GOVERNING COUNCIL
Twenty-eighth session
Agenda item 7 (a)

Draft decision

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The Governing Council,

Taking into account the comments made during the consideration of agenda item 7 (a),

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the Fund's 1980 activities (DP/527) and his report on allocations to projects in 1980 (DP/528);

2. Requests the Executive Director to undertake a review and reassessment of the total United Nations Fund for Population Activities programme for the period 1982-1985, including the new programmes submitted to the Council at its twenty-eighth session, in view of the current resource situation and in light of the revised work plan assuming an annual constant increase of 10 per cent for the period 1982-1985, taking an expected $131 million in contributions and other income in 1981 as the basis, and in line with the guidelines outlined below, and to report to the Council at its twenty-ninth session on the results of this review and reassessment;

3. Confirms that the Fund should concentrate on supporting the following areas in the order of priority indicated:

(a) Family planning, oriented towards the individual and the family, both in the form of programmes integrated with maternal child health services in the primary health care context and in other programmes as appropriate to social and cultural conditions, including, as follows:
(i) Delivery of services at the community level, including improvements in the logistical systems through which such services can be provided;

(ii) Training of personnel;

(iii) Strengthening of management;

(iv) Logistics support including provision of contraceptives, if required;

(v) Encouragement, where appropriate, of local production of contraceptives;

(vi) Research into traditional and new contraceptive methods and development of improved means including natural family planning methods.

(b) Population education, communication, motivation and dissemination of information on family planning;

(c) Basic data collection;

(d) Population dynamics;

(e) Formulation, implementation and evaluation of population policy;

4. Reaffirms that the current list of priority countries will continue to be applied for the time being and that all efforts will be made to devote up to two thirds of country programme resources to them in accordance with its decision at its twenty-third session; 1/

5. Reaffirms its decision 79/28 that UNFPA support of intercountry activities should be within the level of approximately 25 per cent of total programme resources by 1982; requests the Executive Director to submit a report on intercountry activities to the Council at its twenty-ninth session which will (a) identify types of programmes and projects that are clearly technical assistance and backstopping for country activities, (b) indicate the effects of other intercountry programmes at the country level, (c) recommend activities which should be phased out and which should be given priority in maintaining the above-mentioned level, and (d) provide precise guidelines for all new projects; further requests the Executive Director to exercise extreme caution in the interim in approving any new projects or programmes for regional, interregional or global activities, to ensure that the ceiling of approximately 25 per cent is respected;

6. Requests the Executive Director to submit a report which, while preserving the target established for the share of resources for priority countries and the level established by the Council for intercountry activities, would consider the possibilities of arriving at an over-all distribution of resources to the priority areas mentioned in paragraph 3 above of a substantial increase in the proportion of resources for family planning and population, education,

communication and information and of a substantial decrease as regards the share for basic data collection and population dynamics, and make recommendations in this regard, bearing in mind the specific situation in a number of developing countries;

7. Further requests the Executive Director to report to the Council on the experience of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities with the system of priority countries and to explore the possibilities for introducing additional criteria to be applied in a future revision;

8. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director entitled "United Nations Fund for Population Activities in the 1980s" (DP/530) and requests the Executive Director in making project allocations to take into account the following:

(a) Magnitude of the population problems in relation to per capita gross national product;
(b) Population size and the annual increase in absolute numbers;
(c) Policies and programmes of the Government;
(d) Commitment by Governments to stated population policy;
(e) Absorptive capacity;
(f) Level of support of development assistance per capita from other sources;
(g) Level of support for population activities from other sources; and
(h) Actual and projected implementation rates;

9. Requests the Executive Director to (a) undertake a comprehensive review of needs and opportunities in the field of contraceptive research and development which would address, inter alia, (i) the question of identifying these activities as a category separate from other intercountry activities, (ii) the question of what percentage of the Fund's intercountry activities, if any, should be earmarked for research programmes designed to develop and improve various kinds of contraceptives including natural family planning methods, and (iii) the question of continued Fund support (including the annual level of such support) for the World Health Organization Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction and other research programmes within the proposal presented, as earlier requested by the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session; and (b) explore with the World Bank and other interested agencies (World Health Organization, International Planned Parenthood Foundation, and private foundations) how the World Bank proposal for the establishment of a joint board for health research could affect the contraceptive research field;
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10. Approves the following large-scale programmes and projects, subject to the review and reassessment noted in paragraph 2:

   In Benin (DP/FPA/12/Add.5) in the amount of $1,460,390;
   In Bhutan (DP/FPA/12/Add.8) in the amount of $2,070,000;
   In Ecuador (DP/FPA/12/Add.4) in the amount of $2,850,000;
   In Egypt (DP/FPA/12/Add.13) in the amount of $15,000,000;
   In Ethiopia (DP/FPA/12/Add.1) in the amount of $16,000,000;
   In Gambia (DP/FPA/12/Add.3) in the amount of $2,550,000 (including $1,581,500 approved by the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session (DP/FPA/11/Add.1));
   In Guinea (DP/FPA/12/Add.2) in the amount of $5,400,000;
   In Haiti (DP/FPA/12/Add.7) in the amount of $3,121,400;
   In Morocco (DP/FPA/12/Add.14) in the amount of $10,000,000;
   In Nigeria (DP/FPA/12/Add.10) in the amount of $17,300,000 (including $1.8 million approved by the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session) (DP/FPA/11/Add.4);
   In Pakistan (DP/FPA/12/Add.12) in the amount of $30,000,000;
   In Sri Lanka (DP/FPA/12/Add.9) in the amount of $5,400,000;
   In Syrian Arab Republic (DP/FPA/12/Add.6) in the amount of $9,000,000;
   In Tunisia (DP/FPA/12/Add.15) in the amount of $5,000,000;
   In Yemen (DP/FPA/12/Add.11) in the amount of $8,000,000;
   For World Fertility Survey (continuation of phase III) (DP/FPA/12/Add.16) for $1,500,000 for one year; and
   For Assistance to Selected Major Intercountry Programmes (DP/FPA/12/Add.17);

11. Decides, after reviewing the work plan for 1982-1985, to give the Executive Director additional approval authority for 1982 based on the assumption of an increase of 10 per cent per year, of $33.75 million to make a total of $144 million for 1982, additional approval authority of $34.5 million for 1983 to make a total of $108 million for 1983, and approval authority of $72 million for 1984, on the understanding that the Executive Director will limit approval of projects to available resources and in line with the guidelines set forth in paragraph 3 above, as well as the review and reassessment to be undertaken as noted in paragraph 2 above;

12. Requests the Executive Director, in the event of a shortfall in the resources projected for 1982 and future years, to make programme adjustments, as necessary, in accordance with the priorities established above and in consultation with the recipients concerned;
13. Takes note of the views of the Executive Director in regard to the holding of a World Population Conference in 1984 proposed by the Population Commission and requests the Executive Director to inform the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session in July 1981 that, in view of the Governing Council, given the scarcity of resources, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities should not contribute from its regular budget to the financing of the proposed conference.