Approves the project "Mineral Exploration in the Province of Chubut, Argentina" (ARG/NR/77/001) (DP/288) involving a minimum work plan of the equivalent of \$940,000, as an obligation of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, and possible additional expenditures for further activities following the minimum work plan up to a maximum of \$1,500,000, bringing the total possible expenditure to the equivalent of \$2,440,000;
 3. Approves the project "Mineral Exploration in Western Cyprus, Cyprus" (CYP/NR/77/001) (DP/290) involving a minimum work plan of the equivalent of \$195,000, as an obligation of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, and possible additional expenditures for further activities following the minimum work plan up to a maximum of \$750,000 bringing the total possible expenditure to the equivalent of \$945,000;
 4. Approves the project "Mineral Exploration of the South-east Anatolian Ophiolite Belt (Dicle-Sason Sector), Turkey" (TUR/NR/77/001) (DP/293) involving a minimum work plan of the equivalent of \$210,000 as an obligation of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration and possible additional expenditures for further activities following the minimum work plan up to a maximum of \$2 million, bringing total possible expenditure to the equivalent of \$2,210,000;
 5. Decides that those approvals shall be cancelled unless the respective Governments and the Fund shall have signed project agreements within a period of nine months after the date of those approvals, it being understood that the Governing Council shall be notified of any such cancellation at the Council's first session after such action has been taken;
 6. Takes note that negotiations are continuing on the project "Mineral Exploration in the Eastern Desert, Egypt" (EGY/NR/77/001) (DP/291);
 7. Takes note of document DP/133/Rev.1 on mineral exploration in the Cordillera de los Andes, Bolivia (BOL/NR/75/001).
7. At the same meeting, the Governing Council further decided that its report on the January 1978 meetings would consist of the decisions taken and reference to the summary records (DP/SR.593-597).

597th meeting
20 January 1978

78/3. Annual report of the Administrator for 1977

The Governing Council

Takes note of the annual report of the Administrator for 1977 (DP/321 and Corr.1; DP/321/ANNEXES I and II).

623rd meeting
30 June 1978

78/4. Assistance to African liberation movements recognized by the Organization for African Unity

The Governing Council,

Having examined the Administrator's report on assistance to colonial countries and peoples (DP/315),

Having listened to statements made by representatives of the African liberation movements recognized by the OAU as well as to observations made by the members of the Council during the consideration of that report,

Noting with great appreciation the increased support being given by UNDP to African liberation movements recognized by the OAU and the statement made in this respect by the Executive Secretary of the OAU Co-ordination Committee for the Liberation of Africa,

Aware of the continued need for supporting the people who are struggling to liberate themselves from colonial and racial domination in southern Africa,

Recognizing that the liberation movements very often operate on an emergency basis in providing food, medicines, education, housing, clothes and transportation to their peoples,

1. Congratulates the Administrator for the assistance extended to African liberation movements recognized by the CAU;
2. Reiterates its request to the Administrator and to the executive heads of the participating and executing agencies to facilitate UNDP's assistance to those movements through simplified and flexible procedures;
3. Appeals to member States to pledge additional resources to the Trust Fund for Assistance to Colonial Countries and Peoples in order to increase UNDP's assistance to those movements;

4. Requests the Administrator to support appropriate programmes of assistance to African liberation movements in relation to the celebration of the International Year against Apartheid;

5. Decides to advance, until the mid-session review in 1979, \$7 million from the Programme Reserve for additional assistance to African liberation movements recognized by OAU;

6. Further decides to increase the IPF for Namibia by \$3 million from the resources available under undistributed IPFs;

7. Requests the Administrator to prepare for submission to the Governing Council, at its twenty-sixth session, a report detailing the projects approved by UNDP and financed from the resources herein provided.

620th meeting
27 June 1978

78/5. Country and intercountry programmes and projects

The Governing Council

1. Approves the proposed country programmes for Afghanistan (DP/GC/AFG/R.2 and Add.1); Algeria (DP/GC/ALG/R.3 and Corr.1); Bangladesh (DP/GC/BGD/R.2 and Corr.1); El Salvador (DP/GC/ELS/R.2); Iran (DP/GC/IRA/R.2); Iraq (DP/GC/IRQ/R.2 and Corr.1); Maldives (DP/GC/MDV/R.2 and Corr.1); Mexico (DP/GC/MEX/R.2); Portugal (DP/GC/POR/R.1); Syrian Arab Republic (DP/GC/SYR/R.2 and Corr.1); Thailand (DP/GC/THA/R.2); and Yugoslavia (DP/GC/YUG/R.2) for the duration of their respective programme periods and within the limits of their IPFs for 1977-1981, taking into account the balance of over-expenditure or under-expenditure of their 1972-1976 IPFs;

2. Approves the level of cost sharing in the Iran programme and notes that semi-annual lump sum payments in advance are to be provided for the implementation of this cost sharing arrangement;

3. Authorizes the Administrator to proceed with appraisal and approval action on requests for assistance falling within the outlines of the respective country programmes, while ensuring, in accordance with the decision of the Governing Council at its eighteenth session, 18/ that expenditures are kept in reasonable conformity with the relevant IPFs and are contained within the financial resources available at any given time;

4. Approves the global project "Testing and Demonstration of Small-scale Solar Powered Pumping System" (DP/PROJECTS/R.10/Add.1) and authorizes the Administrator to make the appropriate arrangements with the World Bank for the execution of this project;

5. Approves the proposal to increase to \$75,000 authorization for the Administrator to incur expenditure on preparatory work for global programmes in a given field without recourse to the Council on a case-by-case basis, and requests the Administrator to inform the Council of the use made of this authorization;

6. Takes note with approval of the proposal to untie the UNDP contribution to the Special Programme for Research and Training on Tropical Diseases (GLO/77/007) and authorizes the Administrator to make the necessary arrangements with WHO as Executing Agency of the programme towards that end.

II

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 32/93 and 32/100 of 13 December 1977, on assistance to Djibouti and Guinea-Bissau respectively,

Having considered the note by the Administrator (DP/340) and the statement by the Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa on this subject,

Taking into account the comments made by members of the Governing Council,

Authorizes the Administrator:

(a) To recalculate and increase by 6.4 per cent the IPFs of Djibouti and Guinea-Bissau, the \$425,000 allocation required for this purpose being drawn from the reserve for "future participants, etc. ..."

(b) To extend to Djibouti and Guinea-Bissau the other benefits enjoyed by the least developed among the developing countries - benefit from the United Nations Capital Development Fund and from the special allocations for LDCs which would become available in the future, etc. - in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 32/93 and 32/100.

III

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/25 of 28 November 1977, on the Solomon Islands, as well as the Council's earlier decisions establishing IPFs for 1977-1981,

Decides that the 1977-1981 IPF for the Solomon Islands shall be \$3,145,000, instead of the previously determined \$2.3 million, when the Solomon Islands achieves independence in July 1978.

IV

The Governing Council

Notes with satisfaction the Administrator's intention henceforth to list in his annual reports all newly approved projects of which the costs total \$50,000 or more, and his further intention henceforth to issue project fact sheets for those projects of which the costs total \$250,000 or more.

607th meeting
19 June 1978

78/6. United Nations Decade for Transport and Communication in Africa

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977, by which the General Assembly declared the years 1978-1988 the United Nations Decade for Transport and Communication in Africa,

Recognizing that TCDC can make a contribution towards the realization of the objectives of the Decade,

Emphasizing that the development and improvement of transport and communications in Africa will have a great impact on the socio-economic development of the countries in the region,

Appreciating the measures already taken by the African countries, both at the national and at the regional levels, towards the improvement of transportation and communications systems,

Noting the statement made by the UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa regarding steps being taken towards realizing the objectives of the Decade,

Convinced that UNDP should play an active role in contributing to the success of the Decade,

1. Stresses the urgent need for the improvement and development of transport and communications in Africa;

2. Requests the Administrator of UNDP to examine ways and means through which the Programme may contribute towards the attainment of the objectives of the Decade, keeping in mind the importance of the involvement of potential investment sources at all stages of programme and project handling, and to report in that regard to the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session.

611th meeting
21 June 1978

78/7. Assistance to Benin

The Governing Council,

Recalling Security Council resolution 419 (1977) of 24 November 1977, appealing to all States and appropriate international organizations, including the United Nations and the specialized agencies, to assist Benin in repairing the damage caused by the act of aggression of 16 January 1977,

Considering the note by the Secretary-General, dated 13 February 1977, on the mission to Benin and the annexes thereto,

Taking into account the request of the Government of Benin,

Requests the Administrator to examine favourably that request and seek, as soon as possible, all ways and means of providing Benin with appropriate assistance.

607th meeting
16 June 1978

78/8. Investment follow-up

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report by the Administrator on the investment follow-up activities of UNDP (DP/320) and of the proposals contained therein regarding possible further activities to be undertaken by UNDP in this area,

Taking note of the policy framework for the investment follow-up function as defined in the 1970 Consensus 19/ that the Government in each case will be primarily responsible for all measures which should be taken at all stages of a project to ensure effective follow-up, including follow-up investment,

Taking into account the views expressed during the consideration of this report,

1. Appeals to all Governments to accord due priority to pre-investment studies in their country programmes;

2. Recognizes the difficulties of bridging the gap between pre-investment activities and the investment phase;

3. Recalls General Assembly resolution 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975, on new dimensions in technical co-operation and, in particular paragraph (e), subparagraph (viii) of the annex to that resolution;

4. Welcomes the Administrator's proposals for closer co-operation between UNDP and the participating and executing agencies in the United Nations system at all stages of UNDP pre-investment activities;

5. Requests the Administrator to examine, upon request from the concerned recipient Governments, the possibility of establishing multidisciplinary teams, financed from the budgets of pre-investment projects for the purposes outlined in paragraph 26 of his report (DP/320);

6. Invites the Administrator to explore further the need for strengthening the central unit at UNDP headquarters and for financing additional posts in agency investment centres, as suggested in paragraph 25 of his report and, if there is a clearly identified need, to submit to the Governing Council, at its twenty-sixth session, a report on his findings, including their financial implications, if any;

7. Invites the Administrator to continue his efforts at developing improved general co-operation and working relationships regarding investment follow-up with other sources of assistance;

8. Supports in principle the concept of umbrella projects referred to in paragraphs 31 and 32 of the report;

9. Requests Governments to provide UNDP with information on investments resulting from UNDP pre-investment activities;

10. Endorses the suggestion of the Administrator to undertake the thematic study referred to in paragraph 35 of his report, but within existing staff resources.

622nd meeting
29 June 1978

78/9. Technical co-operation among developing countries

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/182 of 19 December 1977 as well as other pertinent resolutions of the Assembly.

1. Takes note of the reports submitted by the Administrator and by the participating and executing agencies and regional commissions on the progress made in the implementation of technical co-operation among developing countries, (DP/317 and Corr.1 and Add.1; DP/309 (vols. I-XIII));
2. Takes note of the introductory statements made by the Administrator and the Assistant Administrator and of the observations and suggestions made during the consideration of the item;
3. Requests the Administrator, the participating and executing agencies and the regional commissions to continue vigorously to implement General Assembly resolution 32/182;
4. Decides, as an interim measure between 1 October 1978 and its next session, to authorize the Administrator to fund from the administrative budget of UNDP an additional post at the level of P-4 for the period of nine months in the Special Unit for TCDC, provided there is agreement at the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries that the requirement for this post continues after the Conference;
5. Requests the Administrator, the participating and executing agencies and the regional commissions to submit in the future to the Governing Council a joint progress report on technical co-operation among developing countries, which should be co-ordinated and analytical and should, wherever possible, contain quantitative tables and/or other indices reflecting the progress made;
6. Decides to continue, through its Sessional Committee on TCDC, the annual review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/182, in addition to implementing any tasks that may be entrusted to it by the United Nations Conference on TCDC to be held in Buenos Aires (Argentina) from 30 August to 12 September 1978 for following up the decisions of the Conference.

621st meeting
28 June 1978

78/10. Role and activities of UNDP

The Governing Council,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Administrator on the role and activities of UNDP (DP/319), the proposal for the evaluation programme for 1978-1979 (DP/319/Add.1), the three completed interim reports on evaluation studies (DP/319/Add.1/ANNEXES I-III), the inventories of UNDP activities aimed at combating poverty (DP/319/Add.2) and the integration of women in the development process (DP/319/Add.3), as well as the observations made by the members of the Council during the consideration of this item,

Keeping in mind the resolutions of the General Assembly at its sixth and seventh special sessions calling for the establishment of a new international economic order, as well as Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system.

Reiterating the principles set forth in the decision on the role and activities of UNDP adopted by the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session (see E/6013/Rev.1, 1/ para. 139),

1. Appeals to all Governments to increase their voluntary contributions, with a view to achieving the over-all growth rate recommended for the second cycle, bearing in mind the need for a better and wider distribution in providing resources for the Programme;

2. Appeals to Governments in a position to do so to achieve net contributor status, by either increasing their contributions or foregoing their Indicative Planning Figures;

3. Appeals to Governments of the recipient countries in a position to do so to undertake, as part of their national development planning process, a broad assessment of their technical co-operation requirements;

4. Invites the Administrator:

(a) To initiate further consultations with the executing agencies, in line with paragraph 33 of the annex to resolution 32/197 and with General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, on how best to utilize the country programming process as a frame of reference for the operational activities carried out and financed by the organizations in the United Nations system from their own resources;

(b) To continue discussions with the executing agencies in pursuance of paragraphs D (i), (ii) and (iii) of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2110 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977, on the role and activities of UNDP and in accordance with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/197;

5. Requests the Administrator:

(a) To strengthen programme evaluation, which is of direct operational relevance to UNDP's activities, as a regular and continuous activity, taking all necessary measures for the implementation and co-ordination of evaluation reports, bearing in mind the need to utilize fully the material already available, to avoid duplication, and for close collaboration with the executing agencies;

(b) To develop a comprehensive feed-back system of the experience gained and thus build up an institutional memory, in conjunction with the Integrated Systems Improvement Project, and increase the effectiveness of UNDP-funded programmes and projects in the future;

(c) To circulate the evaluation reports mentioned in subparagraph (a) above to the members of the Governing Council as soon as they are ready;

(d) To submit for discussion at each annual session of the Council his conclusions on such evaluation reports and his recommendations for programme improvements;

(e) To strengthen UNDP's project design, project development, and monitoring of UNDP-financed activities;

(f) To publish as a series the evaluation reports, in the light of the consideration in the Council, to serve all concerned;

(g) To report to the Council at the twenty-sixth session on these matters;

6. Further requests the Administrator:

(a) To focus future reports on "relevant trends and problems of proposed country programmes" on problem-oriented issues;

(b) To submit those reports to the Governing Council for discussion, preferably as a separate subitem of the agenda item "Country and intercountry programming and projects";

7. Also requests the Administrator to pursue the implementation of paragraphs C (ii), (iv), (v) and (x) of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2110 (LXIII) and of paragraph 36 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197, and to pay special attention to those matters in his report to the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session.

623rd meeting
30 June 1978

78/11. Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the reports of the Administrator on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system (DP/338 and Corr.1);
2. Decides to transmit to the Economic and Social Council the views expressed by the members of the Council and the Administrator during the consideration of this report.

620th meeting
27 June 1978

78/12. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region and implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the region

The Governing Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly General Assembly resolutions 3253 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974, 3512 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/180 of 21 December 1976 and 32/159 of 19 December 1977 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1918 (LVIII) of 5 May 1975 and 2103 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/170 of 19 December 1977, concerning measures to be taken for the benefit of the Sudano-Sahelian region, particularly its paragraphs 2 and 3 concerning proposed measures and modes of action for implementing projects and programmes to combat the desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region and proposed measures to improve institutional arrangements in the region,

Considering that the nature and scope of the needs of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region make it necessary for the international community to continue and to strengthen its solidarity action to support the recovery efforts and economic development of those countries,

Noting with satisfaction the decisive role played by the United Nations Sahelian Office, in helping to combat the effects of the drought and to implement the priority medium-term and long-term rehabilitation and development programme adopted by the States members of the Permanent Interstate Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel, and in mobilizing the necessary resources to finance priority projects,

Noting the need for the immediate implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and of the relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations Conference on Desertification, as called for by General Assembly resolution 32/170,

Considering the decision, adopted on 22 May 1978 by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, which opted for the proposal that the United Nations Sahelian Office be designated as the mechanism to co-ordinate the United Nations efforts to assist in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region, and that the organization and functions of the United Nations Sahelian Office as well as the organization and functions of its regional office at Ouagadougou be enlarged, this enterprise to be carried out as a joint UNDP/UNEP venture, and which also invited the Governing Council of UNDP to give favourable consideration to that proposal,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (DP/326 and Corr.1), and the United Nations Development Programme document on the designation of the United Nations Sahelian Office as the mechanism to co-ordinate the United Nations efforts to assist in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region (DP/L.323),

I

Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on the efforts made to implement the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;
2. Congratulates the Administrator on the accomplishments of the United Nations Sahelian Office and its work methods;
3. Expresses its profound gratitude to the Governments, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme drawn up by the States members of the Permanent Interstate Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;
4. Urges all Governments, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals to continue to respond favourably, either bilaterally or through the United Nations Sahelian Office or any other intermediary, to the requests made by the Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian countries and by the Permanent Interstate Committee;

5. Requests the United Nations Sahelian Office to continue its close co-operation with the Permanent Interstate Committee and its efforts to ensure co-operation and co-ordination between the United Nations programme and bodies with a view to the implementation of medium-term and long-term assistance programmes;

6. Requests the Administrator to continue to report to the Governing Council on the implementation of the rehabilitation and development programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

II

Designation of the United Nations Sahelian Office as the mechanism to co-ordinate the United Nations efforts to assist in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region

1. Takes note of the decision adopted on 22 May 1978 by the United Nations Environment Programme Governing Council and decides to designate the United Nations Sahelian Office, in addition to its present responsibilities, as the mechanism to co-ordinate the United Nations efforts to assist in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the 15 countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region south of the Sahara and north of the equator;

2. Requests the Administrator to develop modalities to enlarge the organization and functions of the United Nations Sahelian Office, as well as the organization and functions of its regional office in Ouagadougou, to assist, in addition to its present responsibilities, in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the 15 countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, this enterprise to be carried out as a joint UNDP/UNEP venture, and to report further to the Council in this respect;

3. Authorizes the Administrator to take the necessary measures required for the implementation of this decision, in accordance with paragraphs 38, 41 and 42 of the United Nations Environment Programme Executive Director's report; 20/ and to report further to the Council in this respect;

4. Authorizes the Administrator to finance the UNDP share of the administrative costs of the joint UNDP/UNEP venture from the appropriate programme funds until funding from the normal sources of the United Nations Sahelian Office is forthcoming;

5. Authorizes further the Administrator to use the funds available for global projects, up to a total of \$300,000, as a contribution of UNDP for scientific planning and programming to be utilized by the United Nations Sahelian Office for the purpose of preparatory work to be taken for projects and programmes, part of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

620th meeting
27 June 1978

78/13. Assistance to the drought-stricken countries in Africa and adjacent areas

The Governing Council,

Having examined the report of the Administrator on assistance to the drought-stricken countries in Africa and adjacent areas (DP/339),

Having considered the statement made by the Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa, bringing up to date the information contained in that report,

Considering the provisions of General Assembly resolution 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973, by which the Assembly requested that those drought-stricken countries of the Sahelian region which were not among the least developed countries should enjoy benefits similar to those given to the least developed countries with respect to the specific consequences of the drought and until those consequences are eliminated in the countries concerned,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Administrator;

2. Authorizes the Administrator, in implementation of General Assembly resolution 3054 (XXVIII), to make available to Mauritania and Senegal from the Programme Reserve an additional amount of \$600,000 and \$700,000 respectively, during the period 1977-1981, to assist them in overcoming the effects of the current drought, and for the same purpose to grant those countries, for the same period, access to the special funds available to the least developed countries.

620th meeting
27 June 1978

78/14. United Nations-Volunteers

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The Governing Council,

Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the United Nations Volunteers (DP/330 and Corr.1) and of the views expressed during the debate.

616th meeting
23 June 1978

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The Governing Council,

Taking note of the Administrator's report on the United Nations Volunteers (DP/330 and Corr.1),

Having considered the introductory statements made by the Administrator and the Co-ordinator and the observations and suggestions made during the consideration of the item,

1. Considers that UNV has an important role in providing assistance particularly to least developed and newly independent countries;
2. Requests the Administrator to report at its twenty-sixth session on the role of the programme in least developed and newly independent countries;
3. Invites the Administrator to report on UNV recruitment procedures and, if there is a clearly identified need, to suggest ways and means to improve them;
4. Appeals to all countries to assist the UNV to the maximum extent possible in the identification and recruitment of qualified candidates;
5. Notes that the level of contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund does not permit it to undertake fully programmes in the domestic development services as envisaged under General Assembly resolutions 31/131 and 31/166 of 16 and 21 December 1976, and appeals to Governments to consider contributions or increasing contributions to the United Nations Special Voluntary Fund;
6. Requests the Administrator to continue his efforts to enhance the over-all activities of UNV.

623rd meeting
30 June 1978

78/15. United Nations Capital Development Fund

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the United Nations Capital Development Fund (DP/305 and DP/305/ANNEX I and II) and of the views expressed during the discussion;

2. Requests the Administrator to present to the Council, at its twenty-sixth session, a specific proposal for changing the present full funding of total estimated costs at the time of approval of each project, to an arrangement providing for coverage of project costs as they are incurred on a current basis.

616th meeting
23 June 1978

78/16. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the annual report submitted by the Administrator on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (DP/312), of the introductory statements made by the Administrator and the Director and of the observations and suggestions made during the consideration of the item;

2. Approves the projects recommended by the Administrator for mineral exploration in selected areas of Afghanistan (DP/313) and precious metals exploration in eastern Liberia (DP/314 and Corr.1);

3. Recommends to the Economic and Social Council that it postpone the review specified in paragraphs 1 (m) and (p) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1762 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 for two years, until 1981;

4. Confirms the re-appointment of Mr. Hiroshi Sakurai as Director of the Fund.

617th meeting
26 June 1978

78/17. United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 31/177 of 21 December 1976 by which the General Assembly approved the statute of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/113 of 15 December 1977, particularly paragraph 2 wherein the General Assembly requested the Governing Council to approve interim arrangements to be proposed by the Administrator to implement the aims and purposes laid down in the Statute of the Fund,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the matter (DP/328) containing the proposals for such interim arrangements,

1. Authorizes the Administrator to proceed, in consultation with the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, with appraisal and approval of requests for assistance falling within the scope of operations of the Fund as outlined in the report of the Administrator and in accordance with the procedures set out in the report;
2. Endorses the proposal to convene further Pledging Conferences for the Fund, with the next such Pledging Conference to be held concurrently with the UNDP Pledging Conference for 1979;
3. Appeals to Governments and international organizations to contribute generously to the Fund;
4. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its twenty-sixth session on the activities of the Fund.

621st meeting
28 June 1978

78/18. Financial outlook for the second IPF cycle, 1977-1981, including the final expenditures for the first ipf cycle, 1972-1976

The Governing Council,

Desirous of achieving an expanding, assured and predictable financial base for UNDP, bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 32/114 and 32/197 of 15 and 20 December 1977, the purpose of which is to provide technical assistance to developing countries,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the financial outlook for the second IPF cycle 1977-1981, including the final expenditures for the first IPF cycle 1972-1976 (DP/336) and of the views expressed by the members of the Council at its twenty-fifth session;

2. Expresses satisfaction that total IPF expenditures for the first cycle amounted to 99.7 per cent of the total IPF expenditure targets approved for the first cycle;

3. Further takes note of the financial operations for the year 1977 and the financial position as at 31 December 1977;

4. Expresses concern over the low level of programme delivery in 1977 as compared with the level of expenditures planned for that year;

5. Requests the Administrator to continue his prudent efforts to increase the investment of UNDP funds in developing countries on safe, liquid and profitable terms consistent with the efficient and effective management of the Programme's resources and further requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its next session on the results achieved;

6. Reiterates the decisions taken at its twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions regarding the utilization of accumulated non-convertible currencies;

7. Takes note of the efforts being made by the Administrator with one Government in utilizing accumulated non-convertible currencies (see DP/336, para. 29);

8. Further takes note of the pledge of a special voluntary contribution of one Government of the equivalent of \$1.6 million to the general resources of UNDP to be used, if possible, within existing UNDP procedures, inter alia, for projects using TCDC concept and authorizes the write-off of \$1,593,020, being that Government's unpaid programme cost for the years 1973-1976, as an exceptional measure on the understanding that this action will not be considered a precedent for other such requests;

9. Requests the Administrator to intensify his efforts to collect all past amounts due and to remove uncollectable items from the UNDP accounts as soon as possible;

10. Calls upon the Administrator and the executing agencies to take the necessary steps to ensure better forward planning and to accelerate delivery in 1978 and subsequent years, consistent with the resources realized by the Programme for the second cycle and with the goal of ensuring the maximum possible delivery of the second cycle IPFs for all countries;

11. Appeals to all Governments to increase their voluntary contributions with a view to achieving the over-all growth rate recommended for the second cycle and bearing in mind the need for a better and wider distribution in providing resources for the programme;

12. Invites all Governments in a position to do so to consider indicating their likely voluntary contributions for a multiyear period;

13. Invites the Administrator to continue consultations on ways of achieving long-term financing for UNDP;

14. Further invites the Administrator to circulate, well in advance of the Pledging Conference, a document indicating:

(a) The total volume of contributions needed for the following year with a view to achieving the agreed five-year target for over-all resources for the second cycle;

(b) Forecast expenditures within the ceiling of available resources and the total of expected contributions and other income for that year;

15. Requests the Administrator to prepare for consideration by the Governing Council, at its twenty-sixth session a concise report on the feasibility of and possible procedures and models for achieving a more secure financial base for UNDP, including the possibility of multiyear financing of UNDP, taking into account the written and oral views expressed in the Council and the results of the next Pledging Conference;

16. Decides, in the light of the currently high level of liquid resources, and in order to ensure a sustained and orderly programme growth and to further strengthen UNDP's financial position, to advance to the extent possible to 1978 the replenishment contributions to the operational reserve of \$50 million now scheduled for each of the years 1979 and 1980, thus freeing those sums for programme purposes in those years, while ensuring simultaneously that the planned programme delivery is in no way adversely affected and that the operational reserve is restored to its approved level of \$150 million as soon as feasible, and decides further to review this decision at its twenty-sixth session.

625th meeting
3 July 1978

78/19. Cost sharing

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on cost sharing arrangements (DP/300) which contained the draft guidelines, policies and procedures governing the administration of cost sharing arrangements pursuant to the Council's request;
2. Requests the Administrator to revise the comprehensive set of rules and procedures covering cost sharing and third party cost sharing taking into account the views expressed in the Governing Council on the subject;
3. Reiterates its request that the Governing Council be kept regularly informed on cost sharing arrangements and particularly third-country cost sharing so as to be able to assess the impact and possible implications of such arrangements on the programme as a whole;
4. Calls upon the Administrator to continue to apply the Governing Council's decision taken at its twenty-fourth session (see E/6013/Rev.1, 1/ para. 311) on the magnitude of cost sharing that may be accepted so that such arrangements do not impinge upon the multilateral character of the programme nor divert funds from the general resources of the programme;
5. Requests that exceptions to the limits on cost sharing established by the Governing Council be submitted to the Council for consideration;
6. Further requests the Administrator to prepare guidelines to ensure that when clearly identifiable additional administrative costs are incurred as a result of cost sharing arrangements, such additional costs are recovered from the cost sharing contributions;
7. Decides to review cost sharing arrangements at its twenty-sixth session on the basis of a detailed analytical report to be prepared by the Administrator showing the kinds of projects selected for cost sharing, the sectors involved and the clearly identifiable additional administrative costs involved. The study should also contain comments and recommendations relating to UNDP administrative costs arising out of field support for non-UNDP funded activities.

623rd meeting
30 June 1978

78/20. Development of the financial and programme information network

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the Administrator's progress reports on the Integrated Systems Improvement Project (ISIP) (DP/329 and DP/GC/XXV/BFC/CRP.5 and 7);
2. Endorses in principle the continuation of the ISIP project;
3. Requests the Administrator to proceed with the implementation of an improved financial and programme information system for UNDP as soon as possible;
4. Requests the Administrator in proceeding with phase II to review carefully the consultants' proposal with a view to making any appropriate amendments to ensure that a sound conceptual basis compatible with the decisions of the Governing Council exists for moving into the implementation phase, and to seek proposals for the implementation of phase II on as broad a basis as he deems necessary in order to achieve the most favourable contractual terms possible in a manner consistent with the requirements of the project;
5. Authorizes the Administrator to enter into a commitment for phase II of the ISIP project, up to a total amount of \$1.2 million, if required, with the financing of the project to be met from: (a) approximately \$700,000 from contributions already made and still available after completion of phase I; (b) special voluntary contributions to be made to UNDP for this purpose; (c) savings under the 1978 and 1979 administrative and programme support budgets; and (d) only to the extent that these additional resources may not become available, through supplementary budget estimates as provided for under financial rule 111.8.

625th meeting
3 July 1978

78/21. UNDP administrative and programme support costs for 1979; establishment of a biennial budget; and further distinguishing between administrative and programme support costs

The Governing Council,

Having considered the 1979 budget estimates for administrative and programme support services of the United Nations Development Programme (DP/335 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2),

1. (a) Approves appropriations in an amount of \$91,478,000 gross to be allocated from the resources of UNDP to finance the 1979 programme budget as follows:

<u>Programme</u>	<u>(US dollars)</u>
Policy-making organs	1,068,500
Executive direction and management	1,202,500
Programme management and support	42,268,500
Sectoral support services	5,082,400
Administrative and common services	39,678,100
United Nations Volunteers	1,459,600
United Nations Capital Development Fund	718,400
<u>Total gross</u>	<u>91,478,000</u>

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- (b) Resolves that the income estimates in an amount of \$21,511,700 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations in subparagraph (a) above resulting in net budget appropriations of \$69,966,300;

2. Agrees that the Administrator shall be authorized to transfer credits between programmes of the 1979 budget, within reasonable limits with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. (a) Approves appropriations in an amount of \$2,052,500 gross for the Office for Projects Execution to be financed from overheads received on projects executed by UNDP;
- (b) Resolves that the income estimates in an amount of \$299,500 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations in subparagraph (a) above resulting in net budget appropriations of \$1,753,000;
4. (a) Approves appropriations of \$922,500 gross for the Office of Projects Execution United Nations Sahelian Office operations to be allocated from the resources of the United Nations Trust Fund for Sudano-Sahelian Activities;
- (b) Resolves that income estimates in an amount of \$115,700 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations in subparagraph (a) above resulting in net budget appropriations of \$806,800;

5. (a) Approves appropriations in an amount of \$184,500 gross for the Office of Projects Execution CDF operations to be allocated from the resources of the Capital Development Fund;
- (b) Resolves that income estimates in an amount of \$15,100 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations in subparagraph (a) above resulting in net budget appropriations of \$169,400;
6. (a) Approves appropriations in an amount of \$723,700 gross for support services for UNDP executed projects to be financed from overheads received on projects executed by UNDP. Of this amount, \$285,100 refers to the Bureau for Special Activities, Office of the Assistant Administrator; \$150,900 to Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit; and \$287,700 to administrative and common services;
- (b) Resolves that income estimates in an amount of \$121,300 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations in subparagraph (a) above resulting in net budget appropriations of \$602,400;
7. (a) Approves appropriations in the amount of \$627,700 gross for the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration to be allocated from the resources of the Fund;
- (b) Resolves that income estimates in an amount of \$76,800 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations in subparagraph (a) above, resulting in net budget appropriations of \$550,900;
8. (a) Approves appropriations in the amount of \$882,500 gross for the United Nations Sahelian Office to be allocated from the resources of the office;
- (b) Resolves that income estimates in an amount of \$114,600 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations in subparagraph (a) above resulting in net appropriations of \$767,900;
9. Requests the Administrator to endeavour to absorb the cost of an additional provisional post at the level of P-4 amounting to \$13,100 in 1978 and \$27,000 in 1979 from within the approved appropriations for those years;
10. Endorses the Administrator's proposal to submit at the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council in June 1979, after consulting ACABQ on the format to be followed, a biennial programme budget covering the years 1980/1981 on an experimental basis, and using the methodology currently followed, taking into account also the views expressed by members of the Council at its twenty-fifth session;
11. Takes note that the Administrator will submit a further report at the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council on the feasibility of further distinguishing between administrative and programme support costs in the budget document;
12. Reiterates its request to the Economic and Social Council to recommend to the General Assembly that administrative expenses of the Capital Development Fund should be met from voluntary contributions made to that fund.

78/22. Recruitment and use and prospects of reducing the costs of UNDP-financed experts

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The Governing Council

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report on the role of experts in development co-operation prepared by the Joint Inspection Unit (DP/334) as well as the joint comments thereon provided by UNDP and the other organizations of the United Nations development system (DP/334/Add.2) and the background materials submitted by UNDP (DP/334/Add.1);
2. Reiterates the need for reducing the over-all costs of providing the expertise required by the developing countries through reduction in the costs of expert services and the increased use wherever possible, of other cost-effective methods of meeting the need of developing countries for technical assistance;
3. Reaffirms the importance of carrying out the task of furnishing the developing countries with technical assistance in such a manner that the basic technical co-operation purpose of promoting the self-reliance of the participating developing countries, with respect to their managerial, technical, administrative and research capabilities, is properly served;
4. Reaffirms the principle of government management and, in this connexion, recalls the following:
 - (a) A project assisted by the United Nations system is essentially an undertaking of the Government which, while retaining the responsibility for its initiation, formulation, implementation and follow-up, seeks the co-operation of the United Nations organizations in the process or parts thereof. The over-all management responsibility for the project rests with the Government and, in this sense, every project receiving the technical co-operation of the United Nations system is government-managed. UNDP and other organizations of the United Nations system should, in formulating and implementing their policies and procedures, ensure that their approach is consistent with the effective exercise of the prerogative by the Government, subject only to the provisions of any agreement which the Government may enter into with the organizations with regard to programmes and projects;
 - (b) Within this broad concept of government management, the Government may execute the project under government execution arrangements, as approved at the twentieth, twenty-second and twenty-third sessions of the Council, thus retaining full responsibility for all aspects of project execution, or it may utilize the traditional execution arrangements;

5. Requests the Administrator to take the following action, in consultation and co-operation with the participating and executing agencies of the United Nations system:

- (a) Assess the status of implementation of those measures cited in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit which have already been introduced in practice on the basis of previous decisions of the Council;
- (b) Examine the practical and other implications of the rest of the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit, and, in this connexion, carry out supplementary studies to develop information and proposals concerning those areas or issues which were included in the original mandate but have not been fully dealt with in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit, such as: demand for and supply of expertise relative to levels of competence; systems of payment based on levels of competence; experience and features of direct recruitment of foreign staff undertaken by some developing countries; and alternative methods used by non-United Nations system organizations engaged in technical co-operation for meeting the needs for expertise; approaches and operational measures for helping to enhance self-reliance at the programme and project level within the over-all country context;

6. Further requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council, at its twenty-sixth session, on the results of the measures indicated above.

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7. Invites Governments to give their comments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit and the related documentation submitted at the twenty-fifth session of the Governing Council, so that they may be considered along with the Administrator's report, at the twenty-sixth session of the Council.

625th meeting
3 July 1978

78/23. Custody of UNDP funds

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the progress made in discussions between the Administrator and the Secretary-General on the question of custodianship of UNDP funds as reflected in the progress report of the Administrator (DP/343);
2. Agrees that the Administrator should accept the additional delegation of authority proposed by the Secretary-General in the letter to the Administrator dated 18 April 1978;
3. Requests the Administrator to continue discussions with the Secretary-General with a view to reaching complete agreement on the further delegation of authority necessary for the sound financial management of all UNDP resources;
4. Requests the Administrator to submit a further report to the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session on the results of these further discussions, together with the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on this matter.

623rd meeting
30 June 1978

78/24. Progress report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Support Costs

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the interim report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Overhead Costs (see annex III);
2. Approves the change in the name of the Group to "Intergovernmental Working Group on Support Costs";
3. Invites the executive agencies to provide information to the Working Group, at its next session in January 1979, on possible measures which could be taken to strengthen their procedures so that the actual level of support costs components can be more clearly identified.

623rd meeting
30 June 1978

78/25. Audit reports

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the audit reports and audited accounts of the participating and executing agencies for the year ended 31 December 1976 relating to the funds allocated to them by UNDP, as contained in the note by the Administrator (DP/303);
2. Requests the Administrator to consult the Panel of External Auditors with a view to obtaining, as far as possible, a standard format for the audit reports submitted to the Governing Council in respect of funds provided by UNDP, which reports should also include any information on financial matters as well as management issues of interest to the Council along with any recommendations which the External Auditors might have thereon.

623rd meeting
30 June 1978

78/26. UNDP Financial Regulations and Rules

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the note by the Administrator (DP/325) containing his proposals on new financial regulations and the addendum (DP/325/Add.1) containing the views of the Secretary-General, especially concerning the new financial regulations suggested by the United Nations Board of Auditors;

2. Approves the following new financial regulations:

"Regulation 3.5: The Operational Reserve authorized under Regulation 3.2 shall be established at the level of \$150,000,000 on a fully funded liquid basis;

"Regulation 3.6: The Administrator, taking into account the multilateral character of the Programme, is authorized to accept voluntary contributions from States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies as Trust Funds for projects or programmes which have received the prior approval or endorsement of the General Assembly and/or the Economic and Social Council provided that the acceptance of such contributions which directly or indirectly involve additional financial liability for the Organization shall require the prior consent of the Governing Council and the Governing Council shall be kept informed as to the amount accepted and the funds utilized by the Administrator and also as to the purposes for which such funds were expended;"

3. Agrees that the Administrator shall seek to achieve greater harmony and uniformity between the United Nations and UNDP Financial Regulations and Rules and requests the Administrator to submit to the Governing Council at the twenty-sixth session for its review and approval a report showing the existing UNDP Financial Regulations as compared with the United Nations Financial Regulations along with specific proposals for these United Nations Regulations which the Council might adopt as applicable to UNDP and those cases where exceptions or additions are needed;

4. Requests the Administrator to include in the report to the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session for its information similar data on the Financial Rules which the Administrator will promulgate in conjunction with the Council's approval of the UNDP Financial Regulations.

623rd meeting
30 June 1978

78/27. Sectoral support

The Governing Council

Bearing in mind the multidimensional character of the development process and the central funding and co-ordinating role of UNDP as recognized by the General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of providing adequate, effective and timely sectoral support to developing countries to assist them in achieving their development objectives,

Emphasizing the role of the specialized agencies in providing such support,

Noting the funding for sectoral support provided by the agencies,

Taking into account the views expressed in the Budgetary and Finance Committee during its consideration of this item,

Emphasizing that UNDP should finance sectoral support costs for the UNDP-financed technical programmes only to the extent that such sectoral support is in addition to the regular programme functions of the executing agency,

1. Takes note of the report by the Administrator on sectoral support (DP/323 and Corr. 1 and 2) and of the additional information provided to the Budget and Finance Committee;

2. Approves an additional appropriation for 1979 for agencies other than FAO and UNIDO for which UNDP is already providing such finances, in the net amount of \$1,400,000 to finance additional Sectoral Advisers, to be used at the discretion of the Administrator, but in the first instance in respect of requests submitted in the report of the Administrator for new programmes under the major programme "sectoral support services" of the Administrative and Programme Support budget;

3. Requests the Administrator to report at the twenty-sixth session of the Council on the use of the appropriation for sectoral support, particularly in the light of the experience gained in providing adequate sectoral support to the single designated official at the country level in accordance with paragraph 34 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, and in consultation with the executing agencies, to propose future arrangements, including arrangements to the extent feasible on the sharing of costs in those cases where Sectoral Advisers undertake such other functions as recognized by UNDP and the executing agencies as not directly in support of UNDP-financed activities.

625th meeting
3 July 1978

78/28. Report on the Consultative Group on Food Production and Investment

The Governing Council

Drawing attention to the importance of the development of food plans,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the Consultative Group on Food Production and Investment (DP/304);

2. Requests the Administrator to report the views of the Governing Council to the World Food Council.

625th meeting
3 July 1978

78/29. Request by the International Telecommunication Union for additional overhead reimbursement for 1977

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the request by the International Telecommunication Union for additional overhead reimbursement for 1977 (DP/345);
2. Authorizes the Administrator to reimburse an amount of \$270,466 to the International Telecommunication Union representing a special overhead reimbursement in respect of the year 1977, as an exceptional measure and without making it a precedent for overhead payments to smaller agencies in future.

625th meeting
3 July 1978

78/30. Fisheries vessels pool

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report on the fisheries vessels pool (DP/311);
2. Requests the Administrator to take into account the observations made by the Budgetary and Finance Committee on this subject.

625th meeting
3 July 1978

78/31. Interagency procurement services

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report by the Administrator on interagency procurement services (DP/327 and Corr.1);
2. Expresses satisfaction with the progress made by the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit since its establishment as of 1 January 1978;
3. Requests the Administrator to submit at the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council a comprehensive progress report on the activities of the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit, including a detailed analytical report on the use and procurement of vehicles;
4. Reaffirms its view that the over-all objective and overriding concern of the Unit should be to procure equipment at the lowest possible cost consistent with the maintenance of adequate standards;
5. Requests that the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit, while maintaining as its primary objective that mentioned above, take into account the following three subsidiary objectives:
 - (a) To increase procurement from the developing countries;
 - (b) To increase utilization of non-convertible currencies;
 - (c) To achieve a wider geographical distribution of services of supply;
6. Takes note of alternative arrangements made through the International Trade Centre for supporting the activities of the Unit in respect of increasing procurement of equipment and supplies from developing countries, thus avoiding any increase in the Unit's staff or budget.

625th meeting
3 July 1978

78/32. Governing Council documentation

The Governing Council

1. Decides that before a decision is taken by the Governing Council, the Administrator shall, wherever applicable, inform the Council of the financial implications of the decision in question, such information to be considered by the Budgetary and Finance Committee of the Governing Council before the decision is taken by the Council;

2. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Governing Council concise, action and operation-oriented documents, inter alia, by adopting the following steps:

(a) Preface each Governing Council document with a brief summary of its contents;

(b) Indicate clearly in each Governing Council document whether the Council is expected to take action on the basis of the document and what action is proposed by the Administrator;

3. Requests the Administrator to introduce a code system, in the manner customary in other United Nations organizations, for the identification of Governing Council resolutions and decisions, the system being so designed that it can be applied retroactively to all Governing Council decisions;

4. Decides to review the question of documentation including the format of the Governing Council's report and the provision of summary records at its twenty-sixth session, particularly in the light of any relevant decisions, if any, of the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

625th meeting
3 July 1978

78/33. United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The Governing Council

Taking into account the comments made during the consideration of item 18,

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director of UNFPA on 1977 activities and the future programme (DP/308 and Corr. 1 and 2 and DP/308/ANNEX and Corr.1);

2. Approves, on the understanding that they will be resubmitted for Council review after two years:

(a) The programme in Afghanistan (DP/FPA/8/Add.3) in the amount of \$15 million for five years;

(b) The programme in the Republic of Korea (DP/FPA/8/Add.7) in the amount of \$2,266,616 for three-and-one-half years;

(c) The programme in Tunisia (DP/FPA/8/Add.1 and Corr.1) in the amount of \$4 million for five years;

(d) The programme in Viet Nam (DP/FPA/8/Add.4 and Corr.1) in the amount of \$17 million for five years, on the understanding that the reserve of around \$4.8 million will be programmed taking into account the views expressed by members of the Council on UNFPA support to population distribution activities;

3. Approves the remaining portions of the UNFPA programmes in Nigeria (DP/FPA/8/Add.2), Haiti (DP/FPA/8/Add.5), Jordan (DP/FPA/8/Add.6) and the Syrian Arab Republic (DP/FPA/8/Add.8), and on UNFPA support to the United Nations Romanian Demographic Centre (DP/FPA/8/Add.9 and Corr.1);

4. Takes note with appreciation of the Executive Director's report on UNFPA support of intercountry activities and the progress that has been made (DP/332); and

5. Considers favourably the Executive Director's initiative to establish an experimental mechanism for co-ordinating intercountry activities and for promoting more integrated programmes addressed to problems common to the countries in the respective geographical areas and encourages further efforts of this kind;

6. Urges the Executive Director, in consultation with the international organizations concerned, to co-ordinate approaches by organizations in the United Nations system for identifying and meeting country needs and to continue his efforts to streamline regional, interregional and global activities supported by UNFPA;

7. Further requests the Executive Director to submit at the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council, bearing in mind the views expressed in the Council:

(a) Cost estimates for intercountry activities;

(b) Suggested priorities at levels of financing equal to 20, 25 and 30 per cent of projected 1982 resources;

8. Agrees that the Fund should continue the trend towards providing an increasing proportion of UNFPA resources to country programmes;

9. Requests the Executive Director to continue to reduce infrastructure support and payment of overhead costs and to submit at the next meeting of the Council his recommendations concerning the rationale for future support;

10. Also requests that, in order to assist the Council in reaching informed decisions on the types of programmes and the level of future support for intercountry activities to be approved by it, the Executive Director provide the Council with proposed programmes specifically related to basic country needs in the major programme areas recommended in this report;

11. Appreciates the Executive Director's report on the evaluation of UNFPA projects (DP/331), endorses the approach and methodology described therein, and requests him to supply similar reports periodically in the future;

12. Shares the Executive Director's view that research on contraceptive technology is crucial to the attainment of the Fund's objectives and further

takes note of his decisions to provide UNFPA assistance for the 1977 and 1978 activities of the WHO Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction and requests him to provide, for approval by the Governing Council at its next session, specific proposals for the future support of global programmes of an innovative character including the WHO Special Programme

13. Decides to give the Executive Director additional approval authority of \$10 million for 1978, \$67.5 million for 1979 to bring the total for 1979 to \$120 million, \$42.5 million for 1980 and \$20 million for 1981, on the understanding that the Executive Director will limit the approval of projects to available resources.

II

The Governing Council

Having considered the 1979 budget estimates for administrative and programme support services of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (DP/333), together with the report of the ACABQ (DP/344),

1. Approves appropriations in the amount of \$5,390,104 net to be allocated from the resources of UNFPA as submitted in the budget estimates, amended to delete one new post each at the P-4 and G-4 levels and to reclassify only one post to the D-1 level and one post to the P-5 level, to finance the 1979 programme budget as follows:

<u>Programme</u>	<u>(US dollars)</u>
Executive direction and management	839,532
Administration and public information support services	1,500,546
Programme planning, appraisal and monitoring	3,050,026
TOTAL NET	<u>5,390,104</u>

2. Agrees that the Executive Director shall be authorized to transfer credits between programmes of the 1978 and 1979 budgets, within reasonable limits, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. Agrees that until the review at the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council the UNFPA shall continue the practice of funding field co-ordinator posts from project funds and of including the data on such posts in the UNFPA Administrative and Programme Support Budget for information purposes;

4. Takes note of the UNFPA financial report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 1976 and the report of the Board of Auditors; 21/

5. Requests the Executive Director to submit at the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council an outline of a long-term staffing proposal taking into account views expressed in the Council at its twenty-fifth session.

622nd meeting
29 June 1978

78/34. United Nations technical co-operation activities

The Governing Council

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations technical co-operation activities (DP/RP/19) and of the views expressed during the consideration of this item.

620th meeting
27 June 1978

78/35. Information on the regular and extrabudgetary programmes of technical co-operation of organizations in the United Nations system

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator containing information on the regular and extrabudgetary programmes of technical co-operation of organizations in the United Nations system in 1977 (DP/337 and DP/337/ANNEX), and the comments made by members of the Council during the consideration of this item;

2. Requests the Administrator to continue his efforts at improving the information on technical co-operation flows in the United Nations system, and to report further thereon at the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council in connexion with his report on 1978 regular programme and extrabudgetary technical co-operation activities.

618th meeting
26 June 1978

78/36 Date and provisional agenda for the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council

I

The Governing Council

Agrees on the following provisional agenda for its twenty-sixth session:

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of the agenda

4. Annual report of the Administrator for 1978
5. Role and activities of the United Nations Development Programme
6. Mid-term review of the second UNDP programme cycle, 1977-1981, and preparation for the third cycle, 1982-1986
7. Information on the regular and extrabudgetary programmes of technical co-operation of organizations in the United Nations system
8. United Nations Sahelian Office and drought-stricken countries in Africa and adjacent areas
9. United Nations Volunteers
10. United Nations Capital Development Fund
11. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration
12. United Nations Special Fund for Land-Locked Developing Countries
13. Technical co-operation among developing countries
14. Action taken in 1978 by organs of the United Nations and organizations in the United Nations system
15. Country and intercountry programming and projects
16. Consideration of: (a) operational and policy matters regarding the implementation of country, intercountry and global programmes and projects; (b) the related procedures of the Governing Council for dealing with programme matters
17. Budgetary, administrative and financial matters
18. United Nations Fund for Population Activities
19. United Nations technical co-operation activities
20. Other matters
21. Date and provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council
22. Draft report of the Governing Council to the second regular session, 1979, of the Economic and Social Council

The Governing Council.

Recalling its decision on the frequency and timing of its future sessions adopted at its twenty-fourth session (E/6013/Rev.1, 1/ para. 549),

Decides, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, that:

(a) The Council will hold its twenty-sixth session in June 1979 in New York, unless the Council decides to accept an invitation to meet elsewhere;

(b) The Council will hold a three-day meeting in January 1979 in New York, devoted to the consideration and approval of country and intercountry programmes and projects, it being understood that the Administrator, in preparing the work of the Programme in future years, will exercise his best endeavours to present all country and intercountry programmes and projects to the Council for approval at its annual sessions;

(c) The Intergovernmental Working Group on Support Costs 22/ will hold its third session for a three-day period in January 1979, in New York, immediately before the January meetings of the Council.

623rd and 624th meetings
30 June 1978

22/ See decision 25/22.

