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80/1. Limited borrowing from the third cycle

The Governing Council

1. Authorizes the Administrator, subject to over-all resource availability;

(a) To apply, in the current cycle, an amount not to exceed the anticipated under-spending of certain country Indicative Planning Figures (IPFs) to other country IPFs which are expected to increase in the third cycle by some 50 per cent or more, calculated on the assumption of annual growth in contributions of 10 per cent; the borrowing for individual countries will not exceed 20 per cent of the individual second cycle IPFs;

(b) To apply, in the current cycle, an amount not to exceed the anticipated under-spending of certain regional IPFs to other regional programme IPFs; the borrowing from the third cycle will not exceed 15 per cent of the individual second cycle regional programme IPFs;

2. Agrees that the amount to be borrowed from the next cycle for any country or regional programme, under the conditions spelled out in paragraph 1 (a) above, shall be limited to the amount required to ensure a smooth transition from the current cycle to the next;

3. Notes that the amount of under-spending or over-spending in any IPF programme in the second cycle will be credited or debited to the respective third cycle IPFs;

4. Agrees to the borrowing of \$15 million for the China programme during the remaining part of the second cycle from that country's third cycle IPF.

673rd meeting
14 February 1980

80/2. Assistance to Nicaragua

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the actions already taken by the Administrator as outlined in paragraphs 3 (a) and (b) of document DP/427;
2. Agrees to the allocation of \$323,300 as an addition to the present IPF for Nicaragua as outlined in paragraph 4 of document DP/427: this amount is to be met from funds available under "Future Participants, etc.";
3. Approves, as an exceptional measure, the borrowing of \$3 million against Nicaragua's third cycle IPF for technical co-operation activities to be undertaken in 1980-1981;
4. Decides to review the situation at its twenty-seventh session.

674th meeting
20 February 1980

80/3. Assistance to Equatorial Guinea

The Governing Council

1. Agrees to the allocation of \$258,000 as an addition to the second cycle IPF for Equatorial Guinea to be met from funds available under "Future Participants, etc.";
2. Authorizes the Administrator to extend to Equatorial Guinea, for 1980 and 1981, the other benefits accorded to least developed countries;
3. Authorizes, as an exceptional measure, limited borrowing from the third cycle IPF for Equatorial Guinea if required for urgent technical co-operation activities to be undertaken in 1980-1981.

673rd meeting
14 February 1980

80/4. Indicative Planning Figure for Zimbabwe for 1980-1981

The Governing Council

1. Decides that an Indicative Planning Figure is to be established for Zimbabwe for the remainder of the 1977-1981 planning cycle in the amount of \$5.6 million, to be financed from funds available under "Future Participants, etc.";
2. Approves the use of the IPF for national liberation movements to finance 1980 activities of ongoing projects under that IPF related to Zimbabwe.

673rd meeting
14 February 1980

80/5 United Nations Interim Fund for Science and Technology for Development

The Governing Council

Agrees to include a progress report on the United Nations Interim Fund for Science and Technology for Development in the agenda of its twenty-seventh session.

673rd meeting
14 February 1980

80/6. Preparations for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 79/23 of 29 June 1979,

1. Requests the Administrator to provide calculations on the basis of document DP/L.334, as submitted by a group of countries;
2. Further requests the Administrator to provide calculations on the basis of requests submitted by some countries at the special meeting of the Governing Council (DP/L.335);
3. Decides to continue negotiations on guidelines for the third cycle at the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council in June 1980 on the basis of document DP/L.334 and the calculations referred to above.

674th meeting
20 February 1980

80/7. Third cycle country programming

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the examination of the experience with country programming (DP/454 and Corr.1 and 2);
2. Endorses the proposals made by the Administrator in his report for country programming during the third programming cycle and requests him, in the implementation of those proposals, to take into account the views expressed during the debate on this subject at the twenty-seventh session of the Council, including the need to place renewed emphasis on pre-investment activities in the elaboration of country programmes;
3. Further requests the Administrator to establish, in consultation with the participating and executing agencies, procedures for continuous country programming based upon the criteria and considerations set forth in chapter VI of his report, in particular paragraphs 93 to 98;
4. Invites the Administrator to inform the Council regularly of the progress made in the implementation of the revised country programming policies and procedures for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, including the introduction of periodic reviews of individual country programmes, the results of which would be reported to the Council on a selective basis.

693rd meeting
13 June 1980

80/8. Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of the developing countries

The Governing Council,

Recognizing the vital importance of human resource development to the economic and social progress of developing countries,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries (DP/443), prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 33/135 of 19 December 1978 and the views expressed thereon at the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council;
2. Endorses the conclusions contained in sections IV and V of the report;
3. Invites the developing countries to further strengthen their national capacities to pursue a balanced policy for enhancing the role of qualified national personnel in over-all socio-economic development;
4. Decides to transmit the Administrator's report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1980, in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 33/135, for its consideration of possible comprehensive action within the United Nations system in order to assist the developing

countries in their endeavour to strengthen the role of qualified national personnel in social and economic development.

695th meeting
17 June 1980

80/9. Third cycle intercountry programming

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/206 of 19 December 1979, Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/64 of 3 August 1979 and its own decision 79/10 of 27 June 1979,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator (DP/435) and the views expressed thereon at the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council;
2. Endorses the consultative process proposed in the Administrator's report, which is aimed at enhancing the collective involvement of the developing countries in the setting of priorities for the regional programmes during the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, and in the identification and initiation of regional projects and activities;
3. Invites Governments, in considering the analyses undertaken by the organizations of the United Nations system of possible regional, sectoral and programme priorities, also to give due attention to the views of the technical agencies which do not convene regional and subregional meetings such as those referred to in paragraph 9 (c) of the report of the Administrator;
4. Requests the Administrator to keep the Council informed of the implementation of this decision;
5. Recommends that the report of the Administrator and this decision should be brought to the attention of the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1980.

695th meeting
17 June 1980

80/10. Country and intercountry programmes and projects

The Governing Council,

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Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Administrator on relevant trends and problems in the country programmes (DP/478), as well as the comments made thereon by the representatives of Governments;

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1. Approves the proposed country programmes for the Comoros (DP/GC/COI/R.1), Ethiopia (DP/GC/ETH/R.2), Guatemala (DP/GC/GUA/R.3), the Lao People's Democratic Republic (DP/GC/LAO/R.3), Malawi (DP/GC/MLW/R.2 and Corr.1), Niue (DP/GC/NIU/P.1), Seychelles (DP/GC/SEY/R.1), Sierra Leone (DP/GC/SIL/R.2), Somalia (DP/GC/SOM/R.2), Sri Lanka (DP/GC/SRL/R.2), and Viet Nam (DP/GC/VIE/R.1 and Corr.1) for the duration of their respective programme periods and within the limits of their IPFs for 1977-1981, taking into account the balance of over-expenditure or under-expenditure of their 1972-1976 IPFs;

2. 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 taken by the Governing Council at its eighteenth session ^{4/} 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;

3. Approves the following global projects:

Testing and Selection of Rural Water-supply Hand Pumps (GLO/79/010) (DP/PROJECTS/R.13/Add.1);

Technology Transfer on Root and Tuber Crops (GLO/79/013) (DP/PROJECTS/R.13/Add.2);

Testing and Demonstration of Small-scale Solar powered Systems (Supplementary Assistance) (GLO/78/004) (DP/PROJECTS/R.13/Add.3);

Assessment and Development of World Renewable Marine Resources (GLO/79/011) (DP/PROJECTS/R.13/Add.4);

Development of Low-cost Water and Sanitation Techniques (Supplementary Assistance) (GLO/78/006) (DP/PROJECTS/R.13/Add.5);

Integrated Cotton Research and Development Programme (Supplementary Assistance) (GLO/76/001) (DP/PROJECTS/R.13/Add.6);

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

695th meeting
17 June 1980

80/11. Comprehensive report to the General Assembly on
UNDP and the new international economic order

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on UNDP and the new international economic order (DP/470);

2. Requests the Administrator, on behalf of the Council, to transmit the report, together with the views expressed during the discussion of this item, to the General Assembly at its eleventh special session.

695th meeting
17 June 1980

4/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5543/Rev.1), para. 17.

80/12. Assistance to Nicaragua

The Governing Council,

In response to General Assembly resolution 34/8 of 25 October 1979 and further to its own decision 80/2,

Having reviewed the situation in Nicaragua, which remains critical and continues to require special attention,

1. Authorizes the Administrator, as an exceptional measure, to postpone repayment of the borrowing authorized by the Council at its special meeting to Nicaragua from the third cycle to the fourth cycle;
2. Decides to review at its twenty-eighth session the need for further exceptional assistance to Nicaragua.

699th meeting
20 June 1980

80/13. 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 7 (a),

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on 1979 activities and the future programme (DP/464 and Corr.1) and his report on allocations to projects in 1979 (DP/465 and Corr.1);

2. Approves the following large-scale programmes:

In the Gambia (DP/FPA/11/Add.1) in the amount of \$1,581,500 for three years;

In Swaziland (DP/FPA/11/Add.2) in the amount of \$1,394,100 for three years;

In Malawi (DP/FPA/11/Add.3) in the amount of \$1,038,460 for three years;

In Nigeria (DP/FPA/11/Add.4) in the amount of \$1,806,900 for four years;

In the Comoros (DP/FPA/11/Add.5) in the amount of \$1,120,875 for three and one-half years;

In Mauritania (DP/FPA/11/Add.6) in the amount of \$5 million for four years;

In the United Republic of Tanzania (DP/FPA/11/Add.7) in the amount of \$6 million for four years;

In the Upper Volta (DP/FPA/11/Add.8) in the amount of \$7.5 million for four years;

In Rwanda (DP/FPA/11/Add.9) in the amount of \$5.5 million for four years;

In Madagascar (DP/FPA/11/Add.10) in the amount of \$8.5 million for four years;

In Mongolia (DP/FPA/11/Add.12) in the amount of \$1.4 million for five years;

In India (DP/FPA/11/Add.13 and Corr.1 and 2) in the amount of \$100 million for five years;

In Malaysia (DP/FPA/11/Add.16 and Corr.1) in the amount of \$6.5 million for four years;

In Indonesia (DP/FPA/11/Add.19) in the amount of \$30 million for five years;

In the Philippines (DP/FPA/11/Add.20) in the amount of \$20 million for five years;

In China (DP/FPA/11/Add.22) in the amount of \$50 million for four years, with additional funds to be obtained through multilateral arrangements;

In Nepal (DP/FPA/11/Add.23 and Corr.1) in the amount of \$26.5 million for five years, of which \$11.5 million is to be obtained through multilateral arrangements;

In Peru (DP/FPA/11/Add.11) in the amount of \$2,320,000 for two and one-half years;

In Guatemala (DP/FPA/11/Add.14) in the amount of \$5.3 million for four years;

In Colombia (DP/FPA/11/Add.17) in the amount of \$2,889,300 for three years;

In Nicaragua (DP/FPA/11/Add.21) in the amount of \$4 million for four years;

In Mexico (DP/FPA/11/Add.24) in the amount of \$10,560,000 for five years;

In Bolivia (DP/FPA/11/Add.25) in the amount of \$2.3 million for four years;

In the Sudan (DP/FPA/11/Add.15) in the amount of \$12 million for four years;

In Somalia (DP/FPA/11/Add.18) in the amount of \$6 million for five years;

The remaining portions of the previously approved programmes in the Republic of Korea, Tunisia and Viet Nam (DP/FPA/11/Add.26);

3. Requests the Executive Director, in the event of a shortfall in the resources projected for 1981, to rephase or reduce the programme budgets for that year in an equitable and flexible manner and in consultation with recipients concerned;

4. Appreciates the Executive Director's report on the evaluation of Fund projects (DP/493) and the candour with which conclusions of the evaluations have been presented, and requests him to supply similar reports periodically in the future;

5. Decides to conduct within its mandate a discussion of the future role of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities at the twenty-eighth session and requests the Executive Director to submit the necessary documentation at that session.

701st meeting
23 June 1980

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The Governing Council,

Having considered the request of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities for approval authority (DP/482 and Corr.1),

Having considered, furthermore, the 1981 budget estimates for administrative and programme support services of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (DP/483), together with the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/497),

1. Decides to give the Executive Director additional approval authority for 1981 of \$78 million, to bring the total to \$147 million, and to increase this authority by up to \$12 million to the extent that corresponding new additional resources become available, and further decides to give the Executive Director additional approval authority of \$75.75 million for 1982, to bring it up to \$110.25 million, and of \$73.5 million for 1983, on the understanding that the Executive Director will limit approval of projects to available resources;

2. Approves appropriations in the amount of \$100,000 to be allocated from the resources of the Fund to finance the 1980 administrative and support services budget, as follows:

<u>Programme</u>	<u>United States dollars</u>
Executive direction and management	10,000
Administrative and public information support services	30,000
Programme planning, appraisal and monitoring	60,000

3. Approves the appropriation in the amount of \$8,275,667 (net), to be allocated from the resources of the Fund, to finance the administrative and programme support services for the year 1981, as submitted in the budget estimates, with the following amendments: (a) deletion of one P-3, two P-1/2, one G-5 and nine G-2/4 posts; and (b) deletion of the reclassification of one D-2 post to the Assistant Secretary General level, of four P-4 posts to the P-5 level, of six P-3 posts to the P-4 level, of two P-2 posts to the P-3 level and of four

G-4 posts to the G-5 level; 5/ programme appropriation for 1981 would consequently be as follows:

<u>Programme</u>	<u>United States dollars</u>
Executive direction and management	1,029,848
Administrative and public information support services	2,229,699
Programme planning, appraisal and monitoring	5,016,120

4. Decides that the request for the reclassification of the post of Assistant Executive Director shall be considered at the next session of the Governing Council in the context of the future role of the Fund;

5. Takes note of the financial report and accounts of the Fund for the year ended 31 December 1978 and the report of the Board of Auditors (DP/434);

6. Agrees that the Executive Director shall be authorized to transfer credits between programmes of the revised 1980 and 1981 budgets, within reasonable limits, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

7. Decides to review the question of the Fund's operational reserve at the twenty-eighth session and requests the Executive Director to submit recommendations taking fully into account, as appropriate, the decision taken at the twenty-seventh session concerning the arrangements for the operational reserve of UNDP.

707th meeting
30 June 1980

80/14. Relations between UNDP and external institutions

The Governing Council

Takes note of the report of the Administrator on relations between UNDP and external institutions (DP/475) and the views expressed thereon during the Council's consideration of this question at its twenty-seventh session.

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24 June 1980

5/ The following new posts were approved:

- (a) One P-4 post (Plans and Operations multi-bi officer, Programme Division);
- (b) Four P-1/2 posts;
- (c) Four G-2/4 posts.

The following reclassifications were approved:

- (a) Chief of the Africa Branch of the Programme Division: from P-5 to D-1 level;
- (b) Chief of the Mediterranean and Middle East Branch of the Programme Division: from P-5 to D-1 level.

80/15. Information on agency regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures financed from sources other than UNDP

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator containing information on United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures in 1979 financed from sources other than UNDP (DP/488):

2. Draws the attention of the Economic and Social Council to that report in the context of the comprehensive policy review of operational activities to be undertaken at its second regular session of 1980.

704th meeting
25 June 1980

80/16. Programme implementation

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Implementation by UNDP of General Assembly resolutions concerning assistance to Botswana, Cape Verde, Chad, the Comoros, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Tonga, Uganda and Zambia

The Governing Council,

Having considered the Administrator's report on the implementation by the United Nations Development Programme of General Assembly resolutions 34/119 to 34/132, of 14 December 1979, concerning assistance to Botswana, Cape Verde, Chad, the Comoros, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Tonga, Uganda and Zambia (DP/439),

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report;

2. Considers that in response to appropriate General Assembly resolutions requesting that increased assistance should be given to the above-mentioned countries, the Council has, at previous sessions, taken decisions that have already increased in 1977-1981 the assistance of UNDP to most of those countries;

3. Further considers that an appropriate response to the General Assembly's concern expressed in the aforementioned resolutions is given by the Governing Council through the action it is taking to ensure that:

(a) The largest amount of programme resources for the years 1982-1986 are devoted to programmes of countries having a GNP per capita of up to \$500;

(b) Through the application of supplementary criteria for the same years, additional resources are given to countries facing special difficulties, which is the case of the countries mentioned in the Administrator's report;

4. Authorizes the Administrator to extend to Tonga for the remainder of the present cycle, 1977-1981, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 34/132:

(a) An increase in the second cycle IPF of 6.4 per cent, or \$128,000, to be met from funds available under the item "Future Participants, etc.";

(b) Allocation from the Special Measures Fund for Least Developed Countries from the resources made available in 1980 and 1981;

(c) Access to assistance from the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

5. Takes note of the assurance given by the Administrator that a suitable solution is being worked out with a view to upgrading the UNDP representation in Sao Tome and Principe by establishing a separate office in that country.

II

Assistance to Djibouti

The Governing Council,

Taking into account its decision, taken at the twenty-second session, 6/ by which it invited the Administrator to recommend to the Council proposed changes in 1977-1981 IPFs resulting from more definitive internationally comparable data on per capita GNP and population for 1973-1974,

1. Notes the recent availability of improved estimates for 1973-1974 of the per capita GNP and population of Djibouti and the Administrator's recalculation of that country's IPF based on those improved estimates;

2. Decides to increase the IPF for Djibouti for 1977-1981 from \$905,000 to \$2.2 million and authorizes the Administrator to finance the increase of \$1,295,000 from the item "Future Participants, etc.".

III

Assistance to St. Vincent

The Governing Council,

Taking into account its decision, taken at the twenty-second session, regarding the addition to IPFs of an independence bonus, 6/

Noting further, the independence achieved by St. Vincent in October 1979,

Decides to increase the 1977-1981 IPF for St. Vincent from \$800,000 to \$1.42 million and authorizes the Administrator to finance the increase of \$620,000 from the item "Future Participants, etc.".

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26 June 1980

6/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session Supplement No. 2A (E/5846/Rev.1), para. 292.

80/17. Assistance for the rehabilitation
and reconstruction of Uganda

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/122 of 14 December 1979 on assistance for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of Uganda, in particular paragraphs 6 and 11 thereof,

Deeply concerned about the continuing deterioration of the economic and social conditions in Uganda,

Bearing in mind that Uganda's IPF for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, has not yet been calculated owing to non-availability of basic data to determine basic criteria,

1. Takes note of the assurances given by the Administrator that every effort will be made, within the authority already delegated to him, to accommodate the additional needs of the Government of Uganda;

2. Decides to review Uganda's situation at its twenty-eighth session and requests the Administrator to prepare, for that purpose, a report on the implementation of UNDP assistance to Uganda.

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80/18. Development assistance for food production
and rural development

The Governing Council,

Taking into account resolution 6/79 of 28 November 1979 of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations 7/ on development assistance for food production and rural development, which was brought to the attention of the Governing Council at the request of the Conference,

Noting with satisfaction the results of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development,

Taking also into account General Assembly resolution 34/14 of 9 November 1979 on the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development,

1. Recognizes the importance of agriculture and the rural sector in general in the economic and social development of developing countries;

2. Expresses satisfaction for the excellent and fruitful working relationship established between the United Nations Development Programme and the

7/ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Report of the Conference of FAO, Twentieth Session, Rome, 10-28 November 1979 (C 79/REP), para. 327.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, both at headquarters and country levels, to assist the developing countries for food production and rural development;

3. Invites Governments of developing countries in preparing their country programmes and projects to give due attention to the Declaration of Principles and the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development. 8/

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26 June 1980

80/19. United Nations Capital Development Fund

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the annual report of the Administrator on the United Nations Capital Development Fund (DP/485 and Corr.1) and commends him on the progress made, notably under partial funding;

2. Requests the Administrator to present a detailed report on the implementation of partial funding to the Council at its twenty-eighth session;

3. Calls upon all Governments in a position to do so to initiate, resume or increase in substantial amounts their contributions to the Fund, in support of its proven performance in the poor countries, benefiting directly and immediately the low-income groups;

4. Resolves that, as a matter of principle, the Fund should assume the financing of its own administrative expenses;

5. Decides that, until such time as the Fund may assume directly the financing of its own administrative expenses, it should reimburse UNDP, with effect from 1 January 1980, for the Fund's administrative expenses from its accrued earnings derived from interest on investments and foreign exchange transfers, it being understood that UNDP would assume responsibility for those expenses in the event and to the extent that the Fund's accrued earnings became insufficient to meet those expenses;

6. Requests the Administrator and the Executive Secretary to continue their efforts with respect to raising funds for the Fund;

7. Requests the Economic and Social Council to recommend to the General Assembly that it should endorse the decision of the Council in paragraphs 4 and 5 above.

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8/ See Report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, Rome, 12-20 July 1979 (WCARRD/REP); transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/34/485).

80/20. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) referred to in the annual report of the Administrator (DP/460 and Corr.1) and, in particular, the JIU report on the use of vehicles (DP/423) and the comments of UNDP thereon (DP/423/Add.1):
2. Requests the Administrator to take into account, as appropriate, those recommendations of the Inspectors designed to enhance the quality of UNDP-supported programmes and projects and to increase the over-all effectiveness and efficiency of the Programme.

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26 June 1980

80/21. 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/458);
2. Recalls General Assembly resolution 34/209 of 19 December 1979 on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries, particularly as the Assembly urged all Governments, in particular those of developed countries, to review their position regarding the Special Fund;
3. Appeals, in the light of General Assembly resolution 34/198 of 19 December 1979 on specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries, to Governments and international organizations to contribute urgently and generously to the Special Fund;
4. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its twenty-eighth session on the activities of the Fund.

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80/22. Evaluation

I

Measures to improve the quality of technical co-operation

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the completion of six evaluation studies on substantive themes (development planning, rural development, textile industries, agricultural training, industrial research and service institutes, and women in development),

three summary reports (on agricultural training, women in development and non-conventional energy) and two process evaluations (on country programming and investment follow-up);

2. Requests the Administrator to proceed with the measures covering the project cycle identified in his report on evaluation and related measures for improving the quality of technical co-operation (DP/448), in order to ensure adequate feedback of evaluation results and to improve the quality of UNDP-supported technical co-operation activities;

3. Further requests the Administrator to ensure compliance with the relevant policies and procedures for evaluation and monitoring at the individual project level and, where appropriate, to revise those procedures;

4. Approves the undertaking of the additional seven evaluation studies identified in paragraph 7 of the Administrator's report;

5. Concurs in the proposal made by the Administrator in his report to undertake and publish in 1980-1981 the additional studies on evaluation, as requested by the Governing Council, and for implementing the proposed measures for evaluation, feedback and improving project design, and authorizes the additional expenditure in 1980-1981 of an amount not to exceed \$300,000 (net), for which additional appropriations, to be allocated from UNDP resources, may be requested by the Administrator at the twenty-eighth session of the Governing Council, unless he is able to cover all or part of this amount from savings within the programme support costs and administrative services costs budgets.

II

Women in development

The Governing Council

1. Expresses its appreciation, in particular, for the Administrator's summary report on the action-oriented assessment of rural women's participation in development (DP/453), undertaken in collaboration with other United Nations organizations;

2. Endorses the recommendation to undertake, also in collaboration with the organizations of the United Nations system concerned, an intensive action programme, including special programming assistance, to overcome the remaining obstacles identified in the Administrator's report;

3. Requests the Administrator to ensure that the recommendations contained in paragraph 75 of his report are applied in all UNDP-supported projects and programmes in a manner designed to support both rural and urban women.

III

Global programme

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the evaluation of the global programme (DP/456);

2. Authorizes the Administrator, in keeping with the recommendations contained in his report, to proceed with the implementation of its general conclusions.

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80/23. Pre-investment

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on investment follow-up (DP/442), the note by the Administrator transmitting the consultant's study on UNDP and pre-investment (DP/472), the Administrator's comments on the consultant's study (DP/479 and Corr.1), and the views expressed on these documents during the twenty-seventh session;

2. Reiterates its invitation to Governments to accord due priority to pre-investment activities in their country programmes;

3. Endorses the recommendation of the Administrator contained in paragraph 7 of his report (DP/442) that the UNDP/FAO co-operative arrangement should be continued and authorizes the Administrator to enter into similar arrangements with other agencies;

4. Endorses the proposal contained in paragraph 30 of document DP/479 and Corr.1 that arrangements should be made to ensure that resident representatives and deputy resident representatives receive special training in investment development;

5. Authorizes an additional amount not exceeding \$100,000 (net) in 1980-1981 to undertake the activities referred to in paragraph 3 above, and an additional amount of \$150,000 (net) in 1980-1981 to undertake the activities referred to in paragraph 4 above, for which additional appropriations to be allocated from UNDP resources may be requested by the Administrator at the twenty-eighth session of the Governing Council, unless all or part of this amount can be covered from savings within the programme support costs and administrative services costs budgets;

6. Decides to examine further the question of UNDP involvement in pre-investment activities at its twenty-eighth session.

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80/24. Assistance to national liberation movements recognized
by the Organization of African Unity

The Governing Council

Takes note of the Administrator's report on assistance to national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity (DP/467 and Corr.1) and the views expressed thereon during the twenty-seventh session.

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80/25. International co-operative action in support
of the Mar del Plata Action Plan

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the Administrator's report on international co-operative action in support of the Mar del Plata Action Plan (DP/474) and the views expressed thereon during the twenty-seventh session;

2. Calls upon Governments in preparing their country programmes to give due attention to the inclusion of programmes and projects to ensure that the priorities identified in the Mar del Plata Action Plan 9/ are met by the end of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade.

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80/26. Development co-operation procedures

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on consultations on more uniform or standard procedures to facilitate the administration of development co-operation (DP/468) and the views expressed thereon during the twenty-seventh session;

2. Requests that the Administrator should include the findings of the report as part of UNDP recommendations for action to the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries to be convened in 1981;

3. Further requests that the Administrator should pursue follow-up action through the appropriate machinery of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, as necessary.

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9/ See Report of the United Nations Water Conference, Mar del Plata, 14-25 March 1977 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.II.A.12), chap. I.

80/27. Interim arrangements for energy exploration
and pre-investment surveys

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the proposal of the Administrator (DP/438) and the views expressed thereon during the twenty-seventh session by members and observers,

Concerned with the need to assist developing countries, in particular the poorest among them, to meet their growing energy requirements,

Recognizing the growing interest of international financing institutions, particularly the World Bank and the OPEC Fund for International Development, in substantially increasing their operations in the field of energy exploration and development,

Noting with appreciation the initiative taken by the Administrator, in close collaboration with the World Bank and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the Secretariat, in carrying out a survey of the energy requirements of the developing countries, the results of which are contained in the report of the Administrator (DP/437 and Corr.1),

Noting further with appreciation the statement of the Director-General of the OPEC Fund for International Development, 10/

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1762 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 and 1979/65 of 3 August 1979, and General Assembly resolution 3167 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1963, under which the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration was established with a mandate for the exploration of mineral, water and energy resources, and paragraphs 4 and 5 of Governing Council decision 80/29 on the Revolving Fund,

Recognizing the responsibilities assigned to the United Nations Interim Fund for Science and Technology for Development by the General Assembly in its resolution 34/218 of 19 December 1979,

1. Authorizes the Administrator on an interim basis to seek and accept voluntary contributions in cash or in kind to undertake specific projects designed to help meet urgent needs for assistance to developing countries, especially the poorest among them, in the energy sector, without prejudice to future arrangements which may result from the review of the Revolving Fund provided for in Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/65 and from the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy to be held at Nairobi in 1981;

2. Emphasizes the importance and desirability of utilizing these voluntary contributions to complement activities in the field of energy within country and intercountry programmes funded from Indicative Planning Figures and other sources;

3. Requests the Administrator to carry out these complementary activities using the existing administrative and technical services;

10/ DP/SR.694, paras. 1-5.

4. Further requests the Administrator to hold informal consultations with interested Governments and organizations in order to make specific proposals on appropriate modalities for future UNDP activities in the field of energy exploration and related pre-investment surveys, taking into account the expert group review of the operation of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration and the activities of the United Nations Interim Fund for Science and Technology for Development;

5. Requests the Administrator to report fully at the twenty-eighth session on the progress made in implementing this decision.

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80/28. Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 79/30 of 2 July 1979 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,

Taking into account General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 34/206 and 34/213 of 19 December 1979 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the Administrator's oral report on the implementation by UNDP of the relevant provisions of the General Assembly resolutions on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system;

2. Draws the attention of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly to other decisions of the Governing Council adopted at its twenty-seventh session relating to the implementation of Assembly resolutions 32/197, 34/206 and 34/213, namely, decisions 80/11, concerning UNDP and the new international economic order, 80/7 on third cycle country programming and 80/9 on third cycle intercountry programming;

3. Welcomes the action taken by the General Assembly concerning the functions of the resident co-ordinators and by the Secretary-General concerning their designation;

4. Notes with satisfaction that the General Assembly in its resolution 34/213 affirmed that the resident representatives of the United Nations Development Programme would normally be designated as resident co-ordinators of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system in their respective countries;

5. Emphasizes that through this designation the resident representatives of the United Nations Development Programme can play an even more important role at the country level for the success of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

6. Strongly urges full respect for the principles established by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on relations between resident representatives of the United Nations Development Programme and United Nations organizations engaged in operational activities at the country level, 11/ which should be seen as a foundation for the relations between the resident co-ordinators and the organizations concerned as foreseen by the General Assembly in its resolutions 32/197 and 34/213;

7. Requests the Administrator to keep the Council informed of subsequent action taken to implement the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system.

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80/29. United Nations Revolving Fund for
Natural Resources Exploration

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator (DP/477 and Corr.1) on the activities of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration in 1979;

2. Decides to delegate to the Administrator, subject to the availability of funds, authority to approve the minimum work programme requirements of projects financed by the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, 12/ on the understanding that each approval action will be reported to the Council at its regular annual session;

3. Confirms the approval that was granted by correspondence of the following four projects subject to availability of funds:

(a) Mineral Exploration in the Eastern Desert of Egypt (EGY/NR/77/001) (DP/428);

(b) Mineral Exploration of Two Areas in Guyana (GUY/NR/78/001) (DP/429);

(c) Base and Precious Metal Exploration on Samat, Philippines (PHI/NR/79/001) (DP/430);

(d) Exploration of Lateritic Nickel Deposits (Bonga Sector), Upper Volta (UPV/NR/78/001) (DP/431);

4. Approves the financing of an expert group to be established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/65 of 3 August 1979 in order to

11/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document E/3625, paras. 31-33.

12/ See DP/142 of 24 October 1975, para. 54 (a).

assist in the 1981 review of the Revolving Fund's functions and institutional arrangements, as well as the funding and repayment system, including the possibility of activating the original mandate of the Fund to cover energy resources, as foreseen in paragraph 1 (d) of Council resolution 1762 (LIV) of 18 May 1973; the maximum estimated cost of \$120,000 is to be met from the Fund's general resources;

5. Decides that the expert group should report through the Governing Council at its twenty-eighth session to the Economic and Social Council and should include in its review the relationship between the Revolving Fund, the United Nations, the World Bank and other relevant agencies of the United Nations system, including the subvention arrangements with the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the Secretariat (Division of Natural Resources and Energy);

6. Appeals to all Governments to pledge increasing resources to the Revolving Fund to support its rapidly expanding activities;

7. Recommends that the Administrator should explore the possibility of co-financing for projects and programmes by Governments, international financial institutions and public and semi-public institutions of natural resources exploration and development, always with the agreement of the recipient country and on the understanding that the repayment arrangements will remain unaffected;

8. Endorses the appointment of Mr. Hajime Kobayashi as Director of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration.

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80/30. Preparations for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986

The Governing Council,

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

Taking into account, in particular, the needs of the lowest income countries, the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries, the most seriously affected countries, those suffering from acute ecological and geographical disabilities and newly independent countries, as well as those on their way to independence,

Reaffirming the basic principle of the universal and voluntary nature of the Programme,

Reaffirming also its Consensus of 1970, which embodies inter alia the principle of the universal and voluntary nature of the Programme, as contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

Reiterating that the greatest share of UNDP technical assistance should be channelled to developing countries most in need,

Having considered with appreciation the notes by the Administrator (DP/377 (part I), DP/425, DP/496 and Corr.1) concerning the allocation of the gross resources, including the distribution of country and intercountry IPFs for the third cycle, 1982-1986,

Emphasizing the urgent need of adequate growth in real terms of the Programme resources,

Recalling its decision of 1 July 1976 ^{13/} which assumes an annual growth rate in the Programme resources of 14 per cent in 1977-1981,

Taking into account the discussions and various points of view presented at its twenty-sixth session, at its special meeting held in February 1980 and at its twenty-seventh session,

1. Decides that the allocation of resources among developing countries, including the distribution of country and intercountry IPFs for the third programming cycle 1982-1986, shall be based on the following:

(a) For the purposes of forward planning, an assumed over-all average annual growth of voluntary contributions and other programme resources of at least 14 per cent on a cumulative basis from the target level established for 1977-1981, calculated in accordance with the corresponding figures given in the note by the Administrator (DP/496 and Corr.1, table 2), subject to the review referred to in paragraph 7 below, each nation thereby determining its own contribution;

(b) Allocation of financial resources to the various programmes and purposes as set out in the Administrator's note (ibid., column 3), including 81 per cent of the resources allocated for country and intercountry IPFs to country IPFs and 19 per cent to intercountry IPFs; as indicated in the Consensus of 1970, these proportions are intended as a planning guide;

(c) For the calculation of individual country IPFs, retention for the third cycle of the basic criteria of per capita GNP and population size and adoption of the following supplementary criteria:

- (i) The special needs of least developed countries, land-locked countries, island developing countries, newly independent countries, countries suffering from acute ecological and geographical disabilities, and front-line and most seriously affected countries, taking into account General Assembly resolution 34/217 of 19 December 1979, that do not benefit from other supplementary criteria;
- (ii) The magnitude of the country's development effort, the extent to which the Government is making structural changes to promote the development process, and the distribution of income and other elements of the establishment of social justice;
- (iii) A country's cumulative debt burden and over-all balance of payments deficit and the chronic deterioration of the terms of trade;

^{13/} Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5846/Rev.1), para. 292.

(d) Retention, in the application of the above criteria for establishing third cycle country IPFs, of the general methodology used for the second cycle, subject to the modifications indicated below and otherwise in the Administrator's note (DP/496 and Corr.1);

(e) Eighty per cent of the total amount available for country IPFs to be allocated to countries with per capita GNP of up to \$500; special treatment should be given by allocating higher increases in IPFs to low-income countries with per capita GNP of \$250 and below, and to countries subject to the conditions indicated in paragraph (c) (i) above;

(f) The remaining 20 per cent of total country IPFs to be allocated to countries with per capita GNP of above \$500 in such a way that it would be more advantageous to countries in descending order of their per capita GNP;

(g) All efforts should be made to ensure that:

- (i) Countries with a per capita GNP of below \$3,000, island developing countries and countries whose contributions in convertible currencies exceed their IPFs for the third cycle shall have a supplement wherever necessary to their IPFs for the third cycle so that they receive no less than their country IPFs for the second cycle;
- (ii) Countries other than those referred to in paragraph (g) (i) above shall have a supplement to their IPFs for the third cycle so that they receive no less than 80 per cent of their country IPFs for the second cycle;
- (iii) Each country with a per capita GNP of above \$1,500 shall receive a country IPF for the third cycle of an amount which may not be in excess of its IPF for the second cycle;

The allocations mentioned above shall be subject to any reductions made necessary by the application of the provisions of paragraph 4 below, but in such a way that the provisions in paragraphs (e) and (f) above are not jeopardized;

2. Approves, subject to the provisions of paragraph 1 (g) above, the illustrative country IPFs for the third cycle, as contained in the note by the Administrator (*ibid.*, annex, table 1), and for each individual country the larger of the figures in columns I and VI of table 2 (*ibid.*, annex), and requests the Administrator to submit calculations to the Council at its twenty-eighth session for countries for which comparable estimates of per capita GNP and/or population are not currently available and, upon their request, to submit calculations to the Council at later sessions for those countries whose current estimates for 1978 are subsequently modified substantially;

3. Decides that, in the light of the fact that the illustrative country IPFs approved in paragraph 2 above would exceed the total amount available for country IPFs (DP/496 and Corr.1, table 2, line 8) by approximately \$69 million, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 (e) and (f) above, this amount shall be made available by reducing unallocated IPF (*ibid.*, line 13) by \$50 million, and by reducing Programme Reserve (*ibid.*, line 14) by approximately \$19 million, and that should savings be achieved in regard to agency support costs and/or UNDP administrative budget, such savings shall be used to restore the levels

of the unallocated IPF and Programme Reserve resources, or for such other purposes as the Council may decide at the mid-term review;

4. Decides:

(a) If mobilization of resources falls short of the target set in paragraph 1 (a) above, there would be a flat across-the-board percentage reduction in the IPFs of all countries in supersession of any criteria that may interfere with the share of the respective countries;

(b) The same principle shall apply to other uses of financial resources indicated in the note by the Administrator (ibid., column 3), subject to the Administrator making a more precise estimate of the UNDP administrative budget in the light of resources that may become available;

5. Decides that World Bank data on population and on per capita GNP for 1978 shall be used in the calculations in all cases where they are available and in all other instances where reference is made in this decision to those criteria; otherwise, the Administrator shall determine and use the best estimates available, taking into account estimates provided to the Statistical Office of the Secretariat as well as from other reliable sources;

6. In order to achieve the basic objectives of UNDP, the Governing Council:

(a) Strongly urges all countries, especially those which have hitherto made only relatively modest contributions, to increase their voluntary contributions to the Programme, so that the objective of raising the living standards, technical capacity and social and economic development of developing countries can be achieved as quickly as possible;

(b) Further urges all donor countries to continue increasing, on a voluntary basis, their contributions at a level necessary to maintain the momentum of the Programme, taking into account their over-all contribution to development, particularly those being made by some developed and developing countries, through all channels;

(c) Requests the Administrator to enter into consultations with all countries regarding their voluntary contributions in the course of the third cycle;

(d) Urges all recipient countries in a position to do so, without prejudice to the special needs of the countries listed in paragraph 1 (c) (i) above, to voluntarily surrender their country IPFs or utilize UNDP resources on a fully reimbursable basis, as well as being contributors or net contributors to the Programme;

(e) Requests the Administrator, in addition to his continuing consultations with countries which do not have IPFs, to enter into consultations with all recipient countries with per capita GNP of above \$1,500 which do not adopt either of the courses envisaged in paragraph (d) above regarding the establishment on a voluntary basis of regular contributions and reimbursement targets, for each of the years 1982 to 1986, on the basis set out below, taking fully into account the special needs of the groups of countries listed in paragraph 1 (c) (i) above:

- (i) Countries with a per capita GNP of between \$1,500 and \$2,000 would exert their best efforts gradually to increase their annual regular contributions so as partially to reimburse on a voluntary basis as great a proportion as possible of the UNDP-financed programme, using the annualized IPF as a reference;
- (ii) Countries with a per capita GNP of between \$2,000 and \$3,000 would gradually increase their annual regular contributions on a voluntary basis so as partially to reimburse the UNDP-financed programme in order to reach, on an annual basis, a ratio of contributions of at least 75 per cent of the annualized IPF by 1985;
- (iii) Countries with a per capita GNP of above \$3,000 would increase their annual regular contributions on a voluntary basis so as to reimburse the UNDP-financed programme to the extent of 80 per cent by 1984 and 100 per cent by 1985 in the same currencies as those in which the costs of their programme are incurred;

The Administrator shall provide the Council at its twenty-eighth session with a detailed report on the results of consultations with each country, and shall report to the Council each year thereafter on the progress made towards achieving the voluntary contributions targets;

(f) Requests all recipient countries referred to in paragraph (e) above to co-operate with the Administrator on a timely basis in concluding the consultations called for in that paragraph;

7. Authorizes the Administrator:

(a) To consult with Governments with a view to his making as realistic an estimate as possible of the actual resources likely to be available for the Programme for the third cycle;

(b) To work out the IPFs for each country which shall be available to such countries for programming purposes on the basis of the estimate of resources resulting from the discussions referred to in paragraph (a) above, including, if necessary, the application of the provisions of paragraph 4 (a) above, and to notify each country accordingly;

8. Requests the Administrator:

(a) To undertake and complete the consultations referred to in paragraph 7 (a) above by the end of December 1980 so as to ensure that recipient countries are notified of the IPFs which will be available to them by January 1981;

(b) To report to the Council at its twenty-eighth session on the outcome of those consultations and on the IPFs notified to each country;

9. Decides to retain for the third cycle the current methodology for the calculation of regional IPFs; 14/

14/ See DP/59 of 12 April 1974.

10. Endorses the following supplementary criteria for the allocation of regional IPFs:

- (a) The number of least developed countries in the region;
- (b) The number of land-locked countries in the region;
- (c) The number of newly independent countries in the region;
- (d) The rate of physicians per 1,000 population;
- (e) The literacy rate;
- (f) The share of industry in GNP;
- (g) The number of island developing countries in the region;
- (h) The number of countries suffering from acute ecological and geographical disabilities in the region;
- (i) The number of front-line and most seriously affected countries, taking into account General Assembly resolution 34/217, that do not benefit from other supplementary criteria;

11. Endorses the following illustrative regional IPFs based on paragraphs 9 and 10 above, on the understanding that these IPFs will be subject to the conditions indicated in paragraph 4 above: Africa, \$283.4 million; Asia and the Pacific, \$296.1 million; Latin America, \$76.5 million; Arab States, \$57.8 million; Europe, \$16.2 million;

12. Requests the Administrator to maintain, wherever possible, ongoing subregional projects aimed at enhancing multi-island co-operation and, in this regard, to explore the possibilities of continuing the financing of such projects at the appropriate level, without prejudice to the allocation of regional IPFs, and to report to the Council at its twenty-eighth session;

13.(a) Authorizes the Administrator to approve commitments for technical co-operation projects up to the amount of \$20 million in respect of the Decade for Transport and Communications in Africa during the third cycle, 1982-1986, on the basis that actual cash disbursements would be made within a maximum of \$12.5 million in the period 1982-1986 and the balance in 1987-1991;

(b) Notes the intention of the Administrator, in accordance with established procedures, to allocate from regional and interregional funds towards the financing of the above projects an amount of \$10 million;

(c) Decides that, in respect of the balance of \$10 million, the Programme Reserve shall be utilized thus: \$5 million for the period 1982-1986 and \$5 million for the period 1987-1991;

(d) Further decides to review in 1986 the financial arrangements set out above, using the mid-term review, and, in the light of the actual rate of commitments and expenditures in respect of Decade projects and the latest forecast

of resources available to the Programme, to determine whether the above schedule of payments may be accelerated;

14. Decides to carry out a mid-term review of the resources being made available and of planning and initial implementation of the third programming cycle, and to include in that review a consideration of the IPFs of countries whose real economic position has deteriorated substantially from 1978 levels and a general consideration of IPFs should the rate of growth of voluntary contributions and other programme resources have increased by more than 14 per cent per annum;

15. Strongly urges all participants to implement fully its decision of 1 July 1976 13/ with a view to achieving an assumed average annual growth of voluntary contributions and other programme resources of at least 14 per cent cumulatively on the basis of the target level established for the entire second cycle, 1977-1981;

16. Decides, in order to accomplish the basic objectives of the Programme, namely promoting self-reliance and raising the living standards, technical capacity and economic and social development of the developing countries, that the following provisions shall apply to the payment and utilization of contributions:

(a) Recipient countries with a per capita GNP of above \$3,000 which make their voluntary contributions wholly or in part in their national non-convertible currencies shall, as far as possible, contribute in convertible currencies over and above the reimbursement stipulated in paragraph 6 (e) (iii) above;

(b) In view of the multilateral nature of the Programme non-recipient donor countries which make their voluntary contributions wholly or partly in (their national) non-convertible currencies (shall pay) (are requested if possible to pay) a gradually increasing share of their contributions in convertible currencies (so that their contributions will be fully convertible by the year 1985)7;

(c) Meanwhile, entities headquartered in net donor countries which have contributed in non-convertible currencies where such currencies are accumulated and until such accumulations are used shall be reimbursed for services and equipment purchased under the Programme (only in the currency of that country) (in the currencies in which their contribution is paid); (conversely, if when utilizing a non-convertible contribution, costs are incurred in other currencies, these shall be reimbursed to UNDP in the form of a convertible share of the non-convertible contributions)7;

17. Decides, in the light of the results of the consultations with recipient countries under paragraph 6 (e) above and the contributions pledged by non-recipient donors, to review the entire question of enhancing the contributions of recipient countries with per capita GNP of above \$1,500 to the general resources of the Programme, and for that purpose requests the Administrator to submit to the Council at its thirtieth session alternative proposals for concrete arrangements for achieving such increase which would be applicable for the fourth cycle;

18. Decides, notwithstanding the absence of a consensus in respect of paragraphs 16 (b) and (c), remaining in brackets, which paragraphs are not operative, that all other paragraphs of this decision are fully in effect and in particular authorizes the Administrator to take all necessary actions to implement this decision;

19. Decides to resume consideration of paragraphs 16 (b) and (c) in the future and urges all parties in the meanwhile to take all steps to review their position so as to ensure that an understanding is reached on these paragraphs.

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80/31. UNDP assistance in response to natural disasters

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on criteria for UNDP response to natural disasters (DP/432) and the views expressed during the debate on this question at the twenty-seventh session;

2. Agrees, with respect to longer-term disaster-related assistance, that such assistance over and above the country IPF shall be limited to technical assistance activities and that it shall be restricted to activities directly related to the effects of the disaster and of direct benefit to the population of the stricken area;

3. Further agrees that, with regard to the extent of longer-term assistance from the Programme Reserve, the Administrator should be guided by the limit of \$1 million per natural disaster with a maximum of \$2 million per year and per country, subject to the over-all availability of funds in the Programme Reserve;

4. Decides that the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 above should apply only to natural disasters;

5. Supports the action of the Administrator to encourage Governments in disaster-prone countries to draw up contingency plans in advance which would include, inter alia, provisions for the co-ordination of assistance to be received following a natural disaster;

6. Approves an increase from \$20,000 to \$30,000 as the maximum amount to be allocated from the Programme Reserve to provide immediate relief assistance in any one situation following a natural disaster;

7. Decides, with respect to allocations for a natural disaster from the Programme Reserve, that to the extent expenditures (obligations plus disbursements) have not been incurred within twenty-four months after approval of the project document, the unobligated balance shall then revert to the unallocated balance of the Programme Reserve;

8. Requests the Administrator to inform the Council periodically on the nature and extent of natural disaster-related assistance provided by UNDP.

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80/32. Sectoral support

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on sectoral support (DP/480) and the views and comments of members thereon;
2. Decides to increase the allocation to cover the net additional costs for the services of Senior Industrial Development Field Advisors (SIDFAs) in 1980-1981 to \$7,962,000 in order to permit an appropriate number of SIDFAs within this amount and the total allocation for sectoral support for the biennium 1980-1981 to \$11,712,000;
3. Requests the Administrator to enter into consultations with Governments so that, for the third programme cycle, 1982-1986, some part of the cost of the SIDFA programme shall be financed from national IPFs, and/or other national sources;
4. Decides to review the entire question of sectoral support, including the need for sectoral support, and UNDP financing of such support;
5. Invites the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to provide the necessary financial resources to ensure that all SIDFAs, particularly those who cover more than one country, are able to undertake the travel which is necessary for the effective performance of their duties;
6. Requests the Administrator, in consultation with the Executive Director of UNIDO, to revise the list of possible SIDFA services contained in the annex to the report of the Administrator, and to submit such a list to the Governing Council at its twenty-eighth session for its comments;
7. Further requests the Administrator, in consultation with the Executive Director of UNIDO, when recruiting SIDFAs, to give primary consideration to the technical competence and experience of the individuals concerned, while at the same time recruiting from as wide a range of countries as possible, particularly from developing countries.

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80/33. Feasibility of indexing the decisions
of the Governing Council

The Governing Council

Concurs in the proposal made by the Administrator in his report (DP/481) to proceed with indexing the Council's decisions, in accordance with the actions described in paragraphs 8 to 12 of the report, and authorizes the additional expenditure in 1980-1981 of an amount not to exceed \$25,000 (net), for which additional appropriations to be allocated from UNDP resources may be requested by the Administrator at the twenty-eighth session of the Governing Council, unless he

is able to cover all or part of this amount from savings within the programme support costs and administrative services costs budgets.

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80/34. Assistance to Fiji

The Governing Council,

Aware of the magnitude of the disaster in Fiji, as the result of a cyclone affecting that country,

Taking into account the criteria for UNDP response to natural disasters set forth in the report of the Administrator (DP/432),

Decides that the Administrator may provide assistance to Fiji from the Programme Reserve, not to exceed \$1 million, subject to the details of the requests being set forth in a project document.

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80/35. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The Governing Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly Assembly resolutions 3253 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974, 3512 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/180 of 21 December 1976, 32/159 of 19 December 1977, 33/133 of 19 December 1978 and 34/16 of 9 November 1979, and Council resolutions 1978/37 of 21 July 1978 and 1979/51 of 2 August 1979,

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,

Considering that in its resolution 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973 the General Assembly requested the developed countries and the specialized agencies of the United Nations to grant those countries affected by the drought which did not

enjoy them benefits similar to those given to the least developed countries with respect to the specific consequences of the drought and until those consequences were eliminated,

Having considered 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, 15/

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. Commends the Administrator for the results achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office;
3. Expresses its gratitude to the Governments, United Nations agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region and urges them to continue;
4. Authorizes the Administrator to continue to grant from unallocated funds the countries of the Sahel affected by the drought which do not enjoy them the benefits given to the least developed countries until the consequences of the drought are eliminated;
5. Urges all Governments to make special efforts to enable UNSO to respond more fully to the priority requirements of the States members of CILSS;
6. Requests the Administrator to continue to enhance the capacity of UNSO to respond effectively to the priority requirements of 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.

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80/36. Assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator (DP/450) in the light of the recent information furnished orally by the Assistant Administrator of UNDP and Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa, as well as other information given during the debate by representatives of drought-stricken African countries,

Noting with anxiety that drought continues to wreak havoc in several parts of Africa and now affects more than half the countries of the continent,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Administrator and of the additional information given during the debate;

15/ A/35/176.

2. Requests the Administrator to continue to report on the drought in Africa and neighbouring areas;

3. Requests the Administrator to set up a special programme for providing increased assistance to drought-stricken African countries with a view to reconstructing their economies and shielding them from the consequences of drought;

4. Requests the Administrator to include information on this special programme in his next report;

5. Appeals to the international community to give drought-stricken African countries generous emergency assistance that will enable them to cope with the situation created by the persistence and spread of drought.

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80/37. Concept of interim year administrative budget reports

The Governing Council

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Administrator (DP/491), the information contained therein on subjects which might be considered for reporting in the interim year of a budget biennium, and the views and comments of the members expressed thereon;

2. Decides that the subjects to be reported upon in the interim year of a budget biennium, in addition to the annual review of the financial situation, shall be left to the discretion of the Administrator and shall cover points where consultation or Council decisions are required or which otherwise, in the opinion of the Administrator, should be submitted to the Council.

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80/38. UNDP financial regulations

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the note by the Administrator on UNDP financial regulations (DP/499) and the views and comments of the members thereon;

2. Agrees to revise paragraph 3 of its decision 25/24 of 30 June 1978 ^{16/} by requesting the Administrator to prepare a new draft of the UNDP financial

^{16/} See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53/Rev.1), chap. XX.

regulations which will be most appropriate for the needs of the Programme, having regard, to the maximum extent possible, to ensuring conformity with relevant United Nations regulations;

3. Requests the Administrator to obtain the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the revised financial regulations;

4. Requests the Administrator to provide the Council, for adoption at its twenty-eighth session, with revised financial regulations in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 above;

5. Requests the Administrator to provide the Council, at its twenty-ninth session, for information purposes, with the financial rules which he has established under the revised financial regulations adopted by the Council;

6. Reaffirms that the authorization and request contained in paragraphs 3 and 5, respectively, of its decision 79/41 of 2 July 1979 shall remain in force until such time as revised financial regulations have been adopted by the Council.

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80/39. Audit reports

The Governing Council,

Having considered the audited accounts for 1978 of the participating and executing agencies, relating to funds allocated to them by UNDP (DP/441), and the attached note by the Administrator,

1. Notes with satisfaction the audited accounts for 1978 of the participating and executing agencies and the comments of their respective external auditors and the views and comments of the members expressed thereon;

2. Appreciates the efforts of the Administrator in obtaining the views of the external auditors on the questions mentioned in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Governing Council decision 79/47 of 10 July 1979 and accepts the response of the external auditors concerning those questions;

3. Requests the Administrator, in future reports to the Governing Council on the audited accounts, to provide salient comments on the substantive observations of the auditors, indicating what follow-up has been taken on their observations by the Administrator and by the participating and executing agencies;

4. Requests the Administrator to hold consultations to determine whether the commercial external auditors used by certain organizations intend to include in future audit reports observations on substantive matters and on the questions referred to in paragraph 3 of Governing Council decision 79/47.

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80/40. United Nations Interim Fund for Science and Technology
for Development

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the progress of the United Nations Interim Fund for Science and Technology for Development as reported by the Administrator in his statement to the Council, 17/ the resolutions adopted by the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its second session, 18/ and the views expressed in the Council during the consideration of this item;
2. Expresses its appreciation for the steps taken by the Administrator to ensure a rapid start of the operations of the Interim Fund;
3. Further expresses its appreciation to those Governments that have made contributions permitting significant progress to be achieved toward accomplishing the objectives of the Interim Fund;
4. Urges all Governments to contribute additional resources which are required to ensure the continuing success of these endeavours;
5. Requests the Administrator to inform the Governing Council at its next session of further developments and progress.

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80/41. United Nations Volunteers

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the activities of the United Nations Volunteers programme in 1979 (DP/484), and notes with satisfaction the growth rate of the programme, with some 800 volunteers now serving in 82 developing countries;
2. Recalls paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 31/131 of 16 December 1976, in which the Assembly considered the United Nations Volunteers programme to be a major operational unit in the United Nations for the execution of youth programmes, especially of pilot projects to increase the participation of youth in development activities and training programmes for youth workers;
3. Acknowledges the increasing role which the United Nations Volunteers programme is playing by bringing a unique input into the technical co-operation process;
4. Takes into account the expectation that the United Nations Volunteers

17/ DP/SR.702, paras. 1-5.

18/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 37.

programme will play a significant role in the preparation of projects and programmes related to the International Youth Year, 1985, and requests the United Nations Volunteers in so doing to take fully into account the technical competence of the relevant specialized agencies and the need for full co-operation and consultation with such agencies which operate core activities directly related to youth, and to report on those preparations to the Governing Council at its twenty-eighth session;

5. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Council at its twenty-eighth session proposals for adequate staffing of the United Nations Volunteers, taking into account the expansion of the programme;

6. Requests the Administrator, after consultation with delegations, to recommend to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, that the title of the post of Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme should be more appropriately named to reflect the responsibilities and functions of the post;

7. Reiterates its invitation to all member Governments to contribute or increase their contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund to enable the United Nations Volunteers programme to continue to expand its activities and more effectively carry out its mandate.

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80/42. United Nations technical co-operation activities

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities (DP/RP/21 and Add.1, DP/RP/22) and welcomes their increased coverage;

2. Endorses the proposals for the future orientation of the work of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the Secretariat and the proposed guidelines for the use of the United Nations regular programme of technical co-operation for the benefit of the least developed countries and for the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries;

3. Invites the Administrator to take fully into account the special competence, experience and expertise of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development in the designation of executing agencies for the implementation of UNDP-supported projects in the Department's fields of specialization;

4. Endorses the use of such experience or expertise in support of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration through 1981 pending the outcome of the review by the Governing Council and the Economic and Social Council, and invites the Administrator to take maximum advantage, as may be appropriate, of the Department's experience and expertise with respect to other funds and/or activities that relate to the competence already available in the Department;

5. Endorses the Department's proposals on the linkages between pre-investment and investment and, in the context of Council decision 80/23, recommends that the Department and UNDP should consider consultative arrangements similar to those between UNDP and FAO and that the Department should explore the possibility of closer links with the World Bank and other financial institutions in pre-investment activities within its areas of competence.

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80/43. Report of the Administrator for 1979

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator for 1979 (DP/460 and Corr.1), its supporting statistical documentation (DP/461, DP/462, DP/463 and Corr.1) and the views expressed thereon by Council members and observers,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the continuing increase in Programme delivery and commends the Administrator for the steps which he has taken further to improve Programme quality as well as the rate of implementation and for the measures initiated to promote proper harmonization and complementarity in the technical co-operation activities of the organizations of the United Nations system;

2. Stresses the importance of technical co-operation in the development process, in particular its catalytic ability to increase efficiency in the use of human and financial resources, including external capital assistance;

3. Reiterates in this connexion the importance of the UNDP country programming process, which facilitates the selection by recipient Governments of priority areas for assistance from the United Nations system and its proper co-ordination at the implementation stage;

4. Invites the Economic and Social Council to give due attention to the ways and means of ensuring the speedy implementation by all organizations concerned of the provisions of paragraph 33 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the use of the UNDP country programming process as a frame of reference for the operational activities carried out and financed by the organizations of the United Nations system from their own resources;

5. Appeals to all Governments to renew their efforts to provide the United Nations Development Programme with the necessary resources to enable it to achieve the target set for the 1977-1981 development cycle, which is predicated on an annual growth rate of 14 per cent, thereby providing a sound financial basis for the planning of third cycle activities and strengthening the role of UNDP as the central funding and co-ordinating organization for multilateral technical co-operation within the United Nations system.

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The Governing Council

I

Takes note of the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Support Costs (DP/WGOC/32 and Corr.1 and DP/WGOC/32/Add.1 and Corr.1);

II

Having reviewed the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Support Costs,

Recalling the criteria for the definition of support costs as outlined by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) in paragraphs 7 to 11 of its note (DP/WGOC/1) and as broadly accepted by the Working Group, 19/

Noting that the work of the Working Group was severely restricted by the absence of comparable data resulting from, inter alia, lack of standardization of accounting practices within the United Nations system,

Recalling its decision taken at the twentieth session, 20/ in which it requested the Administrator to encourage Governments to undertake Government execution of UNDP-assisted projects in those cases where he is satisfied that the necessary capacity exists,

Deeply concerned that over-all support costs incurred by executing agencies in respect of operational activities continues at a high rate and level and should be reduced without causing an increase in the regular budgets,

1. Invites the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly to recommend to the agencies that they should review their operational support systems, working methods, arrangements and staffing with a view to bringing about significant reductions in over-all support costs;

2. Decides that the following arrangements shall apply to the reimbursement by UNDP of agency support costs for operational activities in respect of the financial years 1982 to 1991 as well as for other similar programmes under the jurisdiction of the Governing Council:

(a) Reimbursement shall be made at the rate of 13 per cent of annual project expenditures and an appeal made to the executing agencies to implement operational projects within the reimbursements received and not to increase the levels of their regular budgets because of the new reimbursement rate;

(b) Current arrangements will continue whereby some executing agencies of UNDP-financed programmes are granted flexibility; however, the Administrator shall review these arrangements and recommend to the Council, at its twenty-eighth session, guidelines to be applied, including the ceilings for eligibility;

19/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53/Rev.1), annex III, para. 29.

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

(c) Without prejudice to paragraph (b) above, no executing agency shall receive for each of the years 1982 to 1986, under the new formula, less reimbursement in US dollars than the amount received for 1981 unless 14 per cent of the amount of actual programme expenditures itself would produce a lower amount; in such an event, the latter amount shall serve as the upper limit of reimbursement;

(d) In those cases where the actual support costs can be identified, no agency shall be reimbursed in excess of the support costs associated with the execution of projects funded by UNDP;

(e) Cases of particular hardship due to currency exchange fluctuations shall be dealt with by the Governing Council on an ad hoc basis; however, the Administrator is requested to recommend to the Council, at its twenty-eighth session, guidelines and procedures to reimburse executing agencies for this purpose;

(f) The special arrangements currently in force whereby the World Bank is reimbursed support costs at the rate of 11 per cent of project expenditures shall continue unchanged;

(g) To assist the Governing Council to carry out its responsibilities, each executing agency is requested to provide to the Council, through the Administrator, on an ex post facto basis, a detailed report showing the elements of support costs incurred in the preceding year in executing operational activities for development; the report should include details on objects of expenditure and the number and grades of staff or staff years involved in the different support activities (recruitment, procurement, placement of fellows, other backstopping); the Administrator, in consultation with the agencies, shall develop a suitable format for the annual report to the Governing Council;

3. Requests the Administrator to review arrangements for reimbursing support costs in respect of those executing arrangements and programmes under his authority to which a percentage formula does not currently apply and to make suitable recommendations to the Council at its twenty-eighth session;

4. Urges Governments and governing bodies of agencies to apply the support cost reimbursement arrangements described above also to technical co-operation activities financed from all other extrabudgetary resources, including trust funds or similar funds;

5. Requests the Administrator to continue to control and reduce UNDP administrative and programme support costs, which is also an element of programme support costs, and to set 12 per cent of total programme costs as an initial policy objective for the UNDP programme support costs and administrative services costs budgets.

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80/45. Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region

I

The Governing Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly Assembly resolution 33/88 of 15 December 1978 and 34/187 of 18 December 1979 and Council resolution 1978/37 of 21 July 1978,

Recalling also its decisions 25/10 of 27 June 1978 21/ and 79/20 of 28 June 1979, and decisions 6/11 of 24 May 1978 22/ and 7/13 B of 3 May 1979 23/ of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP),

Conscious of the need for the immediate implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification 24/ as an integral part of the general efforts to promote the economic and social development of that region,

Having considered decision 8/17 of 29 April 1980 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, 25/ concerning 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/455),

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. Cormends the Administrator for the results achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) within the terms of its mandate to assist the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;
3. Endorses the decision of the Governing Council of UNEP, in its decision 8/17, to add Djibouti to the list of countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region and to include Guinea and Guinea-Bissau among the countries eligible to receive assistance through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in implementing

21/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53/Rev.1), chap. XX.

22/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 25, annex I.

23/ Ibid., Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 25, annex I.

24/ A/CONF.74/36, chap. I.

25/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 25, annex I.

the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and, to that effect, authorizes the Administrator, after consultation with the Executive Director of UNEP, to increase, in an amount equal to a UNEP increase, the UNDP share of the costs of the UNDP/UNEP joint venture;

4. 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;

5. 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 the priority requirements of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region;

6. 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.

II

The Governing Council,

Recalling the responsibility of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) to assist, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, that the work is carried out as a UNDP/UNEP joint venture, and that both programmes contribute equal shares of administrative (institutional) support and programme (operational) support;

Understanding that UNEP has agreed to pay its share of the previously approved costs for the joint venture, but as yet has not had the opportunity to review the currently proposed budgetary increase,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Administrator entitled "Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian Region: financing of administrative costs" (DP/494) and the views and comments of members thereon;

2. Endorses the proposal of the Administrator for the establishment of a new budget programme entitled "United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) - UNDP/UNEP joint venture administrative (institutional) support";

3. Authorizes expenditure not to exceed \$816,000 (net) in 1980-1981, to be allocated from UNDP resources under a separate budget item (in the Main Field Programme Costs), similar to the line item for sectoral support;

4. Takes the above decision on the understanding that UNEP will decide to pay its equal share of the increased costs for 1980-1981 and that, in any event, UNDP will not pay more than one half of the total costs.

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80/46. Technical co-operation among developing countries

The Governing Council,

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, 26/ General Assembly resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978 endorsing the recommendations contained in the Plan of Action, and the Council's own decision 79/29 on technical co-operation among developing countries (TCDC),

Having examined the report of the High-level Meeting on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, 27/

Noting that the Administrator has indicated that the amount of \$1 million allocated from the Programme Reserve by decision 79/29 of 29 June 1979 of the Governing Council is almost depleted,

Noting also that the maximum amount estimated by the Administrator in document DP/GC/XXVII/BFC/CRP.17 for the studies recommended in the report of the High-level Meeting and other consequential costs is, as a first estimate, \$590,000,

Noting further the request contained in paragraph 8(a) of decision 1/7 of the High-level Meeting, 28/

1. Takes note of the report of the High-level Meeting on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries;

2. Decides as an exceptional measure to increase the ceiling of \$1 million referred to above to \$1.5 million, the amount to be allocated from the Programme Reserve for TCDC promotional purposes for the remainder of the second IPF cycle, 1977-1981;

3. Requests the Administrator to review thoroughly the amount of funds required to carry out the recommended studies and tasks with a view to minimizing the impact on the Programme Reserve, and to determine whether some of the proposed studies and reports cannot be carried out as a by-product, or otherwise, of other activities in the United Nations system and thereby from other sources of funds;

4. Endorses the proposal of the High-level Meeting for the flexible use of country IPFs for TCDC purposes on the basis of the following principles:

(a) Bearing in mind that the financing of TCDC activities is the primary responsibility of the developing countries themselves, the country IPF should be considered as a catalyst and a supplementary contribution only;

(b) A country's IPF can be used for financing its own inputs in TCDC projects or for inputs of other developing countries;

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

27/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 39 and corrigendum.

28/ Ibid., annex I.

(c) The reimbursement of local currency costs from the IPF of one country for the financing of TCDC components in technical co-operation projects undertaken in another country shall be restricted to those projects which have been notified to the Administrator as at the beginning of the High-level Meeting;

(d) UNDP procedures related to approval of its assisted projects, compensation, hiring of national experts, procurement of equipment and services, subcontracting and related matters should be used and, in this connexion, the Administrator is requested to expedite the preparation of the modifications in the policies, rules and procedures of UNDP in accordance with recommendation 34, paragraph 59(g), of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action to accommodate and encourage TCDC initiatives;

5. Invites the Administrator to consider all aspects of the question of the reimbursement from IPFs of local currency costs drawing on such expert advice and comprehensive data and information as he considers appropriate;

6. Further invites the Administrator to proceed with the preparation of proposals for the modification of policies, rules and procedures of UNDP, and to submit his findings, and proposal on this matter and on paragraph 5 above to the High-level Meeting at its next session and subsequently to the Governing Council.

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80/47. Future financing of the Programme

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 79/11 of 27 June 1979,

1. Takes note of the report of the Intergovernmental Study Group on Future Financing of the Programme (DP/451 and Corr.1);

2. Requests the Administrator to consult with Governments on the modalities for improved resources planning and to inform the Council at its twenty-eighth session of the result of these consultations;

3. Decides to consider at its twenty-eighth session the need to reconvene the Intergovernmental Study Group.

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80/48. Annual review of the financial situation: 1979

The Governing Council

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Administrator (DP/490) on the review of the 1979 financial situation and related matters and the views and comments of the members thereon;

2. Expresses satisfaction with the level of programme delivery achieved in 1979, including that for the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries;

3. Calls upon Governments to take measures to increase their voluntary contributions to UNDP to meet the level approved for planning purposes for the second cycle, on which basis the Indicative Planning Figures were established;

4. Reiterates the decisions taken at its twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions regarding the utilization of accumulated non-convertible currencies and requests the Administrator to pursue further with the executing agencies the supplying to the Governing Council at its twenty-eighth session of additional information on the use of convertible currencies related to non-convertible currency utilization;

5. Appeals to Governments contributing in accumulated national currencies to make their pledges in readily usable currencies or, to the extent possible, in convertible currencies;

6. Requests member Governments to pay outstanding amounts due to UNDP promptly and authorizes the Administrator, in order to clear UNDP accounts, to charge any balances of assessed programme costs which remain unpaid at the end of 1980 to the Indicative Planning Figure of the respective countries;

7. Authorizes the use of the Programme Reserve during the third IPF cycle, 1982-1986, for the following purposes:

(a) Financing emergency assistance in cases of natural disaster and to assist in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of stricken areas, in accordance with Governing Council decision 80/31;

(b) Financing activities related to programme development;

(c) Financing of contingencies;

(d) Financing promotional activities of technical co-operation among developing countries, subject to the specific amounts to be authorized by the Governing Council.

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80/49. Supplementary budget estimates for 1979

The Governing Council,

Having considered the 1979 supplementary budget estimates for programme support costs and administrative services costs of the United Nations Development Programme (DP/495),

Noting with appreciation the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/503) and the views and comments of the members thereon,

1. Notes that the \$485,000 in additional resources for the Integrated Systems Improvement Project (ISIP) from additional voluntary contributions or from savings, as set out in paragraphs 4(ii) and (iii) of its decision 79/42 of 2 July 1979, did not become available to the Administrator, and further notes that under paragraph 4(iv) of that decision an appropriation in the amount of \$485,000 was conditionally approved;

2. Removes the conditions set out in decision 79/42 with respect to the conditionally approved appropriation for ISIP for 1979 and allocates from the resources of UNDP \$623,700 (on a gross basis) which, after deducting income of \$138,700, is \$485,000 (on a net basis), thereby increasing the amount appropriated for 1979 to \$95,850,666 (on a gross basis) and \$74,135,861 (on a net basis);

3. Approves additional appropriations to be allocated from the resources of UNDP in an amount of \$1,867,880 (on a gross basis) to finance the 1979 supplementary budget estimates, as follows:

<u>Programme</u>	<u>US dollars</u>
Programme management and support	602,800
Administrative and common services	1,265,080
Total	<u>1,867,880</u>

4. Resolves that the 1979 income estimates shall be reduced by \$80,151 (from \$21,714,805 to \$21,634,654), resulting in a net supplementary appropriation for 1979 of \$1,948,031;

5. Further notes that the actions in paragraphs 3 and 4 above result in total appropriations for 1979 of \$97,718,546 (on a gross basis) and \$76,083,892 (on a net basis);

6. Expresses confidence that the Integrated Systems Improvement Project will provide the systems and procedures needed for excluding or reducing to the minimum future additional allocations of funds from UNDP resources to cover budget deficits for programme support costs and administrative services costs.

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80/50. Operational Reserve

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the Operational Reserve (DP/469 and Corr.1 and Add.1) and the views and comments of the members thereon;

2. Reconfirms that the purpose of the Operational Reserve is to guarantee the financial viability and integrity of the Programme;

3. Decides that the elements to be compensated for and covered by it shall be limited to:

(a) Downward fluctuations or shortfalls in resources;

(b) Uneven cash flows;

(c) Increases in actual costs as compared to planning estimates or fluctuations in delivery;

(d) Other contingencies which result in a loss of resources for which UNDP has made commitments for programming;

4. Also decides that the level of the Operational Reserve for each year of the third IPF cycle, 1982-1986, shall be established at 25 per cent of the estimated contributions or expenditures for that year, whichever may be the higher; the level shall be rounded off to the nearest \$10 million;

5. Further decides to review the level of the Operational Reserve at its twenty-ninth session;

6. Decides that, with respect to drawdowns from the Operational Reserve, the Administrator shall report to the members of the Governing Council between sessions on the status of the Reserve whenever the situation in his opinion so merits, but he shall in any event so report if drawdowns from the Reserve should amount to 25 per cent of the level of the established Reserve;

7. Reconfirms that the Operational Reserve should be fully funded at all times and held in liquid assets which are irrevocably and promptly available for UNDP disbursements;

8. Further decides that the decision to make a drawdown from the Operational Reserve shall rest solely with the Administrator, who will report all drawdowns to the Governing Council at its next regular session;

9. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council each year as to the status of the Operational Reserve.

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80/51. Review of the Integrated Systems Improvement Project 29/

The Governing Council

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Administrator (DP/471) on the progress of the Integrated Systems Improvement Project (ISIP), the arrangements for the transfer of the functions of the ISIP Group to the Division of Management Information Systems (DMIS), and the status of the funds appropriated for 1979 and 1980, and the views and comments of the members thereon;

29/ See also decision 80/49.

2. Expresses its satisfaction with the implementation of phase two of ISIP, particularly the fact that most of the systems will be operational by the end of 1980;

3. Further notes the intention of the Administrator to review, in the near future, the role and functions of DMIS, including the level of staff and other resources that may be required to ensure the successful completion, maintenance, operation and enhancement of UNDP information systems, and requests the Administrator to bring the results of this review to the attention of the Council in June 1981.

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80/52. Headquarters staffing review

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the note by the Administrator (DP/476) concerning the Headquarters staffing survey and the survey of the Field establishment, and the views and comments of members thereon;

2. Notes that the conclusions and recommendations of the Administrator with respect to those surveys cannot be ready for submission to the Council until its twenty-ninth session;

3. Decides that the programme support costs and administrative services costs budgets for the biennium 1982-1983 shall be submitted to the Council at its twenty-eighth session in accordance with the recommendations made by the Administrator and presented by the Deputy Administrator to the Budgetary and Finance Committee; and that amendments or revisions, in simplified form, should be submitted to the Council at its twenty-ninth session, together with the conclusions and recommendations of the Administrator with respect to the Headquarters staffing survey and the survey of the Field establishment.

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80/53. Interagency Procurement Services Unit

The Governing Council

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Administrator on the activities of the Interagency Procurement Services Unit (IAPSU) (DP/492) and the views and comments of the members thereon;

2. Approves the continued movement of IAPSU towards the achievement of the objectives outlined in Governing Council decision 79/45 of 10 July 1979, as well as the strengthening of IAPSU for work related to developing countries, as set forth in paragraph 8 (f) of decision 1/6 of the High-level Meeting on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries. 30/

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80/54. Support costs and related matters

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the reports of the Administrator on support costs and related questions (DP/473 and Corr.1, DP/502) and the views and comments of members and representatives of agencies thereon;

2. Authorizes the Administrator to reimburse to the International Telecommunication Union an amount up to \$629,637, subject to such exchange adjustments as may be determined by the Administrator, representing a special support cost reimbursement in respect of 1979, as an exceptional measure and without setting a precedent for agency support cost payments in the future.

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80/55. Provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session and organization of future sessions of the Governing Council

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 25/30 of 3 July 1978 31/ and 79/33 of 2 July 1979 on the control and limitation of documentation,

Taking into account the comments and suggestions made during the twenty-seventh session regarding the organization of the Council's work and the documentation,

Convinced that it would be desirable if the Governing Council could examine the possibility of shortening the duration of its session to the maximum extent possible without prejudice to the necessity of being fully informed as in the past on the matters normally reported to it and to the full exercise of the policy and supervisory role of the Council,

Believing that specific measures can be taken immediately to achieve this objective, but that other steps would require further consideration,

30/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 39 and corrigendum, annex I.

31/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53/Rev.1), chap. XX.

1. Decides that, on an experimental basis, for the twenty-eighth session the following arrangements should apply:

(a) The Council should meet in New York as follows:

Governing Council: 9-29 June 1981

Budgetary and Finance Committee: 8-26 June 1981

(The High-level Meeting on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries would meet from 1 to 5 June, with an additional meeting if required on 8 June);

(b) The general debate should take place in the first week and cover items 4 and 5 and the policy issues of item 6 of the attached provisional agenda so that the time allocated for the deliberations may be used more efficiently;

(c) The Administrator should ascertain at the informal meeting of the members of the Council, usually held at the end of April, and on the basis of the documentation submitted, what items the Council is expected to consider in depth and which could be grouped for discussion, so as to propose an organization of the work of the Council for approval at the opening of the session;

(d) Delegations should be invited to inscribe their names on the speakers' list for the general debate prior to the session;

(e) The presentation by the Administration of the items for discussion should be brief, albeit comprehensive, and focus on the action expected from the Council, except when additional oral information is required, taking into account the subject-matter and the date of submission of the report for reproduction;

(f) Documents presented to the Council for its information and which have not led to comments or suggestions affecting their contents should be simply listed as noted, so that the decisions taken during the Council's session relate clearly to action-oriented matters;

(g) Decisions of the Council which endorse specific proposals contained in a report should normally be brief and refer to the paragraphs of the report which are endorsed;

2. Notes that in deciding the duration of future meetings the Council may wish to take into account the desirability of allowing additional time for the consideration of certain items in depth;

3. Decides further that with respect to documentation the following should apply:

(a) The provisions of decision 79/33 should be strictly implemented;

(b) Each document should indicate on its cover page whether specific action is recommended to be taken by the Council or whether it is for information;

(c) A single document should be issued whenever information on several related questions can be consolidated without affecting the quantity and quality of information provided;

(d) The Administrator should pursue his consultations with the United Nations documentation services with a view to achieving significant improvement in the timely issuance of the documentation in all working languages, in accordance with paragraph 4 (d) of decision 79/33;

4. Requests the Administrator to consult with the United Nations Secretariat with a view to scheduling the twenty-ninth session as early as compatible with the likely availability of the documentation and taking into account the fact that no High-level Meeting is scheduled for 1982;

5. Requests the Administrator to consider the various comments and suggestions made during the discussions and to present his views and suggestions to the Council at its twenty-eighth session;

6. Approves the following provisional agenda for its twenty-eighth session:

Provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
4. Programme of implementation

/The Council will have before it under this item the annual report of the Administrator and its annexes; a report on assistance to national liberation movements recognized by OAU; a report on assistance to the Palestinian people; and a progress report on action taken in response to the decisions adopted by the Council at its twenty-seventh session./

5. Programme planning and preparation for the third programming cycle

- (a) Report by the Administrator
- (b) Consideration of matters arising from decision 30/30
- (c) Assistance to specific countries (Nicaragua, Uganda)
- (d) Report on pre-investment activities

6. Country and intercountry programmes and projects

/The Council will have before it under this item a report on the relevant trends and problems in the country programmes as well as country and intercountry programmes and projects submitted to the Council for approval./

7. Other funds and programmes

- (a) United Nations Fund for Population Activities 32/

32/ Two to three days will be earmarked for this item.

- (b) United Nations Volunteers
- (c) United Nations Capital Development Fund
- (d) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration
- (e) United Nations Interim Fund for Science and Technology for Development
- (f) Interim arrangements for energy exploration and pre-investment surveys
- (g) United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries
- (h) Assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa and follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Desertification

/The Council will have before it under this subitem the reports on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office and the report on assistance to the drought-stricken countries in Africa and adjacent areas./

- (i) United Nations technical co-operation activities
- (j) Information on agency regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures financed from sources other than UNDP

8. Technical co-operation among developing countries

9. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

/The questions to be considered by the Budgetary and Finance Committee will include the annual review of the financial situation: 1980, including the operational reserve; 1982-1983 budget estimates and 1981 supplementary estimates; UNDP financial regulations; ISIP; sectoral support; support costs and flexibility measures; audit reports and other matters./

10. Other matters

- (a) Matters arising out of action taken by other organs of the United Nations system
- (b) Information on the relations between UNDP and external institutions
- (c) Further consideration of the organization of the sessions of the Council

11. Date and provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session of the Governing Council

12. Draft report of the Governing Council to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981

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