GOVERNING COUNCIL
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REPORT OF THE BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

DECISIONS

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Addendum

Attached are the decisions adopted by the Budgetary and Finance Committee on agenda items 4 (c) and 7 (f).

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

PRE-INVESTMENT (agenda item 4 (c))

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the Report of the Administrator on investment follow-up (DP/442), the Note by the Administrator presenting the consultant's study on UNDP and pre-investment (DP/472), the Administrator's comments on the consultant's study (DP/479), and the views expressed on these documents during the twenty-seventh session;

2. Reiterates its invitation to Governments to accord due priority to pre-investment activities in their country programmes; 1/

3. Endorses the recommendation of the Administrator contained in paragraph 7 of document DP/442 that the UNDP/FAO co-operative arrangement be continued and authorizes the Administrator to enter into similar arrangements with other Agencies;

4. Endorses the proposal contained in paragraph 30 of document DP/479 that arrangements be made to ensure that Resident Representatives and Deputy Resident Representatives receive special training in investment development;

5. Authorizes an additional amount not exceeding $100,000 (net) in 1980-1981 to undertake the activities in paragraph 3 above, and an additional amount of $150,000 (net) in 1980-1981 to undertake the activities in paragraph 4 above, for which

which additional appropriations to be allocated from UNDP resources may be requested by the Administrator at the twenty-eighth session of the Governing Council, unless all or part of this amount can be covered from savings within the Programme Support Costs and Administrative Service Costs budgets;

6. Decides to examine further the question of UNDP involvement in pre-investment activities at its twenty-eighth session.

UNITED NATIONS SUDANO-SAHELIAN OFFICE (agenda item 7 (f))

The 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-Saharan 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 1980-1981, 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 1980-1981 and that, in any event, UNDP will not pay more than one-half of the total costs set forth above.