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68/27. UNDP(Special Fund) programme

34. At its 111th meeting, following the discussion under item 3 (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 listed 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 \$4,012,960 (equivalent to 8 per cent of the total Governing Council earmarkings for the present programme) as a reserve for the Administrator's contingency authority;

(e) To cancel uncommitted earmarkings in the amount of \$2,389,209 and the corresponding reserve for the Administrator's contingency authority in the amount of \$191,137 for the projects recommended for cancellation in paragraph 17 above;

(f) To cancel unallocated earmarkings in the amount of \$845,718 and the corresponding reserve for the Administrator's contingency authority in the amount of \$67,657 for projects referred to in paragraph 18 above, which were completed prior to 31 December 1967.

111th meeting  
12 June 1968

68/28. Programme recommendations of the Administrator:  
preliminary operations

46. At the 112th meeting, the Governing Council approved the proposed preliminary operations on the following ten projects:

			(US dollars)
AFGHANISTAN	-	Development of aircraft services to remote areas	- 49,100
CHILE	-	Metal-working industry testing centre	- 36,100
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	-	Agricultural diversification in the Cibao Valley	- 87,700
GUATEMALA	-	Secondary school teacher training college at Guatemala City	- 19,600
INDIA	-	Farmer training and functional literacy	- 135,000
INDONESIA	-	Highway rehabilitation and transport co-ordination	- 410,000
MADAGASCAR	-	Pilot work-oriented literacy project	- 25,000
PARAGUAY	-	Groundwater resources survey, Chaco	- 200,000
TURKEY	-	Programme for developing and improving the production of the hides, skins and leather industry	- 41,500
REGIONAL	-	African telecommunications network survey	- 180,000

47. The Council took note of the preliminary operations authorized by the Administrator between the fifth and sixth sessions of the Council on the following two projects:

			(US dollars)
BURUNDI	-	Integrated rural development and refugee resettlement	- 200,000
MOROCCO	-	Integrated regional development	- 75,600

112th meeting  
13 June 1968

68/29. Regional and interregional project recommendations  
of the Administrator

84. At its 113th meeting, following the discussion of the item, the Council approved the regional and inter-regional activities planned for the year 1969 in the projects listed in annex III to this report.

113th meeting  
13 June 1968

68/30. Category I programme for 1967-1968 biennium in Indonesia

86. At its 113th meeting, the Council decided to approve the list of projects submitted by the Administrator (DP/TA/L.18) covering the balance of \$195,900 for the Indonesian Category I programme for 1968 and for that purpose earmarked the sum of \$195,900 thus bringing that programme to \$2.5 million for the 1967-1968 biennium.

113th meeting  
13 June 1968

68/31. Report on the activities of UNDP in 1967

177. At its 120th meeting, the Council took note of the Administrator's complete report on the activities of UNDP in 1967 and of the views expressed by members of the Council during the general debate and the replies and comments made by the Administrator and his staff.

120th meeting  
19 June 1968

68/32. Implementation of new technical assistance programming procedures: local operating costs

60. The Council, having considered the report of the Administrator on the implementation of the new technical assistance programme procedures (DP/TA/L.17), and upon completion of the informal consultations, decided, at its 121st meeting, that the arrangements described below should apply for the assessment and collection of local operating costs of recipient Governments under the Technical Assistance component for the year 1969 and thereafter:

(a) The initial assessment shall be calculated on the basis of 9.5 per cent of the adjusted country target for the year in question and subject to payment at the beginning of that year;

(b) The assessment shall be adjusted after the year to which it pertained, to correspond to 12.5 per cent of the expert component of the delivered programme costed on a pro forma basis, including any contingencies approved during the year, and the Government's identifiable share, if any, in regional projects;

(c) The local cost liability of each Government shall be expressed at the local currency equivalent of the US dollar amount of the entire assessment - initial and final - calculated at the United Nations operating rate of exchange applicable;

(d) Advance payments received from Governments in local currency shall be recorded and applied to their local cost obligations at the United Nations operating rate of exchange in effect on the date they are made;

(e) In the case of any country which, at 31 December of any particular year, may be in arrears in respect of local cost obligations relating to the preceding or earlier years in amounts exceeding the equivalent of \$3,000, an embargo may be imposed by the Administrator on the implementation of new projects until an arrangement for the liquidation of the arrears is agreed upon with the Government concerned;

(f) The practice of granting temporary waivers of local cost obligations in cases of extreme hardship shall be maintained.

121st meeting  
19 June 1968



68/33. Guidelines with regard to technical assistance regional programme

83. At its 121st meeting, following further informal consultations concerning guidelines with regard to the technical assistance regional programme, the Council took the following additional decision:

The Governing Council

Proposes that for new projects introduced for the operational year 1970 and thereafter:

(a) Agency target figures for regional and inter-regional projects be eliminated, with the funds normally reserved for this purpose to be retained by the Administrator;

(b) Applications for approval on a project-by-project basis be made through appropriate channels to the Administrator. It would be expected that such applications would be supported by groups of Governments;

(c) In the interest of maintaining the continuous programming approach, project approval should normally be delegated to the Administrator under a system similar to that applicable to country programming. Those projects having a cumulative value of \$200,000 or more over the anticipated duration of the project should be submitted for prior approval of the Governing Council;

(d) Pending the establishment of new procedures the Council should approve new proposals submitted to it at its January 1969 session for 1969 only;

Requests the Administrator to consider the administrative and financial implications and modalities of operation of the revised system including a re-examination of the current system of specific allocation of controlled currencies to participating and executing agencies, together with any necessary transitional measures and, after consulting the IACB, report to the Council at its seventh session on the procedure for the implementation of the new arrangements.

121st meeting  
19 June 1968

68/34. Progress report on the evaluation of UNDP

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196. The Council took note of the progress report by the Administrator on the evaluation of UNDP (DP/L.68) and of the views expressed by members of the Council and the Administration during the debate.

121st meeting  
19 June 1968

68/35. Promotion of follow-up investment

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223. The Council took note of the report by the Administrator on the promotion of follow-up investment (DP/L.73) and of the views expressed by members of the Council and the Administration during the general debate, approved the proposals contained in paragraphs 122 and 123 of that report, and recommended, in compliance with General Assembly resolution 2280 (XXII), that the Economic and Social Council, in transmitting the present report to the General Assembly, draw the attention of the Assembly to this decision.

122nd meeting  
20 June 1968

68/36. Question of timing and periodicity of Governing Council sessions and possible arrangement for the timely distribution of UNDP documents in all working languages

236. At its 124th meeting, the Council took note of the report of the Administrator (DP/L.74) and of the views expressed during the discussion. It agreed to maintain the system of two sessions a year, in January and June as laid down in the rules of procedure of the Council, to abide by these rules with respect to the timely distribution of documents in required languages, and to request the Administrator, after making suitable arrangements for a period of transition, namely the year 1969, to prepare the appropriate agenda for future sessions with a view to arranging for a short January session and for a June session lasting approximately three weeks.

124th meeting  
21 June 1968

68/37. Steps taken or envisaged to strengthen the UNDP Office in Geneva

240. At its 124th meeting, the Council took note of document DP/L.78.

124th meeting  
21 June 1968

68/38. Policies for future preliminary operations

248. Following the discussion, the Council decided, at its 124th meeting, to:

- (a) Take note of the report by the Administrator (DP/L.69);
- (b) Increase the earmarking for preliminary Special Fund operations from \$2 million to \$2.5 million;
- (c) Increase the Revolving Fund correspondingly from \$8 million to \$8.5 million.

124th meeting  
21 June 1968

68/39. Future needs for pre-investment activities in relation to the administrative capacity of the United Nations system to programme and implement such activities

187. At the conclusion of its debate, the Council, at its 125th meeting, took the following decision, subject to the reservation expressed below:

The Governing Council,

(a) Takes note of the progress report contained in document DP/L.79 and Corr.1;

(b) Expresses its appreciation of the readiness of the participating and executing organizations to support the study of administrative capacity of the United Nations system to programme and implement a growing United Nations Development Programme;

(c) Decides that in the preparation of the study, United Nations bodies such as the Committee for Development Planning, the Committee of Experts to Consider the Reorganization of the Secretariat, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, and the Joint Inspection Unit, should be consulted and their relevant work taken into account;

(d) Requests the Administrator to have included in the terms of reference of the study as defined in paragraphs 6-8 of document DP/L.79 and Corr.1 the following:

- (i) the most efficient arrangements for the "appraisal and processing" of project requests;
- (ii) any aspect of the present process of project formulation and execution that has a bearing on the administrative capacity of the United Nations system, such as organizational and structural matters, the use of inter-governmental organizations not only within but also outside the United Nations family for project execution, problems inherent in the implementation of inter-agency projects and ways and means of solving these problems and in general, the most effective utilization of the resources and finances of UNDP in the interests of the developing countries;
- (iii) consideration of general principles concerning administration, staffing and financial implications;

(e) Requests that in general, the various views and observations made by members of the Council at the sixth session on the terms of reference of this study and the manner of its implementation should be taken into account in the preparation of the study;

(f) Decides that the consultants to be appointed should include a number of experts to be selected from countries of different social and economic systems on the basis of their personal qualifications and expertise and taking into account the need fully to utilize the experiences of the developing countries in the preparation of this study;

(g) Decides that these experts should be consulted on a regular basis at different stages of the preparation of the study;

(h) Decides that the original text of the study and any interim reports on its progress should be submitted to the Council, with any comments and viewpoints of the members of IACB and of the consultants on the final report to be annexed to the report;

(i) Approves the estimate of expenses, in the total amount of \$90,500, to be borne directly by the "capacity study" in the period ending 31 December 1968;

(j) Authorizes a special allocation in the amount of \$90,500 under a separate ad hoc Section 6 ("capacity study") of the Administrative and Programme Support Services budget for 1968, to be financed to the extent of 64 per cent, or \$57,920, from the resources of the Special Fund component, and 36 per cent, or \$32,580, from the resources of the Technical Assistance component.

125th meeting  
21 June 1968

#### 68/40. United Nations Capital Development Fund

267. The Governing Council took note of the report of the Administrator on the United Nations Capital Development Fund (DP/L.82) prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2321 (XXII). Subject to decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its twenty-third session under paragraph 2 of resolution 2321 (XXII), the Council requested the Administrator, bearing in mind the views expressed on the subject during the sixth session of the Governing Council, to continue his efforts, including the examination of further possibilities, to enable the United Nations Capital Development Fund to commence operations, and to report thereon to the seventh session of the Governing Council.

126th meeting  
24 June 1968

#### 68/41. Industrial Development Field Advisers

291. At the conclusion of the discussion at its 126th meeting, the Governing Council decided to take note of the views expressed by members and authorized that five industrial development field advisers (UNIDO), together with the necessary support services, should be financed by UNDP from 1 July 1968. To this end the Council also authorized an additional allocation of \$76,700 13/ to the administrative and programme support services budget for 1968, the credits to be distributed as follows:

	<u>Additional credit</u> <u>(US dollars)</u>
Section 1 - Personal services costs . . . . .	64,700
Section 2 - Travel and transportation . . . . .	2,000
Section 3 - Permanent equipment . . . . .	8,000
Section 4 - Other general expenses . . . . .	<u>2,000</u>
Total . . . . .	<u>76,700</u>

126th meeting  
24 June 1968

68/42. Administrative and financial matters

285. At the conclusion of the debate, at its 127th meeting, the Governing Council took note of the reports before the Council under agenda item 6 (DP/L.70, DP/L.83 and Corr.1, DP/L.71 and Corr.1 and DP/L.71/Add.1 and 2, and DP/L.81) and the views expressed by members of the Council and the Administration during the discussion of those reports.

127th meeting  
24 June 1968

68/43. General policy in regard to the 1969 estimates and administrative and programme support services budget for 1968

300. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Governing Council took note of the Administrator's reports on the general policy in regard to the 1969 estimates (DP/L.80) and the administrative and programme support services budget for 1968 (DP/L.76) and of the views expressed by members and by the representative of the Administrator in the course of the discussion.

127th meeting  
24 June 1968

68/44. Information papers on the regular programmes of technical assistance in 1967 of the specialized agencies and IAEA

325. The Council took note of the information papers on the regular programmes of technical assistance in 1967 of the specialized agencies and IAEA (DP/L.72).

129th meeting  
25 June 1968

68/45. Technical assistance activities of the United Nations

The Governing Council

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General (DP/RP/5, DP/RP/5/Add.1 and Amend.1, DP/RP/5/Add.3 and 4) and of the views expressed by the members of the Council and the Commissioner for Technical Co-operation during the discussion;

(b) Approves that portion of the regular programme for 1969 set out in the report of the Secretary-General (DP/RP/5/Add.2) subject to the following:

- (i) that the question of the appropriations as between the various sections of part V (Technical Programmes) would need to be resolved by the General Assembly at its twenty-third session after its consideration of the recommendations emanating from the Industrial Development Board, the Governing Council of UNDP, and the Economic and Social Council;
- (ii) that the Secretary-General, in the interim, limit, as appropriate, commitments against anticipated regular programme resources under all sections of part V to the current levels.

130th meeting  
26 June 1968

68/46. Data storage and retrieval

331. At its 130th meeting the Governing Council requested the Administrator to study, in close co-operation with appropriate sections of the United Nations Secretariat and in particular, the United Nations Centre for Development Planning, Projections and Policies, the feasibility of setting up and operating a system of automatic data storage processing and retrieval, taking into account the views expressed by members of the Council during the discussion of this subject, including action taken in this respect by other United Nations organizations, and the question of initial and recurrent cost involved, and to submit this study to the Governing Council at its eighth session.

130th meeting  
26 June 1968



68/47. Date and place of the seventh session of the Governing Council

344. The Governing Council decided to hold its seventh session at United Nations Headquarters for a period of approximately two weeks starting on 9 January 1969.

130th meeting  
26 June 1968

68/48. Provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Governing Council

346. The draft provisional agenda which was before the Council for consideration read:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. UNDP (Special Fund) programme recommendations of the Administrator:
  - (a) Consideration of individual projects of the UNDP (Special Fund) programme in private meetings;
  - (b) Approval of UNDP (Special Fund) programme recommendations;
  - (c) Proposals for preliminary operations.
5. UNDP (Technical Assistance) programme:
  - (a) Revised estimates of resources and earmarkings for 1969;
  - (b) Approval of initial estimates of resources for 1970 and their distribution, including country and regional targets;
  - (c) Approval of regional project recommendations of the Administrator;
  - (d) Report by the Administrator on country programmes.

6. Financial matters:
  - (a) Contributions;
  - (b) Status of the Revolving Fund;
  - (c) UNDP financial regulations and rules;
  - (d) Audit reports.
7. Budget for the administrative and programme support services of UNDP for 1969.
8. Information papers on action taken in 1968 by organs of the United Nations and related agencies on matters relating to the Programme.
9. United Nations regular programme of technical co-operation.
10. United Nations Capital Development Fund.
11. Date and provisional agenda for the eighth regular session of the Governing Council.
12. Other matters.
13. Draft report of the Governing Council to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-seventh session.

130th meeting  
26 June 1968

68/49. Outside financial support for special activities of the  
Development Support Information Service

339. At its 131st meeting, the Council approved, in accordance with article 12 bis of the UNDP (Special Fund) Financial Regulations that the Administrator should establish a trust fund for the purposes described in his note (DP/L.85), taking into account the views expressed by the members of the Council and the Administration during the discussion of that document.

131st meeting  
26 June 1968

68/50. Special session of the Governing Council

343. The Council, at its 131st meeting, decided to authorize the President to inform the Secretary-General that the Council agreed to hold a short special session on 9 December 1968 for the purposes described in the letter dated 4 June 1968 from the Secretary-General.

131st meeting  
26 June 1968

