The Governing Council,

Having considered the Administrator's report on the implementation by the United Nations Development Programme of General Assembly resolutions 34/119 through 34/132 concerning assistance to Botswana, Cape Verde, Chad, The Comoros, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Tonga, Uganda and Zambia (document DP/439),

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report;

2. Considers that in response to appropriate General Assembly resolutions requesting that increased assistance be given to the countries mentioned in the Administrator's report, the Council has, in previous sessions, taken decisions that have already increased in 1977-1981 UNDP's assistance to most of these countries.

3. Further considers that an appropriate response to the General Assembly's concern expressed in the resolutions mentioned in the Administrator's report is given by the Governing Council through the action it is taking to ensure that:

(a) The largest amount of programme resources for the years 1982-1986 are devoted to programmes of countries having a GNP per capita of up to $500; and that...
(b) Through the application of supplementary criteria for the same years, additional resources are given to countries facing special difficulties, which is the case of the countries mentioned in the Administrator's report;

4. Authorizes the Administrator to extend to Tonga for the remainder of the present cycle, 1977-1981, the same benefits "as if" it were a least developed country, i.e.:

(a) An increase in the second cycle IFF by 6.4 per cent, or $128,000, to be met from funds available under the item "Future Participants, etc."

(b) Allocation from the Special Measures Fund for Least Developed Countries from the resources made available in 1980 and 1981; and

(c) Access to assistance from the United Nations Capital Development Fund; and

5. Takes note of the assurance given by the Administrator that a suitable solution is being worked out with a view to upgrading the UNDP representation in Sao Tomé and Principe by establishing a separate office in that country.