GOVERNING COUNCIL
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Agenda item 4 (f)

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

Government execution and management; project design, monitoring and evaluation; and UNDP-financed experts

Draft decision proposed by the Working Group

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 changes 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.