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67/1. UNDP Special Fund programme recommendations

108. The Council, subject to the observations and reservations expressed on some projects, decided:

(a) To approve the proposed programme (see annex II);

(b) To earmark for each of the projects listed in annex II the sum shown in that annex under the heading "Governing Council earmarking";

(c) To authorize the Administrator to make the appropriate arrangements with Governments and executing agencies for the execution of these projects;

(d) To earmark an additional \$7,878,130 (equivalent to 10 per cent of the total Governing Council earmarking for the present programme) as a reserve for the Administrator's contingency authority; and

(e) To earmark the sum of \$120,000 (the amount authorized in 1966 with respect to preparatory assistance only) to cover the cost in 1967 of financing preparatory assistance or preliminary operations in connexion with projects which are not approved by the Governing Council, and to review the adequacy of the amount at its June 1967 session.

48th meeting
19 January 1967

67/2. Administrative budget estimates for 1967

141. In the light of the discussion and of suggestions made by members, the following decision was approved by the Council:

"The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,

"Noting the concern expressed by some Council members at the increase in administrative expenses,

"(a) Requests the Administrator to have due regard to the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report (A/6593), to do everything possible to rationalize and improve the efficiency of the Programme's operations and to minimize administrative costs, in order to maximize the resources available to help developing countries;

"(b) Approves the estimates of 1967 requirements for administrative and programme support services of UNDP in a total amount of \$14,884,900 (net), as submitted in document DP/L.25 and Corr.1 and comprising the following sections:

Section 1 - Personal services costs	\$11,821,100
Section 2 - Travel and transportation	715,500
Section 3 - Permanent equipment	75,000
Section 4 - Other general expenses	1,387,300
Section 5 - Subvention to the United Nations	10,000
Total	<u>\$14,884,900</u>

"(c) Decides that the Administrator may transfer credits between sections only with the authorization of the Governing Council, such authorization to be obtained, if necessary, by canvassing members through correspondence;

"(d) In order to finance these requirements authorizes allocations in amounts of \$9,490,613 (net) and \$5,394,287 (net) respectively from the resources of the Special Fund and Technical Assistance components of the Programme.

52nd meeting
23 January 1967

67/3. Contributions

114. The Governing Council took note of the statements of contributions listed in paragraph 109(a) above.

53rd meeting
23 January 1967

67/4. Revision of Financial Regulations

119. The Governing Council approved the proposed revisions in existing Articles 24.3, 24.4, 25.2 and 25.3 of the Financial Regulations, as contained in annex III of this report, relating to the signature of the annual financial statements covering the Special Fund component of UNDP, the UNDP revolving fund and the UNDP administrative budget, and to the transmission by the Administrator of those statements with audit certificates and audit reports, if any, to the Governing Council and to the General Assembly.

52nd meeting
23 January 1967

67/5. Audit reports

120. Under agenda item 7(f) the Governing Council took note of the audit reports and related items contained in the documents listed in paragraph 109(f) above.

52nd meeting
23 January 1967

67/6. Harmonization of administrative and financial procedures

153. On completion of its consideration of item 8(b), the Governing Council:

(a) Authorized the Administrator to waive Governments' obligations for local living costs of experts under the Technical Assistance component for temporary periods in the case of countries deemed financially unable to make even a local currency payment, keeping the Governing Council currently informed of waivers granted under this authorization;

(b) Authorized the Administrator to include, in new Special Fund projects submitted for approval by the Council, provision for waivers of local operating costs on such projects, on the basis of the same criteria applied in the Technical Assistance component;

(c) Decided that provision for the acceptance of donations should be made in the Technical Assistance component regulations and that Article 9 of the Special Fund Financial Regulations should be revised and expanded to indicate that:

- (i) The Administrator may accept donations to UNDP from non-governmental sources for purposes consistent with those of UNDP;
- (ii) No limitation may be imposed by the donor on the use of donations - either by a given executing agency, in a given recipient country or for a given project;
- (iii) All donations accepted by the Administrator will be reported for the information of the Governing Council; and
- (iv) Individual donations of a value in excess of an amount to be fixed by the Governing Council shall be accepted only with the prior approval of the Council.

With respect to sub-paragraph (iv) above, the Council decided that the value of donations for which its approval is required prior to acceptance is provisionally set at \$10,000.

(d) Authorized the Administrator to accept and administer trust funds for purposes not inconsistent with the basic aims and purposes of UNDP, subject to the prior approval of the Governing Council in each case.

(e) Took note of the intention of the Administrator to submit the proposed revisions of the UNDP (Special Fund) Financial Regulations consequential on the decisions under item 8 to the fourth session of the Council.

(f) Took note of the glossary of terms and abbreviations (as shown in DP/L.24/Add.1) currently used in UNDP documents.

53rd meeting
23 January 1967

67/7. Technical Assistance programme changes

190. Under item 8(d) of the agenda, the Council took note of document DP/TA/L.9 regarding programme changes under the Technical Assistance component.

55th meeting
24 January 1967

67/8. United Nations regular programme of technical co-operation and United Nations participation in the development programme

199. At the conclusion of its consideration of this item of its agenda, the Governing Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General.

55th meeting
24 January 1967

67/9. Organization and methods of work of the United Nations Development Programme

201. The Council decided to defer consideration of this matter until a later session.

55th meeting
24 January 1967

67/10. The question of recruitment

189. At the close of the discussion, the Council took note of document DP/L.27 regarding problems of recruitment and supply of expert manpower for the implementation of UNDP projects.

55th meeting
24 January 1967

67/11. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Recommendation A.IV.8

206. The Governing Council:

(a) Took note of the Administrator's statements contained in particular in document DP/L.30, of the expressed desire of many members of the Council to expand the activities of UNDP, in conformity with paragraph 1 of Annex A.IV.8 of the Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in the field of pilot and demonstration plants, as well as of the statements of many members that the resources of the Programme should continue to be allocated in accordance with the requests of Governments and subject to the criteria laid down in relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

(b) Recalled Economic and Social Council resolution 1081 E (XXXIX) and, in particular, paragraph 3 thereof, with respect to providing a substantial increase in the number of projects which would lead directly to industrial production, including in particular, the establishment of pilot and demonstration plants, and reaffirmed the guidelines already approved by the Council at its second session as contained in paragraph 103 of its report of that session; 20/

(c) Invited the Administrator to draw the attention of the recipient Governments to the availability of this type of assistance from UNDP.

56th meeting
25 January 1967

20/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 11A (E/4219).

67/12. Action taken by organs of the United Nations and related agencies in 1966 on matters relating to the United Nations Development Programme

208. The Council took note of documents DP/L.31 and Add.1-2.

56th meeting
25 January 1967

67/13. Provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Governing Council

212. The draft provisional agenda, as revised by the Administrator in the light of Council's comments, read as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Exchange of views in private meetings between the Council and the Administrator on matters relating to UNDP activities.
4. General debate (statements by the Administrator and members of the Council on issues before the Council)
 - (a) Report on the activities of UNDP in 1966:
 - (i) UNDP (Technical Assistance): Activities under the 1965-1966 biennial programme including detailed statistics relating to projects in operation during 1966;
 - (ii) UNDP (Special Fund): Status of approved projects as at 31 December 1966;
 - (iii) UNDP (Special Fund): Status of completed projects;
 - (iv) UNDP (Special Fund): Association of assistance from other sources;
 - (v) UNDP (Special Fund): Follow-up investments;
 - (vi) Assistance relating to pilot projects;

- (b) Perspectives for activities of the Programme in the coming years:
 - (i) Programming procedures of the Technical Assistance component of UNDP;
 - (ii) Progress report on the study of future needs for pre-investment activity in relation to the administrative capacity of the United Nations system to programme and implement such activities;
 - (iii) Reports on evaluation made available to the Governing Council in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1151 (XLI).
- 5. UNDP (Special Fund) programme recommendations of the Administrator:
 - (a) Consideration;
 - (b) Approval.
- 6. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) Comprehensive statement on financial position of UNDP as at 31 December 1966;
 - (b) Report on the revolving fund (use of the fund to 30 April 1967 and proposed future arrangements);
 - (c) Revision of UNDP (Special Fund) Financial Regulations;
 - (d) Estimates of resources:
 - (i) Statements of contributions as of 30 April 1967;
 - (ii) Study of future Special Fund contingency requirements;
 - (iii) Ways of maintaining the activities of UNDP at least at their present level and of increasing its financial resources.
- 7. United Nations programmes of technical co-operation:
 - (a) Report by the Secretary-General on technical co-operation activities of the United Nations;
 - (b) Consideration of the proposed United Nations regular programme of technical co-operation for 1968.
- 8. Execution of UNDP projects by executing agencies:
 - (a) Recruitment;
 - (b) Plans of operation;
 - (c) Study of the procurement practices of executing agencies, with special reference to sub-contracting;
 - (d) Progress report on co-ordination in the field between representatives of UNDP and representatives of participating organizations.

9. Provisional agenda for the fifth regular session of the Governing Council (rule 8 of the rules of procedure).
10. Date of the next session.
11. Other matters.
12. Draft report of the Governing Council to the forty-third session of the Economic and Social Council.

57th meeting
25 January 1967

67/14. Date and place of the fourth session of the Governing Council

209. The Council agreed to accept the kind invitation of the World Health Organization to hold its fourth session on the premises of that organization in Geneva. With regard to the dates, the Council agreed that, depending on the result of further consultations between the Administrator and the World Health Organization, the fourth session would convene for a period of three weeks on either 6 or 12 June 1967.

58th meeting
27 January 1967

