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69/24. UNDP (Special Fund) programme

38. At its 155th 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);
- (b) To earmark for each of the projects listed in the programme the sum shown in column III;
- (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 \$2,916,800 (equivalent to 8 per cent of the Special Fund earmarking of \$36,460,000 included in the total shown in column III of the programme) as a reserve for the Administrator's contingency authority;
- (e) To cancel uncommitted earmarkings in the amount of \$1,900,345 and the corresponding reserve for the Administrator's contingency authority in the amount of \$152,028 for the projects recommended for cancellation (see para. 19 above);
- (f) To cancel unallocated earmarkings in the amount of \$976,676 and the corresponding reserve for the Administrator's contingency authority in the amount of \$78,134 for projects which were completed during the year 1968 (see para. 22).

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18 June 1969

#### 69/25. Preliminary operations

47. At its 155th meeting, the Governing Council approved the proposed preliminary operations on the following six projects:

			(US dollars)
Afghanistan	- Highway maintenance programme	-	173,000
Afghanistan	- Assistance to the Agricultural and Cottage Industries Bank	-	121,500
Central African Republic	- Extension of preliminary operations for vocational training for rural artisans	-	25,800
Central African Republic	- Extension of preliminary operations for in-service training for agricultural extension workers	-	48,100
Central African Republic	- Development of Haut M'Bomou and refugee settlement	-	240,200
Jordan	- Extension of preliminary operations to the Jordan Housing Corporation	-	20,000

48. At the same meeting, the Council took note of the preliminary operations authorized by the Administrator between the seventh and eighth sessions on the following two projects:

			(US dollars)
Tunisia	- Establishment of polycultural co-operatives in the Kasserine Region	-	96,500
Regional (Mali and Guinea)	- Flood control and warning system	-	55,900

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18 June 1969

#### 69/26. Financial position of UNDP and report on the Revolving Fund

235. At its 158th meeting, the Council took note of documents DP/L.105 and Add.1 and of the views expressed during the discussion.

158th meeting  
19 June 1969

69/27. UNDP (Technical Assistance) programme

"The Governing Council

"1. Endorses the revised proposals of the Administrator to govern normal regional and inter-regional programming beginning 1971:

"(a) When approving the distribution of resources for each programme year, the Council shall determine the proportion of funds devoted to regional and inter-regional projects;

"(b) These funds shall be considered as a global target which shall apply to the programme year and provisionally to the next three years. Thus, at the ninth session (January 1970), the Council shall determine the global regional target for 1971 and that target shall apply provisionally to the years 1972, 1973, and 1974;

"(c) These funds shall be retained by the Administrator; the balance remaining after making provision for approved continuing regional and inter-regional projects shall be available to cover the cost of new projects or to extend existing projects;

"(d) New projects shall be subject to approval by the Administrator if their cumulative cost over the anticipated duration is less than \$200,000; otherwise, they shall be recommended to the Council for approval. Requests for the continuation of existing projects beyond their anticipated duration shall also be referred to the Council for approval if the total cost of the project, including its extension, is \$200,000 or more. These provisions shall be considered to be in force with immediate effect;

"(e) Requests shall be signed by a number of Governments which have decided to seek assistance from the UNDP in establishing regional projects. The fact that certain of these requests have originated from resolutions of inter-governmental bodies, or from regional and sub-regional organs of the Participating and Executing Agencies, acting within the framework of such resolutions, would be added evidence of the interest of the Governments of the region, but a formal submission by the Governments concerned would still have to be obtained. Project requests shall be submitted through the channels established for the transmission of country requests for UNDP assistance and shall specify the arrangements Governments have made for participating in such projects;

"(f) Each request should contain a complete description of the object of the project, its planned duration even if it extends beyond four years, proposed arrangements for its continuation after the termination of international assistance and complete details concerning any part of a project not financed from UNDP (Technical Assistance) funds, such as the provision of fellowships or advisers under other programmes as an integral part of the project. It should furthermore contain information and comments on the direct and immediate relevance of the project to the specific needs and priorities of requesting Governments, as well as an assessment of their ability to

utilize the anticipated results of the project. The main problems and factors in recipient countries affecting the fulfilment of their needs should be analysed and the assistance that the project might render towards the realization of country objectives should be explained. The request should also describe plans for follow-up, outline the proposed time schedule and present a detailed cost plan. Provision for financing from other sources should be kept entirely separate from the UNDP-financed portion of a project, i.e. an expert should be either fully charged to UNDP or to a Trust Fund or to other programmes. When possible, each request should also include estimates of the proportionate shares of each of the currencies expected to be used;

"(g) When approving, or recommending for approval, requests for regional and inter-regional projects, the Administrator shall, compatible with the needs of the developing countries:

- (i) assess the relevance of the project on the basis of the needs of the region, seeking additional information from the Governments and agencies concerned as he considers necessary;
- (ii) maintain a balanced distribution of funds between the various regions, taking due account of their size, their needs and the extent to which they derive particular benefit from assistance provided on a regional basis;
- (iii) take into account the need for ensuring that maximum use, consistent with the need for efficiency and economy of operations, is made of all the currencies available as part of global programme resources;

"(h) In the event that a further period of financing is envisaged for the continuation of a project beyond its expected duration, the Administrator shall make provision for a thorough review, not later than the final year of the life of a project, to demonstrate its impact on the region;

"(i) The Administrator shall report at each session of the Council on the regional and inter-regional projects approved by him and on the available balance of the global regional targets, making recommendations for approval of projects with a cumulative total of \$200,000 or more within the limits of these targets.

"2. Recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the proposed draft resolution on the matter (see annex III).

"3. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Governing Council for consideration at its tenth session a report elaborating the tentative proposals for a second stage of implementation of revised procedures referred to in para. 10 of DP/TA/L.23, taking into account the views expressed on the subject by Participating and Executing Agencies through the Inter-Agency Consultative Board and those of the members of the Council at the present session."

69/28. Recommendations of the Administrator for regional and interregional projects

76. At its 160th meeting, the Council approved the regional and inter-regional project recommendations of the Administrator (DP/TA/L.22).

160th meeting  
20 June 1969

69/29. Progress report on the Capacity Study

214. At its 164th meeting, the Governing Council took the following action, on the understanding that at the January session, delegations would be able to express their initial reactions, if they wished to do so, to the Capacity Study so as to enable the Council to engage in a comprehensive discussion at its March session:

"The Council

"(a) Takes note of the oral progress report by the Commissioner for the Capacity Study and of the views expressed by members of the Council;

"(b) Decides that the final report of the Commissioner should be submitted to Governments, the UNDP and the Participating and Executing Agencies simultaneously, if possible not later than the beginning of December;

"(c) Decides that a preliminary review of the report at its next session in January 1970 would serve a useful purpose and that a special session of the Council should be held in March 1970 for the substantive consideration of the report;

"(d) Requests the Administrator to ensure that the services of the Commissioner would be available for assistance and advice to the Council during the consideration of his report, and longer if required."

164th meeting  
24 June 1969

69/30. Proposals concerning the Revolving Fund

245. At its 165th meeting, the Council took note of documents DP/L.107 and Corr.1 and Add.1, and of the views expressed during the discussion, and decided to approve the proposals of the Administrator contained in these documents and summarized as follows:

(a) The Revolving Fund should be administered as a single, unified Fund and not be sub-divided into designated amounts for particular purposes;

(b) The activities qualifying for financing from the Revolving Fund should encompass the following:

- (i) Contingency activities under the Technical Assistance component - to finance projects which are essentially of an emergency or compelling nature;
- (ii) Activities prior to approval of projects under the Special Fund component - within a limit in each case of \$200,000, to enable assistance to Governments in the preparation, elaboration and revision of requests for Special Fund financing; in the investigation and appraisal of such requests and in the preparation of projects to permit early effective alignment of key elements prior to full project approval by the Governing Council;
- (iii) Investment-oriented feasibility studies - to permit the carrying out of specific, relatively short-term, investment-oriented feasibility studies, costing less than \$200,000;
- (iv) Projects of the Special Industrial Services type - to enable the continued operation of the SIS programme at an annual level, consistent with the past development of the programme and commensurate with future needs within an appropriate limitation of \$2 million annually.

(c) The size of the Revolving Fund should be increased from the present level of \$8.5 million to \$12 million.

165th meeting  
25 June 1969



**69/31. General policies with regard to the 1970 budget estimates**

260. At its 167th meeting, following the conclusion of the discussion, the Governing Council took note of the Administrator's report on the general policies in regard to the 1970 estimates (DP/L.109) and of the views expressed by members and by the Administration in the course of the discussion.

261. In view of the decision of the Governing Council, taken at its 171st meeting, to hold its next session in the month of January 1970 (see para. 321), the Council at the same meeting authorized the Administrator to maintain during the first part of January 1970 a rate of expenditure in respect of the administrative budget of UNDP at a level not to exceed that approved for 1969, pending approval by the Governing Council, at its next regular session, of the administrative budget for 1970.

167th meeting  
26 June 1969

**69/32. Timetable for the presentation of annual budget estimates**

267. At its 167th meeting, following the conclusion of the discussion, the Governing Council took note of the report of the Administrator (DP/L.110 and Annex) and decided to revert to this question at its tenth session to be held in June 1970.

167th meeting  
26 June 1969

**69/33. United Nations Capital Development Fund**

286. At its 168th meeting, following the discussion, the Governing Council took the following action:

"The Council

"(a) Takes note of the progress report by the Administrator, acting as Managing Director (DP/L.111), and the views expressed by the members of the Council;

"(b) Reaffirms its decision at its seventh session to proceed as soon as possible with the initiation of the Fund's operations, and in this connexion agreed that as an interim measure one way of initiating operations would be as recommended by the Administrator in paragraphs 13 and 14 of document DP/L.111;

"(c) Requests the Administrator to continue on a wider basis his consultations with Governments and international organizations and explore wider possibilities for making the Fund operational and report to the Council at its ninth session."

168th meeting  
26 June 1969

**69/34. Report on the activities of UNDP in 1968**

191. At its 169th meeting, the Governing Council took the following action:

"The Council

"(a) Took note of the statement of the Administrator (DP/L.108), of his report on the activities of the UNDP in 1968 (DP/L.104 and addenda) and requested the Administrator to take into account the views expressed by the members of the Council during the general debate;

"(b) Attached great importance to UNDP activities in the various fields of basic and applied research, on programmes which are related to the solution of regional and inter-regional development problems involving the implementation of new technology through the support of existing or new research institutions in the developing countries, and authorized the Administrator to waive counterpart contributions from the requesting Government or Governments for this type of project to be submitted under the normal procedure of UNDP."

169th meeting  
27 June 1969

69/35. Information papers on the regular programmes of technical assistance in 1968 of the specialized agencies and IAEA

307. At its 170th meeting, the Council took note of document DP/L.106.

170th meeting  
27 June 1969

69/36. Technical assistance activities of the United Nations

305. The Council took the following decision:

"(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General (DP/RP/7 and Corr.1 and Add. 1-6) and of the views expressed by the members of the Council during the discussion;

"(b) Approves that portion of the regular programme for 1970 set out in the report of the Secretary-General (DP/RP/7/Add.2) and recommends a level of appropriation of \$5,408,600;

"(c) Invites the attention of the Economic and Social Council to the action taken by the Industrial Development Board at its third session to recommend retention of a separate section under Part V of the United Nations budget for industrial development valued at \$1.5 million for 1970.

"(d) Recommends for adoption by the Economic and Social Council the following draft resolution:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its eighth session, including chapter IX thereof dealing with the United Nations programmes of technical co-operation,

"Noting that the Governing Council has approved the 1970 regular programme contained in the report of the Secretary-General and has recommended \$5,408,600 to be appropriated by the General Assembly,

"Noting further the action taken by the Industrial Development Board at its third session to recommend that the General Assembly appropriate the sum of \$1.5 million in respect of a separate section for industrial development under Part V of the United Nations budget,

"1. Endorses the action of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme noted above;

"2. Recommends to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session that it take the budgetary action necessary for 1970."

171st meeting  
30 June 1969

69/37. Common premises for the United Nations organizations in India

311. At its 171st meeting, the Council decided that the proposal for use of UNDP funds for the building of common premises in New Delhi should not be approved at this time.

171st meeting  
30 June 1969

69/38. Date and place of the ninth session of the Governing Council

321. At its 171st meeting, the Council decided to hold its ninth session at United Nations Headquarters for approximately six working days beginning on 19 January 1970.

171st meeting  
30 June 1969

69/39. Provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Governing Council

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

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. UNDP(SF) programme recommendations of the Administrator:
  - (a) Consideration of individual projects of the UNDP(SF) programme in private meetings;
  - (b) Approval of UNDP(SF) programme recommendations;
  - (c) Report by the Administrator on pre-project activity.
5. UNDP(TA) programme:
  - (a) Revised estimates of resources and earmarkings for 1970;
  - (b) Approval of regional and inter-regional project recommendations of the Administrator;
  - (c) Report by the Administrator on country programmes;
  - (d) Report by the Administrator on regional and inter-regional projects approved for 1970;
  - (e) Approval of initial estimates of resources for 1971 and their distribution.
6. Financial matters:
  - (a) Contributions;
  - (b) Audit reports.
7. Administrative and budgetary matters:

Budget estimates for the Administrative and Programme Support Services of the UNDP for the year 1970.

8. Report of the Commissioner for the Capacity Study.
9. Information papers on action taken in 1969 by organs of the United Nations and related agencies on matters relating to the United Nations Development Programme.
10. United Nations Capital Development Fund.
11. United Nations regular programme of technical co-operation.
12. Date and provisional agenda for the tenth regular session of the Governing Council.
13. Other matters:  
  
Trust Fund: Libya.
14. Draft report of the Governing Council to the forty-ninth session of the Economic and Social Council.

171st meeting  
30 June 1969