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68/1. UNDP (Special Fund) programme

31. Following the discussion under item 5 (b) of its agenda, the Council, subject to the observations and reservations expressed on some projects, decided:

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

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

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

(d) To earmark an additional \$7,289,776 (equivalent to 8 per cent of the total Governing Council earmarkings for the present programme) as a reserve for the Administrator's contingency authority.

87th meeting
11 January 1968

68/2. Programme recommendations: preliminary operations

38. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Governing Council approved the proposed preliminary operations on the following five projects:

Central African Republic - In-service training for agricultural extension workers (\$119,900)

Central African Republic - Vocational training for rural artisans (\$143,900)

Chad - Regional development of Ouaddai (\$135,000)

Jordan - Jordan Housing Corporation (\$57,000)

Niger - Teacher training college at Zinder (\$49,150)

39. The Council took note of the preliminary operations authorized by the Administrator between the fourth and fifth sessions of the Council on the following eight projects:

Algeria - Development of pasture lands and fodder crops (\$167,300)

Brazil - Strengthening of basic science teaching and research at the Federal University of Bahia (\$72,100)

Colombia - Development of the Choco Valley - Phase I, surveying and mapping (\$125,000)

Kenya - Pilot beef fattening under quarantine conditions (\$80,000)

Republic
of Korea - Tubewell irrigation project (\$135,000)

Morocco - Development of water resources and supply (\$149,000)

Pakistan - Assistance to the planning commission (\$207,000)

Sudan - Land and water resources survey of South Kordofan (\$136,000)

88th meeting
11 January 1968

68/3. Technical Assistance component of UNDP: earmarkings for 1968

43. Following the discussion, the Council decided:

(a) To earmark \$55,325,497 3/ to finance the 1968 portion of the Category I Technical Assistance field programme, excluding the Indonesian programme.

(b) With respect to the Indonesian 1967-1968 programme:

(i) To increase by \$9,000 to \$943,400 the earmarking authorized for 1967 at its fourth session;

(ii) To earmark an amount of \$1,360,700 for 1968; 4/

(iii) To authorize the Administrator to approve additional projects, subject to formal review and approval by the Council at its sixth session, within the unprogrammed balance of \$195,900 (remaining unearmarked from the \$2.5 million target authorized at the ad hoc session of the Council held in November 1966).

(c) To earmark a total of \$8,091,252 for overhead costs of the participating and executing agencies for 1968, as follows:

(i) An amount of \$8,061,252, being the balance of the amount approved for overhead costs for the 1967-1968 biennium at the ad hoc session of the Council in November 1966;

(ii) An increase by \$10,000 (from \$208,620 to \$218,620) in the WMO allocation for overhead costs for 1968;

(iii) An increase by \$20,000 (from \$45,000 to \$65,000) in the IMCO allocation for overhead costs for 1968.

88th meeting
11 January 1968

68/4. Technical Assistance component of UNDP: estimates and distribution of resources, including country and regional targets

60. At the close of the discussion, the Governing Council took the following action:

(a) The Council noted the estimates of resources for 1969 (\$71,661,000), together with their proposed distribution by main objects of expenditure as follows:

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| | US dollars |
| (i) Agencies overhead costs | <u>8,550,569</u> |
| (ii) Technical Assistance share of the UNDP Administrative Budget | 6,400,000 |
| (iii) Balance available for the field programme | <u>56,710,000</u> |
| <u>Total</u> | 71,660,569 |

(b) The Council approved:

- (i) Country and regional target figures amounting, respectively, to \$45,385,000 and \$9,640,000 (see annex III);
- (ii) The level of the available balance of planning reserve (\$1,685,000); and
- (iii) The amounts of reimbursement for overhead costs of the participating and executing agencies (\$8,550,569).

89th meeting
12 January 1968

68/5. Investment follow-up

109. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Council took note of the progress report by the Administrator and, in accordance with the recommendations in paragraph 45 thereof, decided to consider the question further at its sixth session.

94th meeting
16 January 1968

68/6. Project criteria

156. The decision of the Council set forth in section a above ^{/decision 68/1/} refers also to criteria for the selection of projects.

94th meeting
16 January 1968

68/7. Pilot and demonstration projects

159. The Council decided to continue consideration of pilot and demonstration projects at its seventh session on the basis of a progress report to be submitted by the Administrator.

95th meeting
17 January 1968

68/8. Operational assistance under the Technical Assistance component of UNDP

164. The Council decided to propose to the Economic and Social Council that it invite the General Assembly, at its next regular session, to authorize the United Nations Development Programme to provide operational personnel, on the request of Governments, as an integral part of the assistance normally provided by it.

95th meeting
17 January 1968

68/9. Future needs and priorities

145. The Governing Council decided to take note of document DP/L.57 and Corr.1 and 2 and to invite the Administrator to give due consideration to the views expressed during the discussion by members of the Council.

96th meeting
18 January 1968

68/10. Budget estimates for the administrative and programme support services for 1968

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

"The Governing Council

"(a) Approves the estimates of 1968 requirements for administrative and programme support services of UNDP in a total amount of \$16,972,700 (net) as submitted in document DP/L.54 and comprising the following sections:

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| Section 1 - Personal service costs | \$13,573,900 |
| Section 2 - Travel and transportation | 888,900 |
| Section 3 - Permanent equipment | 284,700 |
| Section 4 - Other general expenses | 2,020,200 |
| Section 5 - Subvention to the United Nations | <u>205,000</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$16,972,700</u> |

"(b) 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;

"(c) In order to finance these requirements, authorizes allocations in amounts of \$10,862,528 and \$6,110,172 respectively from the resources of the Special Fund and Technical Assistance components of the Programme;

"(d) Nevertheless expresses the hope that, in the light of the views expressed both in the Council and by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding the need for administrative economies, the Administrator will endeavour to reduce the 1968 budget expenditure and give particular attention to reduction of new posts; and requests the Administrator to report to the sixth session of the Council on the action taken to this end;

"(e) Further expresses the hope that in framing the 1969 budget the Administrator will take full account of the remarks of the Advisory Committee in paragraph 16 of its report (A/6979)."

99th meeting
19 January 1968

68/11. Criteria for determining eligibility for UNDP assistance and financing of projects

94. The decision, as adopted by the Governing Council, was as follows:

"The Council, after a broad exchange of views on item 7 (a) of the agenda on the criteria for determining eligibility for UNDP assistance, selection and financing of projects:

- (a) Takes note with interest of document DP/L.58 and invites the Administrator to give due consideration to the views expressed during the discussions by members of the Council;
- (b) Recognizes that the Administrator should continue to apply with flexibility the criteria which have so far guided him in recommending the provision of assistance and in the selection of projects under UNDP;
- (c) Requests the Administrator to take account as far as possible of the following considerations in view of the limited resources available to the programme:
 - (i) The Programme should remain a broad undertaking of international co-operation for the provision as laid down in resolution 1240 (XIII), establishment of the Special Fund: Part BI "Guiding Principles and Criteria" 1. (b) of "systematic and sustained assistance in fields essential to the integrated technical, economic and social development of the less developed countries", while giving priority to assistance requested by countries whose needs are more urgent, taking into account the degree of their development.
 - (ii) The factors used for the Technical Assistance component should be taken into account, as appropriate, for the Programme as a whole, bearing in mind the special characteristics of its two components.
 - (iii) Countries which are relatively more developed should endeavour to increase their share of the cost of the assistance provided to them by UNDP including, when appropriate, the use of funds-in-trust arrangements and, whenever possible, share the benefits derived from the projects with other recipient countries.
 - (iv) In the case of the most needy countries, however, counterpart contributions should be kept as low as possible and, in appropriate cases, the local cost requirements could be reduced or waived.
- (d) Invites the Administrator to report on the application of these guidelines at a future session of the Council."

100th meeting
22 January 1968

68/12. Question of financing of technical advisers to be appointed in some offices of resident representatives

267. In the light of the discussion, the Governing Council decided to authorize the Administrator:

(a) to pursue or initiate negotiations with certain other participating and executing agencies with a view to arriving at similar agreements for the integration of their field establishments with UNDP offices, including the appointment of technical field advisers financed from UNDP funds; and

(b) to include in the budget estimates for administrative and programme support services of UNDP for 1969 and later years provisions for the financial allocations required to cover the cost of Industrial Development Field Advisers (UNIDO) in implementation of the UNDP/UNIDO agreement, and provisions for the cost of other such technical advisers, the appointment of whom might follow the conclusion of possible similar agreements with other participating and executing agencies. These provisions would be subject to the regular budgetary procedures for review and approval of UNDP expenditures.

100th meeting
22 January 1968

68/13. United Nations Capital Development Fund

276. The Council took note of the observations made by the Administrator and members, and agreed to review the matter on the basis of a report to be submitted by the Administrator at the sixth session. As regards those suggestions which related to fund raising and organization of the pledging conferences of the Capital Development Fund, the Council noted that the Administrator would be glad to consult with the Secretary-General, to whom the responsibilities in these matters were entrusted under General Assembly resolution 2186 (XXI) establishing the Fund.

100th meeting
22 January 1968

68/14. Date and place of the sixth session of the Governing Council

291. The Council decided to accept an invitation from the Austrian Government to hold its sixth regular session in Vienna. The Council also agreed that its sixth session would be held from 11 to 28 June 1968.

101st meeting
22 January 1968

68/15. Experimental project for the pre-service training of international experts in educational planning

192. The Council decided to approve the recommendations of the Administrator in document DP/TA/L.14, paragraph 14, which provide, inter alia, for the allocation, according to modalities provided for and as an exceptional measure, of \$55,000 to UNESCO to finance the experimental project for the pre-service training of international experts in educational planning, it being understood that UNESCO and IIEP will make every effort to recruit candidates preferably from developing countries.

102nd meeting
23 January 1968

68/16. Status and emoluments of Assistant Administrators at UNDP

259. At its 102nd meeting, the Council approved this arrangement and authorized the Administrator to proceed accordingly.

102nd meeting
23 January 1968

68/17. Status and emoluments of the senior ranks in UNDP

255. The Governing Council endorsed the proposed arrangements for implementation effective 1 January 1968.

256. The Council authorized the Administrator to enter into consultation with the Secretary-General at an early date concerning the readjustment of the rank and level of the Assistant Administrators in the UNDP establishment.

102nd meeting
23 January 1968

68/18. Execution of UNDP projects: recruitment

185. Following the discussion, the Council decided to:

(a) Take note of document DP/L.55 and request the Administrator to pursue his efforts to secure improvement in the methods of recruitment in the light of the comments made during the discussion in the Council and submit a progress report at a subsequent session;

(b) Recognize the need to study further the question of the desirability of establishing a common recruitment service and standardization of certain recruitment procedures and request the Administrator to continue his consultations in this regard with the participating and executing agencies and report to the Council at a future session.

104th meeting
24 January 1968

68/19. Execution of UNDP projects: award of subcontracts and major equipment purchases

200. The Council took note of documents DP/SF/L.15 and DP/SF/L.16.

104th meeting
24 January 1968

68/20. Administrative and financial matters: contributions

210. The Council, at the conclusion of the discussion, took note of the statements on the status of contributions (DP/L.62, DP/SF/C/L.39 and 40, DP/TA/C/L.39 and 40).

105th meeting
24 January 1968

68/21. Status of the Revolving Fund

226. At the conclusion of its consideration of item 8 (b) of its agenda, on the status of the Revolving Fund, the Governing Council, subject to further review, decided to:

(a) Increase the earmarking to the Revolving Fund for preparatory assistance missions under the Special Fund component from \$1.0 to \$1.5 million, thus increasing the total authority for the Revolving Fund from \$7.5 to \$8.0 million (DP/L.53, paragraph 10).

(b) Earmark the sum of \$180,000 to cover the cost in 1968 of financing preparatory assistance or preliminary operations in connexion with projects which are not approved by the Governing Council (see DP/L.53, paragraph 11, and DP/SF/R.5, paragraph 37 (f)).

105th meeting
24 January 1968

68/22. Audit reports

228. The Governing Council took note of the audited financial report and accounts of UNDP for the year ended 31 December 1966 11/ and the audited consolidated financial reports for that year on the funds allocated and earmarked to the United Nations, the specialized agencies and IAEA under the Technical Assistance programmes and the Special Fund. 12/ It also noted the relevant comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 13/ and resolutions 2264 (XXII) and 2315 (XXII) of the United Nations General Assembly.

105th meeting
24 January 1968

68/23. Special Industrial Services Trust Fund

236. On the understanding that a corrigendum would be issued, the Governing Council took note of document DP/L.60.

105th meeting
24 January 1968

68/24. United Nations Regular Programme of Technical Co-operation

284. The Council then took the following action:

The Council recommended a provisional level of \$6.4 million for planning purposes for the regular programme of technical co-operation of the United Nations for 1969 and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the seventh session of the Council a comprehensive study of the purposes and objectives of the regular programme and its relationship to the programmes of UNDP together with any recommendations he might deem appropriate.

106th meeting
25 January 1968

68/25. Action taken by organs of the United Nations and related agencies in 1967 on matters relating to the United Nations Development Programme

286. The Council took note of document DP/L.63 and Add.1.

106th meeting
25 January 1968

68/26. Provisional agenda for the sixth session of the Governing Council

293. The draft provisional agenda which was before the Council for consideration read as follows:

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. UNDP (Special Fund) programme recommendations of the Administrator
 - (a) Consideration in private meetings of individual projects of the UNDP (SF) programme
 - (b) Approval of UNDP (SF) programme recommendations
 - (c) Proposals for preliminary operations
4. UNDP (Technical Assistance) Programme
 - (a) Progress report on implementation of new Technical Assistance Programme procedures
 - (b) Approval of regional project recommendations of the Administrator
5. General debate (statements by the Administrator and members of the Council on issues before the Council)
 - (a) Report on the activities of UNDP in 1967
 - Supplementary reports:
 - (i) Statistical data relating to projects in operation under the Technical Assistance component during 1967
 - (ii) Financial status of projects under the Special Fund component as of 31 December 1967
 - (iii) Status of completed projects and follow-up developments under the Special Fund component as of 31 December 1967

- (iv) Association of assistance from other sources during 1967
 - (v) Subcontracts awarded by participating and executing agencies for projects in the Special Fund component during 1967
 - (vi) Major equipment purchases by participating and executing agencies for projects in the Special Fund component during 1967
 - (vii) Special Industrial Services
 - (viii) Trust Fund administration
 - (b) Interim report on future needs for pre-investment activity in relation to the administrative capacity of the United Nations system to programme and implement such activities
 - (c) Progress report on the evaluation of the United Nations Development Programme
 - (d) Promotion of investment follow-up
6. Administrative and financial matters
- (a) Harmonization of policies and procedures under the Special Fund and Technical Assistance components of UNDP
 - (i) Local operating costs
 - (ii) UNDP financial regulations
 - (b) Comprehensive statement on financial position of UNDP as at 31 December 1967
 - (c) Report on the Revolving Fund
 - (d) Statements of contributions as of 30 April 1968
7. Organizational matters
- (a) (i) Question of timing and periodicity of Governing Council sessions, and (ii) Possible arrangements for the timely distribution of UNDP documents in all working languages
 - (b) Steps taken to strengthen the UNDP office in Geneva
8. United Nations regular programme of technical co-operation
9. United Nations Capital Development Fund: Governing Council report to the Economic and Social Council under General Assembly resolution 2321 (XXII)
10. Information papers on the regular programme of technical assistance in 1967 of the specialized agencies and IAEA

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

294. At its 106th meeting, following a brief exchange of views between members of the Council and the Administrator, the Council agreed that the Administrator would issue a revised provisional agenda which would include the following changes to the draft contained in paragraph 293 above:

(a) Addition of an item on "General policy in regard to the 1969 Budget estimates for the administrative and programme support services of UNDP";

(b) Addition of the words "and the preceding years" at the end of sub-items 5 (a) (v) and (vi); and

(c) Addition of the words "or envisaged" after the word "taken" in sub-item 7 (b).

106th meeting
25th January 1968

