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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL  
TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SECOND  
REGULAR SESSION, 1981

Draft report of the Governing Council on its twenty-eighth session

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Chapter II. Programme Implementation (continued)

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Decision 81/19. Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the Administrator's progress report on implementation of Governing Council decisions 80/26, 80/8 and 80/28 adopted at the twenty-seventh session and of the progress achieved in the implementation of General Assembly resolution relating to the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system;
2. Notes with appreciation the progress achieved in the designation of Resident Co-ordinators as further evidence of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions relating to the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system;
3. Requests the Administrator to pursue, through the appropriate machinery, consultations on more uniform procedures to facilitate the administration of development co-operation, with special emphasis on the least developed countries;

4. Authorizes the Administrator to implement the proposal contained in paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 35/80 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of the developing countries, and to disseminate information on the national experience of countries in training qualified national personnel and to enhance their role in national social and economic development as contained in paragraph 11 above, and to this end to utilize Programme resources in the amount of \$80,000; and

5. Requests the Administrator to submit the report called for in paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 35/80 through the Governing Council at its twenty-ninth session.

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Decision 81/28. Evaluation Programme

The Governing Council,

Takes note with appreciation of the Progress Report of the Administrator on Thematic Evaluations (DP/515) and the Summary of the Evaluation Study entitled "Institutional Infrastructure for Trade Promotion at the National Level - a Joint UNDP/ITC Programme Evaluation" (DP/515/Add.1).

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Decision 81/20. Improvement of the methods and procedures for the recruitment of project professional staff and consultants

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator contained in document DP/558, in particular its section IV dealing with the recruitment of project professional staff and consultants,

Taking into account General Assembly resolution 35/81 on the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development,

Recognizing that there is need for improvement of the methods and procedures for the recruitment of project professional staff and consultants, especially from developing countries,

1. Invites the countries that have not yet established national expert recruitment services to consider doing so and those that have such services to strengthen the existing ones;

2. Requests the Administrator to assist developing countries, at their request, in either establishing or strengthening their national expert recruitment services; and

3. Further requests the Administrator, in consultation, as appropriate, with the Participating and Executing Agencies, to submit to the Governing Council at its twenty-ninth session a report containing:

(a) Detailed information on the existing rules, procedures and practices of the UNDP and the Participating and Executing Agencies for the preparation and updating of the rosters of project professional staff and consultants;

(b) Detailed information regarding the rules, procedures and practices that ensure that the job description and/or terms of reference of vacancies for experts and consultants for UNDP-supported activities are always made available in due time to all national expert recruitment services, for their review and submission of qualified candidates; and

(c) Suggestions and recommendations, in the light of the information referred to in subparagraphs (a) and (b) above, for improving the methods and procedures for the recruitment of project professional staff and consultants and for ensuring that the best qualified experts are being recruited world-wide for UNDP-supported projects.

Decision 81/21. Government execution and management; project design, monitoring and evaluation; and UNDP-financed experts

The Governing Council,

Having considered, the report of the Administrator contained in document DP/558, as well as the comments of representatives of Governments made at the twenty-eighth session of the Governing Council,

Recalling the decision adopted at its twenty-third session (E/5940, para. 76),

Taking into account General Assembly resolution 35/81 of 5 December 1980 (para. 10) on the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development,

1. Requests the Administrator, in co-operation with the organizations of the United Nations system:

(a) To give full consideration, in discharging his responsibility for the designation of executing agents, to implementation of United Nations Development Programme assistance by the host Governments, bearing in mind the views expressed by members of the Council on the proposals contained in document DP/558;

(b) To review and analyse in greater detail the reasons for the lack of progress in implementing government execution and to report to the next session of the Governing Council on proposals for amendments to the financial and administrative arrangements for the implementation of United Nations Development Programme assistance to projects with a view to further increase the use of government execution. The report should include proposals for any change in financial and administrative procedures which might be necessary, with due regard to the necessity of meeting the normal financial and audit requirements of the United Nations system, and should identify the elements for which compensation for additional costs to recipient Governments resulting from government execution of United Nations Development Programme-assisted projects should be considered and the manner in which such costs might be met;

(c) To examine how the implementation of United Nations Development Programme assistance by Governments will affect the workload of United Nations Development Programme field offices, particularly in least developed countries, and to refer to the Council for consideration at its next session any proposals for additional staff that may be considered necessary and to report to the Council any other administrative measures that may be taken in the meantime;

2. Takes note of the Administrator's view that any additional costs will be offset by savings in support costs;

3. Invites the Administrator, in co-operation and consultation with the organizations of the United Nations system, to improve, on the basis of the proposals contained in document DP/558, project management and design, monitoring and evaluation in order to further enhance the quality of technical co-operation;

4. Invites Governments, the United Nations Development Programme and organizations of the United Nations system:

(a) To increasingly use qualified national Professional staff as an alternative to internationally recruited staff, on the basis of the contractual arrangements recommended by the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Personnel), such as reimbursable loan agreements and service agreements, bearing in mind the importance to technical co-operation within the United Nations system of ensuring that the best-qualified advice and expertise continue to be obtained;

(b) To consider such other available options as alternatives to internationally recruited experts as non-residents nationals and institutional twinning, keeping in mind the specific requirements of each project and the availability of qualified national resources;

5. Requests the Administrator to keep the Governing Council informed of the implementation of this decision.