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76/29. Approval of travel expenses and subsistence costs for the representatives of African liberation movements

459. At its 517th meeting on 15 June 1976, the Governing Council, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, approved, in order to cover the travel expenses and subsistence costs of the representatives of African liberation movements invited to participate in the twenty-first and twenty-second sessions of the Council, an amount of \$30,000 to be charged against that portion of the Programme Reserve set aside for provisional IPFs for the liberation movements in question.

517th meeting  
15 June 1976

76/30. Country programmes

297. Following discussion of the individual country programmes and projects in private meetings, the Governing Council, at its 531st meeting on 24 June 1976:

(a) Approved the proposed UNDP country programmes for Brazil, Bulgaria, Cuba, Jordan, Nicaragua, Panama, Venezuela and Zaire for the duration of their respective programme periods and within the limits of their IPFs for the 1977-1981 period, to be approved later, taking into account the balance of over-expenditure or under-expenditure of their 1972-1976 IPFs;

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

531st meeting  
24 June 1976

76/31. Country and intercountry programming and projects: global projects

298. At the same meeting, the Governing Council also:

(a) Approved the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (Preparatory Assistance) (GLO/75/011) and authorized the Administrator to make the appropriate arrangements with the World Health Organization for the execution of the project;

(b) Approved the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Programme for Guatemala for the total of \$3 million from the Programme Reserve, bearing in mind that disbursements would be subject to the availability of resources.

531st meeting  
24 June 1976

76/32. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

308. At its 531st meeting on 24 June 1976 the Governing Council:

(a) Approved the project: Mineral Exploration in the Cordillera Central, Dominican Republic (DOM/NR/76/001), involving a minimum work plan of \$755,000 as an obligation of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, and possible additional expenditures for further activities following the minimum work plan up to a maximum of \$1,534,500, bringing total possible expenditures to \$2,290,000;

(b) Approved the project: Detailed Investigation of the San Bartolomé and Rio Angas Mineral Prospects, Ecuador (ECU/NR/76/001), involving a minimum work plan of the equivalent of \$1,216,000, as an obligation of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, and possible additional expenditures for further activities following the minimum work plan, bringing total possible expenditures to the equivalent of \$2,400,000 at San Bartolomé and Rio Angas.

531st meeting  
24 June 1976

76/33. Assistance to colonial countries and peoples and to newly independent countries

228. At its 533rd meeting on 25 June 1976 the Governing Council:

(a) Took note with appreciation of the special report of the Administrator on assistance to colonial countries and peoples and to newly independent countries (DP/L.307 and Corr.1 and 2), the additional information brought to its attention by the Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa, and the statements made by the representative of the United Nations Council for Namibia and the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia;

(b) Took note also of the statements made by members of the Governing Council, the representative of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), and the representatives of the African liberation movements recognized by OAU who participated in the discussion;

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

(d) Requested the Administrator henceforward to invite the representatives of African liberation movements recognized by OAU to take part in the work of the Governing Council as observers throughout the Council's sessions;

(e) Requested the Administrator to do everything possible to ensure that assistance by UNDP and the Executing Agencies to African liberation movements recognized by OAU should be furnished rapidly and with maximum flexibility;

(f) Decided that, in order to ensure implementation of programmes of assistance to African liberation movements recognized by OAU, the Administrator should use, in addition to the resources of the liberation movement Trust Funds, funds available in respect of undistributed indicative planning figures provided for future participants during the period 1977-1981, and not exceeding \$6 million.

533rd meeting  
25 June 1976

76/34. Financial situation of UNDP and related programme matters:  
borrowing authority

The Governing Council

(a) Took note of the report of the Administrator on the financial situation of UNDP (DP/194 and Corr.1 and Add.1);

(b) Called upon all Governments to co-operate fully with the Administrator in implementing the decision of the Council taken at its twenty-first session on financial resources and related programme matters;

(c) Requested the Administrator to prepare a special report for distribution to Council members on his progress as of 30 September 1976 in implementing the present decision;

(d) Recognized the relationship between the size of the Operational Reserve and any need for borrowing authority to meet short-term cash requirements pending receipt of pledged contributions;

(e) Decided that the level of the Operational Reserve should be built up during the second cycle to a minimum level of \$15 million in 1977 and thereafter progressively built up each year to reach a fully funded liquid level of \$150 million by the end of 1980;

(f) Decided to defer action on the proposal relating to the granting of borrowing authority to the Administrator;

(g) Requested the Economic and Social Council, as a contingency measure, to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on the work of its twenty-second session relating to the granting of short-term borrowing authority to the Programme,

"Recognizing the urgent need for UNDP to replenish its Operational Reserve on a funded basis fully mobilizable at sight or on short notice, to a level sufficient to ensure the financial integrity of the Programme,

"Recognizing the urgent need for participating Governments to pay promptly outstanding pledges and obligations to the Programme and to co-operate fully in measures undertaken by the Administrator, in conjunction with the Executing Agencies, to use accumulated currencies,

"Recognizing that, in the meantime, it may prove necessary to assist UNDP to meet short-term cash requirements, arising exclusively out of unavoidable fluctuations between payment of announced voluntary contributions and the immediate cash requirements of the Programme in any one year, which might jeopardize its approved programme,



"1. Authorizes the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to grant to the Administrator of the Programme until the end of 1977, and on a case-by-case basis, authority to borrow monies for the purpose stated above and subject to the conditions and specifications stated below;

"(a) In order to borrow, the Administrator shall in each case seek the Governing Council's prior approval at a regular or at a special session;

"(b) The sources from which such funds may be borrowed are limited to voluntary Trust Funds of organizations within the United Nations system, provided that the borrowing of such monies shall be made with the agreement, where appropriate, of the executive directors of the voluntary funds and shall in no way adversely affect the operations of the Trust Funds to which they have been contributed or the speedy implementation of the programmes concerned, it being understood that borrowings shall, in the first instance, be made from Trust Funds under the aegis of the Governing Council;

"(c) The Governing Council shall only grant a borrowing authority to the Administrator as an exceptional measure if, after a thorough examination of the financial situation of UNDP on the basis of comprehensive information provided by the Administrator, it is satisfied of the need to borrow, and is satisfied also regarding the repayment schedules of the anticipated borrowings; such comprehensive information shall include the status of assessed programme costs, voluntary contributions, including the status of accumulated currencies and shared programme costs, accounts payable, cash requirements for completing first cycle programmes and initiating second cycle programmes, including allocations to programme and administrative support costs and agency overhead costs;

"(d) Such borrowings shall not be used as a means to raise additional funds for UNDP over and above the pledged voluntary contributions and other approved income for any one year;

"(e) Repayments shall be made only from the funds voluntarily contributed to UNDP and shall be effected within 60 days of the borrowing;

"(f) If possible, borrowing shall be free of interest; if there is a need to pay interest, the rate paid should be the lowest possible rate and in no case higher than that paid by the World Bank for its short-term borrowing and to the extent possible it shall be paid from earned interest;

"2. Authorizes the Secretary-General to lend monies to the United Nations Development Programme from appropriate voluntary Trust Funds in his custody for the purpose and under the conditions specified in paragraph 1 above; however, in all such cases a consensus decision of the Governing Council of UNDP is required."

536th meeting  
29 June 1976

76/35. Assistance to drought-stricken areas of Africa and adjacent areas

237. At its 537th meeting on 29 June 1976, the Governing Council:

(a) Took note of the report by the Administrator on assistance to drought-stricken areas of Africa and adjacent areas (DP/L.306 and Add.1);

(b) Noted the statements made by the delegations of the countries concerned and the views expressed by members of the Council during the consideration of the question;

(c) Welcomed the establishment of the "Friends of the Sahel Club", which would enable the donor countries and organizations to provide, both on a national basis and within the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel, medium-term and long-term support for the recovery efforts of member States, and considered that initiatives of that kind should be encouraged;

(d) Requested the Administrator, in his next annual report, to provide:

(i) A description of the general development since 1973 of the situation in those countries in the light of the sectoral activities carried out by the organizations, if necessary with reference to certain relevant studies, giving detailed information concerning the trends observed and concerning the new problems which had appeared and the measures taken to solve them;

(ii) A balance-sheet of the activities undertaken by organizations in the United Nations system, particularly by UNDP, to assist in the medium-term and long-term solution of the problems created for those countries by the drought;

(iii) A tabulation of the assistance which the countries concerned were receiving from other sources of assistance for the implementation of their medium-term and long-term reconstruction programmes;

(e) Requested all States to continue to give active support to the emergency programmes and to programmes and projects for the rehabilitation and medium-term and long-term development of all the drought-stricken countries of Africa.

537th meeting  
29 June 1976

76/36. United Nations technical co-operation activities

520. At its 537th meeting on 29 June 1976, the Governing Council took note of the report on United Nations technical co-operation activities (DP/RP/17) and the observations made during the discussion.

537th meeting  
29 June 1976

76/37. Information on the regular programmes of technical assistance of specialized agencies and IAEA in 1975

532. At its 537th meeting on 29 June 1976, the Governing Council took note of the information provided on the regular programmes of technical assistance of the specialized agencies and IAEA in 1975 (DP/191 and DP/191/ANNEX and Add.1), and of the observations made during the course of the discussion.

537th meeting  
29 June 1976

76/38. Transfer of the regional bureaux to the field

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator for 1975 (DP/184 and Corr.1 and 2),

Took note of the presentation of document DP/GC/XXII/CRP.5/Rev.1 and the discussions in the Council thereon, as reflected in the summary record of the relevant meeting (DP/SR.534).

538th meeting  
30 June 1976

76/39. United Nations Volunteers

186. At its 538th meeting on 30 June 1976, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the Administrator's report on the United Nations Volunteers (DP/180) and the Administrator's note on the financing of the United Nations Volunteers programme (DP/208),

Recognizing that the activities of the programme would be adversely affected by inadequate resources,

(a) Approved the utilization of \$1 million from the Programme Reserve to finance in-country costs in least developed countries in 1977;

(b) Authorized the continued use of the Special Voluntary Fund to meet in-country costs in least developed countries in 1977 and 1978;

(c) Requested the Administrator to plan towards the funding of in-country costs from country IPFs by 1978;

(d) Authorized the use of the Special Voluntary Fund for in-country volunteer costs in newly independent countries meriting special consideration in 1977;

(e) Requested the Administrator to continue to assess the activities of the United Nations Volunteers programme and its capacity to respond effectively to requests for assistance from developing countries, in particular from least developed countries, and to submit an evaluation report to the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session;

(f) Requested the Economic and Social Council to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1966 (LIX) of 30 July 1975,

"Noting the expanding role of the United Nations Volunteers in the field of domestic development following the decision taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1974 to set up a unit within the United Nations Volunteers programme to deal with these activities,

"Aware that the International Secretariat for Volunteer Service (ISVS) is in the process of being liquidated under the direction of an interim board appointed by the ISVS Council, and that ISVS has terminated its activities in the field of international volunteer work and domestic development services,

"Noting that a number of ISVS activities have already been taken over, at the request of the ISVS interim board, by the United Nations Volunteers,

"1. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme:

(a) To develop further and expand the activities of the United Nations Volunteers in the field of domestic development services;

(b) To ensure that the United Nations Volunteers shall actively promote the formation of regional advisory groups for domestic development services and subsequently co-operate to the fullest possible extent with such groups;

(c) To ensure that the United Nations Volunteers shall prepare and publish relevant material on volunteer and domestic development services activities;

"2. Appeals to Governments to take into account the growing number and widening scope of the United Nations Volunteers activities and, consequently, to consider contributing, or increasing their contribution, as the case may be, to the United Nations Volunteers Special Voluntary Fund."

538th meeting  
30 June 1976

#### 76/40. United Nations Capital Development Fund

198. At its 538th meeting on 30 June 1976, the Governing Council:

(a) Took note with appreciation of the annual report for 1975 of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (DP/182 and Corr.1), and of the statement made by the Assistant Administrator (Programme);

(b) Took note of the comments made by members during the discussion in the Council;

(c) Welcomed the increased activity of the Programme and expressed satisfaction with the Fund's increasing orientation towards smaller-scale capital funding projects at the village level;

(d) Encouraged the Administrator to provide in future annual reports comprehensive information on the implementation of projects, including an assessment of achievements;

(e) Noted with interest the assessment by the Administration that the Fund currently had the capability effectively to handle a substantially increased volume of activities;

(f) Invited all members to consider contributing to the Fund's resources, especially those members that so far had not contributed to the Fund.

538th meeting  
30 June 1976

76/41. Revisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council

534. At its 538th meeting on 30 June 1976, the Governing Council adopted the revised rules of procedure annexed to the note of the Administrator (DP/192) with the deletion of the words "and the Secretariat" in rule 21, paragraph 1. 24/

538th meeting  
30 June 1976

76/42. United Nations Fund for Population Activities

594. At its 538th meeting on 30 June 1976, the Governing Council, taking into account the comments made during the consideration of item 12:

(a) Took note of the report of the Executive Director of UNFPA on 1975 activities and future programmes (DP/183 and Corr.1, DP/183/ANNEX and Corr.1);

(b) Approved the following comprehensive country programmes and projects in the amount of \$1 million or more, with the understanding that, where applicable, the amounts for the third and following years, after a progress review, would be submitted to the Council for approval:

- (i) Agreement with the Government of Jordan (DP/FPA/5/Add.6 and Corr.1) in the amount of \$2,400,000 for an estimated period of four years;
- (ii) Agreement with the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic (DP/FPA/5/Add.7) in the amount of \$3 million for an estimated period of four years;
- (iii) National family planning programme in the public health sector and promotion of the status of women in Morocco (DP/FPA/5/Add.8) in the amount of \$2,932,000 for an estimated period of two years;
- (iv) Support to the national programme of sex education in Mexico (DP/FPA/5/Add.9) in the amount of \$2,032,000 contributed by the Government of Sweden under a funds-in-trust arrangement with UNFPA, for an estimated period of four years;
- (v) Family planning and maternal and child health programme in Haiti (DP/FPA/5/Add.10) in the amount of \$3,500,000 for an estimated period of three years;

(c) Took note of the review reports on the following previously approved country agreements, requested the Executive Director to bear in mind the comments made thereon in the Council at its twenty-second session in preparing review reports in the future, approved allocations to those programmes for the remainder of their duration:

- (i) Agreement with the Government of Bangladesh (DP/FPA/5/Add.2);
- (ii) Agreement with the Government of India (DP/FPA/5/Add.3);

- (iii) Agreement with the Government of Kenya (DP/FPA/5/Add.4);
  - (iv) Agreement with the Government of Pakistan (DP/FPA/5/Add.5);
  - (v) Agreement with the Government of Turkey (DP/FPA/5/Add.1);
- (d) Took note of the Executive Director's report on priorities in the allocation of UNFPA resources (DP/186 and Corr.1), and:
- (i) Requested the Executive Director to apply the five general principles outlined in paragraph 16 of his report;
  - (ii) Endorsed the core programme of UNFPA assistance outlined in section IV of the report;
  - (iii) Requested the Executive Director to develop, in consultation with Governments and organizations concerned, minimum programmes in each sector of population activities at the country level, and to identify the types of assistance needed;
  - (iv) Approved in principle the criteria for establishing priorities as outlined in paragraphs 53 to 55 of the report, with the modification that high priority countries would be designated irrespective of the size of their population and adjusted so that UNFPA resources would be further concentrated, in accordance with minimum requirements of national programmes, in countries with most urgent population problems;
  - (v) Requested the Executive Director to undertake a review of inter-country activities supported in the past, develop an over-all integrated strategy for such assistance in the future, and submit a report thereon to the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session;
  - (vi) Requested the Executive Director to submit a report on the application of the criteria for setting priorities at the twenty-third session;
  - (vii) Invited the Economic and Social Council to review the policy implications of the report (DP/186 and Corr.1), and reconfirm the UNFPA aims and purposes established in resolution 1763 (LIV), with the possible exception that the term "sustained assistance" might be redefined:
- (e) Took note of the Executive Director's report on the implementation of UNFPA projects (DP/187), and requested him to continue submitting such reports on both quantitative and qualitative implementation:
- (f) Requested the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNFPA to develop new management modalities which would give the Fund a larger role and responsibility with respect to appointment of and promotion policies and procedures for its personnel:

(g) Decided to give the Executive Director additional approval authority of \$50 million for 1977, bringing the total for that year to \$95 million, \$35 million for 1978, and \$15 million for 1979, on the understanding that the Executive Director would limit the approval of projects to the availability of resources.

538th meeting  
30 June 1976

76/43. Programme resources, indicative planning figures and other costs

292. At its 539th meeting on 1 July 1976, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Recalling resolution 3362 (S-VII) adopted by the General Assembly at its seventh special session, in which the Assembly stated, inter alia, that the resources of UNDP should be increased,

Recalling the decisions of the Governing Council at its seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first sessions relating to criteria for the allocation of indicative planning figures,

Taking note of the report by the Administrator (DP/199), as well as the views expressed by members of the Council on that subject,

(a) Decided, for purposes of forward planning by Governments and the UNDP Administration, to confirm the 1977-1981 country and intercountry indicative planning figures (IPFs), totalling \$2,455 million, based on the major assumption of an over-all average annual 14 per cent growth rate in voluntary contributions in 1977-1981, each nation determining its own contribution, that were endorsed in principle at the twenty-first session; 2/

(b) Decided further that within the above-mentioned financial planning level:

- (i) Each recipient country that had gained independence since the start of 1973 should have its IPF increased in the amount of \$500,000 plus 15 per cent of the IPF as shown in document DP/199, table 1, and totalling \$12.5 million, and that the same approach should be taken immediately in the case of Namibia, totalling \$1 million, and, in the future, to other recipients as they achieve their independence;
- (ii) National liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity in accordance with the relevant decisions of the UNDP Governing Council should have an IPF not to exceed \$6 million;
- (iii) Portugal should have an IPF of \$4 million;
- (iv) Cuba should have \$1.5 million in addition to the IPF shown in document DP/199, table 1, totalling \$13.5 million;



- (v) Cook Islands and New Hebrides should be included in the category of "undistributed IPF for Asia and the Pacific" and Niue should be transferred out of the same category and be given a separate IPF of \$1 million;
- (c) Decided further to charge the allocations mentioned in paragraph (b) to "future participants, etc." as indicated in document DP/199, table 1;
- (d) Approved the allocation for 1977-1981, for forward planning purposes, of \$17.5 million for Special Industrial Services and \$39.5 million for the Programme Reserve, the latter to be used for purposes defined by the Council at its twentieth and twenty-second sessions;
- (e) Requested, in the meantime, the Administrator to take the necessary steps to start the planning and implementation of field programmes for 1977-1981 in a manner which would ensure that:
  - (i) The concept of long-term programming based on estimates of anticipated resources should be continued;
  - (ii) Expenditures should be kept within the financial resources available;
  - (iii) For the benefit of the poorer recipient countries, the pattern of expenditures should not be contrary to the spirit of the decision on reallocation of IPFs in the second cycle;
- (f) Invited the Administrator to recommend to the Council any proposed changes in 1977-1981 IPFs resulting, in particular:
  - (i) From recalculations requested by the affected country, should more definitive internationally comparable data on per capita gross national product and population for 1973-1974 and the applicability of the supplementary criteria result in a materially higher IPF than that currently calculated;
  - (ii) From requests of current participants with changed political status or of countries wishing to become new recipient participants in the Programme;
  - (iii) From the voluntary forgoing of a part or the totality of their IPF by individual countries in a position to do so;
- (g) Welcomed the decisions of some countries to forgo all or part of their IPFs for 1977-1981 and recommended that other countries in a position to do so should make their best efforts to take similar action and communicate their decisions to the Administrator as soon as possible;
- (h) Decided to undertake a mid-term review not later than June 1979 which would include a detailed review of all expenditures and resources with respect to the UNDP second cycle programme, taking into account the needs of all developing countries and without prejudice to established criteria;
- (i) Bore in mind that during the period 1972-1976 voluntary contributions increased by 68 per cent while country project expenditure increased by only 31 per cent, project expenditure for multinational projects by 47 per cent, administrative expenditure and programme support by 75 per cent, agency overhead costs by 74 per cent, and the cost of experts by 67 per cent;

(j) Decided that during the next cycle, 1977-1981, project expenditures of the Programme should increase more or less at the same rate as voluntary contributions increase;

(k) Decided to review periodically the orders of magnitude proposed by the Administrator for agency overheads as well as UNDP administrative and programme support and requested the Administrator to present, in consultation with the Executing Agencies, a comprehensive and concrete plan designed to decrease significantly total administrative costs in relation to field programme costs;

(l) Endorsed in principle the increase of all financial reserves of the Programme in the order of magnitude and for the purposes suggested by the Administrator in document DP/199;

(m) Invited all donor countries to assist in the achievement of the dynamic growth of the Programme's activities in 1977-1981, based on the need for an equitable sharing of the total effort required with regard to the level, timeliness and usability of voluntary contributions to the Programme;

(n) Requested donors whose institutions and firms derived substantial benefit through the supply of inputs to UNDP to make their best efforts to increase voluntary contributions;

(o) Further urged the Administrator in the spirit of the activities in technical co-operation among developing countries, the relevant paragraphs of General Assembly resolution 3461 (XXX) and the new dimensions, to foster a fair and broader basis for the supply of inputs for UNDP-financed projects; the Administrator may make sure that full information regarding potential suppliers of goods and services is available to contracting authorities to facilitate equitable participation;

(p) Reiterated its recommendation that all donor countries currently making a relatively small contribution in relation to their capacity to pay should in that light consider a marked increase;

(q) Reiterated its recommendation that those countries at the upper end of the per capita GNP scale in a position to do so become, in accordance with the decision of the Governing Council at its sixteenth session, 10/ net contributors as early as possible; for that purpose, those countries should consider additional contributions and/or support for UNDP through a variety of means open to them. Reiterated also its recommendation that recipient countries at the upper end of the per capita GNP scale in a position to do so, other than those referred to in this paragraph, consider additional contributions and/or support for UNDP through a variety of means open to them;

(r) Reiterated that the Administrator should consult with donor countries, both developed and developing, with the aim of achieving a stable and realistic financial basis for the Programme's activities in the second cycle, and submit a report thereon to the Council, preferably at its twenty-third session; Governments in a position to do so should consider the possibility of supplementing firm pledges for the first year of the cycle with reasonably reliable indications of contributions during subsequent years.

539th meeting  
1 July 1976

76/44. Financial review for 1972-1976 with comprehensive report on financial activities during 1975 and other related matters

The Governing Council

(a) Noted the information provided by the Administrator in document DP/195 and Corr.1 and 2 on the financial review for 1972-1976 and other related matters, as well as the comments by members of the Council on the information furnished and the replies to questions provided by the Administrator;

(b) Expressed concern over the shortage of resources available to UNDP and called upon all participants in the Programme to make every effort to ensure that the voluntary contributions to be pledged for 1977 should allow for significant growth in expenditures under indicative planning figures as compared with 1976;

(c) Commended the Administrator for his efforts to effect economies in administrative costs and urged him to continue working in that direction;

(d) Decided to offset the expert variance account deficit against resources in excess of the agreed planned level for 1977-1981;

(e) Decided further that the procedure for that transaction would be agreed upon at the mid-term review in the light of the total availability of the resources of UNDP;

(f) Approved the Administrator's recommendation to increase the expert standard cost for 1976 to the level of \$3,800 per month, excluding the cost of travel on official business;

(g) Recommended that all future contributions to UNDP should, to the extent possible, be made in readily usable currencies and appealed to all Governments and Executing Agencies to co-operate with the Administrator in his efforts to utilize the UNDP holdings of non-convertible currencies without granting differing treatment to donors and recipients of voluntary contributions in non-convertible currencies as compared with others;

(h) Decided that the transfer of \$3 million from the Programme Reserve to the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries originally planned for 1976 should be effected as soon as possible in the course of the second IPF cycle;

(i) Endorsed the provision of \$3.5 million for projects in Cuba from the Programme Reserve with regard to 1976;

(j) Authorized the carry-over of \$1.6 million in Programme Reserve expenditure from 1975 to 1976;

(k) Reaffirmed its decision taken at its twentieth session regarding the voluntary contribution by recipient countries of funds previously made available under assessed programme costs 4/ and considered that the procedures suggested by the Administrator should be applied on an experimental basis and requested a report on the matter for its twenty-fourth session in June 1977;

(l) Urged Governments to pay all past due amounts;

(m) Called upon all Governments requesting cost-sharing arrangements with UNDP to make the necessary payments well in advance of the ensuing project expenditures and instructed the Administrator not to allocate funds to agencies for cost-sharing arrangements before receipt of such payments.

540th meeting  
2 July 1976

76/45. Cost sharing arrangements

The Governing Council

(a) Took note of the note of the Administrator on cost-sharing arrangements (DP/198) and the observations made by members of the Council during the consideration of that item;

(b) Requested the Administrator to inform the Council regularly about all cost-sharing arrangements involving third country financing for its information and consideration of that kind of arrangement;

(c) Requested the Administrator to submit to the Council at its twenty-fourth session a report on cost-sharing and any similar arrangements as well as proposals for further activities in that field.

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76/46. Non-convertible currencies

343. At its 540th meeting on 2 July 1976, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Governing Council:

(a) Instructed the Administrator to implement, without delay, the decision taken at its twenty-first session (E/5779, para. 193 (r)) urging him, in those cases where the Programme had accumulations of non-convertible currencies, to return to the traditional practice regarding the proportion of payment made to an expert in the currencies in which his country's pledge was made;

(b) Called upon all Executing Agencies to co-operate with the Administration in utilizing accumulated non-convertible currencies on UNDP-financed projects and for overheads; in those instances where agencies did not follow the traditional practice, the Administrator might at his discretion make appropriate lump-sum, non-convertible currency adjustments in remitting funds to those agencies.

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76/47. Report on the question of standard cost procedures

372. At its 540th meeting on 2 July 1976, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Working Group on the Review of the Standard Cost System (DP/196/Add.1 and Corr.1),

Emphasizing the need for financial discipline and cost-consciousness,

Stressing the importance of ensuring that the high quality of experts is maintained,

Reiterating the view that steps must be taken to reduce the actual costs now being incurred on account of experts employed on UNDP-financed projects,

(a) Endorsed the continuation of practices within the United Nations system which maintain equity in the selection of experts from all countries without undue emphasis on the number of dependants, the exercise of entitlements or the distance from the home country to the duty station;

(b) Decided to discontinue the practice of indefinitely accumulating balances in an expert variance account;

(c) Requested the Administrator, after consulting with the Executing Agencies, to develop accounting methodology which would enable the salary costs of experts to be charged to projects in accordance with the following principles:

(i) Salary items associated with service at the duty station on the basis of actual costs;

(ii) Salary items and allowances of a personal nature and unique to the individual expert on the basis of average actual costs;

(d) Authorized the Administrator, after consulting with the Executing Agencies, to use either concept VI or IX as modified above, for budgeting and charging expert costs to project budgets, on an experimental basis, effective 1 January 1977;

(e) Requested Executing Agencies to provide Governments of recipient countries with realistic projections of the costs of experts when submitting to them their names for their consideration and subsequent selection and to provide thereafter the actual cost of the experts incurred on the projects for which they were selected;

(f) Requested the Executing Agencies to provide, on a regular basis, information on expenditures incurred on expert costs in order to enable the Governing Council continuously to monitor the composition of and trends in actual expert costs;

(g) Took note of the Administrator's proposal to consult with the Board of Auditors and Panel of External Auditors and other concerned parties in order to prepare and issue comprehensive audit guidelines;

(h) Invited the Administrator, after consulting with the Executing Agencies, to develop standardized and compatible budgeting and charging procedures that might be applicable to UNDP-financed projects as well as to other funds and programmes in the United Nations system;

(i) Invited the Administrator, after consultation with Executing Agencies and if possible with the International Civil Service Commission, to prepare for submission to the Governing Council at its twenty-third session a note setting out his views on alternative approaches to existing concepts and principles regarding the use and recruitment of UNDP-financed experts including the feasibility of reducing their costs through a new system of payments to experts on the basis of the level of expertise, inter alia, by "lump-sum" payments, the prospects of reducing the high costs of experts, taking into consideration the opinions expressed at the twenty-second session, as well as an outline of an independent in-depth study on the role of experts in development assistance, taking into account relevant aspects of new dimensions in technical co-operation and the need for increased efficiency in terms of costs;

(j) Concurred with the Administrator's proposal to budget fellowships at estimated actual costs and charge project budgets at actual cost, effective 1 January 1977;

(k) Invited the Administrator to submit a report to the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session, reflecting experience gained in implementing the new system;

(l) Decided to review the matter at the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council.

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76/48. Reduction of the the 1976 budget estimates

The Governing Council,

Having considered the 1976 revised budget estimates for administrative and programme support services of the United Nations Development Programme (DP/203),

(a) Decided that the gross appropriations totalling \$69,596,000 to be allocated from the resources of UNDP approved at the twentieth session for the 1976 budget be decreased by \$2,682,700 as follows:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Amount appropriated at the twentieth session</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Total revised estimates</u>
		US dollars	
1. Salaries and wages	41 886 500	(3 825 400)	38 061 100
2. Common staff costs	17 059 100	1 324 900	18 384 000
3. Travel and transportation	1 341 600	(100 000)	1 241 600
4. Permanent equipment	789 900	(100 000)	689 900
5. Other general expenses	7 537 300	95 800	7 633 100
6. Special expenses	981 600	(78 000)	903 600
	<u>69 596 000</u>	<u>(2 632 700)</u>	<u>66 913 300</u>

(b) Decided that, should the consultations between the Administrator and the Director-General of FAO result in the need to maintain additional posts for Senior Agricultural Advisers in 1976, the supplementary credits required could be presented to the Council at its twenty-third session;

(c) Agreed that the Administrator should 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;

(d) Decided that the estimated income totalling \$9,977,200 to be credited to the resources of UNDP be decreased by \$642,800 to \$9,334,400.

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76/49. Budget estimates for 1977

The Governing Council,

Having considered the 1977 budget estimates for administrative and programme support services of the United Nations Development Programme (DP/181 (Part I and Corr.1), DP/181 (Part II)) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/206 and Corr.1),

(a) Authorized the Administrator to incur expenditures for the first three months of the financial year 1977 to cover the costs of UNDP, the Office for Projects Execution, and the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration as follows:

- (i) \$20,000,000 (gross) to cover the administrative and programme support services costs of UNDP, to be allocated from the general resources of the Programme;
- (ii) \$460,000 (gross) to cover the costs of the Office for Projects Execution, to be financed from overhead received on projects executed by UNDP;
- (iii) \$109,000 (gross) to cover the costs of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, to be allocated from the resources of the Fund;

(b) Authorized the Administrator to enter into commitments for the balance of the financial year 1977 to the extent necessary on the basis of the budget estimates for 1977 (DP/181 (Part I and Corr.1), DP/181 (Part II));

(c) Took note of the Administrator's plan to submit to the Governing Council at its twenty-third session, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, additional information in support of the 1977 budget request following the revised organizational structure and in a programme budget format.

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76/50. Outline of long-term staffing proposals for the second IPF cycle

The Governing Council

(a) Took note of the report of the Administrator on the outline of long-term staffing proposals for the second IPF cycle (DP/201);

(b) Requested the Administrator to take into account the views expressed in the Budgetary and Finance Committee when implementing his long-term staffing proposals and to report to the Council as appropriate on the matter.

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76/51. Overhead costs and related questions

434. At its 540th meeting on 2 July 1976, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Governing Council:

(a) Took note of documents DP/200 and Add.1 and 2 and DP/207;

(b) Authorized the Administrator to reimburse an amount of \$136,733 to ITU representing a special overhead reimbursement in respect of the year 1974;

(c) Decided that the granting of the additional overhead to ITU should be considered as an exceptional case in the particular circumstances, and should not be viewed as a precedent which would prejudice future overhead payments to small agencies nor as a review of the question of agency overhead costs.

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76/52. Custodianship of UNDP funds

440. At its 540th meeting on 2 July 1976, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Governing Council:

(a) Took note of the progress report submitted by the Administrator on the subject of custodianship of UNDP funds (DP/193);

(b) Reconfirmed its decision taken at the twentieth session of the Council requesting the Secretary-General to delegate to the Administrator sufficient authority to permit the Administrator to fulfil properly the responsibilities entrusted to him in paragraph 30 of the Consensus, 17/ particularly responsibility for the management of UNDP funds;

(c) Requested the Administrator to report to the Council at its twenty-third session on progress made in that regard, including an account of the views of ACABQ on the matter.

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76/53. Global procurement arrangements

456. At its 540th meeting on 2 July 1976, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Governing Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Administrator on global procurement arrangements (DP/156);

(b) Requested the Administrator to continue his consultations with the Executing Agencies on a system for centralized procurement of UNDP equipment, including the establishment, on an experimental basis, within the Office for Projects Execution, of a central procurement facility, possibly staffed in part by personnel seconded from Executing Agencies;

(c) Requested the Administrator to report to the Council at its twenty-third session on the outcome of his consultations and submit proposals for an experimental facility, together with an estimate of the financial implications and of expected savings to be obtained.

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76/54. Financial arrangements for the participation of representatives of African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity in meetings of the Governing Council

460. At its 540th meeting on 2 July 1976, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Governing Council decided that, in order to cover the travel expenses and subsistence cost of the representatives of African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity invited to attend the twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions of the Council, an amount of \$50,000 was to be charged against that portion of the Programme Reserve set aside for provisional IPFs for the liberation movements in question.

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76/55. United Nations Fund for Population Activities:  
administrative budget for 1977

595. At its 540th meeting, on 2 July 1976, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Governing Council, having considered the 1977 budget estimates for administrative and programme support services for UNFPA, and accepting the proposal of the Executive Director to defer the reclassification of nine existing posts:

(a) Approved the revised appropriations totalling \$4,405,760 (net) to be allocated from the resources of UNFPA to finance the 1977 budget as follows:

Section 1 - Salaries and wages	\$3,077,900
Section 2 - Common staff costs	887,600
Section 3 - Travel and transportation	181,500
Section 4 - Permanent equipment	15,000
Section 5 - Other general expenses	538,600
Section 6 - Reimbursement to UNDP	363,060
TOTAL GROSS	<u>\$5,063,660</u>

Less

Section 7 - Estimated income	657,900
	<u>\$4,405,760</u>

(b) Requested the Executive Director to submit to the Governing Council at its twenty-third session a report containing an analysis of the top organizational structure and related post requirements of UNFPA;

(c) Approved the continuation of the practice of funding the UNFPA field co-ordinator posts from project funds.

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76/56. Implementation of new dimensions in technical co-operation

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator (DP/194 and Corr.1 and Add.1),

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3405 (XXX) and the Governing Council's decision on new dimensions in technical co-operation taken at its twentieth session, 5/

Requested the Administrator to continue his efforts and take further necessary measures to implement the decision on new dimensions and take appropriate measures to ensure that the concept of new dimensions should be reflected in the implementation of ongoing and new projects by the resident representatives in consultation with the recipient Governments, and thereafter to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-third session on the progress of implementation.

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76/57. Government execution of projects

The Governing Council

(a) Took note of the report of the Administrator (DP/197);

(b) Recalled that one of the general guidelines on new dimensions in technical co-operation adopted at its twentieth session, and subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 3405 (XXX), provided that Governments and institutions in developing countries should be increasingly entrusted with the responsibility for executing UNDP-assisted projects;

(c) Appreciated that Government execution of projects could promote self-reliance by enhancing the capabilities of local institutions and expertise and diversifying sources of supply, and thus contribute to technical co-operation among developing countries and provide a useful additional means of making the most effective use of scarce resources;

(d) Emphasized the importance of preserving the quality of the programme and, therefore, the need for the Administrator to proceed with Government execution of projects on a carefully selected basis in close consultation, with high-level sectoral advice from, the organizations of the United Nations system or suitable outside sources if necessary;

(e) Authorized the Administrator to initiate Government execution of projects on a carefully selected basis pending submission of a detailed report to the Council at its twenty-third session on the criteria, evaluation and administrative procedures and changes in the financial rules necessary for the implementation of that new dimension on a regular basis.

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system, designed to bring about a co-ordinated and integrated approach to technical assistance rendered by the United Nations development system based on country programmes established according to the priorities of recipient countries and the system of allocating multilateral technical assistance according to indicative planning figures,

Stressing in particular the role of the United Nations Development Programme as the central funding and co-ordinating body in this field, as it clearly emerges from General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV), including the over-all responsibility of the Resident Representative, as set out therein as regards the co-ordination of all inputs of the United Nations system,

Bearing in mind the work being conducted by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System,

Recognizing that where additional resources are available from within the United Nations development system, their use at the country level should be within the framework of the countries' development plans and co-ordinated by the UNDP resident representatives,

Taking into account that since the adoption of resolution 2688 (XXV) a number of further programmes and separate funds for multilateral technical co-operation have come into being regarding which documents DP/191 and DP/191/ANNEX provide useful and timely information,

(a) Considered that, as a consequence, there is a greater need than ever for proper co-ordination of multilateral technical co-operation programmes at both the headquarters and the field level, including a closer relationship between the field representatives of agencies and resident representatives in the interest of efficiency in the use of scarce multilateral resources directed towards meeting the needs of developing countries;

(b) Suggested that, where appropriate, the Governments of States members of the Council, in view of the continuous need to preserve and promote coherence in the system of multilateral technical co-operation, should consider bringing the fundamental principles of General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) to the attention of their representatives in the relevant United Nations organizations in which they are represented;

(c) Requested the Economic and Social Council, in its capacity as the central co-ordinating body of the United Nations system in the economic and social fields, to recommend to United Nations organizations concerned that they take appropriate steps designed to maintain and improve current efforts of co-ordination both at the headquarters and the country level in accordance with the basic Consensus, including in particular joint arrangements for the functioning of senior advisers within the framework of the offices of the resident representatives and with a view to avoiding tendencies which might have ultimately adverse effects on the continuing support of some Governments for multilateral technical co-operation rendered by the United Nations system;

(d) Requested further the Economic and Social Council to bring the matter to the attention of the General Assembly in order to stimulate thorough consideration of that crucial issue concerning the maintenance of the spirit of General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) by the whole membership of the United Nations, taking into account its strenuous ongoing efforts to rationalize the system and its operational activities, particularly those of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System, and without prejudice to the results of the restructuring exercise;

(e) Requested the Administrator:

(i) To consult in the Inter-Agency Consultative Board with heads of Executing Agencies on ways and means of securing improved headquarters and field co-ordination and to submit a report on the matter to the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session;

(ii) To continue his research into the characteristics of the variety of funding channels existing within the United Nations development system, and their relation to UNDP programming at the country and intercountry levels, with a view to refining further the data and analysis, and to report to the Council not later than the twenty-fourth session;

(f) Invited the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-first session to bring the text of the present decision to the attention of the specialized agencies with the request that it be circulated at their next sessions as appropriate.

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76/59. Evaluation

The Governing Council,

Cognizant of the responsibility of the Council for the quality and relevance of the field programme,

Noting the need for the Council to have more frequent and more thorough opportunities to consider the effectiveness of the field programme and the lessons to be learned therefrom, including the need for its more systematic evaluation both by the Administration and by the Council,

Noting the suggestion that the Administrator may invite representatives of interested member Governments, to be financed from resources at their disposal, to visit selected field offices and projects with the prior approval of the Governments concerned, in order that they may study the results of the implementation of the programme and projects and report to the Council on their assessment of the situation,

Requested the Administrator to present to the Council at its twenty-third session, bearing in mind the comments made during the twenty-second session of the Council, various alternative suggestions as to how the Council might best meet its responsibility for considering, on a regular basis, the quality and relevance of the field programme, including suggestions as to how UNDP and member Governments might facilitate field visits to projects by members of the Council interested in making such visits, with the prior approval of the Governments concerned.

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76/60. Provisional agenda for the twenty-third session of the Governing Council

596. At its 541st meeting, on 2 July 1976, under item 17 of its agenda, the Governing Council agreed on the following provisional agenda for its twenty-third session:

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Financial situation and related matters
5. Country and intercountry programming and projects
6. Arrangements for the evaluation of the UNDP field programme including co-ordination, harmonization and supervision of the use of Junior Professional Officers and Associate Experts in the UNDP programme
7. Report of the Administrator on the implementation of new dimensions in technical co-operation
8. Report of the Administrator on government execution of projects
9. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration
10. Budgetary, administrative and financial matters:
  - (a) Budget estimates for the year 1977
  - (b) General outline of budget estimates for 1978
  - (c) Recruitment and use and prospects of reducing the costs of UNDP-financed experts
  - (d) Global procurement
  - (e) Revision of UNDP Financial Regulations and Rules
  - (f) Custodianship of UNDP funds
  - (g) Audit reports
  - (h) Other matters
11. Technical co-operation among developing countries
12. United Nations Fund for Population Activities
13. Action taken in 1976 by organs of the United Nations and related agencies
14. Other matters
15. Date and provisional agenda of the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council
16. Draft report of the Governing Council to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session

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76/61. Draft statute for the Programme and the Standard Basic Agreement with Governments

597. In connexion with item 16 of the agenda, the Governing Council decided to postpone until its twenty-third session the question when to resume its consideration of the draft Statute for the Programme and to include the Standard Basic Agreement with Governments on the provisional agenda for its twenty-fourth session.

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76/62. Date and place of the twenty-third session of the Governing Council

599. At its 541st meeting on 2 July 1976, the Council adopted the following decision with regard to its twenty-third session:

The Governing Council,

Recalling the invitation of the Government of Cuba, the decision taken at its twenty-first session, and the expressions of gratitude in the Governing Council and the General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the need for consultations, particularly with the Committee on Conferences, in view of the length of time likely to be required to complete consideration of the items on its provisional agenda, while allowing for a full week at the beginning of its session for the meetings of the Committee on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, serving as a Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,

(a) Requested the Administrator to consult with the Committee on Conferences;

(b) Decided that thereafter further consultations would be held among the States members of the Governing Council concerning the dates and venue of the twenty-third session, so that a decision might be taken in time for the General Assembly to take it into account in the pattern of conferences for 1977.

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76/63. Technical co-operation among developing countries

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3251 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974 and 3461 (XXX) of 11 December 1975, and other pertinent resolutions of the Assembly,

Recalling further the relevant decisions adopted at its eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first sessions,

Taking note with appreciation of the statement made by the Administrator at the opening of the Committee on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, reassuring the Committee of the support of the United Nations Development Programme for the United Nations Conference and of his interest in its success,

Taking note also with appreciation of the introductory remarks on the item by the representative of the Administration in the Committee,

- (a) Took note of the report of the Administrator (DP/202 and Add.1);
- (b) Decided to recommend to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session, through the Economic and Social Council, that it:
  - (i) Convene the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries to be held at Buenos Aires from 23 August to 6 September 1977;
  - (ii) Designate the sessional Committee on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries of the Governing Council of UNDP as the Preparatory Committee for the Conference, which should be open to the participation of all members and hold two, and if necessary three sessions, before the Conference;
  - (iii) Request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to convene the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference in January 1977;
  - (iv) Request the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Administrator of UNDP to consult as to the best means of ensuring adequate servicing of the Conference, taking into account the experience gained by the United Nations in the organization of world conferences;

- (v) Request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to provide the necessary funds under the regular budget of the Organization to cover the costs of providing conference servicing facilities for the meetings of the Preparatory Committee as well as for the Conference, including provision of facilities for the Conference in the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, so as to ensure the effective organization of such meetings and of the Conference;
- (vi) Take note of the provisional agenda contained in the report of the Administrator (DP/202, para. 9), which should be finalized by the Preparatory Committee at its first session in the light of the comments and suggestions made at the twenty-second session of the Governing Council of UNDP and of the results of the regional intergovernmental meetings held in preparation for the Conference;
- (vii) Request the Administrator of UNDP to involve the Participating and Executing Agencies in the preparatory process of the Conference, including in the preparation of the main documents, and to that end approve the convening of an interagency task force within the framework of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board (ibid., para. 17);
- (viii) Further request the Participating and Executing Agencies and the regional commissions to participate fully in the preparations for the Conference in close co-operation and co-ordination with UNDP and to submit reports on their activities for promoting technical co-operation among developing countries to the Preparatory Committee, together with suggestions and recommendations for possible inclusion in the Plan of Action to be prepared for the Conference;
- (ix) Call upon the Governments of Member States, in particular from developing countries, to participate actively in the preparations for the Conference and, to that end, to designate a co-ordinator or liaison officer at the national level and make other arrangements, as appropriate, in order, inter alia, to prepare national documents on their experience and capacity in regard to technical co-operation among developing countries for submission to the Conference; for that purpose, UNDP should prepare standards to facilitate uniformity in the format of the documents;

- (x) Request the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Administrator of UNDP to take all necessary measures to include technical co-operation among developing countries as a main feature of the United Nations Office of Public Information and of UNDP regular public information activities in 1977, in order to ensure world wide awareness of and interest in the Conference and its objectives;
- (xi) Request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to invite all Member States of the United Nations and members of organizations of the United Nations system to participate in the Conference, as well as other participants in accordance with resolution 3438 (XXX) of the General Assembly and with resolution 1982 (LX) of the Economic and Social Council (ibid., para. 15).

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76/64. Preparations for the United Nations Conference on TCDC

The Governing Council

- (a) Took note of the report of the Administrator (DP/202 and Add.1);
- (b) Decided to allocate an amount of \$180,000 from the general resources budget of UNDP to cover the cost to be borne by UNDP of preparations for the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries;
- (c) Approved, to that end, additional appropriations of \$60,000 for 1976 and \$120,000 for 1977 to be included in the respective administrative budgets of UNDP to finance the costs to be borne by UNDP of the preparations for the Conference;
- (d) Requested the Administrator to submit, if necessary, a revised budget to the Preparatory Committee at its first session, taking into consideration the concern expressed at the twenty-second session of the Governing Council for the need to ensure the necessary level of resources for the effective preparation and success of the Conference;
- (e) Requested the Administrator to start the preparation of the documentation for the Conference on the basis of the provisional agenda (DP/202, para. 9); giving special attention to data on possible sources for the financing of technical co-operation among developing countries, including possible financial arrangements in the context of UNDP that would promote such co-operation, and taking into consideration the reports of the regional intergovernmental meetings as well as the relevant comments and suggestions made by the Governing Council at the present session;
- (f) Requested the Administrator to revise document DP/202 in the light of the comments and suggestions made at the twenty-second session of the Governing Council of UNDP and of the results of the regional intergovernmental meetings held in preparation for the Conference, and to submit the revised document to the Preparatory Committee at its first session;
- (g) Further requested the Administrator to mobilize the Regional Bureaux of UNDP as well as the central supporting and co-ordinating services of the Programme for their effective participation in the preparations for the Conference;
- (h) Requested the Administrator to consult with the Secretary-General of the United Nations in order to make the necessary arrangements for the meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference in January 1977 at the time of the twenty-third session of the Governing Council.

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