



GOVERNING COUNCIL
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PROGRAMME PLANNING AND PREPARATION FOR THE
THIRD PROGRAMMING CYCLE

PROGRAMME PLANNING

UNDP assistance in response to natural disasters

Draft decision

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator (DP/432) and of the views expressed during the debate on this question at the twenty-seventh session;
2. Agrees, with respect to longer-term disaster-related assistance, that such assistance over and above the country IPF be limited to technical assistance activities only and that it be restricted to activities directly related to the effects of the disaster and of direct benefit to the population of the stricken area;
3. Further agrees that, with regard to the extent of longer-term assistance from the Programme Reserve, the Administrator should be guided by the limit of \$1 million per natural disaster with a maximum of \$2 million per year and per country, subject to the over-all availability of funds in the Programme Reserve;
4. Decides that the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 above should apply only to natural disasters;
5. Supports the action of the Administrator to encourage Governments in disaster-prone countries to draw up contingency plans in advance which would include, inter alia, provisions for the co-ordination of assistance to be received following a natural disaster;
6. Approves an increase to \$30,000 as the maximum amount to be allocated from the Programme Reserve to provide immediate relief assistance in any one situation following a natural disaster; and
7. Requests the Administrator to inform the Council periodically on the nature and extent of natural disaster-related assistance provided by UNDP.