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## REPORT OF THE BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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### Chapter I

#### MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE PLENARY

#### E. Programme of assistance to the Palestinian people

1. For consideration of the financial aspects of item 4 (c)(ii) of the Council's agenda, the Committee had before it the report of the Administrator on the Programme of assistance to the Palestinian people as contained in document DP/1982/18.

#### Summary of the discussion in the Committee

2. A large number of members expressed their full support for the Administrator's recommendations contained in paragraph 10 of his report. A question was raised by one member regarding the availability of funds under the Special Programme Resources. The Deputy Administrator informed the Committee that the Administrator had, in accordance with Governing Council decision 80/30, reduced the illustrative amount for Special Programme Resources from \$83.4 million for 1982-1986 to 60 per cent thereof, or \$50 million. In addition to this, an estimated amount of \$8 million of unspent commitments against the 1977-1981 Programme Reserve had been carried forward and added to the amount available for the 1982-1986 Special Programme Resources as decided by the Governing Council in its decision 81/25. For planning purposes, the \$50 million had been distributed over the following categories:

#### Disaster relief

- Emergency assistance	\$ 2.0 million
- Longer-term disaster relief	22.6 "

Decade for Transport and Communications  
in Africa

3.0 "

Programme development

4.3 "

TCDC

1.5 "

Contingencies

16.6 "