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79/1. Country and intercountry programming and projects

The Governing Council

1. Approves the proposed country programmes for Argentina (DP/GC/ARG/R.2), Bahrain (DP/GC/BAH/R.2 and Corr.1), Gabon (DP/GC/GAB/R.2), Indonesia (DP/GC/INS/R.2), Oman (DP/GC/OMA/R.2), Samoa (DP/GC/SAM/R.2), Singapore (DP/GC/SIN/R.3), United Arab Emirates (DP/GC/UAE/R.2) and United Republic of Tanzania (DP/GC/URT/R.2 and Corr.1) for the duration of their respective programme periods and within the limits of the Indicative Planning Figures (IPFs) for 1977-1981, and with respect to Indonesia and Samoa, within the limits of IPF resources indicated in the relevant notes by the Administrator (DP/GC/INS/R.2/RECOMMENDATION and DP/GC/SAM/R.2/RECOMMENDATION), taking into account the balance of over-expenditure or under-expenditure of their 1972-1976 IPFs and, in the case of the United Republic of Tanzania, its under-utilization of the Special Measures Fund for Least Developed Countries;
2. 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, c/ that expenditures are kept in reasonable conformity with the relevant IPFs and are contained within the financial resources available at any given time;
3. Approves the following global projects: Maximizing Nitrogen Fixation by Cowpeas and Soybeans in Farming Systems in the Humid Tropics (GLO/77/013) (DP/PROJECTS/R.11/Add.1); Research, Training and Production Programme for Nutritional Quality Maize (GLO/78/009) (DP/PROJECTS/R.11/Add.2); Increasing the Fixation of Soil Nitrogen and the Efficiency of Soil Water Use in Rainfed Agricultural Systems in the Countries of North Africa and Western Asia (GLO/78/003) (DP/PROJECTS/R.11/Add.3); and Low-Cost Water and Sanitation Techniques (GLO/78/006) (DP/PROJECTS/R.11/Add.4); and authorizes the Administrator to make the appropriate arrangements for the execution of these projects;
4. Takes note of the preparatory assistance in the amount of \$25,000, authorized by the Administrator under the Global IPF, towards the establishment of an International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR).

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79/2. United Nations Revolving Fund for
Natural Resources Exploration

The Governing Council

1. Approves the project Copper and Gold Exploration in Suriname (SUR/NR/76/001) (DP/351) involving a minimum work plan at a cost equivalent to \$500,000 as an obligation of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, and possible additional expenditures for further activities, to a maximum of \$1.5 million, bringing total possible expenditure to the equivalent of \$2 million;
2. Approves the project Exploration of Three Areas in Southern Ecuador (ECU/NR/77/001) (DP/352) involving a minimum work plan at a cost equivalent to \$1.1 million as an obligation of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, and possible additional expenditures for further activities, to a maximum of \$2 million, bringing total possible expenditure to the equivalent of \$3.1 million;
3. Approves the project Exploration for Diamonds in South-western Sudan (SUD/NR/78/001) (DP/353) involving a minimum work plan at a cost equivalent to \$300,000 as an obligation of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, and possible additional expenditures for further activities, to a maximum of \$1.5 million, bringing total possible expenditure to the equivalent of \$1.8 million;
4. Approves the project Mineral Exploration in the Migori Area (KEN/NR/78/001) (DP/354) involving a minimum work plan at a cost equivalent to \$1.1 million as an obligation of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, and possible additional expenditures for further activities, to a maximum of \$1.5 million, bringing total possible expenditure to the equivalent of \$2.6 million;
5. Decides that these 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 these 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.

629th meeting
26 January 1979

79/3. United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The Governing Council

1. Approves the remaining portion of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities programme in Egypt (DP/FPA/9/Add.1 and Corr.1) with allocations in the amount of \$5,514,630;

2. Authorizes the Executive Director to continue the arrangements with the Government of Egypt and the executing agency.

629th meeting
26 January 1979

79/4. Establishment of an IPF for the New Hebrides
for the programme cycle 1977-1981

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of General Assembly resolution 33/30 on the question of the New Hebrides;

2. Decides, taking into account the level of the current programme, that an IPF of \$1.3 million be established for the condominium of the New Hebrides for programme cycle 1977-1981 pending accession to independence and that upon such accession the IPF for New Hebrides be set at \$2 million, which figure may be used now for planning purposes; the IPF of \$2 million will be financed by an amount of \$800,000 from the undistributed IPF for Asia and the Pacific and by an amount of \$1.2 million from IPF funds set aside for "future participants and other claimants".

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26 January 1979

79/5. Assistance to the People's Republic of China
for the programme cycle 1977-1981

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the statement of the Administrator on assistance to the People's Republic of China;
2. Authorizes the Administrator to proceed with appraisal and approval of requests for assistance to the People's Republic of China falling within the outlines of the programme identified by the UNDP mission for the programming cycle 1977-1981, while ensuring that expenditures are kept within the limit of \$15 million and are contained within the financial resources available at any given time; the amount of \$15 million will be financed from the funds earmarked for "future participants and other claims".

629th meeting
26 January 1979

79/6. Country and intercountry programming and projects

The Governing Council

I

1. Notes with appreciation the report of the Administrator on the relevant trends and problems of country programmes (DP/403) and the accompanying tables (DP/403/ANNEX), as well as of the comments made thereon by the representatives of Governments;

2. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Council at its twenty-seventh session a similar report which would also include an analysis of the extent to which and the reasons for which funds are allocated to the continuation of ongoing projects;

II

3. Approves the proposed country programmes for:

Barbados (DP/GC/BAR/R.2), Benin (DP/GC/BEN/R.2), Bhutan (DP/GC/BHU/R.2), Burma (DP/GC/BUR/R.3), Caribbean (DP/GC/CAR/R.2), Ghana (DP/GC/GHA/R.2), Guinea (DP/GC/GUI/R.2), India (DP/GC/IND/R.2), Kuwait (DP/GC/KUW/R.2), Liberia (DP/GC/LIR/R.2), Morocco (DP/GC/MOR/R.2), Mozambique (DP/GC/MOZ/R.1), Papua New Guinea (DP/GC/PAP/R.2), Sao Tome and Principe (DP/GC/STP/R.1), Saudi Arabia (DP/GC/SAU/R.2), Suriname (DP/GC/SUR/R.2), Swaziland (DP/GC/SWA/R.2), Trinidad and Tobago (DP/GC/TRI/R.2) and Yemen (DP/GC/YEM/R.2) for the duration of their respective programme periods and within the limits of their Indicative Planning Figures for 1977-1981, taking into account the balance of over-expenditure or under-expenditure of their 1972-1976 Indicative Planning Figures;

4. Approves the arrangements related to the Kuwait country programme in which the projects will be fully financed by the Government;

5. Approves the level of cost sharing in the Saudi Arabia country programme, and notes that payments in advance will be made on a project-by-project basis in accordance with the established guidelines governing the administration of cost sharing arrangements; 17/

6. 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 Indicative Planning Figures and are contained within the financial resources available at any given time;

7. Approves the following global projects:

Diarrhoeal Diseases Control Programme: Research in Vaccine and Drug Development (GLO/78/005) (DP/PROJECTS/R.12/Add.1);

International Rice Testing and Improvement Programme (GLO/79/003) (DP/PROJECTS/R.12/Add.2);

Integrated Cotton Research and Development Programme (Preparatory Assistance) (GLO/76/001) (DP/PROJECTS/R.12/Add.3);

Research and Training in Fertilizer Technology and Utilization (GLO/79/005) (DP/PROJECTS/R.12/Add.4);

Low-Cost Water and Sanitation Techniques: Development of Demonstration Projects (GLO/78/006) (DP/PROJECTS/R.12/Add.5);

and authorizes the Administrator to make the appropriate arrangements for the execution of these projects;

8. Approves the emergency assistance to meet intermediate needs for desert locust control (INT/79/902) (DP/PROJECTS/R.12/Add.6), at a total cost of \$2.1 million to be funded under the Programme Reserve, bearing in mind that disbursements will be subject to the availability of resources;

III

9. Takes note of the note by the Administrator on assistance to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DP/415) and the relevant statement by the Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific;

10. Authorizes the Administrator to proceed with discussions on a programme of technical co-operation with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the period mid-1979-1981 to be financed in the amount of \$8,850,000 to be taken from funds reserved for "future participants, and other claims";

IV

11. Welcomes the statement by the Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific on the intercountry programme for the least developed countries in that region and on the modalities for the implementation of that programme;

12. Takes note with approval of the utilization of the undistributed Indicative Planning Figures for country activities as well as for intercountry programmes for the developing island countries of the Caribbean and Pacific regions as reported by the respective Assistant Administrators and Regional Directors of those regions;

V

13. Recalls General Assembly resolution 33/152 on assistance to Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent, as well as the decision taken at its twenty-second session to provide additional resources to recipient countries as they gain independence;

14. Takes note of the accession to independence of Dominica and of St. Lucia;

15. Authorizes the Administrator to provide additional resources to Dominica and to St. Lucia in accordance with the established formula concerning the level of resources for newly independent countries;

16. Takes note of the information provided by the Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Latin America concerning the erroneous data on which the 1977-1981 Indicative Planning Figure for Guatemala had been calculated;

17. Authorizes the Administrator to increase the Indicative Planning Figure for Guatemala for 1977-1981 in the amount of \$0.5 million, which amount is to be financed from Indicative Planning Figure funds set aside for "future participants, and other claims".

635th meeting
8 June 1979

79/7. United Nations Special Fund for
Land-locked Developing Countries

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries (DP/387);
2. Reiterates, in the light of General Assembly resolution 33/85 of 15 December 1978, on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries and of resolution 123 (V), adopted at the fifth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, on specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries as it pertains to the Special Fund, the appeal made at its twenty-fifth session to Governments and international organizations to contribute generously to the Special Fund;
3. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its twenty-seventh session on the activities of the Fund.

659th meeting
26 June 1979

79/8. Operational and policy matters regarding implementation and related procedures of the Governing Council for dealing with programme matters

The Governing Council

I

1. Takes note with appreciation of the analysis of the implementation issues contained in the Administrator's annual report (DP/380) and in his note (DP/402), and of the views expressed during the consideration of this matter;

2. Requests the Administrator, in consultation with agencies and Governments, to take action to alleviate these problems along the lines indicated in document DP/402, bearing in mind the specific suggestions made during the Council's debate, and to pay special attention to these matters in his annual report to the Council at the twenty-seventh session;

II

3. Notes the recommendations of the Administrator regarding the procedures for the consideration of programme matters;

4. Decides that for future sessions of the Council, items relating to programme matters should be grouped and considered under the headings of "programme implementation" and "programme planning" and that specific periods of time be allocated well in advance for the consideration of these questions;

5. Requests that the Administrator, in preparing the documentation, ensure that questions brought to the Council's attention are presented in a concise and comprehensive manner so that overlapping of information is avoided and the interrelationship between the questions considered by the Council is duly emphasized.

659th meeting
26 June 1979

79/9. Annual report of the Administrator for 1978

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the annual report of the Administrator for 1978 (DP/380, DP/380/Annex I and Corr.1, DP/380/Annex II) and of the views expressed thereon by Council members and observers;
2. Expresses its appreciation for the analysis presented to the Council of those operational issues of direct relevance to the formulation of the new international development strategy;
3. Invites the Administrator to pursue his consultations with officials directly involved in the administration of technical co-operation activities with a view to identifying, on a broad basis, policy and operational issues which should be taken into account in the orientation of the Programme in the years ahead and to keep the Council informed of the issues thus identified;
4. Requests the Administrator to consult with officials from developing countries and from donor agencies on the possibility of devising a checklist of uniform or standard procedures to facilitate the administration of development operation by developing country officials and to report in 1980 on the results of these preliminary discussions.

660th meeting
27 June 1979

79/10. Role and activities of UNDP

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator on the role and activities of UNDP (DP.363), and its addenda on the examination of the country programming experience (DP/363/Add.1), on the UNDP/Agency Evaluation Programme (DP/363/Add.2), on investment follow-up (DP/363/Add.3), on the intercountry programming experience (DP/363/Add.4), and on UNDP and the new international economic order (DP/363/Add.5), as well as of the statement of the Deputy Administrator and the observations made during the discussion by members of the Council and observers,

I

Country programming

1. Expresses its appreciation of the Administrator's continued efforts to improve substantive co-ordination of technical co-operation, inter alia, through the progressive improvement of the country programming process and of co-ordination at the field level to strengthen the impact of co-operation provided by the United Nations system in support of the development efforts of the developing countries;

2. Endorses the examination undertaken by the Administrator, in close consultation with the recipient Governments and the organizations of the United Nations system, of the experience with country programming and requests him to take into account the comments and suggestions made during the debate in conducting this examination and to report his findings and recommendations to the Council at its twenty-seventh session;

3. Requests the Administrator to ensure in particular that the examination of country programming aims at introducing measures which will contribute to the implementation of paragraph 33 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system;

II

Evaluation

4. Notes with appreciation the substantive work in programme evaluation being carried out by UNDP in co-operation with the agencies, as set out in document DP/363/Add.2, and the progress reports on women in development and agricultural training;

5. Requests the Administrator:

(a) To maintain the emphasis placed on programme evaluation as a continuous activity, with the purpose of enhancing the effectiveness and quality of technical co-operation, and, in particular, to ensure that the lessons learned from the evaluation studies are applied in the identification and design of future projects, and to explore further the best ways of achieving this;

(b) To examine, in collaboration with the executing agencies, ways of systematizing the evaluation of individual projects, as well as the cost of more extensive systematic project evaluation, and report his findings to the Governing Council at the twenty-seventh session;

(c) To keep the Council regularly informed of the purposes, content and direction of the current and planned evaluation programmes;

(d) To provide the Council with summaries of the studies completed during the year, including the important conclusions and recommendations;

(e) To publish the evaluation reports in a UNDP series as and when they are completed and to give them appropriate distribution;

(f) To report to the Council at its twenty-seventh session and include information on the financial implications of his recommendations;

6. Requests the Administrator to submit an evaluation report on the global programmes to the Council at the twenty-seventh session;

III

Investment follow-up

7. Invites Governments to give due priority to pre-investment studies in their country programmes and to provide UNDP with information on investment resulting from UNDP pre-investment activities;

8. Notes the arrangements made for the strengthening of the central unit for investment follow-up at UNDP headquarters;

9. Notes with satisfaction that the arrangement with FAO has produced favourable results and requests the Administrator to continue, until the twenty-seventh session of the Council, the experimental arrangement with FAO for increasing the investment potential of FAO-executed projects financed from individual project budgets and, as an exceptional measure at the experimental stage, from savings in the 1979 administrative budget, and to review, on the basis of experience, the possibility of continuing this arrangement and extending it to other executing agencies, and decides to revert to this matter at its twenty-seventh session;

10. Requests the Administrator to carry out investment development studies as proposed in document DP/363/Add.3, keeping in mind particularly the needs of the least developed countries, and to submit his reports to the Council at its twenty-seventh session;

IV

Equipment and supplies in UNDP-assisted projects

11. Reaffirms the provisions contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) and in the Council's decision on new dimensions in technical co-operation 14/ concerning the supply of equipment and other material resources to be provided by UNDP;

12. Notes the Administrator's assurance that the supply of such UNDP-financed inputs be fully in conformity with the basic purpose of technical co-operation and pre-investment as so provided in these decisions;

V

Intercountry programming

13. Recalls General Assembly resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on

14/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5703/Rev.1), para. 54.

the capacity of the United Nations development system, in particular its provisions relating to priority setting, and 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 on new dimensions in technical co-operation, especially its aspects relating to technical co-operation among developing countries as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/74 on regional co-operation and development;

14. Recalls further resolution 194 (XXXV) of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, resolution 387 (XVIII) of the Economic Commission for Latin America and resolution 70 (VI) of the Economic Commission for West Asia, on co-operation between developing countries, particularly the provisions of these resolutions on regional co-operation;

15. Acknowledges the need to enhance the collective involvement of developing countries of each region in determining the priorities for the intercountry programmes presented to the Governing Council;

16. Notes the information provided by the Administrator on the importance of regional, interregional and global programmes in responding to regional and global priorities, in particular the establishment of a new international economic order;

17. Decides to review present practices for determining the priorities for the intercountry programmes in order to enhance the collective involvement of developing countries of each region in setting priorities for the regional programmes of the third cycle and to include this review as an item on the agenda of its twenty-seventh session;

18. Requests the Administrator to prepare a report for this review, in consultation, when feasible, with the executive heads of the specialized agencies of the United Nations system, with the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, and with the heads of other appropriate regional and subregional organizations of developing countries;

19. Endorses the steps being taken by the Administrator in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 32/197 (para. 23 of the annex) and 33/202 (sect. V, para. 3) to ensure the best possible consideration of regional commissions, as executing agencies "for intersectoral, subregional, regional and interregional projects and, in areas which do not fall within the purview of the sectoral responsibilities of specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies, for other subregional, regional and interregional projects";

VI

UNDP Interagency Task Force

20. Recalls the views expressed at its twenty-fifth session 15/ concerning the role played by the Interagency Task Force (IATF) in improving co-ordination between UNDP and the agencies in matters relating to operational activities and other issues of common concern;

21. Believes the IATF is playing an important role in the process of interagency consultation for technical co-operation activities of the United Nations system;

15/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 13, (E/1978/53/Rev.1), para. 293.

22. Endorses the Administrator's proposal to extend the mandate of the Task Force to 30 October 1980;

23. Welcomes the involvement of the Task Force in the forthcoming study of the country programming experience and other such studies of direct interest to the United Nations system and invites all participating and executing agencies to associate themselves with this consultative mechanism;

VII

New international economic order

24. Takes note of the report of the Administrator of UNDP on the new international economic order (DP/363/Add.5) which will be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

25. Requests the Administrator:

(a) To finalize the report, taking into account the comments made during the discussion of this item and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

(b) To prepare a comprehensive report for submission to the General Assembly at its special session in 1980, as called for in paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 33/198;

(c) To submit the text of this report for review by the Council at its twenty-seventh session, or, if the special session of the General Assembly precedes the Council's session, to submit the reports directly to the General Assembly.

660th meeting
27 June 1979

79/11. Future financing of the Programme

The Governing Council,

Believing that, in order to facilitate effective planning, the United Nations Development Programme should be funded on a more assured long-term basis;

Acknowledging the need to retain the voluntary character of contributions to the Programme,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the note by the Administrator (DP/377 (PART II));

2. Decides to convene an open-ended intergovernmental study group to consider possible options for achieving more stable and predictable financing, in particular questions related to multiyear pledging and a more equitable sharing of the cost of the Programme, taking due account of the legislative constraints on multiyear commitments faced by some Governments and bearing in mind the right of Governments to determine the relative proportions of multilateral and bilateral assistance in their aid programmes;

3. Requests the Administrator to make the necessary arrangements for a meeting of the study group at the earliest convenient date, and to report to the Governing Council at the twenty-seventh session on the outcome of its discussions;

4. Invites all participating Governments to join in the study group.

660th meeting
27 June 1979

79/12. Assistance to drought-stricken countries
in Africa and adjacent areas

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on assistance to the drought-stricken countries in Africa and adjacent areas (DP/400) and the statement made by the Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa, bringing up to date the information contained in that report,

1. Endorses the report of the Administrator and the statement of the Regional Director for Africa;
2. Takes note with appreciation of the intention of the Administrator to develop for the period 1982-1986 a special programme of assistance to protect the environment in arid and semi-arid zones of Africa;
3. Requests the Administrator to continue to report to the Governing Council on assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa and adjacent areas.

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27 June 1979

79/13. The role of qualified national personnel in the social
and economic development of developing countries

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator (DP/409) on the progress towards the preparation of the study called for in General Assembly resolution 33/135 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries;
2. Approves the outline for the full study contained in document DP/409;
3. Requests the Administrator to prepare the full study on the basis of the outline and with the close involvement of all United Nations system organizations concerned for submission to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session;
4. Transmits the report of the Administrator to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1979, in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 33/135.

660th meeting
27 June 1979

79/14. Action taken in 1978 by organs of the United Nations and organizations in the United Nations system

The Governing Council

1. Notes the information provided by the Administrator (see DP/384 and Add.1) on action taken by organs of the United Nations and organizations in the United Nations system;

2. Agrees that the texts of the resolutions need not be reproduced in the documentation submitted to the Governing Council under this item wherever they are already referred to in the documentation presented under other items.

660th meeting
27 June 1979

79/15. International co-operative action in support of the Mar del Plata Plan of Action

The Governing Council,

Recognizing the vital importance of achieving the goals adopted at Mar del Plata,

Noting resolution 1979/31 adopted on 9 May 1979 by the Economic and Social Council in support of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, especially the establishment of the Interagency Steering Committee comprising the United Nations, UNICEF, UNDP, the ILO, FAO, WHO and the World Bank, that has been set up with UNDP as chairman, to co-ordinate United Nations support for the Decade,

1. Endorses the action taken by the Administrator in support of this co-operative action, in collaboration with the Director General of WHO and other members of the Steering Committee;

2. Endorses also the role assigned by the Administrator, with the concurrence of the Steering Committee, to the resident representatives of UNDP as focal points for the co-operative action at the country level, and requests all agencies of the United Nations system to assist the resident representatives in carrying out these functions;

3. Urges member Governments to give particular attention in their development plans to the provision of safe drinking water supply and sanitation facilities in pursuance of the goals of the Decade, and suggests that developing countries make provision for support, as appropriate, through their UNDP country programmes and from other sources;

4. Welcomes the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council that a one-day special meeting be held during the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly to launch the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, and requests all member Governments to co-operate in preparing the necessary reports regarding their plans and programmes for the Decade;

5. Requests the Steering Committee to meet at the earliest opportunity to draw up plans for assisting in the preparation of the special meeting as requested by the Economic and Social Council and to define the individual roles and responsibilities of their respective secretariats in co-operating with Governments for achieving the goals of the Decade;

6. Urges the consultations group on the Decade, which held its first meeting in November 1978 in Geneva, to hold a second meeting in the fall of 1979 in order to discuss ways and means of achieving the goals of the Decade;

7. Requests the Administrator to present to the Governing Council at the twenty-seventh session, after consultations with the regional commissions, the necessary information about the implementation of the Mar del Plata Plan of Action 29/ recommendations to increase the funds available to all developing countries and, in particular, to the least developed countries to meet their needs in technical assistance and programmes related to water resources development.

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27 June 1979

79/16. Science and technology for development

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the document prepared by the Administrator for submission to the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development which was made available to the members of the Governing Council at the twenty-sixth session, as well as the views expressed by delegations during the session,

Emphasizing the fundamental and integral role of both science and technology in economic and social development in developing countries,

Recognizing the responsibilities of the organizations of the United Nations system for early follow-up action in their respective areas of competence on the decisions of the Conference, as approved by the General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the responsibility of UNDP, as the central funding body for technical co-operation in the United Nations system, to mobilize resources for technical co-operation and manage them effectively to respond to the development priorities and objectives of developing countries,

1. Requests the Administrator to take the measures needed, in co-operation with the concerned organizations of the United Nations system, to enable UNDP to respond promptly and effectively to those decisions of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, as approved by the General Assembly, which may be of concern to UNDP;

2. Requests further the Administrator, if the decisions of the General Assembly require urgent action by the Governing Council that cannot await the regular Council session, and subject to the allocation of resources by the General Assembly, to take the appropriate steps for the convening of a special meeting of the Governing Council so that action may be taken for the Programme to respond promptly to the General Assembly recommendations.

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79/17. Disaster preparedness and prevention

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the Administrator's note on disaster preparedness and prevention (DP/372), the statement of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and of the views expressed by members of the Council;
2. Invites the Administrator to continue his efforts, through the resident representatives, to assist Governments requesting technical assistance in disaster preparedness and prevention at both the national and regional levels, taking due account of the work of other international organizations, in particular of the office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (UNDRO).

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79/18. Implementation of General Assembly resolution
33/147 on assistance to the Palestinian people

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision at the twentieth session regarding the use of the Programme Reserve during the second cycle 1977-1981,

1. Authorizes the Administrator to draw upon the Programme Reserve for the financing of the projects recommended for assistance to the Palestinian people up to the amount of \$3.5 million;
2. Authorizes the Administrator to undertake appropriate consultations in accordance with resolution 33/147, and normal UNDP procedures, in order to finalize and go forward with the implementation of project proposals identified in annex III to the related report of the Administrator (DP/410) to be financed by the amount of \$3.5 million from the Programme Reserve with a view to their implementation;
3. Approves the use of such funds for the purpose of implementing these projects;
4. Authorizes the Administrator to accept funds from Governments and intergovernmental organizations for the purpose of implementing projects for assistance to the Palestinian people.

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79/19. Guidelines concerning the relationship between UNDP and external institutions

The Governing Council

1. Adopts the proposed guidelines concerning the relationship between UNDP and external institutions contained in the note by the Administrator (DP/414), as amended and reproduced in the annex to the present decision, taking into account the comments made by members of the Council, and on the understanding that they will be operative for a trial period of three years;
2. Invites the Administrator to report annually to the Governing Council on the implementation of the guidelines, and to prepare a detailed evaluation report at the end of the three-year period mentioned above.

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Annex

GUIDELINES CONCERNING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED
NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL INSTITUTIONS

1. There are a number of resolutions of the General Assembly which emphasize the importance of facilitating development co-operation by making available additional technical and financial resources.
2. As one action in response to these resolutions, the Administrator has determined that there should be available, for general information and use, guidelines which establish the basic conditions which must be met by institutions and organizations external to the United Nations, including educational, industrial, labour, scientific, technical and trade institutions, organizations and associations, and similar organizations (hereinafter called Co-operating Organizations) to provide development inputs in collaboration with UNDP.
3. Any operational agreements concluded with individual Co-operating Organizations in respect of specific assistance activities will be subject to the following guidelines:
 - (a) Co-operating Organizations must be non-profit and non-political. Membership may be composed of individuals or undertakings whatever their form of organization or ownership and may be drawn from developed countries, developing countries, or both;
 - (b) For any proposed plan of assistance, a Co-operating Organization must satisfy the Administrator that its objective is to assist the country or countries concerned in achieving their economic and social goals and not to promote the particular interests of any members which may participate in activities carried out in collaboration with UNDP;
 - (c) The objectives of the organizations and the activities which they carry out must be, in the judgement of the Administrator, consonant with those of the Charter and objectives of the United Nations, including ILO conventions;

(d) The Administrator must be satisfied that the membership of Co-operating Organizations is not subject to unreasonable or discriminatory conditions;

(e) The services of the Co-operating Organizations should be available either directly to the developing country, at the Government's direct request, or by request of the interested Government through the United Nations development system, with the decision as to which method should be used being left solely to the determination of the developing country concerned;

(f) In any project or programme of assistance, Co-operating Organizations will act only in agreement with an interested Government and in full harmony with its national priorities. Where appropriate and when requested by the Government concerned, Co-operating Organizations will utilize the UNDP country programme as a frame of reference. The agreed services provided and activities undertaken through the facilities of UNDP must be carried out in full accordance with UNDP's standing policies and procedures;

(g) Services provided by Co-operating Organizations under these guidelines may be either at their own expense in the case of those organizations which are in a position to meet such expense, or through an appropriate allocation from the recipient's IPF or through other UNDP resources, if necessary;

(h) Reports, recommendations or findings which Co-operating Organizations may prepare with regard to activities carried out with UNDP under these guidelines may not be published without the consent of the Government or Governments concerned and UNDP;

(i) Consultations shall take place as required between Co-operating Organizations and UNDP through their authorized representatives on aspects of activities carried out in collaboration with UNDP;

(j) The publications and other documents of Co-operating Organizations will show in suitable form that they are operated as independent, self-funded organizations with no linkages to UNDP other than those derived from any programmes or projects carried out pursuant to these guidelines;

(k) The general conditions required by UNDP for activities carried out by subcontractors (see UNDP/ADM/HQTRS/210/Add.1 of 22 October 1975) will apply to activities carried out by Co-operating Organizations under these guidelines unless otherwise agreed through specific arrangements.

79/20. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The Governing Council,

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

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

Considering that the nature and magnitude of the needs of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region requires that the international community should continue and strengthen its action of solidarity in support of the recovery efforts and economic take-off of those countries,

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/394),

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;
2. Commends the Administrator for the results of the work done by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office and for the operational modalities of the Office;
3. Expresses its profound gratitude to the Governments, United Nations agencies, 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 Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;
4. Urges Governments, United Nations agencies, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals to intensify their assistance, either bilaterally or through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office or any other intermediary, in response to requests from the Governments of the States members of CILSS and from CILSS itself;

5. Requests the Administrator to enhance the capacity of UNSO to continue to respond effectively to requests for assistance from the States members of CILSS through the use of resources available in the Programme, particularly the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the United Nations Capital Development Fund and the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;

6. Requests the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to continue its close co-operation with the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and its efforts to ensure co-operation and co-ordination between the United Nations programmes and bodies, with a view to the implementation of medium-term and long-term assistance programmes;

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

II

Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, in particular General Assembly resolutions 32/170 of 19 December 1977 and 33/88 and 33/89 of 15 December 1978 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/37 of 21 July 1978,

Recalling also its decision 25/10 of 27 June 1978 and decision 6/11 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) of 15 May 1978,

Conscious of the need for the immediate implementation in the region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification as an integral part of the general efforts to promote the economic and social development of the Sudano-Sahelian region,

Having considered decision 7/13 B adopted on 3 May 1979 by the Governing Council of UNEP on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification with special reference to the Sudano-Sahelian region,

Having also considered the report of the Administrator on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region (DP/395),

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Administrator on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

2. Approves the action taken within the framework of institutional arrangements in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

3. Endorses the modalities of the UNFPA/UNDP joint venture within the framework of the additional responsibilities of UNSO, on behalf of UNEP, to co-ordinate the efforts of the United Nations system and to assist the fifteen countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

4. Commends the Administrator for having finalized within the required time the modalities of co-operation between UNEP and UNDP and for the action-oriented measures taken by UNSO within the terms of its mandate to assist the fifteen countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

5. Authorizes the Administrator to continue to finance from the appropriate funds of the Programme the UNDP share of the administrative costs of UNSO relating to the UNDP/UNEP joint venture;

6. Further authorizes the Administrator to use the funds available from appropriate Programme sources to a total amount of \$330,000 for 1980 and \$368,000 for 1981 as the UNDP contribution in support of the on-going operational activities undertaken by UNSO as backing for the efforts of Governments to implement the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

7. Requests the Administrator to continue to examine the specific needs of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region and to grant to them, within the available resources of the Programme, additional assistance through UNSO, with a view to ensuring the timely and effective implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the region;

8. Further requests the Administrator to continue to report annually to the Governing Council on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

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79/21. United Nations Capital Development Fund

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the annual report of the Administrator for 1978 on the United Nations Capital Development Fund (DP/361 and DP/361/ANNEXES I and II) and his proposal for changing the financing of this capital assistance programme from full funding, to funding on a cash-flow basis (partial funding);
2. Welcomes, in particular, the close linkages established between UNDP and the Fund and looks forward to their further strengthening;
3. Approves, for an experimental period not to continue beyond the regular session of the Council in 1981, the change to partial funding not requiring additional resources, based on the proposed \$52 million commitments in 1979, of which \$25 million has already been committed on a fully funded basis and the \$27 million balance will be released by partial funding of the programme;
4. Decides that the Fund should establish and maintain an operational reserve of no less than 20 per cent of the Fund's project commitments;
5. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Council, at its twenty-seventh session, a report on the implementation of partial funding based on currently available financial resources and those contributed at the next United Nations pledging conference;
6. Further requests the Administrator, in recognition of the specialized personnel qualifications required for the conduct of a capital assistance programme, to give due regard to the need for speedy and efficient staffing arrangements in the Fund in close consultation with its Executive Secretary;
7. Further requests the Administrator to accord the Fund maximum flexibility in mobilizing administrative resources for an immediate implementation of partial funding, provided that the resulting administrative expenses do not exceed approximately 2 per cent of the annual project commitments made by the Fund;
8. Resolves the UNCDF should reimburse UNDP for UNCDF's administrative expenses from its accrued earnings, if any, derived from interest on investments and foreign exchange transfers, until such time as UNCDF may assume the financing of its own administrative expenses;
9. Reiterates its requests to the Economic and Social Council as contained in the decision at its twenty-fourth session 24/ and in its decision 25/19, to recommend to the General Assembly that the administrative expenses of UNCDF be met from voluntary contributions to the Fund.

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79/22. United Nations technical co-operation activities

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities (DP/RP/20) and suggests that the Secretary-General should consider extending the scope of future reports to the Council to include technical co-operation activities of the United Nations not covered in the report;

2. Recommends that the resources and expertise of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development and specifically its competence in the development of the infrastructure and resource bases, be used more extensively in the furtherance of the development of greater self-reliance of the developing countries and the implementation of the new international economic order;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to present to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session a proposal on the future orientation of the work of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development containing, in particular:

- (a) Guidelines for the over-all orientation of the regular programme;
- (b) Basic objectives of the Department's work in each of the main sectors of its activity;
- (c) Ways and means to increase the use of the regular programme for the benefit of the least developed countries and to promote technical co-operation among developing countries;

4. Welcomes the proposal to use, in consultation with UNDP, the resources of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development in support of the country programming exercises.

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79/23. Preparation for the third cycle, 1982-1986

The Governing Council,

Keeping in view the needs of all the developing countries for technical assistance with the ultimate aim of achieving national and collective self-reliance as one of the means towards establishing a new international economic order,

Having considered with appreciation the note by the Administrator (DP/377 (PART I)) and the comments made by members of the Governing Council thereon concerning the distribution of Indicative Planning Figure (IPF) resources for the third cycle, 1982-1986,

Taking into account with satisfaction the considerable progress made at the twenty-sixth session towards a resolution of the issues involved in planning for the UNDP third cycle,

Requests the Administrator to make the necessary arrangements for a special meeting of the Governing Council to be held no later than February 1980 to further review preparations for the third cycle, particularly IPFs, on the basis of the comments made and proposals submitted at its twenty-sixth session (CRP.30 and DP/377) and a report of the Administrator containing further third cycle IPF simulations, including calculations based on these proposals.

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79/24. United Nations Volunteers

The Governing Council

1. Takes note with appreciation of the Administrator's report (DP/376) on the progress of the United Nations Volunteers programme and of the statement by the Co-ordinator that the number of volunteers in the field now exceeds the initial target of 500 as established by the General Assembly, as well as of the views expressed by members and observers during the debate;
2. Recommends that the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly establish a new target level of 1,000 field volunteers by 1983, subject to availability of funds, with the understanding that the quality of the programme would not be adversely affected by this expansion;
3. Approves, subject to the availability of funds, the placement of UNV programme assistants in UNDP field offices in the least developed and newly independent countries to assist in the preparation of programmes and projects for UNV;
4. Notes with appreciation the great efforts that the least developed and newly independent countries are making in funding a number of volunteers from their Indicative Planning Figures, in the face of difficulties; and has noted with concern the decline in the percentage of volunteers placed in these countries;
5. Agrees that the Co-ordinator should continue consultation with Governments and, where appropriate, with agencies in an effort to facilitate recruitment and increase the base for such recruitment for UNV, and also requests the Administrator to report on this matter at the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council;
6. Requests the Administrator of UNDP to continue consultations with organizations of the United Nations system so that the experience of the United Nations Volunteers programme is taken into account when implementing various United Nations resolutions and in particular General Assembly resolution 32/135, and also requests the Administrator to report on this matter at the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council;
7. Notes with satisfaction the growing activities of UNV with domestic development service organizations and urges the Co-ordinator to expand such activities;
8. Reiterates previous appeals to Governments to take into account the growing number and increasing scope of the United Nations Volunteer activities and to consider increasing their contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund.

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79/25. Assistance to African liberation movements recognized
by the Organization of African Unity

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on assistance to colonial countries and peoples (DP/362 and Corr.1), the statements of the Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa, representatives of the African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity (OAU), as well as the comments made by the members of the Council and observers during the consideration of this report;

2. Notes with appreciation the increased support given by UNDP to African liberation movements recognized by OAU and the statement made in this respect by the Chairman of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of OAU to the General Assembly, on 27 September 1978; 20/

3. Notes that UNDP convened during the Governing Council's session a meeting with representatives of OAU, the liberation movements concerned and the organizations in the United Nations system, in response to General Assembly resolution 33/27 of 8 December 1978 and notes that the Indicative Planning Figure (IPF) for the liberation movements is fully committed;

4. Expresses its appreciation for the action taken by the Administrator with regard to the assistance extended to African liberation movements recognized by OAU;

5. Decides to convert the \$7 million advance approved during its twenty-fifth session in June 1978 from the Programme Reserve to an increase in the IPF for the national liberation movements, to be financed from the reserve for "future participants and other claims";

6. Further decides to increase the IPF for the liberation movements by \$7.5 million to be met from the following resources: \$3.15 million from the Programme Reserve and \$4.35 million from the reserve for future participants and other claims to the programme of assistance for colonial countries and peoples to meet the financial requirements for the remainder of the cycle;

7. Requests the Administrator to prepare for submission to the Governing Council at its twenty-ninth session, a comprehensive report on assistance to the liberation movements recognized by OAU for the remainder of the current cycle.

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79/26. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (DP/368), of the introductory statements made by the Administrator and the Director of the Fund, as well as of the observations and suggestions made during the consideration of the item;
2. Takes note of the recommendations of the Committee on Natural Resources at its sixth session 25/ and invites the Secretary-General in consultation with the Administrator, to establish an intergovernmental group of experts to prepare for the review of the activities of the Fund to be held in 1981 in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1762 (LIV);
3. Authorizes the Administrator, pending the review by the intergovernmental group of experts, referred to in paragraph 2 above, to undertake feasibility studies when so requested by Governments, particularly when such requests are the logical sequence to successful exploration projects financed by the Fund, provided that such studies are within the limitation imposed by the Fund's operational and financial capacity;
4. Endorses the Administrator's recommendation that the Council continue its role as governing body of the Fund until the 1981 comprehensive review of Fund operations, and requests the Economic and Social Council to take the appropriate decision at its second regular session of 1979;
5. Approves the projects recommended by the Administrator for Precious Metals Exploration in Eastern Liberia (LIR/NR/78/001) and Birim River Diamond Exploration (GHA/NR/78/001).

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79/27. Decade for Transport and Communications in Africa

The Governing Council

1. Recalls its decision 25/4 on the Decade for Transport and Communications in Africa;
2. Notes with appreciation the report of the Administrator on this subject (DP/369), as well as the information provided by the Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa in his statement;
3. Endorses the activities supported by the Programme which constitute a significant contribution towards the attainment of the objectives of the Decade;
4. Requests the Administrator to continue to lend full support to the Economic Commission for Africa in its assigned role as co-ordinator of the multi-donor effort towards the realization of the programme for the Decade, and to co-operate throughout the Decade with the Commission in its activities concerning the Decade;
5. Authorizes the Administrator, in order to respond positively to the appeal made to the international community by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning:
 - (a) To allocate \$3.5 million from the reserve for future participants and other claims to the Regional Indicative Planning Figure for Africa for the second cycle in order to increase the possibilities of UNDP financing priority regional and subregional projects contained in the first phase Programme of the Decade, on the understanding that should project expenditure so permit, a total of \$6 million may be disbursed for this purpose should funds be available within the new ceiling for the regional Indicative Planning Figure for Africa of \$109.4 million;
 - (b) To consider in the debates relating to the allocation of funds for the third cycle, the question of calculating for the years 1982-1986, the regional Indicative Planning Figures for the African States by increasing by 8 per cent the amounts which normally should be theirs, these additional resources being used as additional contributions to the success of the Decade;
6. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its twenty-seventh session on the utilization of additional resources authorized in the preceding paragraph as well as on progress made in the implementation of the programme for the Decade.

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79/28. United Nations Fund for Population Activities

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The Governing Council,

Taking into account the comments made during the consideration of agenda item 20,

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on 1978 activities and the future programme (DP/370 and DP/370/ANNEX);

2. Approves the following large-scale programmes and projects:

In Angola, in the amount of \$5 million for five years (DP/FPA/10/Add.8);

In Bangladesh, in the amount of \$25 million for five years (DP/FPA/10/Add.19) with the balance of a total of \$50 million programme as described in DP/FPA/10/Add.19 to be provided from other sources;

In Brazil, in the amount of \$1.1 million for two years (DP/FPA/10/Add.9)

In Burundi, in the amount of \$5.1 million for four years (DP/FPA/10/Add.22);

In the Congo, in the amount of \$2 million for five years (DP/FPA/Add.2);

In Cuba, in the amount of \$6 million for four years (DP/FPA/Add.20);

In the Dominican Republic, in the amount of \$3.5 million for four years (DP/FPA/10/Add.21);

In Democratic Yemen, in the amount of \$5.5 million for four years (DP/FPA/10/Add.10);

In El Salvador, in the amount of \$6 million for four years (DP/FPA/10/Add.13);

In Honduras, in the amount of \$4.3 million for five years (DP/FPA/10/Add.12);

In Jordan, in the amount of \$7 million for four years (DP/FPA/10/Add.24)

In Kenya, in the amount of \$6 million for four years (DP/FPA/10/Add.15);

In Liberia, in the amount of \$2.5 million for four years (DP/FPA/10/Add.1)

In Mali, in the amount of \$4.5 million for four years (DP/FPA/10/Add.7);

In Mexico, in the amount of \$6.3 million for three and one-half years (DP/FPA/10/Add.25);

In Mozambique, in the amount of \$9 million for five years (DP/FPA/10/Add.3);

In the Niger, in the amount of \$2,194,000 for five years (DP/FPA/10/Add.1)

In Panama, in the amount of \$2,286,000 for four years (DP/FPA/10/Add.5);

In Paraguay, in the amount of \$6 million for four years (DP/FPA/10/Add.1)

In Peru, in the amount of \$5.3 million for four years (DP/FPA/10/Add.18)

In Senegal, in the amount of \$5.5 million for four years (DP/FPA/10/Add.1)

In Thailand, in the amount of \$12 million for three years (DP/FPA/10/Add.11);

In Zambia, in the amount of \$2 million for three years (DP/FPA/10/Add.23)

Regional project in the Caribbean, in the amount of \$1,750,000 for three years (DP/FPA/10/Add.16);

United Nations Romanian Demographic Centre (CEDOR), in the amount of \$1 million for four years (DP/FPA/10/Add.14);

Allocations for the remaining years of previously approved UNFPA support to the World Fertility Survey (DP/FPA/10/Add.26);

3. Agrees that, with effect from the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council, allocations to new large-scale projects and programmes will be approved, unless the Council otherwise decides, for their whole duration up to five years, and to request information on those projects approved under the authority of the Executive Director which total \$250,000 or more;

4. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on UNFPA support of intercountry activities (DP/406), and approves the recommendations made in the report about the priority areas of future UNFPA support of intercountry activities within the level of approximately 25 per cent of total programme resources;

5. Agrees that UNFPA should continue to support the WHO Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction and that in the period 1979-1982, it gradually increase its contribution to attain a level of \$2 million in 1982, and that the Governing Council should review the question of continued UNFPA support for this programme at its regular session in 1982;

6. Takes note of the progress report on UNFPA infrastructure support to organizations of the United Nations system (DP/367) and requests the Executive Director to continue discussions with the parties concerned, with a view to maintaining an acceptable level of UNFPA-supported infrastructure posts, taking into account the need to provide adequate backstopping for the delivery of UNFPA assistance to the developing countries through the organizations in the United Nations system;

7. Decides to give the Executive Director additional approval authority of \$16 million for 1979; an additional \$95.5 million for 1980, to bring the total for 1980 to \$138 million; and \$49 million for 1981 and \$34.5 million for 1982, on the understanding that the Executive Director will limit the approval of projects to available resources.

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Administrative and programme support services of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The Governing Council,

Having considered the 1980 budget estimates for administrative and programme support services of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (DP/398), together with the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/413),

1. Approves the appropriations in the amount of \$6,672,697 net, to be allocated from the resources of UNFPA, to finance the administrative and programme support services for the year 1980, as submitted in the budget estimates, amended to delete one P-3, one P-1/2, one G-5, and five G-2/4 posts and to delete the

reclassification of one post to the P-5 level, five posts to the P-4 level, two posts to the P-3 level, and two posts to the G-5 level, as follows:

<u>Programme</u>	<u>US dollars</u>
Executive direction and management	913,864
Administrative and public information support services	1,913,710
Programme planning, appraisal and monitoring	<u>3,845,123</u>
TOTAL NET	<u>6,672,697</u>

2. Agrees that the Executive Director shall be authorized to transfer credit between programmes of the 1980 budgets, within reasonable limits, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. Reaffirms that UNFPA shall continue the practice of funding field co-ordinator and liaison officer posts from project funds and of including the data on such posts in the UNFPA administrative and programme support budgets for information purposes;

4. Approves forty field co-ordinator and liaison officer posts for 1980;

5. Takes note of the UNFPA financial report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 1977 and the report of the Board of Auditors (see DP/365);

6. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director containing an outline of long-term staffing proposals for UNFPA (DP/405).

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79/29. Technical co-operation among developing countries

The Governing Council,

Taking into account the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing TCDC, approved by the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries on 12 September 1978, 22/

Recalling General Assembly resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978 on the United Nations Conference on TCDC, in which the General Assembly endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action as an important instrument of the international community to intensify and strengthen co-operation among developing countries, thus making international co-operation for development more effective,

Bearing in mind that the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and General Assembly resolution 33/134 contain numerous recommendations and requests, directed to the United Nations Development Programme, its Governing Council and the Administrator,

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1. Welcomes the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing TCDC and its endorsement by the General Assembly in resolution 33/134;
2. Expresses its determination to implement all the recommendations and requests addressed to UNDP in General Assembly resolution 33/134;
3. Urges the Administrator to give special consideration to the speedy implementation and follow-up of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action;
4. Further urges that the entire United Nations development system be permeated by the spirit and the practice of TCDC and that all its relevant organizations play a prominent role as promoters and catalysts of TCDC;

22/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

5. Reiterates that recommendation 34 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action outlines terms of reference of the Special Unit for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries;

6. Recalls, in particular, paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 33/134;

7. Approves the 1979 supplementary estimates for strengthening the Special Unit for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries in the total amount of \$222,900 (net) which reflects the following changes in table A of document DP/393: the deletion of one Assistant Administrator post and one P-4 post, and the addition of one D-2 post; and, in order to finance these estimates, authorizes an allocation in the amount of \$222,900 (net) from the resources of UNDP;

8. Approves the 1980-1981 supplementary estimates for the Special Unit for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries in the total amount of \$1,209,100 (net) which reflects the following changes in table A of document DP/393: the deletion of one Assistant Administrator post and one P-4 post, and the addition of one D-2 post; and, in order to finance these estimates, authorizes an allocation in the amount of \$1,209,100 (net) from the resources of UNDP;

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9. Recalls its decision at the twentieth session 21/ regarding the use of the Programme Reserve during the second cycle, 1977-1981, and authorizes the Administrator to continue to draw upon the Programme Reserve for the financing of TCDC projects where IPF resources are not available;

10. Authorizes the Administrator to draw upon the Programme Reserve for such purposes up to the amount of \$1 million;

11. Welcomes the announcement made by the Government of India to allocate 10 per cent of its Indicative Planning Figure for TCDC activities and invites developing countries in a position to do so to consider similar action as one of the means of financing such activities, and invites developed countries to increase significantly their financial support for TCDC as recommended in the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (recommendation 38 subparagraph (h));

IV

12. Decides that, as the over-all intergovernmental review of TCDC within the United Nations system has been entrusted under General Assembly resolution 33/134 to a high-level meeting of representatives of all States participating in the United Nations Development Programme, its Committee on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries be discontinued;

13. Decides further to include the item "Technical co-operation among developing countries" in the agenda of its future sessions.

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29 June 1979

79/30. Restructuring of the economic and social sectors
of the United Nations system

The Governing Council

1. Takes note with appreciation of the Administrator's note (DP/408) on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system;
2. Endorses the Administrator's view that the over-all aim of the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system should be to ensure a more coherent, integrated and multidisciplinary approach to development problems and for operational activities, in particular, to achieve a real increase in the flow of resources on a predictable, continuous and assured basis;
3. Welcomes the establishment by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination of a Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (CCSQ) (OPS), to deal with issues related to system-wide operational activities and the tasks identified by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to be performed by CCSQ (OPS);
4. Endorses the measures already taken with respect to the implementation of these provisions contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 as they pertain to UNDP, in particular, the measures in respect to holding a single annual United Nations pledging conference, to achieve maximum uniformity for administrative, financial, budgetary, personnel and planning procedures, and to ensure coherence of action and effective integration of operational activities of the United Nations system at the country level, such as the utilization of the UNDP country programming process as a frame of reference for the operational activities carried out and financed by organizations in the United Nations system from their own resources;
5. Takes note of the text adopted by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination of a standard letter of designation of the "Single officials", to be known as the "Resident Co-ordinators of the United Nations system's operational activities for development" and notes that practical arrangements for the exercise of their functions are still under consideration by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;
6. Considers in this connexion that, in this regard, the following points should be kept in mind:
 - (a) The arrangements to be worked out for the exercise of the functions of the Resident Co-ordinator should enable them to exercise effectively their functions, as defined in paragraph 34 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197;
 - (b) These arrangements should also enable the Resident Co-ordinators to ensure at the country level the achievement of the objectives set in paragraph 28 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197, in respect of operational activities, and the effective implementation of the provisions of paragraph 33 of the same annex;
 - (c) The responsibilities of the Resident Co-ordinators, as in the case of the present responsibilities of the UNDP resident representatives, should be confined to operational activities;

7. Brings to the attention of the Economic and Social Council its other decisions adopted at its present session related to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197;

8. Requests the Administrator to keep the Council informed of subsequent action taken to implement the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/197, as well as an evaluation of the effectiveness of those measures already taken;

9. Approves the changes in the rules of procedure of the Governing Council proposed in the Administrator's note (DP/408, annex II).

664th meeting
2 July 1979

79/31. Mid-term review of the second UNDP programme cycle, 1977-1981

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the mid-term review second IPF cycle 1977-1981 (DP/390), the statements by the Administrator and the Director, Planning and Co-ordination Office, as well as of the comments made by members of the Council on this subject;
2. Invites all donor countries, developed and developing, to assist in the Programme's realizing at least \$3,402.2 million in voluntary contributions for the 1977-1981 cycle;
3. Reiterates the decision taken at its twentieth session 21/ recommending that recipient countries contribute the funds in local currency previously made available under assessed programme costs as part of their voluntary contribution;
4. Decides to increase the Interregional Indicative Planning Figures for the second cycle 1977-1981 by \$3.5 million, to be financed from the Programme Reserve;
5. Agrees to a total UNDP main programme (including "future participants and other claims" of \$2,518.1 million for 1977-1981;
6. Authorizes the Administrator to take the necessary steps to plan and implement this programme to the maximum extent possible in an efficient and flexible manner which would ensure that expenditures are kept within the financial resources;
7. Approves, subject to the availability of resources and without affecting programme delivery, the increase of the Operational Reserve by \$25 million in both 1980 and 1981, thus attaining a level of \$200 million by the end of 1981;
8. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its twenty-seventh session on criteria that would assist the Council in determining the appropriate level for the Operational Reserve for the third IPF cycle 1982-1986;
9. Invites the Administrator to submit to the Council at the twenty-seventh session a proposal for limited borrowing from the third cycle for certain country programmes in order to provide a smooth transition from the current cycle to the next, provided that this is compensated by under-spending in certain other country programmes in the current cycle due to unavoidable circumstances;
10. Decides to undertake an end-of-term review not later than June 1982 with respect to the UNDP second cycle programme.

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2 July 1979

79/32. Assistance to the Governments of Jamaica and Yugoslavia in the implementation of rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes

The Governing Council,

Having considered the requests of the Governments of Jamaica and Yugoslavia for assistance in rehabilitation and reconstruction following the natural disasters affecting these countries, the recommendations of the Administrator contained in documents DP/421 and DP/420 and the statements of the representatives of Jamaica and Yugoslavia as well as the views expressed by the members of the Governing Council and observers,

1. Approves the special assistance programmes for the Governments of Jamaica and Yugoslavia in the amounts of \$1 million and \$1,350,000, respectively, to be financed from the Programme Reserve;

2. Recommends that the Administrator submit to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session a report on the possible criteria to govern UNDP's response to natural disasters.

664th meeting
2 July 1979

79/33. Control and limitation of documentation

The Governing Council

1. Expresses deep concern for the delay experienced in the distribution of the documentation for the twenty-sixth session in the working languages which affected the work of the Council;

2. Recognizes that the situation regarding the documents for the Governing Council reflects difficulties experienced generally by the organs of the United Nations which met during 1979;

3. Believes, nevertheless, that effective measures must be taken to control and limit the documentation of the Governing Council;

4. Decides that:

(a) Document preparation

- (i) Documents should be short and concisely written. Supplementary statistical material should be attached as an annex;
- (ii) Each document should have a brief summary on its cover page which should also include an indication whether action is called for by the Governing Council, the nature of such action, and its financial implications;
- (iii) Documents should indicate, at the beginning, why they are being submitted to the Governing Council. Background statements or historical references should be brief;
- (iv) If the document calls for action, a clear statement of the problem should be given and clear recommendations or alternative courses of action should be indicated and grouped together at the end of the document. Expressions of the opinion of the secretariat should be clearly identified as such. To the extent possible, the texts of the draft decisions should be included;
- (v) If the document is intended for information purposes only, that should be clearly stated;
- (vi) Whenever a document relates to a proposal for a new or modified programme or project, or, for any reason, has financial implications, a statement of the costs involved should be included or attached to the document, as well as an over-all view of the item affected;

(b) Recurrent documents and requests for new documents

- (i) At each session the Governing Council should review in connexion with the consideration of each item the need for the documentation presented and should consider in regard to such recurrent documents as annual reports, the possibility of requesting biennial reporting with, if necessary, a short report in the other year;
- (ii) The information needed for the consideration of each item should normally be covered in a comprehensive document, and separate documents should be prepared only if the matter requires special attention or must include detailed statistical or other information;
- (iii) Documents should not exceed the 32-page limit, unless the expected length of the document has been brought to the Council's attention;
- (iv) When the Council requests new documentation, the financial implications of the documents should be brought to its attention at the time of approval;
- (v) As regards UNFPA, decision 79/28 provides the necessary guidance on the documentation;

- (vi) UNDP, UNFPA, UNSO project fact sheets should be issued by UNDP as secretariat documents in the working language used by the recipient Government for presenting country programmes, and made available to participating Governments, international organizations, and other interested parties only on request. The UNDP secretariat service required to handle this additional work should be strengthened; 31/

(c) Summary records of the Council and reports of Committees

- (i) The summary records for the Governing Council should be maintained but the report of the Council to the Economic and Social Council should be considerably shorter;
- (ii) Greater use should be made of cross references in the reports of the Council to the summary record to cover the discussions. Items which do not call for detailed review by the Economic and Social Council and by the General Assembly should be briefly recorded and only comments by delegations in connexion with the approval of a decision should be indicated in the report. For other items the information should be self-contained to facilitate such reviews, and should include the main issues considered without including the views of each delegation, except by reference to the summary records;
- (iii) The report of the Committees of the Council should be similarly streamlined but should contain sufficient information to enable the Council to review the recommendations of the Committee and to take final decisions;

(d) Translation, reproduction and distribution of documents

- (i) The Governing Council documentation is the responsibility of the United Nations as regards their translation, reproduction and distribution. Early consultations should be held between UNDP and the United Nations services concerned to schedule the submission and distribution of documents so as to ensure that they are issued at least six weeks before the sessions of the Governing Council;
- (ii) When information cannot be made available to UNDP on time for submission of the documents to the United Nations according to the agreed schedule, arrangements should be made by UNDP for translation and reproduction on a contractual or over-time basis : that the document is available on time to the members of the Council. On an experimental basis, and without creating a precedent, an amount of up to \$200,000 should be available to the UNDP secretariat to enable such documents also to be available on time in all languages to the members of the Council for the session of the Governing Council;

31/ It is estimated that one G-3 would be required.

(e) Index of records and decisions of the Council

The Administrator should, in consultation with the United Nations, consider the feasibility of issuing an index of the decisions and/or discussions of the Governing Council and to report on this question to the Governing Council at the twenty-seventh session. The index should be published in all working languages;

(f) Provisional agenda of the Governing Council

- (i) The provisional agenda of the Governing Council should be streamlined, taking into account decision 79/8, and the content and presentation of the documentation should facilitate comprehensive reviews of the issues before the Council;
- (ii) The provisional agenda for the next session should be presented for approval by the Council at the previous session on the following tentative lines:
 - I. Programme implementation
 - II. Programme planning
 - III. Programmes and projects for consideration and approval
 - IV. Other funds and programmes
 - V. Matters arising out of action taken by other organs of the United Nations system
 - VI. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters;
- (iii) The schedule of the work of the Council and the Budgetary and Finance Committee should be fixed well in advance and organized in such a way as to facilitate the participation of experts in a consecutive period;
- (iv) Whenever possible, information should be given on the documentation to be prepared for the next session and the attention of the Council should be drawn to any specific difficulty which may arise in connexion with its preparation or distribution;
- (v) Whenever possible, decisions by the Council should be taken immediately following consideration by the Council of an agenda item;

5. Requests the Administrator to keep the implementation of this decision under review and to keep the Council informed on it as necessary.

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79/34. Review of the 1978 financial situation
and related matters

The Governing Council

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Administrator (DP/399) on the review of the 1978 financial situation and related matters and of the views and comments of members thereon;
2. Expresses its satisfaction with the generally improved financial situation and welcomes increases in the voluntary contributions made to the Programme;
3. Requests the Administrator to take the necessary steps to ensure that the available resources under the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries be budgeted and utilized as a matter of priority;
4. Reiterates the decisions taken at its twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions regarding the utilization of accumulated non-convertible currencies;
5. Requests Governments to pay all outstanding amounts due to the programme at the earliest possible date;
6. Approves the write-off of all uncollectible Government Cash Counterpart Contributions for 1972 and prior years;
7. Decides that all obligations incurred against uncollectible Government Cash Counterpart Contributions since 1973 should be charged, to the extent that they have been spent, to the respective Indicative Planning Figures;
8. Decides that the support cost payment to executing agencies in respect of such amounts charged to Indicative Planning Figures should not exceed the rate authorized for Government Cash Counterpart Contributions;
9. Decides that since amounts charged to the expert variance account in the first UNDP programme cycle were offset against programme resources in the years in which they were incurred, the Administrator should delete from the notes of the UNDP annual financial statements, the note on the revenue reserve which discloses the treatment of the cumulative deficit incurred in the experts' and fellowships' variance account for that cycle;
10. Endorses the Administrator's proposal that the special contribution of \$1.6 million equivalent, made under exceptional circumstances by one member country for TCDC-type activities, be treated as a third party cost sharing contribution;
11. Requests furthermore that the Administrator continue in his efforts to increase the placement of UNDP funds in developing countries on the basis of safety, profitability, liquidity and convertibility and to inform the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session on progress in this matter.

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79/35. Cost sharing arrangements

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator (DP/397) on cost sharing arrangements and of the views and comments of members thereon;
2. Notes with satisfaction that cost sharing arrangements are a useful instrument in fostering multilateral technical co-operation within the scope of UNDP activities;
3. Recalls the decision adopted on cost sharing at its twenty-fourth session; 26/
4. Requests Governments participating in cost sharing activities to ensure that their voluntary pledges to the Programme are not affected by their cost sharing participation;
5. Calls upon Governments participating in cost sharing activities in excess of 25 per cent of the established IPF, to increase substantially their contribution in support of UNDP local office costs in their respective countries;
6. Calls upon these Governments to consider, as an additional means of reducing the burden on the UNDP Programme Support Costs and Administrative Services Costs budgets, the financing of support services projects from their own resources;
7. Authorizes the Administrator to request Governments receiving technical assistance through UNDP exclusively under cost sharing arrangements to bear the totality of the local office costs, except that the salary and related costs of the resident representative may be excluded;
8. Confirms the existing arrangements regarding currencies and schedules of payments, including the requirement that payments be made in advance;
9. Decides that the levels of cost sharing arrangements that can be accepted by the Administrator for the balance of the second cycle without referral to the Governing Council should remain as decided at the twenty-fourth session of the Council;
10. Requests the Administrator to continue to review the programme support administrative services cost implications of both second and third party cost sharing activities and to keep the Council informed regularly of any significant developments in this area including information on the relationship between a country's cost sharing and regular contribution as well as information related to paragraph 4 above and the level of cost sharing arrangements entered into.

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79/36. Feasibility of distinguishing between administrative and programme support costs

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the feasibility of distinguishing between administrative and programme support costs (DP/382) and of the views and comments of members thereon;
2. Decides that no major changes should be introduced at this time to the existing UNDP practice for the presentation of the Programme Support and Administrative Services Budgets;
3. Requests the Administrator to bring to the attention of the appropriate interagency machinery the concerns of the Governing Council on the desirability of achieving such system-wide definitional agreement and harmonization and on the need to achieve an over-all real reduction in these costs, and to report back to the Governing Council at the twenty-eighth session.

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79/37. Custodianship of UNDP funds

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the custodianship of UNDP funds (DP/364) and of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/416) and of the views and comments of members thereon;
2. Expresses its satisfaction with the arrangements that have been agreed upon between the Administrator and officials of the United Nations;
3. Decides that this matter be considered closed for a period of at least two years and reopened only if, in actual practice, the new arrangements do not work satisfactorily.

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79/38. Sectoral support

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report by the Administrator on sectoral support (DP/374 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1), and of the views and comments of members thereon;
2. Recognizes the particular needs of the smaller agencies for adequate sectoral support financing;
3. Endorses the proposal of the Administrator for a new line item in the Main Field Programme Costs to be entitled "sectoral support";
4. Approves an allocation of \$11,437,000 for sectoral support to be used as follows:
 - (a) \$3,650,000 for the biennium 1980-1981 to be used at the discretion of the Administrator, including use for such activities as may eventually be approved by the Administrator for the World Tourism Organization;
 - (b) \$7,687,000 to cover the net cost of 36 UNDP-funded SIDFA posts for 1980-1981;
 - (c) \$100,000 to cover the cost of the SIDFA study requested in paragraph 5 below;
5. Requests the Administrator to enter into arrangements with the Executive Director of UNIDO to undertake, on a joint basis, the country-by-country study of the needs for the services of a Senior Industrial Field Adviser as proposed in the consultant's appraisal of the SIDFA programme and, to report to the Governing Council at the twenty-seventh session in order that a decision may then be taken on a possible increase in the number of UNDP-funded SIDFAs in the light of the relevant proposals made in that study.

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79/39. Support Costs and related questions

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the reports of the Administrator on support costs and related questions (DP/371, DP/379, DP/391) and the views and comments of members and the representatives of agencies thereon;
2. Authorizes the Administrator to reimburse up to an amount of \$498,580 subject to such exchange rate adjustments as may be determined by the Administrator, to the International Telecommunication Union representing a special support cost reimbursement in respect of the year 1978, as an exceptional measure and without making it a precedent for agency support cost payments in the future;
3. Authorizes the Administrator to negotiate with the International Labour Organisation, on the basis of the methodology outlined in paragraph 8 of document DP/371 and subject to such exchange rate adjustments as may be determined by the Administrator, a special support costs reimbursement for the year 1979, not to exceed \$1.7 million, as an exceptional measure resulting from exchange rate fluctuations and without making it a precedent for agency support cost payments in the future.

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79/40. Report of the Intergovernmental
Working Group on Support Costs 27/

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Support Costs (DP/WGOC/L.3, DP/WGOC/L.4, and DP/L.332),

Taking into account the comments and observations made during the discussion of this item,

1. Takes note of the decision adopted by the Working Group at its current (June 1979) session;
2. Approves the commissioning of the limited study by an independent consultant as recommended by the Working Group as well as its proposed terms of reference and time-table, as contained in the decision of the Working Group and the annex thereto;
3. Invites the Economic and Social Council to request the agencies to consider the possibility of bringing together in an annex to their budget documents information on their technical co-operation programmes and the related support costs financed from different sources based on agreed definitions of the elements to be included in support costs;
4. Invites the executing agencies to consider the feasibility of advising the recipient Governments of the projected utilization of the support costs reimbursed by UNDP or, to the extent applicable, covered from the agency's regular budget corresponding to the total UNDP-financed projects being executed by the agency in a national programme;
5. Decides that, in the meantime, the existing arrangements for reimbursement of agency support costs which have been authorized until the end of 1979 should be continued until the end of 1981;
6. Decides to continue the Working Group until the close of the twenty-seventh session of the Council (June 1980).

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2 July 1979

79/41. UNDP financial regulations and rules

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the note by the Administrator on UNDP financial regulations and rules (DP/388 and Add.1 and 2) and of the views and comments of members thereon;
2. Decides to postpone action on the proposed financial regulations until the twenty-seventh session of the Council in the light of the unavailability of documentation in the languages required;
3. Authorizes the Administrator, in the interim pending the adoption of new financial regulations, to conduct UNDP's operations, using his judgement and discretion, within the terms of the existing financial regulations and recent decisions of the Council necessitating their update;
4. Requests the Administrator to obtain the views of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed new financial regulations and rules prior to the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council;
5. Requests the Board of Auditors of the United Nations to recognize this situation in its review of the accounts and financial statements of UNDP.

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79/42. Integrated Systems Improvement Project

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the Administrator's progress report on the Integrated Systems Improvement Project (ISIP) (DP/378), and of the views and comments of members thereon;
2. Endorses the continuation of the ISIP project in full co-operation and co-ordination with the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems (and Related Activities) and executing agencies with a view to achieving greater compatibility of systems and avoiding duplication, thereby achieving an over-all system-wide reduction of costs;
3. Requests the Administrator to continue the installation of the integrated financial and programme information system for UNDP, with a view to completing the process by the end of 1980;
4. Authorizes the Administrator to enter into a further commitment for phase II of the project of an additional amount of \$1.2 million, if required, bringing the total cost to \$2.4 million for 1979 and 1980, with the financing of this phase of the project to be met in the following manner:
 - (i) Approximately \$595,000 from contributions already made and still available after completion of phase I;
 - (ii) Special voluntary contributions to be made to UNDP for this purpose;
 - (iii) Savings under the 1979 and 1980 administrative and programme support budgets;
 - (iv) Only to the extent that these additional resources do not become available, the Governing Council conditionally approves appropriations in the amounts of \$485,000 and \$1,320,000 for 1979 and 1980, respectively, to be allocated from the resources of UNDP to finance the 1979 and 1980 costs of ISIP;
5. Decides that before exercising the authority granted in paragraph 4 (iv) above the Administrator will seek the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
6. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session on the status of the project, including details on systems already installed, arrangements made for the project's final stages, the source of funds appropriated, and concrete indications as to the practical advantages of the new system, as well as figures corresponding to possible staff and financial savings produced by the implementation of this system.

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2 July 1979

79/43. Loans to Governments for accomodation of field personnel

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the note by the Administrator (DP/383), on loans to Governments for accomodation of field personnel, of the views and comments expressed by members thereon, and of the resumption of the housing loan programme authorized under financial regulation 5.2 to meet critical housing shortages which are impeding the timely and effective conduct of programme operations;

2. Decides to establish a reserve to be funded from the general resources of UNDP for granting loans to Governments of participating developing countries, subject to the criteria set out in paragraph 7 of document DP/383, at a maximum level of \$25 million, to be used to construct appropriate housing for internationally recruited field personnel, and in exceptional circumstances, where all other means for obtaining proper facilities have been fully explored, for office accommodations;

3. Decides that where such housing accommodation is required in remote areas, provision should continue to be made, whenever possible, in the respective project budget;

4. Requests the Administrator to provide, as part of the annual financial review document, a report of the progress and results of operations undertaken by UNDP in pursuance of this decision.

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2 July 1979

79/44. Budget estimates for 1980-1981

The Governing Council,

Having considered the 1980-1981 budget estimates for the programme support costs and administrative services costs of the United Nations Development Programme (DP/396 and Add.1 and 2),

1. (a) Approves appropriations in an amount of \$211,425,100 gross to be allocated from the resources of UNDP to finance the 1980-1981 programme support costs and administrative services costs budgets as follows:

<u>Programme</u>	<u>US dollars</u>
Policy-making organs	2,219,600
Executive direction and management	2,697,800
Programme management and support	111,667,800
Administrative and common services	89,580,200
United Nations Volunteers	3,614,500
United Nations Capital Development Fund	1,645,200
<u>Total</u>	<u>211,425,100</u>

(b) Resolves that the income estimates in an amount of \$44,134,300 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations in paragraph 1 (a) above, resulting in net budget appropriations of \$167,290,800;

2. Agrees that the Administrator shall be authorized to transfer credits between programmes of the 1980-1981 budget, within reasonable limits with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. (a) Approves appropriations in an amount of \$4,780,300 gross for the IPF-funded operations of the Office for Projects Execution to be financed from overheads received on projects executed by UNDP;

(b) Resolves that income estimates in an amount of \$634,900 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations in paragraph 3 (a) above, resulting in net budget appropriations of \$4,145,400;

4. (a) Approves appropriations of \$1,877,400 gross for the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office operations of the Office of Projects Execution 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 \$265,800 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations in paragraph 4 (a) above, resulting in net budget appropriations of \$1,611,600;

5. (a) Approves appropriations in an amount of \$465,400 gross for the Capital Development Fund operations of the Office of Projects Execution to be allocated from the resources of the Capital Development Fund;

(b) Resolves that income estimates in an amount of \$42,300 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations in paragraph 5 (a) above, resulting in net budget appropriations of \$423,100;

6. (a) Approves appropriations in an amount of \$1,174,500 gross for support services for UNDP-executed projects to be financed from overheads received on projects executed by UNDP. Of this amount, \$633,100 refers to the Office of the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Special Activities, and \$541,400 to administrative and common services;

(b) Resolves that income estimates in an amount of \$218,100 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations in paragraph 6 (a) above, resulting in net budget appropriations of \$956,400;

7. (a) Approves appropriations in the amount of \$1,574,700 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 \$181,200 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations in paragraph 7 (a) above, resulting in net budget appropriations of \$1,393,500;

8. (a) Approves appropriations in the amount of \$1,849,400 gross for the administrative budget of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to be allocated from the resources of the Office;

(b) Resolves that income estimates in an amount of \$258,700 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations in paragraph 8 (a) above, resulting in net appropriations of \$1,590,700;

9. (a) Takes note of the 1980-1981 budget in the amount of \$1,371,000 gross proposed by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office for the UNDP/UNEP joint venture, institutional support of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification as authorized by the Council in decision 25/10 section II, paragraph 4, and approves the amount of \$685,500 gross, the half-share of the joint venture, to be allocated from:

(i) The normal resources of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office;

(ii) Only should the source of funding in (i) above not be feasible the appropriate UNDP programme funds;

(b) Resolves that income estimates in an amount of \$70,850, being half of the joint venture income of \$141,700, shall be used to offset the gross budget in paragraph 9 (a) above, resulting in a net allocation of \$614,650 as the half-share to be financed under subparagraph 9 (a) (i) or (ii) above; the net over-all budget for the joint venture is noted as \$1,229,300.

10. Requests the Administrator, when presenting to the Council information about the use of consultants by UNDP, to include in the presentation detailed information on the tasks of all individuals hired as consultants for a period of one year or more and for a remuneration corresponding to a salary at the D-1 level or above;

11. Requests the Administrator to take appropriately into account, in future programme support costs and administrative services costs budgets, the observations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report (DP/412) on the presentation of the budget, and in particular to present all administrative and programme support costs in one document;

12. Requests the Administrator, when presenting the results of the desk-to-desk survey of staffing needs to the Council at its twenty-seventh session, to include in the presentation:

(a) A detailed description of the criteria used to measure the workloads;

(b) A plan, based on the findings of the survey and on consultation with the International Civil Service Commission, to initiate job analysis and classification in UNDP headquarters;

13. Requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report in future to undertake a more detailed study of the UNDP programme support costs and administrative services costs budgets to facilitate the decision-making process of the Governing Council.

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79/45. Interagency procurement services (IAPSU)

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on interagency procurement services (DP/385) and of the views and comments of members expressed thereon;

2. Approves the continued work of IAPSU towards the objectives laid down in Governing Council decision 25/29;

3. Recommends that special efforts be made to achieve a wide and more equitable geographical distribution of sources of supply, taking particularly into account the need to increase in a significant way procurement from developing countries, bearing in mind that the overriding concern of IAPSU should be to procure equipment at the lowest possible cost consistent with the maintenance of adequate standards and in accordance with normal procurement rules and procedures;

4. Requests the Administrator, in further developing the subsidiary activities of IAPSU, to give particular attention to:

(a) Providing advance information of UNDP-financed projects in a timely and reliable fashion;

(b) Unifying the rules and procedures covering procurement of goods and services by UNDP and the participating and executing agencies in order to simplify and improve the clarity of procurement methods and with the ultimate aim of establishing a common procurement for all United Nations organizations and agencies, as envisaged in paragraph 32 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197;

(c) Giving adequate weight, in efforts to standardize equipment procurement, to the life-cost of an item, its durability and its adaptability to the local conditions of recipient countries;

5. Approves appropriations from support costs received on projects executed by UNDP in the amount of \$380,500 gross to finance the 1979 budget of IAPSU;

6. Decides that the 1979 income estimates of \$40,500 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations in paragraph 5 above resulting in a net 1979 budget appropriation of \$340,000;

7. Approves appropriations from support costs received in projects executed by UNDP in the amount of \$820,000 gross to finance the 1980-1981 budget of IAPSU;

8. Resolves that the 1980-1981 income estimates of \$110,000 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations in paragraph 7 above resulting in a net 1980-1981 budget appropriation of \$710,000;

9. Requests the Administrator to present to the Council at the twenty-eighth session new proposals for the funding of IAPSU activities which will reflect the system-wide nature of the benefits accrued;

10. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at the twenty-seventh session on the IAPSU activities during the period.

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79/46. Supplementary budget estimates for 1979

The Governing Council,

Having considered the 1979 supplementary budget estimates for the programme support costs and administrative services costs of the United Nations Development Programme,

1. Approves appropriations in an amount of \$2,008,400 to be allocated from the resources of UNDP to finance the 1979 supplementary budget estimates, as follows:

<u>Programme</u>	<u>US dollars</u>
Programme management and support	386 000
Administrative and common services	1 622 400
<u>Total</u>	<u>2 008 400</u>

2. Resolves that income estimates in an amount of \$32,500 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations in paragraph 1 above, resulting in net budget appropriations of \$1,975,900.

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79/47. 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 1977, relating to the funds allocated to them by UNDP, as contained in the note by the Administrator (DP/404);

2. Notes with satisfaction the decision of the External Auditors related to paragraph 2 of Governing Council decision 25/23;

3. Requests the Administrator to consult the External Auditors with a view to including in future audit reports observations on:

- (a) Financial planning and control mechanisms;
- (b) Ways of improving reporting to decision-making bodies;
- (c) Management controls, including evaluation systems;
- (d) Electronic data processing systems;

4. Requests the Administrator to consult the External Auditors on possibilities of providing the Council with audit reports on the previous year at the Council's regular session each year, or, by other means, to convey the views of the Auditors to the Council in a more timely fashion than is the case at present and to report to the Council at the twenty-seventh session on the result of these consultations.

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79/48. Recruitment and use and prospects of reducing
the costs of UNDP-financed experts

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the role of experts in development co-operation (JIU/REP/78/3), the relevant report of the Administrator (DP/392), as well as comments of Governments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (DP/389) and comments made at meetings of the Budgetary and Finance Committee,

Reaffirming, without prejudice to the Administrator's accountability to the Governing Council, the principle of government management of projects, including the concept of government execution of UNDP-assisted projects,

Bearing in mind that the basic purpose of technical co-operation is the promotion of self-reliance in developing countries by building up, inter alia, their productive capability and their indigenous resources and by increasing the availability of the managerial, technical, administrative and research capabilities required in the development process,

1. Invites the Administrator, as more extensive experience of government execution of projects is gained, to review the existing UNDP guidelines on that subject with a view to facilitating the various options available to Governments for project implementation in order to achieve the goal of self-reliance;

2. Requests the Administrator, in consultation and co-operation with the agencies:

(a) Progressively to adapt operational concepts and procedures so that they are fully in support of the principle of government management and its practical application;

(b) To promote the increased use of national capabilities in the formulation and implementation of projects assisted by UNDP;

(c) To improve the quality of project design so that objectives, outputs and prerequisites are properly identified, the appropriate functional orientation is emphasized and the work plan prepared by the project co-ordinator is realistic and up-to-date;

(d) To ensure that the tripartite monitoring of projects is being carried out efficiently and effectively;

(e) To seek more effective compliance by all concerned with measures for improving the quality and efficiency of UNDP-assisted activities;

3. Invites the Administrator, the agencies and Governments to give active consideration to such alternatives to UNDP-financed resident internationally recruited experts as would meet the requirements of Governments for expertise and, in particular, to consider the following arrangements:

(a) Increased use of qualified nationals, to be employed according to appropriate national standards, as experts in projects in addition to expertise provided by the United Nations system from abroad;

(b) Increased use of expatriate nationals for service in their home countries;

(c) Increased use of institutional twinning arrangements and related methods as proposed in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit;

(d) Increased support to Governments wishing to undertake the direct recruitment of experts;

4. Requests Governments to consider the possibility of making administrative arrangements which would permit the release of government staff for limited periods of service with the United Nations and to reabsorb them upon their return and to allow them to accrue seniority and pension entitlements;

5. Requests the Administrator to consult with the agencies on methods leading to an acceleration of the process of recruiting experts and, in this connexion, to stimulate a review of this issue with national recruitment services;

6. Requests Governments to make every effort to facilitate early clearance of candidates proposed by the agencies;

7. Invites donor Governments, not yet sponsoring associate experts, to consider providing such experts as well as financing associate experts from developing countries, including those under government executing arrangements;

8. Requests the Administrator, to examine, in consultation with ICSC, the extent to which separate staff rules for international as well as national field project staff would facilitate recruitment, ensuring that developing countries have access to the most highly qualified experts available, whether non-nationals or qualified nationals as appropriate, bearing in mind the concern expressed in the Governing Council about the cost of experts;

9. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Governing Council at its twenty-eighth session an analysis of the action taken in pursuance of this decision.

79/49. Date and provisional agenda of the twenty-seventh session

I

The Governing Council

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

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of Officers
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Programme implementation
 - (a) Annual report of the Administrator
 - (b) Evaluation
 - (c) Investment follow-up
 - (d) Comprehensive report to the General Assembly on UNDP and the new international economic order
 - (e) Assistance to national liberation movements recognized by OAU
 - (f) Decade for Transport and Communications in Africa
 - (g) International co-operative action in support of the Mar del Plata Plan of Action
5. Programming planning
 - (a) Preparation for the third programme cycle, 1982-1986 32/
 - (b) Examination of the experience with country programming
 - (c) Review of present practices for determining priorities for the intercountry programmes
 - (d) Criteria for UNDP's response to natural disasters
6. Country and intercountry programmes and projects
 - (a) Relevant trends and problems in the country programmes
 - (b) Country and intercountry programmes and projects

32/ Including report of the study group on possible options for achieving more stable and predictable financing.

7. Other funds and programmes

(a) United Nations Fund for Population Activities

- (i) The report of the Executive Director on 1979 activities and the future programme
- (ii) Large-scale projects and country agreements
- (iii) Request for approval authority
- (iv) Budget estimates for UNFPA administrative and programme support services for 1981
- (v) Audit reports
- (vi) An evaluation report on selected UNFPA projects
- (vii) The future role of UNFPA

(b) United Nations Volunteers

(c) United Nations Capital Development Fund

(d) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

(e) United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

(f) Assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa and adjacent areas and follow-up on the Conference on United Nations Desertification

(i) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office

- (a) Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region
- (b) Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region

(ii) Assistance to the drought-stricken countries in Africa and adjacent areas

(g) United Nations technical co-operation activities

8. Technical co-operation among developing countries

(a) Report of the Administrator

(b) Report of the high-level meeting

9. Matters arising out of action taken by other organs of the United Nations system:

Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of the developing countries

10. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

- (a) Report of the study group on possible options for achieving more stable and predictable financing
- (b) Annual review of the financial situation: 1979
 - (i) Operational reserve
 - (ii) Housing loans
 - (iii) Placement of funds in developing countries
 - (iv) ISIP progress
- (c) UNDP budget and supplementary estimates
 - (i) Desk-to-desk survey
 - (ii) Biennial budgeting experience
- (d) IAPSU progress report
- (e) Cost sharing
- (f) Sectoral support
- (g) Financial regulations
- (h) Audit reports
- (i) Support costs
- (j) Other matters

11. Other matters

- (a) Relations between UNDP and external institutions
- (b) Feasibility of an index of decisions of the Governing Council

12. Date and provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the Governing Council

13. Draft report of the Governing Council to the second regular session, 1980, of the Economic and Social Council

II

The Governing Council

1. Decides in accordance with its relevant prior decisions and subject to confirmation by the General Assembly that:

(a) The twenty-seventh session of the Council will be held from 2 to 30 June 1980 at Geneva, unless the Council decides to accept an invitation to meet elsewhere;

(b) The Intergovernmental Working Group on Support Costs will meet from 2 to 4 June at Geneva and be immediately followed by meetings of the Budgetary and Finance Committee;

(c) The Budgetary and Finance Committee will hold its initial meetings on 29 and 30 May 1980, prior to the opening of the twenty-seventh session;

2. Further decides that:

(a) The special meeting of the Governing Council on preparations for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, will be held from 11 to 15 February 1980 in New York;

(b) The study group on options for achieving more stable and predictable financing will meet on 19 and 20 February 1980 also in New York.

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