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PREPARATIONS FOR THE THIRD PROGRAMMING CYCLE

Indicative planning figures for 1982-1986

Note by the Administrator

1. At its twenty-seventh session, the Council approved third-cycle, illustrative, country indicative planning figures (IPFs) for 135 developing countries. The Council requested the Administrator to submit calculations of illustrative IPFs to the twenty-eighth session for those remaining 15 countries for which it was still necessary to obtain comparable estimates of basic data on per capita GNP and on population.

2. In DP/519, using basic data that had become available, the Administrator recommended for the Council's approval the following two illustrative country IPFs for 1982-1986 (in millions of dollars): Montserrat, 0.7; and Uganda, 59.5 (see DP/519, para. 37).

3. Since the preparation of DP/519, the World Bank has furnished UNDP with population and per capita GNP estimates for a further nine countries. Utilizing these estimates and other data, as well as the methodology for calculating illustrative IPFs as approved by the Council, the Administrator recommends for the Council's approval the following 1982-1986 illustrative IPFs (in millions of dollars): British Virgin Islands, 0.3; Cayman Islands, 0.56; Cook Islands, 1.4; Nauru, 0.06; Niue, 1.0; Tokelau, 0.95; Turks and Caicos Islands, 0.85; Tuvalu, 1.14; and Samoa, 5.25.

4. Because of the lack of basic data available from the World Bank, it has not proved possible to submit to the twenty-eighth session recommendations on illustrative third cycle IPFs for the remaining countries: Democratic Kampuchea, Equatorial Guinea, Iran and Lebanon. However, some progress has been made in determining alternative population and per capita GNP estimates for these countries and, on the basis of the best estimates that become available,
recommendations for illustrative IPFs for these countries will be submitted to the twenty-ninth session.

5. In decision 80/30, paragraph 2, the Council requested the Administrator, upon the request of the countries involved, to submit revised illustrative IPF calculations in situations where estimates of 1978 population and per capita GNP, available at the time of the twenty-seventh session, are subsequently modified substantially. In this context, it may be noted that the World Bank intends to review the methodology for preparing per capita GNP estimates for the centrally planned economies of Europe and to look at alternative methodologies.