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UNITED NATIONS SUDANO-SAHELIAN OFFICE

Draft decisionThe Governing Council,

Recalling the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) responsibility to assist, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, that the work is carried out as a UNDP/UNEP joint venture, and that both programmes contribute equal shares of administrative (institutional) support and programme (operational) support,

Understanding that UNEP has agreed to pay its share of the previously approved costs for the joint venture, but as yet has not had the opportunity to review the presently proposed budgetary increase,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the Report of the Administrator on the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian Region: Financing of Administrative Cost (DP/494) and of the views and comments of members thereon;
2. Endorses the proposal of the Administrator for the establishment of a new budget programme "United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) - UNDP/UNEP joint venture administrative (institutional) support";
3. Authorizes the expenditure not to exceed \$816,000 (net) in 1980/81, to be allocated from UNDP resources under a separate budget item [in the Main Field Programme Costs], similar to the line item for sectoral support;
4. Takes the above decision on the understanding that UNEP will decide to pay its equal share of the increased costs for 1980/81 and that, in any event, UNDP will not pay more than one-half of the total costs set forth above.