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UN Conference on LDCs

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator to the UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries (DP/554);
2. Takes note also with appreciation of the support provided by UNDP for the preparation of the Conference and requests the Administrator to ensure full participation of UNDP in the Conference itself.
3. Endorses the recommendations of the Administrator to place UNDP's extensive experience in co-operating with the LDCs including the UNDP field establishment and the Funds and Programmes under UNDP's administration, at the disposal of the international community in a manner consonant with the activities outlined in paragraph 52 of DP/554;
4. Invites the Governments to pay special attention to UNDP's experience in providing a variety of development services as well as to its responsibility in assisting the Least Developed Countries through the several Funds and Programmes under its administration when determining arrangements for the implementation of the Conference's decisions;
5. Invites further Governments to take fully into account the UNDP Special Measures Fund for Least Developed Countries as an important channel for the financing of technical co-operation activities for the Least Developed Countries;
6. Invites also Governments to make a special effort to support those Funds and Programmes under the administration of the United Nations Development Programme which have a specific mandate to serve the development needs of the Least Developed Countries including the United Nations Capital Development Fund, United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, the UN Volunteers and the Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries.

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DRAFT DECISION

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Programme planning

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

Draft decision

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 inter-country 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 fora,

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 of 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 advised on overall global concerns enunciated in intergovernmental fora.

2. Takes note 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 country programmes which are to be submitted to the Governing Council on the proposed use of programme resources for equipment, 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.

6. Requests the Administrator to ensure that decisions on the use of UNDP resources on a project-by-project basis will be based on policy directives for the use of such resources reflected in the Consensus and the resolution on New Dimensions in Technical Co-operation, and in decisions of the Council.

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

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

9. 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;

/10. 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. 1/

11. 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.

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Draft decision proposed
by Sweden

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 79/11 of 27 June 1979 and 80/47 of
30 June 1980;

Decides to reconvene the Intergovernmental Study Group on Future
Financing of the Programme to discuss possible options for
achieving more stable and predictable financing and to take a
comprehensive look at the total resource situation of the UNDP;

Requests the Administrator to make the necessary arrangements for
a short meeting of the study group at the earliest convenient
date, and to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-ninth
session on the outcome of its discussions.

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Draft Decision

Working Group of the Least Developed Countries

The United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

The Governing Council,

Recalling resolution 122(V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development which adopted at its fifth session the Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, and General Assembly resolution 35/205 on the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries to be held in September 1981,

Reaffirming that technical co-operation will continue to be an essential element in the development process of the least developed countries,

Affirming that a substantially increasing share of United Nations Development Programme technical co-operation should be channeled to the least developed countries;

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator to the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (DP/554);
2. Takes note with appreciation of the support provided by UNDP for the preparation of the Conference;
3. Requests the Administrator to ensure full participation of UNDP in the Conference itself and to undertake necessary preparation to effectively discharge any role which might be assigned to UNDP by the Conference regarding the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action;
4. Requests the Administrator to report to the next session of the Governing Council how UNDP has responded to the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.