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Report of the Chairman of the Working Group  
to the Plenary

As indicated in document DP/1982/L.18, further decisions on which consensus has been reached in the Working Group are being circulated in this report which is being submitted to Plenary for final approval.

The final draft decision, on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, on agenda item 6 (e), was almost completed in the Working Group but due to time constraints, consensus was not reached on the last two paragraphs which are hence submitted to Plenary in square brackets.

Agenda item 6 (b)

OTHER FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES

United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The Governing Council,

Taking into account the comments made during the consideration of agenda item 6 (b) and paragraphs 2 and 3 of General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, concerning the role of the Council, and

Taking note of the reports of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the activities of the Fund in 1981 (DP/1982/23), the supplementary information on the work in 1981 of the agencies and organizations executing UNFPA programmes and projects (DP/1982/23/Add.1), and on allocations to projects in 1981 (DP/1982/23/Add.2 and Corr.1 and Add.3),

1. Expresses grave concern about the downward trends in assistance going to the family planning area in 1981 as indicated in the Annual Report of the Executive Director for 1981 (DP/1982/23), particularly in light of the Council's decision 81/7, and expects that such trends will be reversed in 1982, in accordance with the priority areas for the Fund's population activities as set out in decision 81/7, I, paragraph 3;

2. Bearing in mind the actual resources pledged to the Fund at the annual Pledging Conference, endorses the methodology used in determining the amount of programmable resources as set forth in the "Report of the Executive Director on the review and reassessment of the UNFPA programme for the period 1982-1985" (DP/1982/28), including the 5 per cent overprogramming, agrees to the intended distribution of programmable resources between country and intercountry activities, as well as the

intended distribution of allocations to countries, and requests the Executive Director to report on the implementation of the plans outlined in the document to future sessions of the Council, in connection with the annual submission of the Work Plan and request for approval authority;

3. Reaffirms its view contained in decision 81/7, I, paragraph 5, decides that the Fund's support of intercountry activities should not exceed the level of 25 per cent of total programmable resources, endorses the guidelines for the approval of new and continuing intercountry projects noted in section V of DP/1982/29, and in this regard, requests the Executive Director to provide assistance to the regional commissions and to the various demographic training and research centres, as appropriate, and further requests the reporting of intercountry activities by Work Plan category as well as by functional category;

4. Endorses the continuation of the system of priority countries in order that UNFPA may concentrate its resources in countries with the most urgent needs and with the most urgent population problems, and viewing with grave concern the downward trends in assistance going to priority countries, reiterates its view, as stated in decision 81/7, I, paragraph 4, that all efforts be made to attain the target of devoting two-thirds of country programme resources to priority countries, also endorses the modified criteria for the determination of priority countries as outlined in the "Report of the Executive Director on the UNFPA experience with the system of priority countries" (DP/1982/30);

5. Recognizes that all developing countries are eligible for assistance from the Fund and requests the Executive Director to make every effort to ensure that country activities currently supported by UNFPA are not interrupted before they have reached their term;

6. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on support to contraceptive research and development (DP/1982/36 and DP/1982/36/Add.1)

- (i) directs the UNFPA, in accord with its mandate concerning population matters within the United Nations system and with the Council's earlier determination (decision 78/33) that "research on contraceptive technology is crucial to the attainment of the Fund's objectives", to take action to increase the level of its financial contribution and the effectiveness of its support for contraceptive research and development by (a) stimulating research on new and existing contraceptive methods, fully taking into account the national policies of developing countries in this field and the needs expressed by those concerned, (b) taking a more active role in deliberations of research organizations receiving UNFPA support, with respect to UNFPA-supported programmes and projects, and (c) closely co-ordinating its assistance in this area with support provided by other organizations;
- (ii) endorses the need for increasing and long-term support and commitment by UNFPA to this area of activity through the World Health Organization Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction, (WHO/HRP), as well as through appropriate international and non-governmental organizations and through national institutions;

- (iii) decides that UNFPA should contribute at least \$2 million and could contribute up to \$2.5 million to the WHO/HFP in 1983, taking into consideration (i) (a) above, it being understood that this is within the 25 per cent limitation set for intercountry programmes and it being further understood that any amount above \$2 million would be considered by the thirtieth session of the Council;
- (iv) decides to postpone a decision on the percentage as well as on a higher level of UNFPA funding in the long term in this area of activity until the thirtieth session of the Governing Council and after the results of various assessments and evaluations of contraceptive development and research to be undertaken within the next year are made available;
- (v) in the light of these reports and the recommendations made in DP/1982/36 and DP/1982/36/Add.1, requests the Executive Director to prepare jointly with the Director-General of the World Health Organization, in consultation with the International Planned Parenthood Federation, a report to the thirtieth session of the Governing Council on the future role of the United Nations system in family planning research including contraceptive development, taking account of research under way in public, private and commercial organizations, the likely future funding of such research; and its prospects for success, bearing in mind the particular needs of the developing countries;

7. Decides, after reviewing the Work Plan for 1983-1986 (DP/1982/24) and the methodology noted in the "Report of the Executive Director on the review and reassessment of the UNFPA programme for the period 1982-1985" (DP/1982/28), to give the Executive Director additional approval authority in the amounts of \$41 million for 1983, to bring the total for 1983 to 100 per cent of the 1983 level or \$149 million, \$39.75 million for 1984 to bring the total for 1984 to 75 per cent of the 1983 level or \$111.75 million, 50 per cent of the 1983 level or \$74.5 million for 1985, and 25 per cent of the 1983 level or \$37.25 million for 1986, on the understanding that the Executive Director will limit approval of projects to available resources; and also takes note of the planned increases to the operational reserve;

8. Takes note of the reports of the Executive Director on the evaluation of UNFPA projects (DP/1982/32) as well as the report on the implementation and monitoring of selected country programmes (DP/1982/53), and requests him to supply further reports periodically in the future that would take into account the views expressed by Members of the Council that such reports be of a more analytical and functional nature;

9. Requests the Executive Director to update the document, "Report of the Executive Director on the UNFPA in the 1980s" (DP/530), incorporating the Council's decisions of the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth sessions into one consolidated reference document;

10. Expresses deep concern at the decline in resources for UNFPA and its consequent adverse impact on programme delivery and urges all countries to contribute or to increase their contributions, bearing in mind also the Work Plan for 1982-1985 contained in document DP/1982/28, in order to achieve the level of resources envisaged in decision 81/7 for the period 1982-1985 which, inter alia, assumed a 10 per cent annual increase;

11. Approves a final contribution for the following large-scale project: World Fertility Survey (completion and assessment) (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/1) in the amount of \$2 million over two years.

Agenda item 6 (c)

OTHER FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES

United Nations Volunteers

The Governing Council,

Having considered the reports of the Administrator, DP/1982/34 and DP/1982/37, and the views expressed thereon at the twenty-ninth session of the Governing Council,

Noting with satisfaction the outcome of the first High-Level Symposium on International Volunteer Service and Development, organized in Sana'a, Yeman Arab Republic, in March 1982 and the adoption by consensus of the Sana'a Declaration,

Further noting, as reflected in the Substantial New Programme of Action, the foreseeable increase in demand for middle-level technicians in the Least Developed Countries, where more than 50 per cent of United Nations Volunteers are already serving, including assignments in support of the United Nations Capital Development Fund, United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office and other activities related to IPF financed activities,

Recognizing that the United Nations Volunteers programme offers a source of cost-effective utilization of resources and appropriate operational expertise, which can be made available to developing countries through integration in the country programme process, as well as directly to Governments, in furtherance of their development objectives,

Noting that the United Nations Volunteers programme contributes substantially to technical co-operation among developing countries by providing opportunities for service to qualified professional men and women of these countries,

Bearing in mind that the United Nations Volunteers Programme contributes in an important manner to increasing the understanding of the principles and objectives of international development co-operation,

1. Requests the Administrator to take account of the recommendations contained in the Sana'a Declaration and to take appropriate follow-up action;
2. Requests the Executive Co-ordinator to continue his efforts to recruit more women for the United Nations Volunteers;
3. Requests the Executive Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers to continue his efforts to promote the concept of volunteer service in international co-operation with a view to enhancing the utilization and integration of United Nations Volunteers within technical co-operation activities under United Nations auspices;

4. Notes with appreciation the important donation made recently by one individual to the Special Voluntary Fund and encourages the Executive Co-ordinator to continue his efforts to attract similar future contributions;
5. Agrees to postpone its review of the question of support cost reimbursement until its thirtieth session;
6. Expresses concern about the deteriorating financial situation of the Special Voluntary Fund, notes the provisional measures proposed by the Administrator for dealing with the resulting constraints and appeals to Governments, organizations and individuals to contribute or to increase their contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund, in the hope that such contributions will obviate the need for burdening recipient countries with any additional charges to their indicative planning figures with respect to the utilization of United Nations Volunteers.

Agenda item 6(d)

#### OTHER FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES

##### United Nations Capital Development Fund

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the reports of the Administrator, DP/1982/38 and DP/1982/39,

Recognizing the central role of the United Nations Development Programme in providing unified management and administration to the United Nations Capital Development Fund,

Taking note of the results achieved by the Fund in 1981 in terms of programme delivery and level of new commitments and on the further increase in the volume of activities projected for 1982,

Expressing its appreciation to Governments and other donor organizations for their contributions to the Fund's general resources, particularly to those countries which have made special and additional contributions as a result of the 1981 Paris Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 36/196, which endorsed Governing Council decision 81/2 to the effect that the Capital Development Fund should play a direct role in the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries,

Endorsing the orientation of the Fund's activities, including its emphasis on small-scale development projects,

1. Requests the Administrator to take measures to strengthen the complementarity between the capital assistance provided by the Fund and other types of assistance administered by UNDP;

2. Further requests the Administrator to ensure that the United Nations Capital Development Fund will be fully associated with the follow-up to the Paris Conference, including participation in the round table meetings organized by UNDP for that purpose;

3. Decides that the Fund should continue its operations under the partial funding system and requests the Administrator to include in the annual report of the Fund a chapter related to the operation of the partial funding system;

4. Urges all Governments, non-governmental and other donor agencies to contribute to the Fund's resources.

Agenda item 6(i)(i)

#### OTHER FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES

##### Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian Region

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region (DP/1982/45),

Conscious of the need for the speedy implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region, as an integral part of general efforts to promote the economic and social development of the region, on an ecologically sound basis,

Fully aware of the progress achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, acting on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme and within the joint UNEP/UNDP venture, in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region,

1. Requests the Administrator to continue to support the administrative and programme costs of the joint UNEP/UNDP venture, according to principles previously established and in full partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme, with a view to ensuring the timely and effective provision of assistance, through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, in combating desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

2. Urges all Governments, intergovernmental and private organizations, to intensify their assistance through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, bilaterally or through any other intermediary, in response to priorities of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region.

Agenda item 6(i)(ii)

#### OTHER FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES

##### Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/37/209 and Add.1),

Recognizing the decisive role being played and the significant results achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in helping to combat the effects of the drought through the mobilization of resources necessary for the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme of the States

Considering that the nature and magnitude of the needs of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, which are among the least developed countries, make it necessary for the international community to continue to strengthen its action of solidarity in support of the recovery and rehabilitation efforts, and of the economic development of those countries,

1. Urges Governments to strengthen their support to the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office so as to enable it to respond more fully to the priority requirements of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel, including voluntary contributions to be made at the 1982 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

2. Requests the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to continue its close co-operation with the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel and its member States with a view to hastening the implementation of the recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

Agenda item 6(e)

#### OTHER FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES

##### United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

The Governing Council,

Having considered the reports of the Administrator, DP/1982/40 and DP/1982/41,

Reaffirming the desirability of maintaining an operational level of six new projects of solid minerals exploration annually,

Recognizing that the solid minerals exploration programme will require at least \$10 million annually in new contributions to the Fund,

Taking note of the supplementary short-term funding allocation for the project entitled "Mineral Exploration in Western Cyprus (CYP/NR/77/001)" contained in document DP/NR/PROJECTS/5;

Recalling the Nairobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy, which called for additional and adequate funds for preliminary supporting actions and preinvestment activities related to the development of new and renewable sources of energy in developing countries, and reaffirmed that specific and additional resources should be channelled through established entities within the United Nations system, including the Revolving Fund,

Noting that there is an immediate need in a number of developing countries for additional financing and technical assistance for various stages of geothermal energy development,

1. [Authorizes] the Fund to extend its activities into the field of geothermal exploration;

2. Urges all countries to contribute, or increase their contributions, to the Fund in order to enable it to respond adequately to the requests of the developing countries for assistance in natural resources exploration.]

