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PROGRAMME PLANNING AND PREPARATION FOR THE
THIRD PROGRAMMING CYCLE

PREPARATION FOR THE THIRD PROGRAMMING CYCLE, 1982-1986

DECISION No. 56 OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL

Regional position on the results of the Governing Council of the UNDP

THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL

HAVING SEEN:

Article 3, paragraph (b) of the Panama Convention

Decision 40 of the Latin American Council; the informative document presented by the Permanent Secretariat, SP/CL/VI.O/Di No. 3, "Regional Position on the Results of the Governing Council of the UNDP";

WHEREAS:

At the upcoming twenty-seventh session of the United Nations Development Programme Governing Council negotiations will take place for the distribution of the UNDP funds during the Third Programming Cycle (1982-1986), and for allocation of the national and regional Indicative Planning Figures;

The Latin American position concerning these matters was formulated at the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council and reiterated at the Special Session of said Council in February 1980;

On these occasions the Latin American countries proposed principles and criteria for action by the UNDP, as the central fund for technical assistance, strictly in keeping with General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) which contains the 1970 Consensus;

Bearing in mind the developing countries' needs for technical co-operation aimed at achieving national and collective self-reliance as one of the means for establishing the New International Economic Order;

Bearing in mind the growing need the Latin American countries have of multilateral technical assistance so as to uphold their process of self-sustained and independent development;

Stressing the urgent need for an appropriate increase in real terms of the resources of the Programme and recalling the Governing Council's decision of 1 July 1976 requiring an annual rate of increase of 1.4 per cent for the Programme's resources;

Bearing in mind the recommendations of the Arusha Plan of Action and the UNCTAD V resolution on the "transfer of real resources for development" concerning the need to adopt effective measures to eliminate the effects derived from the application of criteria such as "graduation" promoted by a group of developed countries vis-à-vis some developing countries;

That an important criterion which must govern the distribution of the Programmes' resources is the capacity of absorption of the recipient countries, due to the co-operative function of the Programme and the fact that these resources are a stimulus for development efforts;

DECIDES:

Article 1 - To reaffirm the principles of universality and the voluntary nature of the United Nations Development Programme

Article 2 - To welcome with satisfaction the efforts made by the Latin American countries to comply with a 14 per cent yearly increase of their contributions and reaffirm the need for all the countries members of the Programme to comply without delay.

Article 3 - To reiterate the need to ensure that the recipient countries be allocated a national Indicative Planning Figure during the Third Cycle no lower in real terms than their national IPFs during the Second Cycle.

Article 4 - To reiterate that such criteria as the "ceiling" and the "cut-off point" are not admissible, as instruments which lead to distortions and substantially modify the principles governing the Programme.

Article 5 - To reaffirm the need for equilibrium in the application of basic and complementary criteria to ensure that the national and regional IPFs are equitably determined.

Article 6 - To reiterate Latin America's willingness to work with the other developing countries so as to ensure a common, just, equitable and solid position of all the recipient countries within the Governing Council.

Article 7 - To request that the Permanent Secretariat forward the present Decision to the UNDP Administrator.
