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PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

Annual report of the Administrator for 1981

REPORTS OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT (JIU)

Note by the Administrator

1. Thirteen Joint Inspection Unit reports have been issued since the beginning of 1981. Of these, the following eight reports are relevant to UNDP and therefore merit the attention of the Governing Council. A brief account of UNDP involvement in each report is indicated below the title.

JIU/REP/81/2 Co-ordinating in the field of public information activities among the members of the United Nations system

2. UNDP provided information on its public information activities to the Inspectors during the preparation of the report. The final report was issued in February 1981 and submitted to the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly, in document A/36/218. It was agreed that joint ACC comments on the report should be prepared. The comments of UNDP were forwarded to the Director-General in June 1981 as a contribution to the joint comments which are expected to be before the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

JIU/REP/81/3 Management services in the United Nations system

3. The draft report was discussed at length with UNDP whose comments were taken into account in the final version. The report was issued in January 1981 and submitted to the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly in document A/36/296. Comments of organizations on the report are contained in document A/36/296/Add.1.

JIU/REP/81/5 Status of international evaluation in United Nations system organizations

4. This report was issued in February 1981 and submitted to the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly in document A/36/181. Section VI of the report contains factual information provided by UNDP on its "thematic" and project evaluation efforts. The joint ACC comments on this report were combined with those on JIU/REP/81/6 and are contained in document A/36/479.

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JIU/REP/81/6 Second report on evaluation in the United Nations system

5. This report was issued in March 1981 and submitted to the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly in document A/36/182. Recommendation 9 of the report is specifically addressed to UNDP. In its comments on the report, UNDP indicated that recommendation 9 on improving UNDP's evaluation system and procedures endorsed already planned UNDP action towards enhancing the quality of technical co-operation. Paragraph 27 of document A/36/479 containing the ACC comments on this report and on JIU/REP/81/5 refers to this point in detail.

JIU/REP/81/8 Application by the United Nations system of the Mar del Plata Action Plan on water development and administration

6. UNDP commented on this report which was issued in June 1981 and was submitted to the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly in document A/36/411. The comments of the Secretary-General on the report are contained in document A/36/411/Add.1.

JIU/REP/81/9 Relationships between the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation and entities of the United Nations Secretariat

7. UNDP provided extensive comments on both the draft and final text of this report which was issued in July 1981. The close co-operation between UNDP and the Office of the Director-General was emphasized and mention is made in the report of the responsibilities of the Director-General for providing guidance to the operational activities for development of the United Nations system which also constitute the framework within which he exercises his functions vis-a-vis UNDP. The broad responsibility of the Director-General regarding the new system of Resident Co-ordinators who exercise overall responsibility for and co-ordination of the system's operational activities for development undertaken at the country level, is also highlighted. The report was submitted to the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly in document A/36/419 and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon are contained in an addendum.

JIU/REP/81/12 Report on the United Nations University

8. This report was issued in November 1981 and will be submitted to the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly and to the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The Secretary-General and the Director-General of UNESCO will be submitting their comments to these bodies separately. The comments of UNDP have been sent to the Director-General to assist in the preparation of the Secretary-General's comments.

JIU/REP/82/1 Report on the Economic Commission for Africa

9. UNDP was requested to provide information for the preparation of this report which was issued in 1982. It commented extensively on the draft report, especially on priority setting in intercountry programming, and will contribute to the preparation of the comments of the Secretary-General on the final report.