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PROGRAMME SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUDGET 1982-1983

REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY UNDP TO AGENCIES

DRAFT DECISION

Attached is the draft decision, as well as proposed amendments, on reimbursement for services provided by UNDP to agencies.

Original draft decision on agency reimbursement to
UNDP for services provided

The Governing Council,

- (1) Having considered the Administrator's proposals contained in paragraph 51 of document DP/1982/52, and the comments of the ACABQ thereon;
- (2) Taking into account also the statements of the administration and the comments of the members thereon;
- (3) Affirming the role of UNDP's Field Office structure as the prime instrument for providing services and co-ordination to the United Nations technical co-operation activities in the field;
- (4) Recognizing that the provision of these services and of this co-ordination puts a significant additional work-load on the Field Offices and therefore requires that resources be financed by the UNDP Biennial Budget in excess of those which are needed to administer UNDP's own programme and funds;
- (5) Noting that the 1982-83 Biennial Budget includes resources to perform these services at present levels;
 1. Authorizes the Administrator to continue to provide without additional compensation and at the present levels, those services which are currently provided without charge to the agencies of the United Nations system;
 2. Authorizes the Administrator, in the event that agencies require Field Offices to perform additional tasks or to assume significantly increased work-loads which require identifiable additional resources, to make adequate arrangements with agencies to meet such needs.

Proposed amendments

1. First three preambular paragraphs of original draft text as follows:

The Governing Council,

Having considered the Administrator's proposals contained in paragraph 51 of document DP/1982/52, and the comments of the ACABQ thereon;

Taking into account also the statements of the administration and the comments of the members thereon;

Affirming the role of UNDP's Field Office structure as the prime instrument for providing services and co-ordination to the United Nations technical co-operation activities in the field;

No amendments proposed.

2. Fourth preambular paragraph.

(a) Original draft text as follows:

Recognizing that the provision of these services and of this co-ordination puts a significant additional work-load on the Field Offices and therefore requires that resources be financed by the UNDP Biennial Budget in excess of those which are needed to administer UNDP's own programme and funds;

(b) Amendment proposed by New Zealand -

Replace second part of the sentence commencing

"therefore requires and funds;" by the following;

"that this has implications for the UNDP's administrative costs."

(c) Amendment proposed by Japan -

Delete the word "additional" in the first part of the sentence, second line.

(d) Amendment proposed by Switzerland -

Replace the word "puts" by the words "could put" in the first part of the sentence and the word "require" by the words "may require" in the second part of the sentence.

(e) Alternative amendment proposed by Switzerland -

Insert the words "in most cases" after the word "puts" in the first part of the sentence.

(f) Alternative proposal by Switzerland -

Replace the word "additional" by the word "extra-ordinary" in the first part of the sentence.

(g) Amendment proposed by the United States -

Replace the words "puts a Field Offices" in the first part of the sentence by "constitutes a significant part of the workload of the Field Offices."

(h) Amendment proposed by the Administration -

Insert the words "in many cases," after the words "that this" in the beginning of the amendment proposed by New Zealand for the second half of the sentence.

(i) Based on the discussions of the Committee, the Administration believes the majority of members favour the following wording:

"Recognizing that the provision of these services and of this co-ordination puts a significant workload on the Field Offices and that this, in many cases, has implications for the UNDP's administrative costs."

3. Fifth preambular paragraph of the original draft text as follows:

Noting that the 1982-83 Biennial Budget includes resources to perform these services at present levels;

No amendments proposed

4. Operative paragraph 1.

(a) Original draft text as follows:

1. Authorizes the Administrator to continue to provide without additional compensation and at the present levels, those services which are currently provided without charge to the agencies of the United Nations system;

(b) Proposed amendment by France -

Replace text as follows:

"Authorizes the Administrator to continue to provide at the present levels those services which are within the competence of UNDP and are currently provided without charge to the agencies of the United Nations system."

(c) Alternative amendment proposed by France -

Replace text as follows:

"Authorizes the Administrator to continue to provide at the present levels those services which are in accordance with the aims and responsibilities of UNDP and are currently provided without charge to the agencies of the United Nations system."

5. Operative paragraph 2.

(a) Original draft text as follows:

2. Authorizes the Administrator, in the event that agencies require Field Offices to perform additional tasks or to assume significantly increased workloads which require identifiable additional resources, to make adequate arrangements with agencies to meet such needs.

(b) Proposed amendment by New Zealand -

Replace the words "event that" by the words "those circumstances where" in the first part of the sentence and replace the words "make adequate" by the words "consult with agencies on appropriate" in the last part of the sentence.

- (c) Proposed amendment by the USSR -

Add the words "from extra-budgetary resources" at the end of the sentence.

- (d) Based on the discussion in the Committee, the Administration believes the majority of members favour the following wording:

"Authorizes the Administrator, in those circumstances where agencies require Field Offices to perform additional tasks or to assume significantly increased workloads which require identifiable additional resources, to make adequate arrangements with agencies to meet such needs."

