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75/29. Annual report of the Administrator for 1974; experience in country programming; decentralization of UNDP activities; integration of women in development

138. At its 475th meeting, the Governing Council took note with appreciation of the report of the Administrator for 1974 (DP/111 and annex I and Corr.1 and annex II) and of the Administrator's reports on the review of country programming experiences (DP/116), the decentralization of the activities of UNDP and the relation of UNDP to the regional economic commissions (DP/124), and the integration of women in development (DP/127), and of the observations made by members during the general discussion on those reports.

475th meeting
17 June 1975

75/30. United Nations Volunteers

227. At its 475th meeting, the Governing Council took note with appreciation of the relevant section of the report of the Administrator (DP/111, chap. IV, sect. F) and document DP/GC/XX/CRP.1, as also of the observations made during the discussion. It further decided to retransmit to the Economic and Social Council for adoption at its fifty-ninth session the draft resolution contained in Council resolution 1922 (LVIII).

475th meeting
17 June 1975

75/31. Centralized procurement of equipment and project implementation

254. At its 477th meeting the Governing Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Administrator on project implementation (DP/112) and of the observations and suggestions made during the discussion; and

(b) Requested the Administrator to review the question of centralized purchasing in the light of the discussion at the twentieth session of the Council and, following further consultations with the Executing Agencies, report to the Council at its twenty-first session.

477th meeting
18 June 1975

75/32. Approval of country and intercountry programmes and projects

257. At its 479th meeting, following a discussion of the individual country programmes and projects and the cost-sharing arrangements brought to its attention, the Governing Council:

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(a) Approved the proposed UNDP country programmes for Burma, Kenya, Kuwait and Nigeria within the limits of their approved indicative planning figures (IPFs) for 1972-1976 and their illustrative IPFs for 1977-1981 and for the duration of their respective programme periods; and

(b) Authorized the Administrator to proceed with appraisal and approval action on requests for assistance falling within the outlines of those country programmes while ensuring, in accordance with the decision of the Governing Council at its eighteenth session 12/ that expenditures were kept in reasonable conformity with the relevant IPFs and were contained within the financial resources available at any given time.

II

(a) Approved the following projects:

(i) International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre (CIMMYT): programme for strengthening agricultural economic research in east Africa (GLO/74/009);

(ii) Programme for the identification and preparation of intercountry feasibility studies and investment projects (REM/74/001); and

(b) Authorized the Administrator to make the appropriate arrangements for the execution of those projects.

258. At the same meeting, the Council indicated its support for the cost-sharing arrangements in connexion with the reconstruction and development activities in the Suez Canal Zone and for the development projects in the southern region of the Sudan.

479th meeting
19 June 1975

75/33. United Nations Fund for Population Activities

494. At its 482nd meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Bearing in mind the responsibilities of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) within its mandate in assisting the developing countries to implement the World Population Plan of Action adopted at the World Population Conference in 1974,

Taking into account the comments made during the discussions of that item,

(a) Took note of the 1974 UNFPA annual report contained in documents DP/108 (vol. I) and Corr.1 and DP/108 (vol. I) ANNEX and Corr.1;

(b) Took note further of the 1976-1979 UNFPA work plan contained in document DP/108 (vol. II) and Corr.1;

(c) Approved the following projects in the amount of \$1 million or more or with innovative aspects or policy implications, with the understanding that the amounts for the third and following years, after a progress review, would be re submitted to the Council for approval:

(i) Rural and maternal child health and family planning project, south eastern state, Nigeria (DP/FPA/3/Add.1) in the amount of \$1,345,200 for an estimated period of five and a half years;

(ii) United Nations - Romanian Demographic Centre (DP/FPA/3/Add.2 and Corr.1) in the amount of \$1,125,000 for an estimated period of four and a half years;

(iii) Assistance to the International Islamic Center for Population Studies at Al Azhar University, Egypt (DP/FPA/3/Add.3) in the amount of \$301,900 for an estimated period of two and a half years;

(iv) Programme of medical services for maternal and child health and family planning of Mexico (DP/FPA/3/Add.4) in the amount of \$8,854,900 for an estimated period of five years;

(d) Approved the recommendations made by the Executive Director in document DP/118 on the allocation of UNFPA resources and proposed alternate funding arrangements; requested the Executive Director to keep the Council informed on progress in the development of alternate sources of funding; and noted the Executive Director's intention, in view of the disparity between requests and resources, to submit, after appropriate consultations, a further report on the allocation of UNFPA resources to the Governing Council at its twenty-second session;

(e) Requested the Executive Director of UNFPA to inform the Council regularly concerning both the quantitative and qualitative implementation of UNFPA projects and concerning the conclusions derived from the evaluation of selected programmes and projects;

(f) Decided to give the Executive Director additional approval authority of \$57 million for 1976, bringing the total for that year to \$90 million, \$37 million for 1977, and \$15 million for 1978 on the condition that the Executive Director:

- (i) Limit the approval of projects to the availability of resources;
- (ii) Report to the Governing Council at its twenty-first session on the sufficiency of resources to allow for a total 1976 approval authority of \$90 million;

(g) Recommended to the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council that they authorize UNFPA to hold a pledging conference in 1976;

(h) Approved the acceptance by UNFPA of a pledged contribution of \$100,000 earmarked for the Intergovernmental Co-ordinating Committee for Population Activities.

482nd meeting
23 June 1975

75/34. New dimensions in technical co-operation

54. At its 487th meeting, the Governing Council:

June 75

(a) Reaffirmed the Consensus of 1970 as the comprehensive framework for UNDP activities and also reaffirmed the voluntary and universal character of the Programme;

(b) Recalled the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) pertaining to the Declaration and Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order;

(c) Took note with appreciation of the documentation submitted by the Administrator, particularly document DP/114, constituting the report of the Administrator on new dimensions in technical co-operation;

(d) Requested the Administrator:

(i) To take all necessary measures to introduce more flexibility in the Programme, to enhance its dynamism and effectiveness and make the scope of activities and working methods of UNDP more responsive to the changing needs and priorities emerging from new economic conditions;

(ii) To base those measures on the proposals favourable to developing countries contained in document DP/114, taking into account the observations made thereon in the Governing Council during its twentieth session;

(e) Adopted, in particular, the following general guidelines for the future orientation of the Programme, and requested the Administrator to ensure that the guidelines were reflected to the maximum extent possible in the execution of the Programme:

(i) The basic purpose of technical co-operation should be the promotion of self-reliance in developing countries, by building up, inter alia, their productive capability and their indigenous resources - by increasing the availability of the managerial, technical, administrative and research capabilities required in the development process;

(ii) The selection of priority areas in which to seek UNDP assistance should remain the exclusive responsibility of the Governments of the recipient countries. In that context, UNDP should respond favourably to requests for meeting the most urgent and critical

needs of each developing country, taking into account the importance of reaching the poorest and most vulnerable sections of their societies and enhancing the quality of their life;

- (iii) Technical co-operation should be seen in terms of output or the results to be achieved, rather than in terms of input;
- (iv) So long as projects are for the basic purpose of technical co-operation, UNDP should provide, where appropriate, equipment and material resources, adopt a more liberal policy towards local cost financing and be flexible in requirements for counterpart personnel;
- (v) UNDP should diversify the sources of its supply from countries, to enable it to mobilize in a prompt and efficient manner all available human and material resources for technical co-operation, including particularly those from developing countries;
- (vi) UNDP should give increased support to programmes of technical co-operation among developing countries and should procure as much equipment and services as possible on a preferential basis in accordance with United Nations practice from local sources, or from other developing countries;
- (vii) Governments and institutions in recipient countries should be increasingly entrusted with the responsibility for executing UNDP-assisted projects;
- (viii) Technical co-operation should be provided at any of the levels and stages of the development process, including assistance for project planning, pre-feasibility, feasibility, detailed engineering design, and, where appropriate, construction and initial operations and management;
- (ix) In accordance with the Consensus, UNDP should more often enter into partnership with capital assistance sources, in the terms expressed in paragraph 53 of document DP/114, with a view to financing the technical assistance components of projects and programmes, taking into account the close relationship between technical co-operation and capital formation;
- (x) In the context of new dimensions of technical co-operation, special attention should be paid to the requirements of the least developed among the developing countries;

(f) Decided to undertake periodic reviews of progress in the application of the above guidelines, as part of the continuing and over-all efforts to improve the quality and efficiency of the Programme;

(g) Invited the Economic and Social Council to bring this decision, together with document DP/114 and the respective part of the Governing Council's report on its twentieth session, to the attention of the General Assembly as the contribution of UNDP to the preparations for the seventh special session of the General Assembly.

487th meeting
25 June 1975

75/35. Financial outlook of UNDP through 1976 and comprehensive report on financial activities during 1974

361. At its 489th meeting, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Governing Council:

(a) Took note of documents DP/130 and Add.1, as well as the comments and observations made by members of the Committee thereon and the replies of the Administration;

(b) Decided to retain the new format of reporting Programme resources and Programme costs as contained in table 1 of document DP/130;

(c) Requested the Administrator to review the whole question of the use of the standard cost procedure, in consultation with the executing agencies, and report to the Council at its twenty-second session, including in the report, on the one hand, a full explanation of how the system had operated during the first United Nations Development Co-operation Cycle, possible solutions for off-setting the deficit in the expert variance account in the light of the deliberations of the Budgetary and Finance Committee during the twentieth session of the Governing Council, and on the other hand, proposals for the operation of the standard cost system in the future. It was understood that in the meantime the net planning surplus was not to be utilized except for new IPFs;

(d) Agreed that the unspent balance of \$2.6 million in the Programme Reserve be carried forward from 1974 to 1975;

(e) Noted the tight liquidity position of the Programme; accordingly urged Governments to make substantial increase in their voluntary contributions and appealed to all Governments to ensure the early payment of their annual contributions as well as the prompt payment of all arrears for other items in order to improve the financial viability and integrity of the Programme;

(f) Requested the Administrator and the executing agencies to intensify efforts to utilize all resources contributed to the Programme and to periodically inform the Governing Council on the progress made or difficulties encountered while at the same time calling upon all contributors to the Programme to co-operate in that endeavour.

489th meeting
26 June 1975

75/36. Budget estimates for administrative and programme support services for 1976

393. At its 489th meeting, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Having considered the 1976 budget estimates for administrative and programme support services of UNDP (DP/125 and Corr.1), the financial implications resulting

from the relocation of UNDP headquarters premises to the United Nations Development Corporation building (DP/125/Add.1) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/134), and taking into account the views expressed thereon in the Budgetary and Finance Committee,

(a) Approved the estimates of 1976 requirements for administrative and programme support services of the UNDP submitted in document DP/125 in Corr.1, in a total amount of \$67,844,900 (gross) offset by an estimated income of \$9,841,400 for a total amount of \$58,003,500 (net), taking into consideration the reduction of \$252,700 (net) announced by the Deputy Administrator representing the costs of 8 Professional and 20 locally recruited field posts as well as the postponement of a total of 10 of the 34 reclassifications of posts proposed within the Professional category, comprising the following amounts for each appropriation section:

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Section 1 - Salaries and wages	40,661,500
Section 2 - Common staff costs	16,722,800
Section 3 - Travel and transportation	1,262,600
Section 4 - Permanent equipment	778,900
Section 5 - Other general expenses	7,437,500
Section 6 - Special expenses	981,600
<u>Total gross</u>	<u>67,844,900</u>
<u>Less</u>	
Section 7 - Estimated income	9,841,400
<u>Total net</u>	<u><u>58,003,500</u></u>

(b) Agreed that the Administrator shall be authorized to transfer credits between appropriation sections of the 1976 budget, within reasonable limits, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(c) In order to finance those requirements, authorized an allocation in the amount of \$58,003,500 (net) from the resources of UNDP;

(d) Requested the Administrator to submit a report to the Governing Council at its twenty-first session regarding the reductions in posts referred to in paragraph (a) above, together with information on future staffing requirements;

(e) Approved the proposed format of the budget presentation to be used in submitting the 1977 budget estimates;

(f) Took note of the Administrator's proposal to amend Financial Rule 111.8 as follows /amendment underlined/: "Supplementary estimates, prepared in a form consistent with the annual budgets, may be submitted by the Administrator to the Governing Council at any session of the Governing Council"; and decided to re-examine the matter at its twenty-first session.

(g) Approved the 1976 estimates for the United Nations Volunteers programme in a total amount of \$963,100 (net) as submitted in section IV A of document DP/125 and Corr.1 and, in order to finance these requirements, authorized an allocation in the amount of \$963,100 (net) from the resources of UNDP;

(h) Approved the 1976 estimates for the secretariat of the United Nations Capital Development Fund in a total amount of \$282,200 (net) as submitted in section IV B of document DP/125 and Corr.1 and, in order to finance those requirements, authorized an allocation in the amount of \$282,200 (net) from the resources of UNDP;

(i) Approved the 1976 estimates for the special unit for co-ordination of technical co-operation among developing countries in a total amount of \$370,000 (net) as submitted in section IV C of document DP/125 and Corr.1 and, in order to finance those requirements, authorized an allocation in the amount of \$370,000 (net) from the resources of UNDP;

(j) Approved the 1976 estimates for the Projects Execution Division in an amount of \$1,128,920 (net) as submitted in section IV D of document DP/125 and Corr.1 to be financed from overheads received on projects executed by UNDP, and requested the Administrator to provide in future budgets more detailed information on the activities of this Division, as well as on the use of agency overhead costs reimbursed to UNDP for the direct execution of projects;

(k) Approved the estimated requirements submitted in document DP/125/Add.1 relating to the transfer of UNDP headquarters to new premises in the United Nations Development Corporation building and installation in the building, under section 6 (special expenses) of the 1975 budget for administrative and programme support services, in a total amount of \$976,300 (net); and, in order to finance those requirements, authorized an allocation in the amount of \$976,300 (net) from the resources of UNDP;

(l) Having noted the information provided orally on the use of short-term consultants, authorized the Administrator to continue to use such consultants until 31 December 1975 and requested the Administrator to submit a report on the matter to the twenty-first session of the Governing Council.

75/37. Custodianship of UNDP funds

405. At its 489th meeting, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on custodianship of UNDP funds (DP/106/Add.1), the team of expert consultants' report on control and administration of UNDP funds (DP/106), the related comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/106/Add.2) and the note by the Administrator providing supplementary information in clarification of comments contained in the ACABQ report, and taking into account the views expressed thereon in the Budgetary and Finance Committee,

(a) Reconfirmed the provisions of paragraph 30 of the Consensus contained in General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) providing the Secretary-General with the custodianship of UNDP funds;

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to consult with the Administrator with a view to granting to the latter a sufficient delegation of authority to permit him to fulfil properly the responsibilities entrusted to the Administrator in paragraph 30 of the Consensus, particularly his responsibility for the management of the funds of the Programme;

(c) Requested the Administrator to submit a progress report to the Council at its twenty-first session.

489th meeting
26 June 1975

75/38. Financial implications of regional meetings and the symposium on technical co-operation among developing countries

414. At its 489th meeting, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Having considered the financial implications of regional meetings and the symposium on technical co-operation among developing countries (DP/121) and the views expressed thereon in the Budgetary and Finance Committee,

(a) Through the Economic and Social Council, requested the General Assembly to confirm its understanding with respect to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 3251 (XXIX) and to make adequate financial provision to cover all of the costs of providing conference servicing facilities for both the regional as well as the global intergovernmental meetings;

(b) Decided, pending the decision of the General Assembly to appropriate funds to cover the costs of providing all conference servicing facilities for the meetings, to authorize the Administrator to incur expenditures up to \$162,000 in connexion with the UNDP activities related to the regional meetings;

(c) Recommended that the Administrator draw the necessary resources to meet that expenditure from the global and interregional IPFs, on the understanding that, with due flexibility, other sources of funds might be used, if necessary.

489th meeting
26 June 1975

75/39. Excess overhead costs drawn by executing agencies

420. At its 489th meeting, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Having considered the note by the Administrator on excess overhead costs drawn by executing agencies (DP/126),

Approved the write-offs of \$3,190,000 in excess overheads drawn by executing agencies for implementing former Special-Fund-type projects in the following amounts:

(a) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations - a write-off of \$2,200,000;

(b) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - a write-off of \$709,000;

(c) International Labour Organisation - a write-off of \$186,000; and

(d) World Health Organization - a write-off of \$95,000.

489th meeting
26 June 1975

75/40. Assistance to colonial countries and peoples

187. At its 490th meeting, the Governing Council:

(a) Took note with appreciation of the information provided by the UNDP Regional Director for Africa concerning the development of co-operation between UNDP and the African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and concerning the collaboration established between UNDP and the transitional Governments formed in a number of African countries that were about to become independent;

(b) Was gratified to note the conclusion and signature of the Agreement of Co-operation between UNDP and OAU;

(c) Took note with appreciation of the statement made by the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia concerning the desirable level of co-operation that must be developed between UNDP on the one hand and the United Nations Council for Namibia, the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia and the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), the liberation movement recognized by OAU and the United Nations as the sole authentic representative of the Namibian people, on the other hand;

(d) Took note further of the statements made by members of the Council and by the representatives of OAU and of the liberation movements who had participated in the debate;

(e) Considered that UNDP should continue to support actively the humanitarian programmes of the African liberation movements recognized by OAU;

(f) Approved the recommendations made by the Administrator in document DP/128/Add.1 concerning the establishment of the indicative planning figures (IPFs) for Angola, the Cape Verde Islands, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Namibia and São Tomé and Príncipe for the current programming cycle and concerning the increase of the undistributed IPF relating to certain African territories;

(g) Recommended that the Administrator should, taking into consideration the views expressed by members of the Governing Council, revise his proposed IPFs relating to those countries by using a high coefficient for the supplementary criteria and also giving additional weight to the very special problems facing those countries by reason of the circumstances of their decolonization;

(h) Authorized the Administrator to apply the various clauses of General Assembly resolution 3295 (XXIX) on the question of Namibia which dealt with the action to be undertaken by the organizations in the United Nations system;

(i) Recommended in particular that the Administrator should co-operate closely with the United Nations Council for Namibia, the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia and all other bodies to be created by the United Nations or by OAU in favour of Namibia, and with SWAPO, in order that the assistance granted by UNDP to the people of Namibia should be as effective and realistic as possible;

(j) Requested the Administrator, in co-operation with other sources of financing, to accord to the Institute for Namibia all the support necessary for the achievement of its objectives;

(k) Further requested the Administrator to increase the Programme's humanitarian assistance to African liberation movements recognized by OAU in connexion with those colonial countries still struggling for their independence;

(l) Appealed to Member States to strengthen the action of UNDP on behalf of the colonial countries and peoples of Africa and their liberation movements recognized by OAU, by providing additional resources to the Fund established for this purpose or by increasing the general resources of UNDP in order to facilitate the discharge of its obligations in this respect;

(m) Requested the Administrator to report to the Council at its twenty-first session on the progress of the UNDP programme of assistance for the colonial countries and peoples, in particular on the collaboration between UNDP and the African liberation movements recognized by OAU.

490th meeting
26 June 1975

75/41. Report on the drought-stricken areas of Africa and adjacent areas

208. At its 490th meeting, the Governing Council:

(a) Recalled the decisions taken at its nineteenth session on assistance to drought-stricken areas in Africa and adjacent areas and on Somalia; 10/

(b) Noted Economic and Social Council resolutions 1916 (LVIII), 1917 (LVIII) and 1918 (LVIII) on the drought in Somalia, Ethiopia and the Sudano-Sahelian region respectively;

(c) Noted with appreciation the oral report of the Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa on the drought-stricken areas;

(d) Expressed concern that the situation in most regions affected by the drought, particularly in Ethiopia and Somalia, remained grave and that the economic situation was deteriorating fearfully;

(e) Requested the Administrator to accelerate, in co-operation with the Governments of the countries concerned as well as with the competent organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, the preparation and implementation of programmes and projects designed to rehabilitate the economies of the affected countries;

(f) Recognized that increased assistance to areas affected directly or indirectly by the drought was required and invited Governments to keep those urgent needs in mind in their financial and other support, bilaterally and multilaterally, for emergency, and rehabilitation programmes of assistance to countries affected by the drought;

(g) Requested the Administrator to keep the matter under constant review and to report to the Council at its twenty-first session.

490th meeting
26 June 1975

75/42. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration:
operational procedures and administrative arrangements

536. At its 490th meeting, on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, the Governing Council adopted the following decisions.

I.

Regarding the operational procedures and administrative arrangements of the Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, the Governing Council agreed that:

(a) In principle, a ceiling shall be imposed on repayment contributions to the Revolving Fund.

There was insufficient experience available either to the Expert Group or to the Working Group to establish the level at which such a ceiling shall be imposed. Such data as was available, however, suggested that the ceiling will probably be in the region of a multiple of 15 times the original investment by the Fund, in constant prices.

At the same time, in view of the distance in time between the present and the moment at which any such repayments are likely to reach a level approaching such a ceiling, when, in the view of the user country concerned and in consultation with the Director of the Fund, attainment of a level of repayments approaching this ceiling, is in sight, the situation shall be reviewed by the Governing Council;

(b) Replenishment contributions from user countries shall be levied at the uniform rate of 2 per cent of the annual value of produced commodities and shall be payable at that rate for a period of 15 years from the start of commercial production or until such ceiling as may be determined in accordance with paragraph (a) above, is reached, whichever is earlier;

(c) The Fund will in principle explore for all types of natural resources. With respect to the natural resources to be explored, it is accepted that both the domestic and external potential markets of the natural resources to be explored shall be taken into account;

(d) There shall be secrecy of information and data produced by and for the project;

(e) There shall be closer user-Government/Fund co-operation in the management and operation of individual projects;

(f) Any amendment of the work plan of a project to be carried out by the Fund shall be made in consultation with the user Government;

(g) In order to ensure effective UNDP support for the development of the natural resources sector in user countries, the maximum effort shall be made to co-ordinate projects financed by the Revolving Fund with UNDP's current and future institution-building, institution-strengthening and manpower-training programmes in that sector;

(h) The user Government shall participate in the selection of contractors and the recruitment of experts for Fund-financed projects;

(i) In implementing projects financed under the Fund, the Director of the Fund, in co-operation with the user Government, shall give special consideration to recruiting experts, consultants and contractors from developing countries on a preferential basis. In the procuring of equipment and other materials required for Fund projects, the Director shall be invited to purchase suitable and competitive equipment and materials available in developing countries on a preferential basis;

(j) The Fund shall be accorded the same privileges and immunities as are or shall be accorded to UNDP;

(k) Each user Government shall negotiate with the Fund its own agreement consistent with the operational procedures and administrative arrangements as set out in the present conclusions. The model agreement shall serve only as a model and shall form the basis of the negotiations;

(l) The text containing the operational procedures and administrative arrangements shall be brought into line with the amendments suggested to the model agreement and accepted by the Administrator.

II.

The Governing Council:

(a) Approved the operational procedures and administrative arrangements contained in document DP/53/Rev.1 in so far as they are consistent with the conclusions reached in paragraphs (a) to (l) above, and authorized the Fund to start operations as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 3167 (XXVIII);

(b) Approved the projects recommended by the Administrator for Mineral Exploration in the Cordillera de los Andes, Bolivia (DP/133) and Mineral Exploration in Sudan (DP/136) and authorized the Administrator to conclude an agreement with the respective Governments;

(c) Decided that all projects under the Revolving Fund shall continue to be submitted for approval to the Governing Council. The Governing Council may review this decision at any later stage.

537. At the same meeting, the Governing Council confirmed the appointment of the Director of the Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration.

490th meeting
26 June 1975

75/43. United Nations technical co-operation activities

551. At its 490th meeting, the Governing Council took note of the report on United Nations technical co-operation activities contained in DP/RP/16 and the observations made during the discussions and requested that those observations be taken into account in the preparation and presentation of the next report to the Council.

490th meeting
26 June 1975

75/44. Information on the regular programmes of technical assistance of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency in 1974

556. At its 490th meeting, the Governing Council took note of the information on the regular programmes of technical assistance in 1974 of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (DP/123 and Corr.1) and of the observations made during the discussion.

490th meeting
26 June 1975

75/45. Technical co-operation among developing countries

332. At its 491st meeting, the Governing Council:

(a) Took note of documents DP/117 and Add.1-6, DP/120 and DP/121;

(b) Requested all countries, while commending those which were already doing so, to provide financial support for technical co-operation among developing countries (TCDC) activities;

(c) Reiterated the invitation of the General Assembly in its resolution 3251 (XXIX), addressed to the regional economic commissions and to the participating and executing agencies, to carry out the measures contained in the recommendations addressed to them in the report of the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (DP/69) and to give full support to member States and to UNDP, in its central promotional and co-ordinatory role for TCDC for the implementation as appropriate, of those recommendations;

(d) Requested the regional economic commissions and participating and executing agencies to co-operate with the Secretary-General in order to enable him to prepare a progress report on the measures taken by them pursuant to the request contained in resolution 3251 (XXIX);

(e) Invited the Administrator to broaden and intensify the efforts undertaken in implementation of the recommendations of the Working Group endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 3251 (XXIX), while taking into account the decision of the eighteenth session of the Governing Council;

(f) Recommended to the Administrator that relevant data in the information system on the capacity and potentialities available in developing countries be submitted to member countries as soon as possible, if possible before the regional meetings;

(g) Further recommended that the Administrator complete the arrangements for holding the four regional meetings in consultation with the Governments and the regional economic commissions concerned by the end of 1976;

(h) Requested the Administrator, in preparing for the regional meetings, to take full account of relevant observations of member States during the discussion under agenda item 3 (i) at the twentieth session;

(i) Took note with satisfaction of the offer made by Argentina to serve as host to the global intergovernmental symposium on technical co-operation among developing countries;

(j) Further invited the Administrator to establish links with developing countries as they concerted in schemes of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries;

(k) Reaffirmed the decision contained in paragraph 224 (e) of the report of the Governing Council at its eighteenth session to further review at the twenty-second session the recommendations contained in the report of the Working Group in the light of the experience gained in their implementation.

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75/46. Standard Agreement with Governments

572. At its 491st meeting, the Governing Council:

(a) Took note with appreciation of the report of the Administrator on the Standard Agreement with Governments (DP/107 and Corr.1);

(b) Requested the Administrator to revise the draft Standard Agreement annexed to that document in the light of the observations made and suggestions submitted during the debates on that question in the Council or such views of Governments as might be expressed in writing, taking into account the decision of the Council on the future role of UNDP (the new dimensions), as well as any action by the General Assembly on multilateral technical co-operation and future decisions of the Council on the draft Statute of UNDP, and to present the revised text of the draft Standard Agreement to the Council for its consideration at the twenty-second session.

75/47. Date and place of the twenty-first session of the Governing Council

575. Accordingly, the Governing Council decided at its 491st meeting to hold its twenty-first session in New York from 15 to 30 January 1976, with a further meeting, if necessary, on 2 February to consider its draft report on the session. It also decided that the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Committee on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, established by the Governing Council at its eighteenth session pursuant to the recommendation of the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 3251 (XXIX), would convene in New York on 12 January 1976. With respect to its twenty-second session in June 1976, the Council decided to meet at Geneva unless it received an invitation to meet elsewhere.

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75/48. Provisional agenda for the twenty-first session of the Governing Council

577. At its 491st meeting, the Governing Council agreed on the following provisional agenda for its twenty-first session:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Country and intercountry programming and projects, including procedures for approving country programmes and the Administrator's report on cost-sharing.
5. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration.
6. Programme resources and indicative planning figures for 1977-1981 and authority of the Administrator to approve projects.
7. Technical co-operation among developing countries.
8. Assistance to colonial countries and peoples.
9. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Africa and adjacent areas.

10. Budgetary, financial and administrative matters:
 - (a) Financial outlook of UNDP through 1976;
 - (b) Cost measurement study;
 - (c) General outline of budget estimates for the year 1977;
 - (d) Custodianship of UNDP funds;
 - (e) Audit reports;
 - (f) Global procurement arrangements;
 - (g) Short-term consultants;
 - (h) Report on the 1976 budgetary requirements including the reductions in posts and postponements in reclassifications approved at the twentieth session.
11. United Nations Fund for Population Activities.
12. Action taken in 1975 by organs of the United Nations and related agencies.
13. Report of the Administrator on the Council's work and arrangement of business.
14. Other matters.
15. Date and provisional agenda of the twenty-second session of the Governing Council.
16. Draft report of the Governing Council to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-first session.

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75/49. Programme resources and costs outlook for 1977-1981

314. At its 492nd meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council,

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

Recalling the relevant decisions adopted at the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth sessions, 19/

(a) Took note with appreciation of the note submitted by the Administrator (DP/131 and Corr.1) and his comments thereon;

(b) Took note also of the observations made thereon in the Council;

(c) Took note of the hope expressed by many members that an over-all volume of resources corresponding to an average annual growth rate of voluntary contributions of 15 per cent would be an acceptable target for total resources during 1977-1981 so as to ensure a dynamic growth to UNDP;

(d) Took note also of the desire expressed by several members that UNDP should receive substantial support from a larger number of contributors, while taking into account the voluntary character of the Programme;

(e) Recommended that the Administrator invite recipient countries to continue to contribute the funds in local currency previously made available under assessed programme costs as part of their voluntary contribution, bearing in mind the need to maintain the dynamism of the Programme. For purposes of calculating the resources for 1977-1981, an indicative figure of 8 per cent of IPF as modified by the waiver procedures ought to be maintained, subject to a mid-term review;

19/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 2, para. 77; *ibid.*, Supplement No. 2A, para. 47; and *ibid.*, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 2, para. 103.

(f) Agreed that the proposals for the allocation of resources available for 1977-1981 among the major cost categories of the Programme as contained in document DP/131 and Corr.1 were generally acceptable and invited the Administrator to present his conclusions on this matter at the twenty-first session, taking into account the views expressed at the twentieth session;

(g) Requested the Administrator to submit to the Council at its twenty-first session a detailed proposal, taking into account the relevant decisions of the Council at the seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth sessions and the views expressed in the Council, on (i) the total volume of resources that might be assumed available for planning purposes for 1977-1981, based on the growth rate of resources to be recommended by him in the light of consultations with Governments, and (ii) its allocation among and within the major cost categories of the Programme, including individual country and regional IPFs,

(h) Invited the Administrator to include in his report to the twenty-first session, for illustrative purposes, alternative volumes of resources and their allocation, based on annual growth rates of voluntary contributions of between 11.5 and 17.5 per cent, in order to facilitate the Council's decision on Programme resources and costs for 1977-1981;

(i) Decided that for the 1977-1981 period the Programme Reserve should be used: (i) for financing emergency assistance in cases of natural disasters and to assist in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of stricken areas, and (ii) for the financing of contingencies, including special activities and studies designed to broaden the scope of the Programme, such as assistance for humanitarian purposes to national liberation movements recognized by OAU and promotional activities for technical co-operation among developing countries, if resources were not available elsewhere, and to evaluate current activities,

(j) Invited the Administrator to submit to the twenty-first session proposals on the financing beyond 1976 of SIS projects, taking account of impending consultations between UNIDO and UNDP, and proposals for meeting the UNDP costs of the United Nations Volunteers,

(k) Decided to adopt final planning figures on Programme resources and costs for 1977-1981 at its twenty-first session,

(l) Decided also that those figures should be subject to a mid-term review.

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27 June 1975

75/50. United Nations Fund for Population Activities:
1976 budget estimates, audit reports and accounts

495. At its 489th meeting, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Having considered the 1976 budget estimates for administrative and programme support services of the UNFPA (DP/113), the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/135) and the views expressed thereon in the Budgetary and Finance Committee,

(a) Approved the estimates of 1976 requirements for administrative and programme support services of the UNFPA secretariat in a total amount of \$3,791,550 (net) as submitted in document DP/113, taking into consideration the reduction of \$66,300 (net), which had resulted after consultation among members of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, representing (i) deferral of consideration of the proposed upgrading of 2 D-1 posts until the twenty-second session of the Governing Council, when they would be considered as part of an over-all review of the upper echelon of the UNFPA Administration, and (ii) the deletion of 1 P-3 and 3 General Service posts of the total proposed addition of 14 posts (7 Professional and 7 General Service). The amount of \$3,791,550 (net) comprised the following appropriation sections:

	US \$
Section 1. Salaries and wages	2,729,000
Section 2. Common staff costs	684,450
Section 3. Travel and transportation	165,000
Section 4. Permanent equipment	15,000
Section 5. Other general expenses	543,500
Section 6. Reimbursement to UNDP	262,000
	<u>Total gross</u>
	4,398,950
<u>Less</u>	
Section 7. Estimated income	<u>607,400</u>
	<u>Total net</u>
	<u>3,791,550</u>

(b) In order to finance those requirements, authorized an allocation in the amount of \$3,791,550 (net) from the resources of UNFPA;

(c) Approved the UNFPA consolidated accounts for the year 1973 as presented in document DP/119.

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26 June 1975

75/51. Draft statute for the Programme

576. The Council considered its provisional agenda for its twenty-first session and agreed to postpone consideration of the draft Statute for UNDP to a later session, to be decided at the twenty-first session.

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27 June 1975