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75/1. Approval of country programmes

17. At its 446th meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decisions:

The Governing Council

1. Approves the proposed UNDP country programmes for Albania, Bahrain, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Laos, Liberia, Oman, Qatar, and United Arab Emirates within the limits of their approved IPFs for 1972-1976 and their illustrative IPFs for 1977-1981 and for the duration of their respective programme periods;

2. Authorizes the Administrator to proceed with appraisal and approval action on requests for assistance falling within the outlines of these country programmes while ensuring, in accordance with the decision of the Governing Council at its eighteenth session (E/5543/Rev.1, para. 31), that expenditures are kept in reasonable conformity with the relevant IPFs and are contained within the financial resources available at any given time.

446th meeting
16 January 1975

75/2. Approval of country and intercountry projects

The Governing Council

1. Approves the following projects:

(a) Global - International Rice Testing Programme (IRRI) (GLO/74/006);

(b) Global - The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT): African Co-operative Programme for the Improvement of Sorghums and Millets (GLO/74/005);

(c) Syrian Arab Republic - Strengthening of the Exploratory Deep Drilling Capability of the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources (SYR/72/005);

(d) Egypt - Master Plan Studies for the Canal Zone (EGY/74/015);

2. Authorizes the Administrator to make the appropriate arrangements for the execution of these projects.

75/3. Increased delegation of authority to resident representatives
for project approval

22. At its 446th meeting, the Governing Council took note of the Administrator's intention to extend until the end of 1976 his delegation of authority to Resident Representatives to approve projects and endorsed the increase in the upper limit of such approval from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

446th meeting
16 January 1975

75/4. Action by UNDP in response to General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI) and
the establishment of a New International Economic Order

125. At its 454th meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council

1. Notes document DP/GC/XIX/CRP.1 and the comments made by members of the Council and the Administrator;

2. Invites the Administrator to submit to the fifty-eighth session of the Economic and Social Council a progress report based on document DP/GC/XIX/CRP.1 and the observations of members of the Council;

3. Invites the Administrator to prepare for the twentieth session comprehensive documentation with a view to facilitating the Council's contribution to the preparations for the seventh special session of the General Assembly, taking into account the views and suggestions expressed by members of the Council at the nineteenth session;

4. Notes the desirability for members to be represented at an appropriate high level during the consideration by the Governing Council of this item of its agenda at its twentieth session.

454th meeting
22 January 1975

75/5. Technical co-operation among developing countries

164. At its 454th meeting, the Governing Council noted the report of the Administrator (DP/84) and looked forward to his further progress report on action taken as well as to his recommendations regarding the regional meetings and the intergovernmental symposium to be convened in response to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 3251 (XXIX).

454th meeting
22 January 1975

75/6. Standard agreement with Governments

173. At its 455th meeting, the Governing Council, in the light of the discussion and the statements of the Assistant Administrator, decided to consider this matter at its twentieth session on the basis of the documentation requested during the discussion.

455th meeting
23 January 1975

75/7. Emergency assistance to Somalia

222. At its 458th meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the problems arising from the prevalence of the drought in Somalia,

Realizing that the drought was severely affecting the implementation of the plans of the Government of Somalia for the speedy social and economic development of the country and its people,

Recalling its previous decisions on assistance to the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian Zone and Ethiopia in a similar predicament,

Recalling further Somalia's status as a least developed among the developing countries for which both the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly had recommended special measures,

Noting with appreciation the commendable efforts of the Government and people of Somalia to combat the effects of the drought,

Noting further the actions already taken by UNDP, UNDRO, UNICEF and the World Food Programme to assist the Government of Somalia in its present hour of need,

Convinced of the need for greater action on the part of UNDP,

1. Decides to allocate a sum of \$2 million from the Programme Reserve to assist the Government of Somalia in its efforts specifically to deal with the problems of the drought;

2. Requests the Administrator to assist the Government of Somalia, in consultation with the other organizations in the United Nations system, in formulating and implementing development projects aimed at achieving the short- to long-term recovery and rehabilitation of the people of the drought-affected areas of Somalia.

458th meeting
24 January 1975

75/8. Action in favour of colonial countries and peoples

270. At its 460th meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council

1. Takes note with appreciation of the comprehensive information provided by the Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa regarding his consultations with African liberation movements on the assistance to be provided by UNDP in the light of the most recent developments in Africa;
2. Takes note of the statements made by members of the Council and the representatives of the liberation movements who participated in the debate;
3. Considers that UNDP must strengthen further its assistance to the countries acceding to independence and to the liberation movements recognized by the OAU;
4. Approves the proposal of the Administrator that indicative planning figures for the current cycle and illustrative figures for 1977-1981 should be established at the twentieth session of the Council for the countries and territories acceding to independence;
5. Appeals to member States for increased financial support of the measures taken and contemplated by the Administrator, using the fund-in-trust established for that purpose and other resources, in order to strengthen the Programme's assistance to the liberation movements recognized by the OAU as well as to countries acceding to independence in their economic and social rehabilitation programmes;
6. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at the next session on his further consultations with liberation movements not covered in his report to the nineteenth session.

460th meeting
27 January 1975

75/9. Programme resources and costs outlook for 1977-1981

103. At its 462nd meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Having considered the item entitled Programme resources and costs outlook for 1977-1981,

1. Takes note of document DP/90 and of the comments made by members of the Council and by the Administrator and expresses its appreciation to the Administrator for having drawn the Council's attention to the substantial consequences of inflation for UNDP activities;

2. Requests the Administrator, having regard to paragraph 1 above, to prepare for the twentieth session:

(a) illustrative figures for resources for UNDP activities for the period 1977-1981, assuming over-all average growth rates of voluntary contributions of 7.5, 10, 12.5, 15 and 17.5 per cent; and

(b) proposals for their allocation among different major cost categories taking into account the views expressed in the Council by many members that 2 per cent of the total resources available for field programmes should be allocated to global projects;

3. Requests the Administrator to give special consideration, in his report to the twentieth session to:

(a) the Programme Reserve,

(b) global projects, and

(c) assessed programme costs;

4. Invites the Administrator to consult with Governments with a view to recommending to the twenty-first session, taking into consideration all other relevant factors, an over-all average growth rate of resources that may be assumed for planning purposes for 1977-1981 designed to ensure a dynamic growth to UNDP.

462nd meeting
28 January 1975

75/10. The integration of women in development

151. At its 462nd meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Recalling that in its resolutions 3010 (XVII) and 3275 (XXIX), the General Assembly proclaimed the goals of International Women's Year 1975 (a) to promote equality between men and women; (b) to ensure the full integration of women in the total development effort, especially by emphasizing women's responsibility and their important role in economic, social and cultural development at the national, regional and international levels, particularly during the Second United Nations Development Decade; (c) to recognize the importance of women's increasing contribution to the development of friendly relations and co-operation among States and to the strengthening of world peace,

Noting that in its resolution 3342 (XXIX), the General Assembly called upon the United Nations system to provide increased assistance to those programmes, projects and activities which will encourage and promote the further integration of women into national, regional and interregional economic development activities,

Recalling the World Population Plan of Action by which the World Population Conference recognized as a development goal the full integration of women into the development process, and the removal of obstacles to their greater participation in opportunities for productive employment,

Recalling further the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition by which the World Food Conference solemnly proclaimed that it is necessary to recognize the key role of women in agricultural production and rural economy in many countries, and to ensure that appropriate education, extension programmes and financial facilities are made available on equal terms with men,

Bearing in mind resolution 3352 (XXIX) by which the General Assembly requested the United Nations system, inter alia, to take all necessary measures to ensure that an equitable balance between men and women staff members be achieved before the end of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Considering that the concept of development inspiring the action of Governments and of relevant international organizations should in general give more importance to the needs, competence and aspirations of women,

Bearing in mind the comments made by members of the Governing Council during the discussion,

Endorsing the actions so far undertaken by the Administrator in this field, emphasizing the importance of the integration of women as equal partners with men,

1. Requests that the integration of women in development should be a continuing consideration in the formulation, design and implementation of UNDP projects and programmes;

2. Invites Governments to take the appropriate decisions in order to ensure the participation of women in the planning process, in decision-making, and in the implementation of development projects;

3. Requests the UNDP Administrator to instruct Resident Representatives to communicate the present decision of the Governing Council to the Governments of the respective host countries as well as to executing agencies, requesting them to support the objectives of International Women's Year by duly taking into account the Governing Council's decision;

4. Further requests the UNDP Administrator to assist Governments to achieve the above-mentioned objectives;

5. Stresses the importance of women's participation in planning and implementing UNDP country programmes as well as regional, interregional and global projects so that the above considerations could be properly applied;

6. Requests the Administrator to report on all UNDP actions on the integration of women in development, taking into consideration the experience of countries with different social and economic systems, including:

(a) Planning, formulation, implementation and evaluation of UNDP projects and programmes,

(b) Response to relevant Economic and Social Council and General Assembly resolutions on this subject; and

7. Invites the Administrator to continue the action he had undertaken to increase the number of women in decision-making posts within the UNDP Administration.

462nd meeting
28 January 1975

75/11. United Nations Fund for Population Activities

312. At its 462nd meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council

1. Decides to give the Executive Director for 1975 a revised approval authority for project commitments up to the amount of \$80 million;
2. Approves the following proposed country agreements and projects in the amount of \$1 million or more:
 - (a) Country agreement with Tunisia (DP/FPA/2/Add.3);
 - (b) Population programme in Peru (DP/FPA/2/Add.5) for the first year up to a total of \$700,000, the remainder of the proposed four-year programme to be considered by the Governing Council at its twenty-first session;
 - (c) Maternal and Child Health Programme in Colombia (DP/FPA/2/Add.1);
 - (d) Support to the Algerian National Census (DP/FPA/2/Add.2); and
 - (e) Population Census in Yemen (DP/FPA/2/Add.4).

462nd meeting
28 January 1975

75/12. Draft omnibus statute

417. At its 462nd meeting, the Governing Council decided that further consideration of the draft statute be deferred to its twenty-first session, pending the outcome of informal, intersessional consultations among members to be arranged by the Administrator, at which time relevant decisions reached by United Nations bodies in the interim would be taken into account.

462nd meeting
28 January 1975

75/13. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

191. At its 463rd meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision at the eighteenth session concerning the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration,

1. Takes note of the progress report of the Administrator (DP/85) and his statement;

2. Authorizes the Administrator to continue to undertake project negotiations on the basis of the provisional operational procedures and administrative arrangements of the Fund as contained in the report of the Secretary-General (DP/53), and requests him to report thereon to the Council at its twentieth session;

3. Requests the Administrator to furnish to Governments as soon as possible copies of a model agreement for their study and comments before the twentieth session of the Council and also to submit to that session the principal terms of each provisional agreement negotiated by him in accordance with paragraph 2 above, in the form of a project summary;

4. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Council at its twentieth session further information on the activities of the Fund, together with his comments, which would enable it to finalize in the light of the experience gained the operational procedures and administrative arrangements of the Fund after the necessary refinements and modifications;

5. Agrees to consider as a separate item of the agenda, after an agreement in the form of a decision on the operational procedures and administrative arrangements, projects submitted by the Administrator for possible approval;

6. Invites the Administrator, when implementing projects financed under the Fund, as authorized by the Council, to explore, in agreement with the developing countries concerned, possibilities of utilizing, as appropriate, the capabilities and expertise in natural resources exploration which they possess;

7. Invites all Members of the United Nations as well as those of the specialized agencies to make voluntary contributions to the Fund;

8. Requests the Administrator, in co-operation with the Secretary-General, to intensify his efforts to raise financial resources for the Fund, and to submit a progress report on fund raising to the Council at its twentieth session, together with the report as requested in paragraphs 2 and 4 above.

463rd meeting
29 January 1975

75/14. The drought-stricken area of Africa and adjacent areas

210. At its 463rd meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Recalling the decision taken at its seventeenth session,

Having examined the activities report on the drought-stricken regions and adjacent regions of Africa submitted by the Administrator (DP/88) and bearing in mind the comments made by the members of the Council,

1. Congratulates the Administrator and the other organs of the United Nations system for the measures that they have taken in order to combat the effects of the drought;
2. Takes note of the Administrator's report and approves its conclusions, particularly those concerning the role of UNDP in the preparation and implementation of the medium-term and long-term programmes;
3. Requests the Administrator of UNDP as well as the other organs of the United Nations system to further expand their action in the field of emergency assistance to the drought-stricken countries;
4. Invites the Administrator to co-operate closely with the Governments of the countries concerned in the preparation and implementation of the medium-term and long-term development programmes for a permanent over-all strategy designed to restore and rehabilitate the economies of those countries;
5. Stresses the importance of effective co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations family in combating the drought and requests the Administrator, bearing in mind the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, to co-operate closely in organizing the necessary joint over-all programmes and to facilitate consultations between the various sources of aid and the countries affected;
6. Requests the Administrator to inform the Council at its next session with regard to the evolution of the situation in the drought-stricken region and adjacent regions of Africa and the measures taken for the benefit of the countries affected, particularly the countries of the Sahel, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan and the Cape Verde Islands, bearing in mind the provisions of this decision.

463rd meeting
29 January 1975

75/15. Emergency assistance to Pakistan

237. At its 463rd meeting, the Governing Council unanimously adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Considering that an earthquake of severe intensity had recently caused serious loss of human life and property in the northern regions of Pakistan,

Noting that in its resolution 1915 (ORG-75) of 15 January 1975, the Economic and Social Council requested the Governing Council to take urgent action at its nineteenth session to provide the necessary assistance to the Government of Pakistan in the process of reconstruction and rehabilitation in the areas affected by the earthquake,

Noting with satisfaction that the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the concerned organizations in the United Nations system, including UNDRO, UNICEF, WHO, FAO/WFP as well as UNDP, had taken immediate steps to assist the Government of Pakistan in providing emergency relief to the victims of the disaster,

Realizing that, after the phase of emergency relief a second phase of recovery, that is, reconstruction and rehabilitation, would have to be undertaken at great expense, and for this purpose the Government of Pakistan would be needing substantial assistance,

Recognizing the importance of the role UNDP could play in providing assistance to the Government of Pakistan in this process of recovery,

1. Requests the Administrator to take urgently all necessary steps to assist, in consultation with the concerned organizations in the United Nations system, the Government of Pakistan in its reconstruction and rehabilitation programme in the affected areas;

2. Authorizes the Administrator to approve such assistance in addition to the IPF for the Pakistan country programme.

463rd meeting
29 January 1975

75/16. Action taken in 1974 by organs of the United Nations and related agencies

316. At its 463rd meeting, the Governing Council took note of the action taken by the organs and agencies of the United Nations system in 1974 on matters relating to UNDP (DP/81 and Add.1-3).

463rd meeting
29 January 1975

75/17. Project implementation

51. At its 464th meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the Administrator's report on project approvals and expenditures in relation to IPFs (DP/89) and the views expressed by the members during the discussion,
2. Requests the Administrator to report further on this matter to the twentieth session and to include in his report an analysis of factors influencing project implementation and of measures taken and which need to be taken to improve delivery, bearing in mind the suggestions made during the debate.

464th meeting
30 January 1975

75/18. Administrative budget of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities

313. At its 464th meeting, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Governing Council approved the following transfer of credits among sections of the authorized 1974 administrative budget of UNFPA:

	Increase (Decrease) \$US
Section 1 - Salaries and wages	(40 000)
Section 2 - Common staff costs	40 000
Section 3 - Travel and transportation	25 000
Section 4 - Permanent equipment	(5 000)
Section 5 - Other general expenses	9 000
Section 7 - Estimated income	(29 000)

464th meeting
30 January 1975

75/19. Estimates of resources and programme costs and related proposals by the Administrator, and audit reports

329. At its 464th meeting, the Governing Council adopted the decision which the Budgetary and Finance Committee had recommended to it, taking into account the comments and observations made in the Committee. Accordingly, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of document DP/87 and Corr.1 and of the observations made by members of the Committee and the Administrator's replies;
2. Recommends the retention of the concept of standard costs for calculation of the cost of expert services;
3. Approves the Administrator's recommendations to raise the standard cost to \$36,000 with effect from 1 January 1975 without prejudice to any decision to offset the expected deficit;
or,
4. Considers it desirable that study of the financial policy to be adopted to offset the expected deficit be continued at the twentieth session of the Governing Council;
5. Recommends that a waiver of assessed programme costs prior to 1972 be granted to Equatorial Guinea;
6. Confirms that the Administrator has the authority to grant waivers of assessed programme costs on a case-by-case basis for the period prior to 1972;

7. Takes note of documents A/9607/Add.1, A/9763 and Corr.1, DP/78 and Add.1 and 2, containing the audit reports of the Participating and Executing Agencies of the UNDP accounts as at 31 December 1973, as well as the comments and observations expressed by the members of the Committee thereon;

8. Approves the accounts and audit reports as contained in the documents referred to above.

464th meeting
30 January 1975

75/20. UNDP Financial Regulations and Rules

332. At its 464th meeting, the Governing Council adopted the decision which the Budgetary and Finance Committee had recommended to it taking into account the comments and observations made by members of the Committee. Accordingly, the Governing Council approved the revisions of the UNDP Financial Regulations and Rules proposed in DP/79, subject to the amendment of proposed Regulation 14.5 to limit the ex gratia payments made under the Administrator's authority to \$20,000.

464th meeting
30 January 1975

75/21. Custodianship of UNDP funds

369. At its 464th meeting, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed document DP/94 and heard the additional explanations and comments by the Administration, and taking into account the observations made by the members of the Committee,

1. Decides that consideration of the question of the custodianship of UNDP funds be resumed at its twentieth session;
2. Expresses the wish to have at its disposal in due course the report of ACABQ and a more complete report on the various recommendations of the consultants;
3. Considers it inappropriate for the reclassification of posts proposed in document DP/94 to be carried out at this time.

464th meeting
30 January 1975

75/22. Supplementary budget estimates for 1974

375. At its 464th meeting, the Governing Council on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee and subject to the comments and observations made in the Committee, adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council

1. Approves the 1974 supplementary estimates for administrative and programme support services of the United Nations Development Programme in a total amount of \$3,176,000 (net) as contained in document DP/95 under the following appropriation sections:

	<u>\$US</u>
Section 1 - Salaries and wages	227,900
Section 2 - Common staff costs	2,028,900
Section 3 - Travel and transportation. . . .	454,000
Section 4 - Permanent equipment.	44,500
Section 5 - Other general expenses	268,100
Section 6 - Special expenses	15,700
<u>Total gross</u>	<u>3,039,100</u>
<u>Less:</u>	
Section 7 - Estimated income	(136,900)
<u>Total net</u>	<u><u>3,176,000</u></u>

2. In order to finance these requirements, authorizes an allocation in the amount of \$3,176,000 (net) from the resources of the United Nations Development Programme.

464th meeting
30 January 1975

75/23. United Nations Capital Development Fund

409. At its 464th meeting, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/99) and of the additional explanation by the Administrator concerning the status of the programme, and taking into account the observations of members of the Committee,

1. Approves the estimates for the secretariat of the United Nations Capital Development Fund in a total amount of \$255,000 net as contained in document DP/82 to be included in the UNDP estimates for administrative and programme support services for 1975 under the following appropriation sections:

	<u>\$US</u>
Section 1 - Salaries and wages	209,200
Section 2 - Common staff costs	51,000
Section 3 - Travel and transportation.	17,000
Section 4 - Office furniture and equipment . . .	8,000
Section 5 - Other general expenses	10,000
<u>Total gross</u>	<u>295,000</u>
<u>Less:</u>	
Section 7 - Estimated income	(40,000)
	<u>255,000</u>

2. In order to finance these requirements, authorizes an allocation in the amount of \$255,000 (net) from the resources of the United Nations Development Programme.

464th meeting
30 January 1975

75/24. Date and place of the twentieth session of the Governing Council

418. At its 464th meeting, the Governing Council decided to hold its twentieth session in Geneva from 11 to 27 June 1975. At the same meeting, it decided that its Budgetary and Finance Committee, as well as an ad hoc working group on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, would convene prior to the Council, on 9 June 1975, also in Geneva.

464th meeting
30 January 1975

75/25. Provisional agenda for the twentieth session of the Governing Council

419. At its 464th meeting, the Governing Council also agreed on the provisional agenda for the twentieth session, as follows:

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. General review of programmes and policies of UNDP:
 - (a) Annual report of the Administrator for 1974 including the United Nations Capital Development Fund and United Nations Volunteers;
 - (b) Action by UNDP in response to General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI) on the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and UNDP's contribution to the mid-term review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy;
 - (c) The future role of UNDP in world development in the context of the preparations for the seventh special session of the General Assembly;
 - (d) Project implementation;
 - (e) Progress report on the drought-stricken area of Africa and adjacent areas;
 - (f) Report of the Administrator on action taken in favour of colonial countries and peoples;
 - (g) Programme resources and costs outlook for 1977-1981;
 - (h) Decentralization of the activities of UNDP (General Assembly resolution 3252 (XXIX));
 - (i) Measures adopted by the Administrator, together with the Secretary-General, to publicize widely the report of the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries.

4. Programmes and projects
5. Budgetary, financial and administrative matters:
 - (a) Financial outlook of UNDP through 1976 and comprehensive report on financial activities during 1974;
 - (b) Audit reports and accounts
 - (c) Budget estimates
 - (d) Custodianship of UNDP funds
 - (e) Financial implications of regional meetings and the symposium on technical co-operation among developing countries
 - (f) Excess overhead costs drawn by executing agencies
6. United Nations Fund for Population Activities
7. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration
8. Standard Agreement with Governments
9. United Nations technical co-operation activities
10. Information on the regular programmes of technical assistance in 1974 of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency
11. Other matters
12. Date and provisional agenda for the twenty-first session of the Governing Council
13. Draft report of the Governing Council to the fifty-ninth session of the Economic and Social Council

464th meeting
30 January 1975

75/26. Agency overhead costs

353. At its 465th meeting, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of documents DP/77 and Add.1 and Corr.1 and Add.2-5, and of the comments and observations made by members of the Committee;
2. Authorizes the reimbursement of agency overhead costs incurred by the agencies for the years 1974-1977 at the rate of 14 per cent of actual project costs;
3. Recommends the continuation by CCAQ of the cost measurement study, taking account of the recommendations made by the Joint Inspection Unit in document DP/77/Add.3, in order to find, if possible, a better reimbursement formula, and the continuation of the efforts to reduce overhead costs and increase efficiency;
4. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council on the matter at its twenty-fourth session with an interim report submitted at its twenty-first session;
5. Agrees that the Administrator should negotiate additional lump-sum overhead reimbursements for the smaller agencies whose programmes do not exceed \$10 million and provide the Committee with more detailed information on the matter;
6. Authorizes the Administrator to negotiate an additional overhead provision not to exceed 5 per cent of the project budget or an amount equal to one man-year of expert services at standard cost in the case of unusually complex projects, but urges the Administrator to take a very restrictive approach in this matter and to report to the Council any projects for which this provision is approved;
7. Considers it necessary to allow the Administrator more time to continue to seek a compromise with the executing agencies before taking a decision on the write-off of excess overhead costs drawn by executing agencies for executing former Special Fund-type projects;
8. Decides, therefore, to take up this question again at its twentieth session, and authorizes the Administrator to write off \$437,666 and \$357,964, respectively, for ITU and WMO on the basis of the special circumstances applicable to small executing agencies with identifiable staff units for executing projects financed by UNDP.

465th meeting
3 February 1975

75/27. Revised budget estimates for 1975

388. At its 465th meeting, the Governing Council, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, and taking into account the comments and observations expressed in the Committee, adopted the following decision:

1. Requests the Administrator to take note of the comments and observations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in document DP/99 as well as those made in the Budgetary and Finance Committee with respect to the application of Financial Rule 111.8 on the submission of supplementary estimates;

2. After having noted the explanation offered by the Administrator, decides on an exceptional basis to consider at the nineteenth session the proposals contained in document DP/96;

3. Subject to the reservations expressed in the Committee concerning the proposed estimates of \$500,000 for short-term consultants to assist Resident Representatives and after noting the provisional arrangements proposed by the Administration with regard to financing short-term consultants pending the final decision of the Governing Council in this regard, requests the Administrator to submit a report on this matter to the twentieth session of the Governing Council;

4. Approves the supplementary budget estimates for administrative and programme support services for 1975 in a total amount of \$4,176,700 (net) as submitted in document DP/96, taking into consideration the reduction of \$266,700 (net) indicated by the Director, Division of Finance, as well as on proposed estimates of \$500,000 for short-term consultants referred to under paragraph 3 above, under the following appropriation sections:

	\$US
Section 1. Salaries and wages	2,809,800
Section 2. Common staff costs	1,460,000
Section 3. Travel and transportation.	65,000
Section 4. Permanent equipment.	167,000
Section 5. Other general expenses	229,600
Section 6. Special expenses	125,300
<u>Total gross</u>	<u>4,856,700</u>
<u>Less:</u>	
Section 7. Estimated income	680,000
<u>Total net</u>	<u><u>4,176,700</u></u>

5. In order to finance these supplementary estimates, authorizes an allocation in the amount of \$4,176,700 (net) from the resources of UNDP;

6. Urges the Administrator to continue to explore the possibilities of reducing future special translation costs;

7. Urges the Administrator that particular attention be given to achieve savings in temporary assistance and overtime as a result of the use of the typing pool.

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75/28. Feasibility of introducing a biennial budget cycle and general outline of budget estimates for 1976

403. At its 465th meeting, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of document DP/80 and Corr.1, containing a general outline of the 1976 budget estimates for administrative and programme support services as well as the views and observations expressed thereon and the clarifications provided by the Administrator;

2. Recommends that, after having considered the pertinent portion of document DP/80/Add.1 dealing with the form of budget presentation, the budget might include a breakdown between administrative costs and programme support costs in order to provide better information on the use of UNDP funds;

3. Decides, after having heard the Administrator's views, to defer to a subsequent session of the Governing Council consideration of the feasibility of introducing a biennial cycle for the UNDP administrative and programme support services budget.

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