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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA
OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 11 of its Rules of Procedure (DP/1/Rev.2 of May 1980), the Governing Council at the beginning of its twenty-eighth session will elect a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda will be submitted to the Council for adoption in accordance with rule 9 of the Council's Rules of Procedure. It will be noted that the present provisional agenda is the draft provisional agenda agreed upon by the Council in its decision 80/55 with minor modifications introduced by the Administrator.

Documentation

- Provisional agenda of the twenty-eighth session of the Governing Council (DP/L.341)
- Annotations to the provisional agenda (DP/507)
- Note on the organization of work for the twenty-eighth session (DP/L.342)^{2/}
- Check-list of documents issued for the twenty-eighth session (DP/509)

1/ The agenda, as adopted by the Council, will be issued under the symbol DP/506.

2/ The organization of work, as adopted by the Council, will be issued under the symbol DP/508.

4. Programme of implementation

(a) Annual Report of the Administrator

The Annual Report of the Administrator for 1980 summarizes the quantitative and qualitative performance during the year of UNDP and of the various funds and associated programmes for which it is responsible. In the foreword to the Report, the Administrator reviews the capabilities of UNDP, as acquired over the last decade in particular, and calls attention to resource constraints which could hamper the Programme's expanding development impact during the decade ahead. Part III of the Report focuses on qualitative accomplishments of the Programme in terms of its service to the international development community, the quality of its results and outputs and the application of its accumulated experience to development needs and problems. The Report is accompanied by three statistical complications: Basic Programme Data for 1980; Supplementary Programme Data for the year; and a listing of sub-contract awards and major equipment ordered.

The Annual Report also includes information on the following reports of the Joint Inspection Unit relating to UNDP activities which were received during 1980: Report on the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (JIU/REP/80/1); Assistance by the United Nations system to regional intercountry technical co-operation institutions (JIU/REP/80/10); Evaluation of the Office of the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (JIU/REP/80/11); Control and limitation of documentation (JIU/REP/80/12); and Functioning of the Subregional Offices for Central America and Panama and for the Caribbean of the Economic Commission for Latin America (JIU/REP/80/13). 3/

Documentation

Annual Report of the Administrator for 1980 (DP/510)

Basic Programme Data for 1980 (DP/511)

Supplementary Programme Data for 1980 (DP/512)

Sub-contracts awarded and major equipment ordered in 1980 (DP/525)

(b) Assistance to the national liberation movements recognized by OAU

The Council will have before it for consideration a report of the Administrator detailing the nature and scope of UNDP activities assisting the NLMs recognized by OAU. Since Zimbabwe's accession to independence, UNDP's assistance has focused on the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) of Namibia, and on the African National Congress (ANC) and the Panafricanist Congress of Azania (PAC) of South Africa.

Documentation

Assistance to national liberation movements recognized by OAU, Report of the Administrator (DP/513)

3/ Two JIU Reports - The Commonwealth Caribbean Project for the Education and Training of Allied Health Personnel (JIU/REP/79/17) and Report on the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (JIU/REP/80/2) - were submitted to the Council at its twenty-seventh session as documents DP/500 and DP/501 respectively. The relevant comments of the Secretary-General will be before the Council at the twenty-eighth session in documents DP/500/Add.1 and DP/501/Add.1. /...

(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people

The Council will have before it an up-to-date status report on the actions that have been taken by the Administrator to implement decision 79/18, adopted at the Council's twenty-sixth session, which authorized the Administrator to draw upon the Programme Reserve up to the amount of \$3.5 million for financing projects recommended for assistance to the Palestinian people.

Documentation

Assistance to the Palestinian people, Report of the Administrator (DP/514)

(d) Action taken in response to decisions adopted by the Council at its twenty-seventh session

Governing Council decision 80/55, on the provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session and the organization of future sessions, provided for the consideration of a progress report on action taken in respect to decisions adopted by the Council at its twenty-seventh session. The Council will have before it a report which covers the following three decisions which are not dealt with in other reports and/or under other items or sub-items of the agenda:

- (a) Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries (80/8);
- (b) Development co-operation procedures (80/25); and
- (c) Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system (80/28).

Documentation

Action taken in response to decisions adopted by the Council at its twenty-seventh session, Report of the Administrator (DP/516)

(e) Evaluation

The Council will have before it for information a report on the implementation of the evaluation programme which includes seven studies already completed and published, four others nearing completion, one in progress and two studies in the early planning stage. Measures to ensure feedback of the results are discussed briefly, as are the financial implications involved.

Also being submitted to the Council is a summary of an evaluation study, completed in June 1980, on export promotion. The study was conducted jointly by UNDP and the International Trade Centre (ITC) to assess the relevance, efficiency and effectiveness of ITC technical co-operation in the establishment of self-reliant trade promotion organizations.

Documentation

Evaluation programme, Report of the Administrator (DP/515)

Evaluation programme, Institutional infrastructure for trade promotion at the national level: a joint UNDP/ITC programme evaluation (DP/515/Add.1)

(f) Action taken in response to Governing Council decision 79/48

The Council will have before it a report analysing the action taken in pursuance of decision 79/48. The report summarizes the progress made with respect to Government execution; Government management; project design, monitoring and evaluation; alternatives to internationally recruited experts; and related issues. Included in the report is a proposal for a change in the current approach towards Government execution as a method of implementation. The relevant recommendations are regarded as consonant with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 35/81, Comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development.

With respect to monitoring and evaluation, since both operative paragraph 2 of decision 79/48 and part I of decision 80/22 relate, the relevant action taken is described jointly.

Documentation

Government execution and management; project design, monitoring and evaluation; and UNDP-financed experts, Report of the Administrator (DP/558 and Corr.1) (English only)

5. Programme planning and preparation for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986

(a) Report by the Administrator

In response to Governing Council decision 80/7, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on the progress made in the implementation of the revised programming policies and procedures for the third programming cycle. The report discusses, in some detail, the progress of continuous programming which will be adopted for the third programming cycle. The Administrator's recommendation for greater flexibility in determining the timing of country programmes, and proposals for the simplification of country programme documents are presented. The report also includes the Administrator's proposals with respect to informing the Council of the results of periodic reviews of individual country programmes.

The Administrator will inform the Council of the implementation of its decision 80/9 on enhancing the collective involvement of the developing countries in the setting of priorities for the third cycle intercountry programmes.

Documentation

Implementation of revised country programming policies and procedures for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, Report of the Administrator (DP/518)

(b) Consideration of matters arising from decision 80/30 on preparation for the third programming cycle

Pursuant to the provisions of Governing Council decision 80/30, the Council will consider a number of issues identified for follow-up including: the results of consultations on the total, actual resources likely to be available for 1982-1986; targets for contributions of selected recipient countries; some further illustrative IPF calculations; and outstanding questions concerning the accumulation of non-convertible currencies.

In addition, in the light of the informal consultations held with representatives of States Members and Observers in April 1981, the Council may wish to consider further those issues relating to UNDP's resource requirements for the 1980s, and the greater utilization of the administrative capacity of UNDP.

The consideration of these issues would also be responsive to relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 35/81 (see agenda item 10 (a) below).

Documentation

Preparations for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, Note by the Administrator (DP/519)

(c) Assistance to specific countries

The Council will have before it a report of the Administrator which responds to resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session concerning assistance to a number of countries. The report also takes into account Governing Council decisions 80/12 and 80/17 on Nicaragua and Uganda respectively. The Council will be informed of the special needs of the countries concerned and of the actions that are being considered or that have been taken in their favour.

In addition, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator informing of recent developments with respect to the situation in Uganda.

Documentation

Implementation by UNDP of General Assembly resolutions concerning assistance to Benin, Botswana, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Lesotho, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Sao Tome and Principe, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe, Report of the Administrator (DP/520)

Assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Uganda, Report of the Administrator (DP/564)

(d) Report on pre-investment activities

The Council will consider a report of the Administrator which outlines the progress made in strengthening UNDP's role in pre-investment activities and which highlights the results achieved under the co-operative arrangements with Agencies. The report describes the preparations, in conjunction with the Economic Development Institute (EDI) of the World Bank, for the training of Resident Representatives and Deputy Resident Representatives and various other activities initiated by the Administrator in implementing recommendations of Sir Robert Jackson's study, "UNDP and Pre-investment." ^{4/} The Council will also consider recommendations requiring a decision with respect to policy questions.

Documentation

Pre-investment activities, Report of the Administrator (DP/521)

6. Country and intercountry programmes and projects

(a) Relevant trends and problems in the country programmes

The Council will have before it for consideration, a report of the Administrator which reviews 14 country programmes being submitted to the twenty-eighth session for approval. The report has been adapted to meet specific interests expressed by the Council and is organized in a format similar to that used for the reports to the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh sessions.

Documentation

Relevant trends and problems in the country programmes, Report of the Administrator (DP/522)

(b) Country programmes

At its twenty-fourth session and at every meeting and session since, the Council decided to suspend rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure and to consider the country programmes in open meetings with the understanding that at any time a member of the Council could request that the country programmes be taken up in closed meetings in accordance with rule 4. The Council, therefore, should decide first whether to proceed in a similar manner at the twenty-eighth session.

Fourteen country programmes are being submitted for consideration and approval by the Council. An accompanying note covering each of the country programmes contains the recommendation of the Administrator.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Country programme document</u>	<u>Note by the Administrator</u>
Bangladesh	DP/GC/BGD/R.3	DP/GC/BGD/R.3/RECOMMENDATION
Bhutan	" BHU/R.3	" BHU/R.3 "
Bulgaria	" BUL/R.3	" BUL/R.3 "
Congo	" CON/R.2	" CON/R.2 "
Cuba	" CUB/R.3	" CUB/R.3 "
Egypt	" EGY/R.3	" EGY/R.3 "
Kenya	" KEN/R.4	" KEN/R.4 "
Maldives	" MDV/R.3	" MDV/R.3 "
Mauritius	" MAU/R.3	" MAU/R.3 "
Nepal	" NEP/R.3	" NEP/R.3 "
Philippines	" PHI/R.3	" PHI/R.3 "
Poland	" POL/R.3	" POL/R.3 "
Rwanda	" RWA/R.3	" RWA/R.3 "
Viet Nam	" VIE/R.2	" VIE/R.2 "

(c) Intercountry programmes

The Council will have before it a note by the Administrator on the scope and orientation of the regional programme for Asia and the Pacific. The note also contains information on the regional programme's preparation and general arrangements for its implementation.

Documentation

Intercountry programme for Asia and the Pacific, Note by the Administrator (DP/523)

(d) Global and interregional programmes

The Council will have before it for consideration a note by the Administrator on the global and interregional programmes for the third programming cycle. The note provides an analysis of the second cycle programmes and includes detailed descriptions of activities, both on-going and newly initiated, which will constitute the basis for the global and interregional programmes in the third cycle.

Documentation

Global and interregional programmes, 1982-1986, Note by the Administrator (DP/524)

Global and interregional projects

Six global projects are being submitted for consideration and approval of the Council.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Document</u>
Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (Phase II) (GLO/80/005)	DP/PROJECTS/R.14/Add.1
International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology. Development of Long-range Means of Control of Crop and Livestock Pests and Diseases (GLO/81/004)	" " " Add.2
Testing and Demonstration of Small-scale Solar-powered Pumping System (GLO/78/004)	" " " Add.3
Research and Development in Integrated Resource Recovery (GLO/80/004)	" " " Add.4
International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)-West African Sorghum and Millet Improvement Programme (Phase III) (GLO/81/002)	" " " Add.5
Research, Graining and Production Programme for Nutritional Quality Maize, Supported by Farm Level Surveys (GLO/78/009)	" " " Add.6

7. Other funds and programmes

(a) United Nations Fund for Population Activities

(i) Report of the Executive Director on 1980 activities and the future programme

Under this item, the Council will have before it the annual report of the Executive Director of UNFPA, which describes the UNFPA programme during 1980. The document also contains financial and programme data relating to UNFPA activities in 1980. A separate document contains a list of project allocations made by UNFPA in 1980, by country and region, and by interregional and global projects. Also under this item for the consideration and approval of the Council is the request by the Executive Director for approval authority for the first three years of the revised work plan, 1982-1985.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on 1980 activities and the future programme (DP/527)

Report of the Executive Director on allocations to projects in 1980 (DP/528)

Work plan and request for approval authority (DP/529)

(ii) The future role of UNFPA

In accordance with Council decision 80/13, the Executive Director will submit to the Council the necessary documentation in order that the Council may conduct within its mandate a discussion of the future role of UNFPA.

Documentation

The future role of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (DP/530)

(iii) Large-scale projects and programmes

In accordance with a decision made by the Governing Council at its sixteenth session, 5/ the Executive Director is submitting to the Council for its prior approval summaries of all projects totaling \$1 million or more, and projects of an innovative nature.

Documentation

Proposed projects and programmes (DP/FPA/12 and Add.1 through Add.16)

(iv) Operational reserve

In accordance with Council decision 80/13, the Executive Director will submit to the Council for its review recommendations concerning the question of the

5/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5365/Rev.1), para.247.

Fund's operational reserve, taking into account, as appropriate, decision 80/50 taken at the twenty-seventh session concerning the arrangements for the operational reserve of UNDP.

Documentation

Operational reserve (DP/534)

- (v) Budget estimates for UNFPA administrative and programme support services for 1982

It is proposed, as in previous years, to take up the 1982 budget estimates in the first instance, in the Budgetary and Finance Committee. The 1982 budget estimates will be before the Council, together with the relevant comments of the ACABQ.

Documentation

Budget estimates for UNFPA administrative and programme support services for 1982 (DP/531)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on UNFPA budget estimates for 1982 (DP/532)

- (vi) Audit reports

The Council will have before it for consideration reports of the United Nations auditors on UNFPA expenditures through the various Executing Agencies.

Documentation

Audit reports (DP/533)

- (b) United Nations Volunteers

The Administrator's annual report on the United Nations Volunteers reviews the evolution and development of the UNV concept on the occasion of its tenth anniversary and identifies the consolidation and innovations anticipated during its second decade. The report highlights the continued growth of the programme during 1980 and summarizes action taken in connexion with the International Youth Year. Information on the status of the Special Voluntary Fund is also provided.

Documentation

United Nations Volunteers, Annual Report of the Administrator for 1980 (DP/535)

- (c) United Nations Capital Development Fund

The Administrator's annual report is submitted to the Governing Council in accordance with the statutory requirements governing the Fund. In addition to reviewing the Funds's activities during 1980 within the broader perspective of

its experience over the past five years, the report includes programme profiles on UNCDF activities in 33 countries and a recommendation with regard to the financing of administrative costs.

Documentation

United Nations Capital Development Fund, Annual Report of the Administrator for 1980 (DP/536)

(d) United Nations Revolving Fund for National Resources Exploration

In accordance with ECOSOC resolution 1762 (LIV), the Council will have before it the Administrator's annual report for 1980 on the Revolving Fund which records a substantial increase in the number of approved and operational projects. The report also contains recommendations for the delegation of authority to approve supplementary short-term funding, for an appeal to Governments to contribute to the Fund and for the recognition of an annual funding target.

In separate documents, the Administrator informs of the approval of Minimum Work for four projects. It is expected that a recommendation will also be submitted for additional funding to complete the field work for another project.

As called for in ECOSOC resolution 1762 (IV) and Governing Council decision 80/29, the Administrator is presenting separately the Report of the Working Group of Governments Experts on its comprehensive review of the Fund. The Council will consider a draft decision which takes account of recommendations of the Expert Group as they affect the functions, institutional arrangements and the replenishment system of the Fund.

Documentation

United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources, Annual report of the Administrator for 1980 (DP/537)

Report of the Working Group of Government Experts (E/1981/___)

Report of the Working Group of Government Experts, Note by the Administrator (DP/538)

Project recommendation by the Administrator, Exploration for Kaolin in Benin (BEN/NR/78/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/1)

Project recommendation by the Administrator, Investigation of Off-shore Phosphate Deposits (Pointe Noire Sector) in Congo (PRC/NR/79/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/2)

Project recommendation by the Administrator, Mineral Exploration in the Adra Des Iforas, Mali (MLI/NR/78/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/3)

Project recommendation by the Administrator, Base Metal Exploration in Eastern Montenegro, Yugoslavia (YUG/NR/79/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/4)

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(e) United Nations Interim Fund for Science and Technology for Development

The Governing Council will have before it for consideration a report on the activities of the Interim Fund for Science and Technology for Development (IFSTD). The report summarizes the principal developments in the operations and management of the Interim Fund and includes information on the funding situation and special procedural measures undertaken.

Documentation

United Nations Interim Fund for Science and Technology for Development,
Report of the Administrator (DP/539)

(f) Interim arrangements for energy exploration and pre-investment surveys

In response to Governing Council decision 80/27, the Administrator is reporting on the progress made in implementing the provisions of that decision. In addition, the report provides details on the action initiated with respect to UNDP's inputs to the forthcoming United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy.

Documentation

Action taken with respect to the Energy Account and the preparation by UNDP for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, Nairobi, 10-21 August 1981, Report of the Administrator (DP/540)

(g) United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

As requested by Governing Council decision 80/21, the Administrator is submitting a report on the activities of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries. The report, which was prepared in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), draws the attention of the Council to the continuing low level of resources of the Fund, mentions assistance to projects approved in 1980 and briefly describes results obtained by projects completed in 1980. The Administrator further refers to the potential assistance requirements from the Special Fund and proposes that henceforth a report on the activities of the Special Fund be submitted on a biennial basis.

Documentation

United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries,
Report of the Administrator (DP/541)

(h) Assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa and follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Desertification

United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO)

(i) Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The report of the Secretary-General provides a summary account of the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) in assisting the

eight countries of the Sahel and their regional organization, the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS). This includes a brief description of the specific accomplishments of UNSO in mobilizing resources and implementing priority projects, both regional and national, as well as of its work methodology and relationships. The report also summarizes the additional activities undertaken by UNSO under its enlarged mandate.

Documentation

Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region, Report of the Secretary-General (A/36/___)

United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, Note by the Administrator (DP/542)

(ii) Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian Region

In accordance with its decision 80/45, I, the Governing Council will have before it an annual report describing UNSO's activities during the past year in carrying out its enlarged mandate to assist 18 countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in combating desertification. The report describes UNSO's planning, programming and project identification activities and the results of its resource mobilization activities thus far.

In addition, the report discusses UNSO's role in co-ordination and inter-organizational co-operation; the enlargement of the geographical scope of its desertification control mandate to include Djibouti, Guinea and Guinea-Bissau; a proposal made by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/72 of 5 December 1980 that Benin be included in UNSO's desertification control mandate; and the future of the joint venture with UNEP. These last two items will be discussed by the UNEP Governing Council at its ninth session from 13 to 26 May 1981. The Administrator, who is recommending continued UNDP support to the joint venture will inform the UNDP Governing Council of action taken by UNEP in this regard.

Documentation

Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian Region, Report of the Administrator (DP/543)

(iii) Assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa

Pursuant to relevant Governing Council decisions, the Administrator continues his series of reports on the drought in Africa and neighbouring areas. In response to decision 80/36, information is included on the implementation of the special programme for providing increased assistance to drought-stricken African countries. The report provides up-to-date information with respect to five areas of concern: climatic conditions in the countries of the region; the urgency of

the assistance requested; the evolution of relevant international aid; medium- and long-term programmes undertaken by the Governments concerned; and action programmes implemented by organizations of the United Nations system.

Documentation

Assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa, Report of the Administrator (DP/544)

(i) United Nations technical co-operation activities

The Governing Council will have before it the annual report of the Secretary-General on technical co-operation activities. In response to Council decision 79/22 the report now provides a broader coverage than previously. In addition to details on activities of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development (DTCD), the report includes an overview of the work of the other organizational entities of the United Nations which have responsibility for technical co-operation.

The report provides a descriptive and analytic account of the main trends of programmes and the activities undertaken during 1980, including work conducted with funds from the United Nations Regular Programme of Technical Co-operation, UNDP, UNFPA and other sources, and also draws attention to such topics of special concern to DTCD as the role of the Department as an Executing Agency, activities related to pre-investment and investment follow-up, and questions related to natural resources and energy.

Documentation

United Nations technical co-operation activities, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/RP/23)

United Nations technical co-operation activities, Statistical information for 1980, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/RP/24)

(j) Information on agency regular and extra-budgetary technical co-operation expenditures in 1980 financed from sources other than UNDP

As it has for the past several years, the Governing Council will consider a report of the Administrator containing statistical data and other information on the technical co-operation expenditures of United Nations system organizations, funded by other than UNDP resources, together with data on the various sources of extrabudgetary financing. The report for 1980, moreover, describes the deliberations of the Joint Working Party of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Financial and Budgetary Matters) (CCAQ(FB)) and the Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Operational Activities (CCSQ(OPS))) and the relevant recommendations to the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC) regarding the definition of terms and its review of the existing cross-organizational expenditure reporting requirements of intergovernmental bodies.

Documentation

Information on United Nations system regular and extra-budgetary technical co-operation expenditures in 1980 financed from sources other than UNDP, Report of the Administrator (DP/545)

8. Technical co-operation among developing countries (TCDC)

In response to Governing Council decision 80/46, the Administrator will present to the High-level Committee on the Review of TCDC at its second session, and subsequently to the Governing Council, a report on modifications of policies, rules and procedures of UNDP in order to appropriately reflect current modalities for the implementation of TCDC activities. This report reviews the incorporation of TCDC into the Policies and Procedures Manual of UNDP and presents certain principles to be followed in the flexible use of country IPFs in TCDC projects including the reimbursement of local currency costs from country IPFs.

The Council will also have before it the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of TCDC on its second session, June 1981.

Documentation

Technical co-operation among developing countries: Policies, Rules and Procedures of UNDP (TCDC/2/17); Note by the Administrator (DP/546)

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of TCDC on its Second Session (TCDC/)

9. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

(a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1980

The Council will have before it for consideration a report by the Administrator providing a comprehensive review of the financial operations for 1980 and the financial position as at the end of the year. The documentation also includes estimated resources and forecasts for programme costs for 1981 and 1982, as well as information on the status of the Operational Reserve, the Programme Reserve, details on the Special Measures Fund for LDCs and on UNDP placement of funds. Several financial issues covering the last year of the second programming cycle are also raised. In addition, information is provided on the utilization of accumulated non-convertible currencies as well as on the collection of outstanding accounts receivable. The report also deals, as customary, with cost sharing arrangements as well as with the new reserve for loans to Governments for the construction of accommodation in the field.

Documentation

Review of the 1980 financial situation and related matters, Report of the Administrator (DP/547)

(b) Budget estimates for 1982-1983 and supplementary estimates for 1981

Under this sub-item the Administrator is submitting to the Council for its consideration and approval the 1982-1983 budget estimates for the programme support and administrative services of UNDP. Additional data on the 1982-1983 requirements are contained in an information annex.

The comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) on the 1982-1983 budget estimates will also be before the Council for consideration.

Also under this item, the Council will have before it for consideration a report of the Administrator which details the additional requirements necessitating the submission of supplementary budget estimates for 1980-1981 in the amount of \$31.26 million (net).

Documentation

Budgetary, Administrative and Financial Matters:

Budget Estimates for the Biennium 1982-1983, Report of the Administrator (DP/548)

" " " Information Annex (DP/548/Add.1)

" " " Comments of the ACABQ, Note by the Administrator (DP/549)

Supplementary budget estimates for 1980-1981, Report of the Administrator (DP/550)

Supplementary budget estimates for 1980-1981, Comments of the ACABQ, Note by the Administrator (DP/551)

(c) UNDP financial regulations

By decision 80/38, the Governing Council requested the Administrator to prepare a new draft of the UNDP financial regulations which would be most appropriate for UNDP's needs, having regard, to the maximum extent possible, to ensuring conformity with the relevant United Nations regulations. The Council further requested that the Administrator obtain the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) thereon. The regulations were prepared with the primary objective of meeting UNDP's requirements. However, the Administrator also proposes consideration of the question of the applicability of these regulations to other funds administered by UNDP.

Documentation

UNDP financial regulations and rules, Note by the Administrator (DP/552 and Add.1, 2 and 3)

Report of the ACABQ (DP/553)

(d) Integrated System Improvement Project

In response to decision 80/51, relevant information requested by the Council is presented in the supplementary budget estimates for 1980-1981. The results

of a review concerning the future role and functions of DMIS are described, as well as the staffing and other resources required for the successful completion, maintenance, operation and enhancement of UNDP's management information system.

The Administrator will also report on the status of the development and operation of the management information systems which were launched under the aegis of ISIP and transferred to DMIS in mid-1980.

Documentation

(See Supplementary budget estimates for 1980-1981, Report of the Administrator (DP/550), paras. 8-14)

(e) Sectoral support

The Council will have before it a report responding to decision 80/32, in which the Council decided, inter alia, "to review the entire question of sectoral support, including the need for sectoral support, and UNDP financing of such support". In addition to describing the use of the allocation for sectoral support approved by the Council for the biennium 1980-1981, the report reiterates some of the general considerations which have a bearing on the need for sectoral support. It also reports on those aspects of decision 80/32 pertaining to the Senior Industrial Development Field Adviser programme, and presents proposals for the future financing of sectoral support.

Documentation

Sectoral support, Report of the Administrator (DP/555)

(f) Support costs and flexibility measures

In respect of the various aspects of agency support costs dealt with by the Governing Council in its decision 80/44, the Administrator is presenting proposed guidelines for: (a) application of UNDP support cost reimbursement arrangements to other similar programmes under the jurisdiction of the Council; (b) support cost flexibility arrangements; (c) reimbursements related to currency exchange fluctuations; and (d) reimbursements related to executing arrangements and programmes under the authority of the Administrator. Additionally, the Administrator is reporting on the progress of consultations between UNDP and the Agencies on developing a suitable format for ex post facto reporting to the Governing Council on Agency support costs.

Documentation

Agency support costs and flexibility measures, Report of the Administrator (DP/556 and Addenda)

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(g) Audit reports

As customary under this item, the Administrator will submit to the Council the audited accounts and audit reports of the Participating and Executing Agencies relating to funds allocated to them by UNDP as at 31 December 1979. The Administrator will also provide a summary of the action taken by UNDP in response to Council decision 80/39.

Documentation

Audit Reports, Note by the Administrator (DP/557)

(h) Interagency Procurement Services Unit (IAPSU)

In response to decision 79/45, the Council will have before it for consideration a report containing proposals with respect to the funding of IAPSU activities, as well as for the continuation of these activities under UNDP auspices. The report also enumerates cost savings achieved through standardization of equipment and co-ordination of procurement and reviews progress on increased use of developing countries as sources of supply, and on improved geographical distribution and utilization of accumulated currencies in procurement.

Documentation

Interagency Procurement Services, Report of the Administrator (DP/559)

10. Other matters

(a) Matters arising out of action taken by other organs of the United Nations system

In accordance with established practice, the attention of the Governing Council is drawn to those resolutions and decisions taken by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the organizations within the United Nations system which call for action or are of particular interest to UNDP. The main operative paragraphs of those resolutions which require specific action by the Governing Council or UNDP have been excerpted for the convenience of the Council. For other resolutions of the General Assembly and the ECOSOC only titles have been given in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2836 (XXIV).

Documentation

Action taken in 1980 by organs of the United Nations and organizations in the United Nations system, Note by the Administrator (DP/560)

In connexion with this agenda item, moreover, the Council's attention is drawn in particular to the following two resolutions of the General Assembly:

(i) Comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development

The General Assembly in resolution 35/81, inter alia, has invited the governing bodies of relevant organizations of the United Nations system to consider new

and specific ways of mobilizing increased resources on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis 6/; to develop recommendations on measures to reduce administrative and other support costs and to improve the procedures in the execution of operational activities for development of the United Nations system 7/; and to adopt measures to improve management procedures and to enhance overall efficiency in the execution of programmes and projects 8/. The Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation has been entrusted with the preparation of a relevant report to the General Assembly's thirty-sixth session based, inter alia, on the provisions of resolution 35/81. The Administrator intends to provide the Director-General with a summary of the relevant actions taken by the Governing Council at prior sessions as well as a summary of the views expressed and actions taken at the present session.

(ii) United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

General Assembly resolution 35/205 provides for the holding of the Conference in Paris, 1-14 September 1981. In response to the General Assembly's request that organizations of the United Nations system contribute to the success of the Conference UNDP is submitting a report on its role in development co-operation with the LDCs in the context of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s. (See UNCTAD resolution 122 (V)). The Governing Council will have before it for information the text of UNDP's report to the Conference. Any implications for the Programme arising from eventual decisions adopted at the Conference will be reported to the Council at its next session.

Documentation

The role of UNDP in development co-operation with the least developed countries, Report of the Administrator (DP/554)

(b) Information on the relations between UNDP and external institutions

In response to Governing Council decision 79/19, the Administrator is submitting to the Council a report on action taken and on the results achieved during 1980.

Documentation

Information on relations between UNDP and external institutions, Report of the Administrator (DP/561)

(c) Further consideration of the organization of the session of the Council

The Governing Council, during its last three sessions, examined ways of improving the effectiveness of its deliberations, controlling and limiting its documentation and streamlining its agenda. At its twenty-seventh session the

6/ See agenda item 5(b).

7/ See agenda items 9 and 10(a).

8/ See agenda items 5(a) and 9.

Council adopted decision 80/55 by which, inter alia, it requested the Administrator to consider the various comments and suggestions made during discussions on this subject and to present his views and suggestions to the Council at its twenty-eighth session.

Pursuant to this decision, the Council will have before it a note which highlights some of the major issues raised during the various sessions of the Council, provides additional information on the background and on remedial actions already taken, and which suggests new proposals for streamlining and rationalizing the work of the Council.

Documentation

Streamlining and rationalization of the work of the Governing Council, Note by the Administrator, (DP/562)

11. Date and provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session of the Governing Council
12. Draft report of the Governing Council to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981

At its 674th meeting held on 20 February 1980, the Council agreed that in accordance with relevant recommendations of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on the control and limitation of documentation, its report to the second regular session of the Economic and Social Council will consist essentially of the decisions of the Governing Council with reference, as appropriate, to the pertinent summary records.

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