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Chapter I

MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE PLENARY

C. UNDP Development Study Programme

1. For its consideration of the financial implications of agenda item 4 (b)(v), the Committee had before it a report of the Administrator as contained in document DP/DP/1982/13.
2. The Deputy Administrator introduced the report and informed the Committee that the recommendation to allocate \$30,000 as seed money for financing activities related to the UNDP Development Study Programme from the Special Programme Resources, under the sub-category of programme development, could be accommodated under this source of funds.
3. Some delegations supported the proposal to allocate \$30,000 from the Special Programme Resources. One delegation suggested that the money could be allocated on revolving basis until such time when a sufficient amount of voluntary contributions had been received. Most delegations, however, expressed the view that the Study Programme should be financed from voluntary contributions and no UNDP resources should be transferred to a trust fund. Therefore, these delegations felt that UNDP resources should not be used for the purpose of the Study Programme.
4. Following the discussion, the Committee reached the consensus that an allocation from the Special Programme Resources for the purpose of financing Study Programme activities should not be recommended.