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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of officers

In accordance with the decision of the Governing Council taken at its twenty-fourth session on the frequency and timing of future sessions (E/6013/Rev.1, para 549), the Council at the beginning of its twenty-seventh session will elect a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda will be submitted to the Council for adoption in accordance with rule 9 of the Council's Rules of Procedure. It will be noted that the present provisional agenda incorporates modifications by the Administrator to the draft provisional agenda agreed upon by the Council in its decision 79/49.

The suggested organization of work will also be considered by the Council under this item.

Documentation

- Provisional agenda of the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council (DP/444)
- Annotations to the provisional agenda (DP/445)
- Note on the organization of work for the twenty-seventh session (DP/446)
- Check-list of documents issued for the twenty-seventh session (DP/447)

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4. Programme implementation

(a) Annual report of the Administrator

The Administrator's report for 1979, which is considerably condensed compared with previous years, summarizes the quantitative and qualitative performance of UNDP and of the various funds for which it is responsible during 1979. In the introduction to his annual report, the Administrator focuses on the various steps taken during the year to improve Programme effectiveness and efficiency. The Report is accompanied by three statistical compilations: Basic Programme Data for 1979 providing information on a country-by-country basis on various programme inputs; Supplementary Programme Data for 1979 containing lists of projects approved, projects completed, investment commitments, etc.; and Sub-contracts Awarded and Major Equipment Ordered.

Under this agenda item, the Council will also have before it a report by the Administrator on assistance to a number of African countries and to Tonga in response to General Assembly resolutions 34/119 - 34/132.

In addition, under item 4(a) the Council's attention is drawn to the following reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU), as well as the related UNDP comments: Report on the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (JIU/REP/79/3); Report on the Use of Vehicles by UNDP Field Offices and Projects (JIU/REP/79/6); Report on the Maritime Transport Academy (JIU/REP/79/9); Report on the Arab Planning Institute (JIU/REP/79/8); Report on the African Training and Research Centre (JIU/REP/79/13); Report on the Evaluation of Technical Co-operation Activities of the United Nations System in Sri Lanka (JIU/REP/79/16); Report on the Commonwealth Caribbean Project for Education and Training of Allied Health Personnel (JIU/REP/79/17); and Report on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (JIU/REP/79/18).

Documentation

Annual Report of the Administrator for 1979 (DP/460)

Annual Report of the Administrator for 1979: Basic Programme Data (DP/461)

Annual Report of the Administrator for 1979: Supplementary Programme Data (DP/462)

Annual Report of the Administrator for 1979: Subcontracts Awarded and Major Equipment Ordered (DP/463)

Implementation by UNDP of General Assembly resolutions concerning assistance to Botswana, Cape Verde, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Lesotho, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Tonga, Uganda and Zambia, Report of the Administrator (DP/430)

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Use of Vehicles (DP/423)

Comments of UNDP on the JIU Report (DP/423/Add.1)

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(b) Evaluation

The Council will have before it a general report entitled "Evaluation and Related Measures for Improving the Quality of Technical Co-operation". The suggested measures cover all aspects of the project cycle to improve technical co-operation through theme evaluations, more systematic evaluation of individual projects, and feedback mechanisms for translating findings into improved project design and implementation. Cost estimates are included.

In addition, summaries of the three evaluation studies completed in 1979 and 1980 are presented. These are: (i) the FAO/UNDP study on Agricultural Training, which has already been published, indicates that a broader approach at the project design stage is needed to assess government policies and institutions affecting the utilization of trainees in order to ensure that the investment in training be better translated into improved farm production; (ii) the study on new and renewable sources of energy, summarized in a report of the Administrator, is based upon an examination of the situation in developing countries and an assessment of the stage of development of technologies for exploitation of such energy sources; and (iii) an action-oriented Assessment of Rural Women's Participation in Development which contains a number of recommendations for re-orientation of programmes and projects to enhance the role of women.

Under this sub-item, the Governing Council will also consider a report on an evaluation of UNDP's global programme carried out by an independent consultant. The report contains valuable insights and suggestions for strengthening the programme, and the Administrator intends to take them fully into account in the design and implementation of the next global programme.

Documentation

Evaluation and related measures for improving the quality of technical co-operation, Report of the Administrator (DP/448)

FAO/UNDP Evaluation Study on Agricultural Training, Report of the Administrator (DP/452)

Summary of Study on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, Report of the Administrator (DP/437)

A Summary of an Action-Oriented Assessment of Rural Women's Participation in Development, Report of the Administrator (DP/453)

Evaluation of the global programme, Report of the Administrator (DP/456)

(c) Investment follow-up

The Council will have before it, a report describing the measures taken by the Administrator during the past year to intensify investment follow-up activities. The co-operative arrangement with FAO is reviewed, and a continuation of the arrangement is recommended.

The Council will also have for its consideration, a comprehensive report on investment development studies undertaken by an independent consultant, as well as the views of the Administrator thereon.

Documentation

Investment follow-up, Report of the Administrator (DP/442)

UNDP and Pre-Investment: A study by Sir Robert Jackson (DP/472)

UNDP comments on the study UNDP and Pre-investment, Note by the Administrator (DP/479)

- (d) Comprehensive report to the General Assembly on UNDP and the new international economic order (NIEO)

The Council will consider the Administrator's report prepared to assist the Council in submitting its report to the eleventh special session of the General Assembly as called for in resolution 33/198, paragraph 3, and as requested in Governing Council decision 79/10, VII, paragraph 25(b) and (c). The report of the Administrator reviews those activities of UNDP which related to the main objectives of the NIEO and assesses the contribution of these activities towards the progress made in key areas identified in the Plan of Action for the establishment of a new international economic order.

Documentation

UNDP and the new international economic order, Report of the Administrator (DP/470)

- (e) Assistance to national liberation movements recognized by OAU

As customary, following a request by the General Assembly, the Administrator's report on activities assisting the national liberation movements (NLMs) recognized by OAU is taken up as a separate sub-item of the Council's agenda.

The report before the Council at its twenty-seventh session contains a description of the projects approved since June 1979. Emphasis is laid on the greatly increased level of programme delivery compared with the previous year, and full use of the NLM IPF resources for the present cycle is expected by the end of 1981. An assessment of the situation in Namibia and in Southern Africa is presented with the considered view that additional IPF resources will be required by the NLMs for the third programming cycle (1982-1986).

Documentation

Assistance to national liberation movements recognized by OAU, Report of the Administrator (DP/467)

(f) United Nations Decade for Transport and Communications in Africa,  
1978-1988

The Transport and Communications Decade was proclaimed by the General Assembly in resolution 32/160 on the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2099 (LXIII). The Regional Economic Commission for Africa was designated lead agency for Decade activities within the United Nations system.

The Governing Council, in its decision 79/27, requested the Administrator to continue to lend full support to the Regional Economic Commission for Africa towards the realization of the programme for the Decade and to co-operate with the Commission in this respect throughout the Decade.

The Council also authorized the Administrator to allocate \$3.5 million from the reserve for future participants and other claims to the regional IPF for Africa for the second cycle, 1977-1981, to increase the possibilities of UNDP's financing of priority regional and subregional projects contained in the Decade's first phase programme. The Council further recommended that this allocation be increased to \$6 million, should project expenditures so permit, and that, in the debates relating to the allocation of funds for the third cycle, 1982-1986, the question be considered of making a special allocation towards the success of the Decade representing 8 per cent of the regional IPF for Africa.

The Administrator was requested to report to the Council, at its twenty-seventh session, on the utilization of the additional resources authorized as well as on progress made in the implementation of the programme for the Decade. The Administrator will accordingly submit to the Council a report summarizing the progress achieved for the Decade as well as UNDP's own contributions towards the objectives of the Decade and in the field of transport and communications generally.

Documentation

United Nations Decade for Transport and Communications in Africa, 1978-1988,  
Report of the Administrator (DP/459)

(g) International co-operative action in support of the Mar del Plata  
Plan of Action

In accordance with Council decision 79/15, the Administrator is submitting information on the implementation of the Mar del Plata Plan of Action recommendations to increase the funds available to meet developing country needs related to water resources development. The Report covers the steps that have been taken internationally and at the national level to implement the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade which will be launched at a one-day special meeting during the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

Documentation

International co-operative action in support of the Mar del Plata Plan of  
Action, Report of the Administrator (DP/474)

(h) Standardization of development co-operation procedures

In response to the Council's request in decision 79/9, the Administrator is submitting a report detailing the results of a field survey designed to ascertain the viewpoint of government and donor agency representatives to a voluntary "checklist" approach to more uniform or standardized development co-operation procedures. Similar investigations carried out by the Development Assistance of OECD are summarized as well.

Documentation

Consultations on more uniform or standard procedures to facilitate the administration of development co-operation, Report of the Administrator (DP/468)

5. Programme planning and preparation for the third programming cycle

(a) Preparation for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986

At its Special Meeting in February 1980, the Council decided to "continue negotiations on guidelines for the third cycle IPFs at its twenty-seventh session". To facilitate these negotiations, the Administrator, as requested in decision 80/6, is providing calculations on the basis of requests contained in DP/L.334 and DP/L.335.

The Council will also have before it the report of the Intergovernmental Study Group on Future Financing of the Programme which held its first session at United Nations Headquarters, New York, 19-20 February 1980.

Documentation

Preparation for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, Note by the Administrator (DP/496)

Record of the Special Meeting on Preparations for the Third Programming Cycle, 1982-1986 (DP/449)

Intergovernmental Study Group on Future Financing of the Programme, Note by the Administrator (DP/451 and Corr.1) (English only)

(b) Programme planning

(i) Examination of the experience with country programming

In preparation for the third development co-operation cycle (1981-1986), the Administrator initiated a wide-ranging study of the UNDP-supported country programming process as a basis for enhancing the quality and effective implementation of future UNDP technical co-operation. The study yielded a large amount of information including views from both government officials and United Nations system's staff which is summarized in this document. The report assesses the information gathered, and makes various recommendations for country programming in the future.

Documentation

Examination of the experience with country programming, Report of the Administrator (DP/454)

- (ii) Review of present practices and proposals for enhancing the collective involvement of the developing countries in the determination of priorities for intercountry programmes and in the identification and initiation of regional projects and activities

In response to decision 79/10, V, the Administrator is submitting to the Council for its consideration a report in which current practices are reviewed and a new consultative process, formulated after consultations with Agencies and the regional commissions, is recommended.

Documentation

Review of present practices and proposals for enhancing the collective involvement of the developing countries in the determination of priorities for intercountry programmes and in the identification and initiation of regional projects and activities, Report of the Administrator (DP/435)

- (iii) Criteria for UNDP's response to natural disasters

The Council will have before it for consideration a report by the Administrator prepared in response to decision 79/32. The Programme's co-operative arrangements with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator are reviewed and criteria governing UNDP's response to natural disasters are proposed.

Documentation

Criteria for UNDP's response to natural disasters, Report by the Administrator (DP/432)

- (iv) Assistance to Nicaragua

At its Special Meeting in February 1980, the Council, in decision 80/2, inter alia approved "the borrowing of \$3 million against Nicaragua's third cycle IPF for technical co-operation activities to be undertaken in 1980-1981". The Council also decided to review the matter at its twenty-seventh session. The outcome of discussions under agenda sub-item 5(b) (iii) will be taken into account. There will be no pre-session documentation submitted.

6. Country and intercountry programmes and projects

- (a) Relevant trends and problems in the country programmes

At its twenty-first session the Governing Council requested the Administrator to inform the Council of the problems and trends which were reflected in the group of country programmes being submitted for approval. The present report, which is the sixth in the series, examines ten of the eleven country programmes being submitted to the twenty-seventh session of the Council. (The country programme for Niue was received too late to be included in the review.) Because of the small number of programmes, the findings should be viewed also in the light of the broader report, Examination of the experience with country programming (DP/454).

Documentation

Relevant trends and problems in the country programmes, Report of the Administrator (DP/478)

(b) Country and intercountry programmes and projects

Country programmes

At its twenty-fourth session and at every meeting and session since, the Council decided to suspend rule 4 of its Rules of Procedure and to consider the country programmes in open meetings with the understanding that at any time a member of the Council could request that the country programmes be taken up in closed meetings in accordance with rule 4. The Council, therefore, should decide first whether to proceed in a similar manner at the twenty-seventh session.

Eleven country programmes are being submitted for consideration and approval by the Council. An accompanying note covering each of the country programmes contains the recommendation of the Administrator.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Country programme document</u>	<u>Note by the Administrator</u>
Comoros	DP/GC/COI/R.1	DP/GC/COI/R.1/RECOMMENDATION
Ethiopia	DP/GC/ETH/R.2	DP/GC/ETH/R.2/RECOMMENDATION
Guatemala	DP/GC/GUA/R.3	DP/GC/GUA/R.3/RECOMMENDATION
Lao People's Democratic Republic	DP/GC/LAO/R.3	DP/GC/LAO/R.3/RECOMMENDATION
Malawi	DP/GC/MLW/R.2	DP/GC/MLW/R.2/RECOMMENDATION
Niue	DP/GC/NIU/R.1	DP/GC/NIU/R.1/RECOMMENDATION
Seychelles	DP/GC/SEY/R.1	DP/GC/SEY/R.1/RECOMMENDATION
Sierra Leone	DP/GC/SIL/R.2	DP/GC/SIL/R.2/RECOMMENDATION
Somalia	DP/GC/SOM/R.2	DP/GC/SOM/R.2/RECOMMENDATION
Sri Lanka	DP/GC/SRL/R.2	DP/GC/SRL/R.2/RECOMMENDATION
Viet Nam	DP/GC/VIE/R.1	DP/GC/VIE/R.1/RECOMMENDATION

Global and interregional projects

Five global projects are also being submitted for consideration and approval by the Council.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Document</u>
Testing and Selection of Rural Water-Supply Hand-Pumps (GLO/79/010)	DP/PROJECTS/R.13/Add.1
Technology Transfer on Root and Tuber Crops (GLO/79/013)	DP/PROJECTS/R.13/Add.2



<u>Project</u>	<u>Document</u>
Testing and Demonstration of Small Scale Solar-Powered Pumping System (Supplementary Assistance) (GLO/78/004)	DP/PROJECTS/R.13/Add.3
Assessment and Development of World Renewable Marine Resources (GLO/79/011)	DP/PROJECTS/R.13/Add.4
Development of Low-Cost Water and Sanitation Techniques (Supplementary Assistance) (GLO/78/006)	DP/PROJECTS/R.13/Add.5

7. Other funds and programmes

(a) United Nations Fund for Population Activities

(i) Report by the Executive Director on 1979 activities and the future programme

Under this item the Council will have before it the annual report of UNFPA for 1979 which describes the UNFPA programme and lists other developments relating to the Fund during the past year, as well as its financial status. The report also contains work plan estimates for the period 1981-1984. A separate document contains a list of allocations made by UNFPA in 1979, by regions and individual countries and by interregional and global projects.

Documentation

Report by the Executive Director: 1979 activities and future programme (DP/464)  
List of allocations (DP/465)

(ii) Large-scale projects and programmes

In accordance with the obligation to present for the Council's approval all projects totalling \$1 million or more, programmes which will form the basis of country agreements, and projects of an innovative character, the Executive Director is submitting proposals for such projects and programmes.

Documentation

Proposed projects and programmes (DP/FPA/11 and Add.1 to Add.26)

(iii) Request for approval authority

A request by the Executive Director for approval authority for the first three years of the revised work plan 1981-1984, referred to under item 7 (a) (i), is submitted to the Council for its consideration and approval.

Documentation

Request for approval authority (DP/482)

(iv) Budget estimates for UNFPA administrative and programme support services for 1981

The 1981 budget estimates will be before the Council, together with the relevant comments of ACABQ. It is proposed, as in previous years, to take up the budget estimates, in the first instance, in the Budgetary and Finance Committee.

Documentation

Budget estimates for UNFPA administrative and programme support services for the year 1981 (DP/483)

Comments of the ACABQ on the UNFPA budget estimates (DP/497)

(v) Audit reports

The Council will have before it for consideration reports of the United Nations auditors on UNFPA expenditures through the various Executing Agencies.

Documentation

UNFPA Audit reports (DP/434)

(vi) Evaluation of UNFPA projects

At its twenty-fifth session the Council expressed appreciation for a report on the evaluation of selected UNFPA projects, and requested the Executive Director to submit similar reports periodically. Evaluations, though organized by a unit in UNFPA, are carried out by independent officials.

Documentation

Report on the evaluation of selected UNFPA projects (DP/493)

(vii) The future role of UNFPA

Under this item, the Council will discuss the future role of UNFPA in light of its performance during its first ten years and of the developing countries' needs for population assistance.

Documentation

No document is foreseen. The Executive Director will introduce the item in his statement.

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(b) United Nations Volunteers

The Administrator's annual report on the United Nations Volunteers programme records a substantial increase in the number of volunteers serving in the field and a continuing emphasis on channeling a higher concentration of UNV assistance to the least-developed, newly independent and most severely affected countries. At the same time, the report notes that UNV has actively sought to further the TCDC concept by emphasizing the recruitment of volunteers from the developing countries who now represent about 75 per cent of UNVs in service.

In reporting the status of the Special Voluntary Fund, the Administrator suggests that the Governing Council reiterate its invitation to all member Governments to increase their contributions.

Documentation

United Nations Volunteers, Annual Report of the Administrator (DP/484)

(c) United Nations Capital Development Fund

The Administrator's annual report is submitted to the Governing Council in accordance with the statutory requirements governing the Fund. In addition to a summary of UNCDF activities during 1979, the report contains preliminary observations on the transition to the partial funding policy approved by the Council at its twenty-sixth session (decision 79/21).

Documentation

Annual report of the Administrator (DP/485)

Project status report (DP/466)

(d) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

In accordance with ECOSOC resolution 1762 (LIV), the Council will have before it the Administrator's annual report for 1979 on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (UNRFNRE). The report notes a decisive turning point in the Fund's development with its first exploration success and a significant increase in its project activities, including approval of new projects, successful negotiation of project Agreements and identification and formulation of new projects. The report also contains recommendations regarding delegation of authority to approve projects, financing of an Expert Group to assist in the 1981 review of Fund operations and authorization to undertake energy-related activities.

In separate documents four projects recommended by the Administrator for which approval was sought earlier through correspondence are being submitted for the Council's information. Six additional project recommendations are in various stages of preparation; two of them may be completed in time for the Council's consideration and approval.

Documentation

Annual Report of the Administrator (DP/477)

Project recommended by the Administrator, Mineral Exploration in the Eastern Deserts of Egypt (EGY/NR/77/001) (DP/428)

Project recommended by the Administrator, Mineral Exploration of two areas in Guyana (GUY/NR/78/001) (DP/429)

Project recommended by the Administrator, Base and Precious Metal Exploration on Samar, Philippines (PHI/NR/79/001) (DP/430)

Project recommended by the Administrator, Exploration of Lateritic Nickel Deposits (Bonga Sector), Upper Volta (UPV/NR/78/001) (DP/431)

(e) United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

In response to decision 79/7 of the Governing Council, the Administrator is submitting a report on the activities of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries. The report, which was prepared in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), draws the attention of the Council to the low level of resources in 1979 and briefly indicates the results of the projects completed in 1979. The Administrator further refers to the potential assistance requirements of the land-locked countries and to other measures financed by UNDP to alleviate transit-transport problems of land-locked countries.

Documentation

United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries, report of the Administrator (DP/458)

(f) Assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa and follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Desertification

(i) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office

(a) Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The report of the Secretary-General provides a summary account of the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) in assisting the eight countries of the Sahel and their regional organization, the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS). This includes a brief description of the specific accomplishments of UNSO in mobilizing resources and implementing priority projects, as well as of its work methodology and relationships. The report also summarizes the additional activities undertaken by UNSO under its enlarged mandate.

Documentation

Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region, Report of the Secretary-General (A/35/176); United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, Note by the Administrator (DP/486)

(b) Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian Region

In accordance with its decision 79/20, the Governing Council will have before it an annual report describing UNSO's initial activities in carrying out its enlarged mandate concerning the implementation of the Plan of Action in the Sudano-Sahelian region. The report gives an account of the launching by UNSO of planning and programming missions to 13 countries of the region in 1979. The missions reviewed with the Governments the causes of desertification, on-going activities, plans and institutional machinery for combating desertification and identified 107 priority projects for which the Governments requested UNSO assistance in resource mobilization. The report also describes UNSO's efforts at mobilizing resources and gives an account of the desertification control projects UNSO has initiated thus far.

In addition, the report explains UNSO's activities to strengthen collaborative action with the United Nations system and to ensure co-ordination at the regional level. Finally, the report refers to the request of the General Assembly in resolution 34/187 that the UNEP Governing Council examine the possibility of including Djibouti, Guinea and Guinea-Bissau in the list of countries eligible for assistance through UNSO in implementing the Plan of Action. The UNEP Governing Council will consider these proposals at its eighth session from 16 to 29 April 1980, and the Administrator will inform the UNDP Governing Council of any relevant action in this regard.

Also under this item, the Council will have before it a note by the Administrator on the difficulties which have been encountered in connexion with the financing of UNDP's share of the administrative costs of the joint effort with UNEP in implementing the Plan of Action. The report also sets forth options for settling the issues involved.

Documentation

Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian Region, Report by the Administrator (DP/455)

Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian Region: Financing of administrative costs, Note by the Administrator (DP/494)

(ii) Assistance to the drought-stricken countries in Africa

Since the Governing Council's twenty-first session, the Administrator has submitted annually a report on the situation in the drought-stricken areas of Africa and on the progress of the programme of rehabilitation and development being carried out with UNDP assistance in the countries concerned. The Administrator's report for 1979 reviews the present situation, including a summary of action taken for crop pest control, and emphasizes the need for medium-term and long-term assistance, particularly for those countries still severely affected by the drought.

Documentation

Assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa, Report of the Administrator (DP/450)

(g) Interim Fund for Science and Technology for Development

The Governing Council will have before it for consideration a progress report on the activities of the Interim Fund for Science and Technology for Development (IFSTD). The report summarizes the principal developments in all aspects of the operations and orientation of the Interim Fund and includes information on the outcome of the Pledging Conference held in New York on 27 March 1980.

Documentation

Interim Fund for Science and Technology for Development, Report of the Administrator (DP/487)

(h) United Nations technical co-operation activities

The Governing Council will have before it the annual report of the Secretary-General on technical co-operation activities which provides a descriptive and analytical account of the main trends and activities of the United Nations technical assistance programme in 1979. A report containing statistical data on the activities undertaken during the year will also be presented.

Documentation

United Nations technical co-operation activities, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/RP/21)

United Nations technical co-operation activities, Statistical information for 1979, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/RP/22)

(i) Information on Agency regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures financed from sources other than UNDP

For the past several years, the Governing Council has been provided with information and statistics on the technical co-operation expenditures of United Nations system organizations funded during the previous year, by resources other than those of UNDP. In addition, the reports before the Council at its last three sessions (DP/265, DP/337 and DP/381) have included information on the funding channels existing within the United Nations development system and their relation to UNDP programming at the country and intercountry levels.

The Council for its present session will have before it a report of the Administrator containing statistical data on the technical co-operation expenditures of United Nations system organizations in 1978, funded by other than UNDP resources, and data on the various sources of extrabudgetary financing. The report describes the changes which have been made in the presentation of the data in order to improve the usefulness of the report. It also refers to discussions that have taken place with the Agencies regarding the future of the report.

Documentation

Information on Agency regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures financed from sources other than UNDP, Report of the Administrator (DP/488)

(j) Energy fund for exploration and pre-investment surveys

In his report, the Administrator is submitting for the Council's consideration a proposal for the establishment of a fund to finance exploration for petroleum and other sources of conventional energy, as well as new and renewable sources of energy, in order to promote greater self-reliance of developing countries in

this field. The fund would operate on the basis of voluntary contributions and repayments from investors who would develop the findings of individual projects financed by the fund. The Administrator recommends that the Council adopt a decision along the lines of that contained in paragraph 27 of his report.

#### Documentation

Energy fund for exploration and pre-investment surveys, Proposal of the Administrator (DP/438)

#### 8. Technical co-operation among developing countries

Upon the recommendation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, the General Assembly in resolution 33/134 decided "to entrust the over-all intergovernmental review of technical co-operation among developing countries within the United Nations system to a high-level meeting of representatives of all States participating in the United Nations Development Programme". The meeting is to report to the General Assembly through the UNDP Governing Council and ECOSOC. In the light of this decision, the Governing Council decided at its twenty-sixth session (decision 79/29, IV) to discontinue its Committee on TCDC and to include the item "Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries" in the agenda of its future sessions.

##### (a) Report of the High-level Meeting on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries

The first High-level Meeting on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries will be held in Geneva from 26 May to 2 June 1980. The report of the Meeting will be submitted to the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council for its consideration.

#### Documentation

Report of the High-level Meeting (A/35/39)

##### (b) Report of the Administrator on enhancing the capacities of developing countries for technical co-operation

In response to the decision of the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session (E/6013/Rev.1, para. 525), the Administrator will submit a report "Enhancing the capacities of developing countries for technical co-operation". The report reviews the utilization of developing countries' capacities in technical co-operation projects and considers ways of strengthening TCDC during UNDP's third programming cycle, 1982-1986, and the United Nations Third Development Decade. In view of recommendations 31 and 32 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, this report will also be submitted to the High-level Meeting on the Review of TCDC.

#### Documentation

Enhancing the capacities of developing countries for technical co-operation, Report of the Administrator (DP/457)



9. Matters arising out of action taken by other organs of the United Nations system

(a) Action taken in 1979 by organs of the United Nations and organizations in the United Nations system

In accordance with established practice, the attention of the Governing Council is drawn to those resolutions and decisions taken by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the organizations within the United Nations system which call for action or are of particular interest to UNDP. The main operative paragraphs of those resolutions which require specific action by the Governing Council or UNDP have been excerpted for the convenience of the Council. For other resolutions of the General Assembly and the ECOSOC only titles have been given. This is in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2836 (XXIV), relating to reduction of documentation, which states that texts available in easily accessible documents should not be incorporated in or annexed to reports.

Documentation

Action taken in 1979 by organs of the United Nations and organizations in the United Nations system, Note by the Administrator (DP/489)

(b) Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of the developing countries

In response to operative paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 33/135, a report will be submitted to the Governing Council for its consideration and transmission, through the Economic and Social Council, to the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly. The report has been prepared on the basis of an outline (DP/409) approved by the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session (decision 79/13) and subsequent resolution 1979/52 of the Economic and Social Council.

The Secretary-General requested the UNDP to act as the "lead organization" for this purpose, and the report has been prepared in close collaboration with all United Nations agencies. The findings and recommendations thus reflect the extensive experience of the United Nations system with diverse national systems of training and utilizing qualified national personnel.

Documentation

Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of the developing countries, Report of the Administrator (DP/443)

(c) Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 32/197 and 34/213 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

Documentation

The Administrator will report orally on developments since the last session of the Council.

10. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

(a) Report of the Intergovernmental Study Group on Future Financing of the Programme

(See agenda item 5(a))

(b) Annual review of the financial situation: 1979

Under this sub-item, the Council will have before it for consideration a report by the Administrator which contains a comprehensive review of the financial operations for the year 1979 and the financial position as at the end of that year. The documentation also includes estimated resources and forecasts for programme costs for the years 1980 and 1981. It covers, as well, information on the status of the operational reserve, the programme reserve, details on the special measures fund for LDCs and on UNDP investments, with reference to investments in developing countries. The report also elaborates on the utilization of accumulated non-convertible currencies as well as on the collection of outstanding accounts receivable, including possible action to remove outstanding assessed programme costs from UNDP accounts. The report also deals with cost sharing arrangements, and with the new reserve for loans to Governments for the construction of accommodation in the field.

Also under this item, the Council will have before it for consideration a report of the Administrator which details the additional requirements necessitating the submission of supplementary budget estimates for 1979 in the amount of \$1.9 million.

Documentation

Review of the 1979 financial situation and related matters, Report of the Administrator (DP/490)

Supplementary budget estimates for 1979, Report of the Administrator (DP/495)

(c) Operational Reserve

At its twenty-sixth session, the Governing Council in decision 79/31 requested the Administrator to report to the Council at its twenty-seventh session "on criteria that would assist the Council in determining the appropriate level for the Operational Reserve for the third IPF cycle 1982-1986". Accordingly, the Council will have before it a report in which the Administrator sets out the purposes of and the proposed criteria for establishing the level of the Operational Reserve for the third cycle, 1982-1986. The document also makes suggestions on the modalities for the annual increase in the level of the Operational Reserve, its utilization and reporting requirements.

Documentation

Operational Reserve, Report of the Administrator (DP/469)

(d) ISIP progress report

The Administrator's progress report on ISIP summarizes the status of the project as of March 1980 and provides details on its implementation as well as on the arrangement for its final stages. The report also covers utilization of funds for ISIP and describes the practical advantages of the new UNDP systems.

Documentation

Integrated Systems Improvement Project, Progress report of the Administrator (DP/471)

(e) Headquarters staffing review

In response to decision 79/44 which the Council adopted at its twenty-sixth session, the Administrator is submitting a note describing in brief the results of the desk-to-desk survey.

Documentation

Headquarters staffing review, Note by the Administrator (DP/476)

(f) Concept for interim year administrative budget report

The report of the Administrator, prepared in response to a request made at the Council's twenty-fifth session (E/1978/53/Rev.1, para.557), sets forth examples of the kinds of subjects which might be included in interim year administrative budget reports on either a recurrent or an ad hoc basis. The further guidance of the Council on this matter is being sought.

Documentation

Concept for interim year administrative budget report, Report of the Administrator (DP/491)

(g) Interagency Procurement Services Unit: progress report

In response to decision 79/45 adopted at the Council's twenty-sixth session, the Administrator is submitting an interim report on IAPSU's activities which contains a brief account of the progress made since the last session and descriptions of the various work programmes undertaken by the Unit. The report also identifies new activities which can lead to increased procurement from developing countries, improved geographical distribution in procurement and more effective utilization of accumulated non-convertible currencies.

Documentation

Interagency Procurement Services, Interim report of the Administrator (DP/492)

(h) Sectoral support

In decision 79/38 adopted at its twenty-sixth session, the Council, inter alia, requested the Administrator "to enter into arrangements with the Executive Director of UNIDO to undertake, on a joint basis, the country-by-country study of the needs for the services of a Senior Industrial Development Field Adviser, as proposed in the consultant's appraisal of the SIDFA programme, and to report back to the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council, in order that a decision may then be taken on a possible increase in the number of UNDP-funded posts in the light of the relevant proposals made in that study".

The report of the Administrator reviews the work that has been undertaken jointly by UNIDO and UNDP to examine the need for the SIDFA service country-by-country. The Council is invited to consider the findings of the joint UNDP/UNIDO review and to decide on the provision of additional financing for the SIDFA programme.

Documentation

Sectoral support, Report of the Administrator (DP/480)

(i) Financial regulations

At its last session the Council, in decision 79/41, postponed to the twenty-seventh session consideration of this subject for want of documentation in the required languages. In the same decision the Council also requested the Administrator to obtain the comments of the ACABQ.

Since the ACABQ will not be able to submit its comments before mid-May at the earliest, time constraints relating to translation, reproduction and distribution force the Administrator to recommend the further postponement of this item until the twenty-eighth session.

Documentation

Financial regulations and rules, Note by the Administrator (DP/499)

(j) Audit reports

As customary under this agenda item, the Administrator will submit to the Council the audited accounts and audit reports of the Participating and Executing Agencies relating to funds allocated to them by UNDP as at 31 December 1978. The Administrator will also provide a summary of the action taken by UNDP and the Panel of External Auditors as a result of the Council's decision 79/47 regarding topics to be covered in future audit reports and possibilities of providing the Council with the views of the External Auditors in a more timely fashion.

Documentation

Audit Reports, Note by the Administrator (DP/441)

(k) Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Support Costs

At its twenty-sixth session in decision 79/40, the Governing Council, inter alia, approved the commissioning of a limited study, by an independent consultant, as recommended by the Intergovernmental Working Group on Support Costs (WGSC). The scope of the study and the related terms of reference were described in the Working Group's decision (E/1979/40, Annex III, Part II, paragraph 13).

Accordingly, the Administrator appointed Mr. J.I.M. Rhodes as the independent consultant. Mr. Rhodes' report, together with an accompanying Note by the Administrator, will be considered by the WGSC at its fifth session from 2 to 4 June. The WGSC will submit a final report to the Council at its twenty-seventh session.

Documentation

Report of the Working Group on Support Costs (DP/WGOC/32)

(1) Other matters

Support costs and related questions

The Council will have before it for consideration a report of the Administrator informing it of the support costs approved and paid in 1978 and 1979 under the flexibility arrangements covering support costs reimbursements to the smaller Agencies whose annual programmes do not exceed \$10 million. The report also informs of the amounts requested by those Agencies for 1980.

Documentation

Support costs and related matters, Report of the Administrator (DP/473)

11. Other matters

(a) Relations between UNDP and external institutions

In response to Governing Council decision 79/19, the Administrator is submitting to the Council a report on action taken and on the results achieved during 1979.

Documentation

Relations between UNDP and external institutions, Report of the Administrator (DP/475)

(b) Feasibility of indexing the decisions of the Governing Council

Pursuant to decision 79/32, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator which summarizes the results of relevant UNDP consultations with the United Nations. The report includes a recommended course of action for the indexing of Governing Council decisions.

Documentation

Feasibility of indexing the Governing Council's decisions, Report of the Administrator (DP/481)

12. Date and provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the Governing Council
13. Draft report of the Governing Council to the second regular session, 1980, of the Economic and Social Council

At its 674th meeting held on 20 February 1980, the Council agreed that in accordance with relevant recommendations of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on the control and limitation of documentation, its report to the second regular session of the Economic and Social Council will consist essentially of the decisions of the Governing Council with references, as appropriate, to the pertinent summary records.

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