1. The fifth country programme for Fiji was approved by the Governing Council at its thirty-seventh session (1990) for a period of five years (1991-1995). The Government has requested an extension of the programme for one year, through 1996. The programme objectives remain valid. The extension will make it possible to harmonize the UNDP country cooperation framework for Fiji with those for the rest of the Pacific island countries and with the cooperation framework for the Pacific subregion, including the Pacific multi-islands. It will also enable harmonization, as recommended by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/199, with the programming cycles of the Joint Consultative Group on Policy (JCGP) agencies in Fiji - the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Maximum advantage will thus be derived from the linkages between programmes and countries, particularly since Pacific countries face common development challenges and constraints.

2. The succeeding country cooperation framework will be submitted to the Executive Board at its third regular session 1996.

3. The Administrator wishes to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the fifth country programme for Fiji for a period of one year beginning 1 January 1996.