Note by the Administrator

1. The third country programme for Saint Kitts and Nevis (1992-1996) was approved by the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session.

2. The Government has earmarked funds that will enable it to bring to closure the ongoing programmes and projects of the current country programme and to better define the priority areas for the first country cooperation framework. Accordingly, the Government has requested the extension of the third country programme for one year.

3. UNDP will continue to support Saint Kitts and Nevis over the extension period by: (a) advocating and promoting sustainable human development initiatives; (b) helping the Government to mobilize resources from other donors in support of national priorities; (c) supporting government efforts to coordinate external development assistance by advising on and facilitating the organization of round-table and Consultative Group meetings, as required; (d) advising on ways to advance the plans of action elaborated at the various United Nations-sponsored global conferences and summits; and (e) continuing the existing technical cooperation project, which complements ongoing UNDP regional activities and those of other donors.

4. Against this background, the Administrator wishes to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the third country programme for Saint Kitts and Nevis for a period of one year, beginning 1 January 1997.