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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 6(b), 4(b), 11(b), 7(f) and 5(b) (iii).

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Agenda item 6(b)

Country and intercountry programmes and projects

The Budgetary and Finance Committee,

In view of the magnitude of the disaster in Fiji, as the result of a cyclone affecting that country,

Taking into account the criteria for UNDP's response to natural disasters in the terms set forth in DP/432,

Decides that the Administrator may provide assistance to Fiji from the Programme Reserve, not to exceed \$1,000,000, subject to the details of the requests being set forth in a project document.

Agenda item 4(b)

Programme implementation

Evaluation

The Budgetary and Finance Committee,

Concurs in the Administrator's proposal contained in DP/448 to undertake and publish in 1980-1981 the additional studies on evaluation, as requested by the Governing Council, and for implementing the proposed measures for evaluation, feedback and improving project design, and authorizes the additional expenditure in 1980-1981 of an amount not to exceed \$300,000 (net), for which additional appropriations, to be allocated from UNDP resources, may be requested by the Administrator from the twenty-eight session of the Governing Council, unless he is able to cover all or a part of this amount from savings within the Programme Support Costs and Administrative Service Costs budgets.

Agenda item 11(b)

Feasibility of indexing the decisions  
of the Governing Council

The Budgetary and Finance Committee,

Concurs in the Administrator's proposal contained in DP/481 to proceed with indexing the Council's decisions, in accordance with the actions described in paragraphs 8 to 12 of DP/481, and authorizes the additional expenditure in 1980-1981 of an amount not to exceed \$25,000 (net), for which additional appropriations to be allocated from UNDP resources may be requested by the Administrator from the twenty-eight session of the Governing Council, unless he is able to cover all or a part of this amount from savings within the Programme Support Costs and Administrative Services Costs budgets.

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Agenda item 7(f)United Nations Sudano-Sahelian OfficeDecision of the BFC with respect to DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.7The Budgetary and Finance Committee,

Having considered the referral by the Governing Council of DP/GC/XXVIII/CRP.7, with respect to implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region, especially such financial implications as might arise from paragraph 4 thereof,

1. Noting that nothing contained in the referenced decision appears to involve financial implications for the Programme Support Costs and Administrative Service Costs budgets;

2. Noting that no action appears to be required during the second IPF cycle with respect to the position of the countries involved which are discussed in paragraph 4 of DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.7;

3. Further noting that the effect of paragraph 4 would appear to be without time limitation and, if there were financial implications, they might affect the third cycle IPFs;

4. Considers that any financial implications which may arise from the decision contained in DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.7 are the proper concern of the Governing Council and, accordingly, the Budgetary and Finance Committee returns this referral to the Governing Council for its further consideration and decision.

Agenda item 5(b)(iii)Criteria for UNDP's response to Natural Disasters

The Budgetary and Finance Committee of the Governing Council recommends that the following paragraph be added to DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.2, with respect to Natural Disasters, said paragraph to be inserted after present paragraph 6 of that decision:

7. Decides, with respect to allocations for a natural disaster from the Programme Reserve, that to the extent expenditures (obligations plus disbursements) have not been incurred within twenty-four months after approval of the project document, the unobligated balance shall then revert to the unallocated balance of the Programme Reserve.

The subsequent paragraphs should be renumbered accordingly.

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