GOVERNING COUNCIL
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Agenda item 5(a)

Programme Planning

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of the Working Group

The Governing Council,

Having considered the Administrator's report on the implementation of revised country programming procedures for the third programming cycle 1982-1986 (DP/518 and DP/518/Add.1) and the oral statement of the Assistant Administrator on the implementation of decision 80/9 of the Governing Council on intercountry programming,

Noting the recommendations of the Administrator for procedural changes in the country programming process,

Appreciating the concern expressed in the Governing Council that country and regional programmes should respond to the priority needs for technical co-operation established by the Governments individually and collectively, and at the same time take account of global priorities established in intergovernmental forums,

Recognizing the need to make the UNDP country programming process more responsive to the requirements of individual Governments, and to simplify the preparation of country programme documents without affecting the quality of the programming of UNDP resources for development, or the information on which the Council has to base its assessment of individual country programmes,

Taking into consideration General Assembly resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 22 December 1970 (Consensus), 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 (New dimensions in technical co-operation), 32/197 of 20 December 1977 (Restructuring the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system) and decisions 80/7 and 80/9 of the Governing Council,
1. Requests the Administrator to ensure that, in the dialogue between UNDP and individual Governments in establishing country programmes and with Governments collectively in formulating regional programmes, Governments will be informed on over-all global concerns enunciated in intergovernmental forums, bearing in mind their prerogative in preparing their own country programmes;

2. Takes note with approval of the steps taken by the Administrator for the implementation of decision 80/9 of the Governing Council;

3. Requests the Administrator to ensure that the timing of individual country programmes is decided in full agreement between the Government and the Resident Representative, bearing in mind (a) the provisions of paragraph 7 of the Consensus; (b) the need to avoid gaps between successive country programmes; and (c) the desirability of timely submission for the Council's approval of new country programmes;

4. Endorses the Administrator's proposals for the approval of extensions of country programmes contained in document DP/518/Add.1;

5. Endorses the Administrator's decision to continue to carefully examine the proposed use of programme resources for equipment in country programmes which are to be submitted to the Governing Council, bearing in mind paragraph 48 of the Consensus and subparagraph (e) (iv) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 3405 (XXX), as well as his decision reflected in paragraph 21 of DP/522 regarding information to the Governing Council on the proposed use of programme resources, and requests the Administrator to submit to the next session an in-depth study on this matter, taking into account all pertinent factors;

6. Endorses the Administrator's proposals for continuous programming contained in paragraphs 5 through 28 of his report DP/518;

7. Endorses the Administrator's proposals in paragraph 25 of DP/518 to submit to the Governing Council annual progress reports on programme implementation in each region, highlighting significant developments in selected individual programmes;

8. Endorses the Administrator's proposals for the simplification of country programme documents, including the use of short-format documents for country programmes of $20 million and less, including cost sharing;

9. Approves the Administrator's recommendations to discontinue, for country programmes for $20 million or less, including cost sharing, the submission of an accompanying Note by the Administrator and to accept their presentation with the Administrator's recommendation only if

10. Endorses the Administrator's proposal to convene a special meeting of the Governing Council in February 1983 to facilitate the timely approval of new country programmes for the third programming cycle.

1/ Inclusion of this paragraph would depend on the Governing Council's decision on the proposal made in DP/562 to submit country programme documents in their original language.