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74/1. Country programmes

17. At its 399th meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council

(a) Approves the proposed UNDP country programmes for Algeria, Belize, Burundi, the Caribbean countries and territories (Antigua, Bahamas, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Turks and Caicos Islands), the Gambia, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Greece, Iceland, Indonesia, Iraq, Libyan Arab Republic, Mali, Malta, Nicaragua, Niger, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Spain, Surinam, Trinidad and Tobago, and Yemen within the limits of each country's indicative planning figures and for the duration of the respective programme period. Until such time as indicative planning figures are established to cover 1977 and subsequent years, the Administrator, with respect to the country programmes for Algeria, the Caribbean countries and territories, Indonesia, Somalia, Surinam, and Trinidad and Tobago, will proceed with approval action in a manner which will ensure that expenditures during the period 1972-1976 do not exceed the currently established indicative planning figures for that period for the country concerned; and

(b) Authorizes the Administrator to proceed with appraisal and approval action on requests for assistance falling within the outlines of the respective country programmes, and calling for planned expenditures which may be contained within the approved IPFs of the countries concerned and the financial resources currently available at any given time.

399th meeting  
16 January 1974

74/2. Actions taken by the Administrator concerning projects

38. At its 400th meeting, the Governing Council took note of the report of the Administrator on projects approved (DP/16 and addenda; DP/35; DP/38 and Corr.1) and of the views expressed by members concerning document DP/39.

400th meeting  
16 January 1974

74/3. Special measures for least developed countries

233. At its 408th meeting, the Governing Council took note of the report by the Administrator (DP/21).

408th meeting  
22 January 1974

74/4. Review of criteria to be followed in calculating indicative planning figures

77. At its 410th meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decision by consensus:

The Governing Council,

Having considered the item entitled "Further review of criteria to be followed in calculating indicative planning figures for the 1977-1981 period",

- (a) Reaffirms its decision taken on this subject at its sixteenth session, contained in paragraph 90 of document E/5365/Rev.1; 2/
- (b) Notes with appreciation the proposals submitted by the Administrator in document DP/26 and the comments made by him thereon;
- (c) Accepts the criteria and the methodology for the purpose of calculating country indicative planning figures for the 1977-1981 period as contained in document DP/26;
- (d) Recommends that the Administrator use the illustrative individual country indicative planning figures given in table 1 of document DP/26 as guidelines for the purpose of forward planning;
- (e) Decides to adopt final country indicative planning figures for the 1977-1981 period in January 1976 on the basis of the latest available data and resource situation;

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(f) Requests the Administrator, taking into account the voluntary character of the Programme and in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Governing Council, to pursue his efforts towards increasing the over-all resources of the Programme, including consultations with recipient countries at the upper end of the per capita GNP scale, taking into account the views and reservations expressed on the question of the net contributor status, and to report back to the Council beginning in January 1975;

(g) Invites the Administrator, taking into account the views expressed, to propose to the Governing Council at its eighteenth session criteria and illustrative calculations of regional indicative planning figures for the 1977-1981 period, ensuring that:

- (i) There shall be no negative changes in the amounts of the regional IPF allocations to the various regions for the 1977-1981 development cycle relative to the 1972-1976 period;
- (ii) The calculations shall be based on the 1977-1981 aggregated country IPFs for the different regions, as well as relevant supplementary criteria, in particular the number of least developed countries and land-locked countries in a region.

410th meeting  
23 January 1974

#### 74/5. Date and place of the eighteenth session of the Governing Council

290. At its 410th meeting, the Governing Council accepted by acclamation the invitation extended to it by the Government of the Philippines to hold its eighteenth session in Manila. It further decided to hold the session from 5 to 24 June 1974.

410th meeting  
23 January 1974

#### 74/6. Sectoral support for resident representatives

252. At its 412th meeting, the Governing Council took note of the report by the Administrator on sectoral support and advice for resident representatives (DP/19) and of the views expressed during the discussion.

412th meeting  
24 January 1974

74/7. Assistance to colonial countries and peoples

264. At its 414th meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decisions:

The Governing Council

(a) Takes note with appreciation of the statement by the Administrator on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations,

(b) Requests the Administrator to submit to the Governing Council, at its eighteenth session financial, administrative and practical aspects, and on the results of on-going consultations with the OAU,

(c) Requests that, in accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly in its resolution 3118 (XXVIII), counterpart obligations normally required of sponsoring Governments be waived in respect of projects beneficial to the peoples concerned.

414th meeting  
28 January 1974

74/8. Assistance to the drought-stricken area of Ethiopia

279. At its 414th meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decisions:

I

Assistance to the drought-stricken area of Ethiopia

The Governing Council,

Considering that certain areas of Ethiopia have been severely affected by drought which has caused and is causing great loss of human and animal life and serious damage to the economy of the country,

(a) Requests the Administrator, taking into account the comments made:

(i) To grant immediate provisions for emergency assistance required for the forthcoming short rains planting season following consultations with the Ethiopian Government;

(ii) To consider as a matter of urgency the short-term recovery programme and projects prepared by the Ethiopian Government and to take appropriate measures to assist the Government in the implementation of these and other projects included in the recovery programme;

(b) Requests the Administrator to prepare, in co-operation with the Ethiopian Government and the Heads of all appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, a comprehensive report to be used as a basis for the formulation of immediate, medium-term and long-term programmes for recovery from the drought damage in Ethiopia;

(c) Further requests the Administrator to provide to the eighteenth session of the Governing Council his current assessment of the situation in Ethiopia, a report on actions taken by UNDP and other international organizations in the United Nations system and his recommendations for additional actions;

(d) Suggests that the Economic and Social Council, at its spring session, consider the question of assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia on a priority basis.

414th meeting  
28 January 1974

74/9. Drought-stricken areas of Africa and adjacent areas

II

Drought-stricken area of Africa and adjacent areas

The Governing Council,

Considering that the drought affecting Ethiopia and the Sudano-Sahelian region seems to be part of a profound ecological disturbance affecting an increasing number of African countries and adjacent areas,

Requests the Administrator, in consultation with the Governments concerned and with the appropriate agencies in the United Nations system:

(a) To investigate the extent of the drought and its medium-term and long-term implications and to submit the corresponding action programmes; and

(b) To report on the action taken in this respect to the Council at its nineteenth session.

414th meeting  
28 January 1974

74/10. Estimates of resources and programme costs

84. At its 415th meeting, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee in its report (DP/L.294/Add.2), the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council

(a) Takes note of document DP/32 setting out resource and Programme cost projections of UNDP for the period 1972-1976 and the observations of members thereon;

(b) Requests the Administrator to submit revised estimates to the eighteenth session together with his recommendations for action.

415th meeting  
30 January 1974



74/11. Agency overhead costs

102. At its 415th meeting, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee in its report (DP/L.294/Add.3), the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council

(a) Takes note of document DP/31 and DP/37 and the views expressed in the Committee;

(b) Expresses grave concern about the level of agency overhead costs indicated in the preliminary analysis contained in document DP/31;

(c) Authorizes the Administrator to make overhead payments totalling a maximum of \$3,430,360 for 1974 to IMCO, UNCTAD, UPU, WMO and ICAO under flexibility arrangements as outlined in document DP/37 and reconfirms to the Administrator the authority for flexibility on overhead reimbursement for agencies involved for 1972 and 1973 as described in paragraph 3 of document DP/37.

415th meeting  
30 January 1974

74/12. Supplementary budget estimates for the administrative and programme support services for the year 1974

108. At its 415th meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decision, recommended to it by the Budgetary and Finance Committee, in its report (DP/L.294), subject to the observations expressed in the Committee:

The Governing Council

(a) Approves the supplementary budget estimates for administrative and programme support services of UNDP for 1974 in a total amount of \$1,547,700 (net) as submitted in document DP/34, taking into consideration the reduction of \$50,000 announced by the Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Administration and Finance, under the following appropriation sections:

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Section 1 - Salaries and wages	2,499,400
Section 2 - Common staff costs	650,700
Total <u>gross</u>	3,150,100
Section 7 - Estimated income	1,602,400
Total <u>net</u>	1,547,700

(b) In order to finance these supplementary estimates, authorizes an allocation in the amount of \$1,547,700 (net) from the resources of UNDP.

74/13. Supplementary budget estimates for the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries for the year 1974

114. At its 415th meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decision, recommended to it by the Budgetary and Finance Committee in its report (DP/L.294/Add.6), subject to the views expressed in the Committee:

The Governing Council

(a) Approves an increase in the membership of the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries to 19 members;

(b) Decides that the next session of the Working Group will be held from 29 April to 10 May 1974 in New York;

(c) Accordingly approves supplementary budget estimates for administrative and programme support services for 1974 in a total amount of \$50,000 under the following appropriation sections:

Section 1 - Salaries and wages	\$40,000
Section 5 - Other general expenses	\$10,000
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Total	\$50,000
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(d) In order to finance these supplementary estimates authorizes an allocation of \$50,000 (net) from the resources of UNDP.

415th meeting  
30 January 1974

74/14. General outline of budget estimates for the year 1975

135. At its 415th meeting, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee in its report (DP/L.294/Add.1), the Governing Council took note of document DP/29 as well as the views and observations expressed thereon in the Budgetary and Finance Committee.

415th meeting  
30 January 1974

74/15. Long-range organizational and procedural improvements in respect of the Regional Bureau for Africa

148. At its 415th meeting, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee (in its report (DP/L.294/Add.5)), the Governing Council took note of the Administrator's statement during the resumed discussion in the Budgetary and Finance Committee as well as the views expressed by members of the Committee.

415th meeting  
30 January 1974

74/16. United Nations Fund for Population Activities

202. At its 415th meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decision, recommended to it by the Budgetary and Finance Committee in its report (DP/L.294/Add.4), subject to the observations expressed in the Committee:

The Governing Council

(a) Approves the following country agreement and projects in the following amounts:

- (i) Comprehensive Country Agreement with the Republic of Korea (DP/25/Add.1) in the amount of \$6 million for a period estimated as from three to five years;
- (ii) Maternal and Child Health Programme in Colombia (DP/25/Add.2) in the amount of \$1 million for 1974, authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate with the Government of Colombia the remaining portion of the project for an additional period of three years, the remainder to be resubmitted to the Governing Council for approval;
- (iii) Population Census in Upper Volta (DP/25/Add.3) in the amount of \$1,032,900 over a period estimated as four years;
- (iv) Latin American Demographic Centre (DP/25/Add.4) in the amount of \$1,166,600 over a period estimated as one year;
- (v) Consolidation of the National Family Planning and Sex Education Programme in Costa Rica (DP/25/Add.6) in the amount of \$2.1 million over a period estimated as four years;
- (vi) Demographic Training and Research Centre in Romania (DP/25/Add.5) in the amount of \$200,000 estimated for the first year of the project;

(b) Approves the Fund's supplementary 1974 budget request (DP/33) in the amount of \$72,100 (net);

(c) Approves and authorizes the continuation of the acceptance by UNFPA of the limited number of governmental contributions it is currently receiving limited by their donors to certain specific purposes;

(d) Authorizes UNFPA to report on the approval of projects in amounts less than \$100,000 once a year in connexion with its annual report submitted to the June session;

(e) Authorizes the Executive Director to continue the Fund's current practice of accepting contributions intended for the International Planned Parenthood Federation;

(f) Approves the Fund's Financial Regulations and Rules (DP/36) as of 1 January 1974 with the amendments:

(i) Of Rule 111.3 to include the words "in quantified terms" after the word "policy";

(ii) Of Rule 111.8 by replacement with the equivalent UNDP Rule except for the reference to the June session;

(iii) Of Regulation 6.5 to add the words "except as heretofore authorized" at the beginning of the regulation;

(g) Takes note of the Executive Director's note (DP/20).

415th meeting  
30 January 1974

#### 74/17. Draft omnibus statute

289. At its 416th meeting, the Governing Council noted with appreciation the work of the Working Group on the draft statute and decided to resume consideration of the draft statute at its nineteenth session.

416th meeting  
30 January 1974

74/18. Provisional agenda for the eighteenth session of the Governing Council

291. At its 416th meeting, the Governing Council agreed on the following provisional agenda for the eighteenth session:

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Country and intercountry programming and projects
  - (a) Consideration, in private meetings, and approval by the Council of individual country programmes and projects recommended by the Administrator
  - (b) Proposals on criteria and illustrative calculations of regional indicative planning figures for 1977-1981
4. Budgetary, financial and administrative matters
  - (a) Financial outlook of UNDP, 1972 to 1976, and comprehensive report on financial activities during 1973, and audit reports for the previous year
  - (b) Budget estimates for the year 1975
  - (c) Report on agency overhead costs
  - (d) Custodianship of UNDP funds
5. Annual report of the Administrator for 1973 and report to the Economic and Social Council for its comprehensive policy review of operational activities throughout the United Nations system
6. United Nations Capital Development Fund
7. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration
8. United Nations Volunteers
9. United Nations Fund for Population Activities

10. United Nations technical co-operation activities
11. Information papers on the regular programmes of technical assistance in 1973 of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency
12. Report of the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries
13. Assistance to the drought-stricken area of Ethiopia
14. Other matters
15. Date and provisional agenda for the nineteenth session of the Governing Council
16. Draft report of the Governing Council to the fifty-seventh session of the Economic and Social Council.

416th meeting  
30 January 1974