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ADDENDUM

As indicated in paragraph 4 of DP/1982/WG/L.1, the Chairman of the Working Group is circulating, in the Annex to this document, further texts for consideration by the Working Group as a possible basis for draft decisions.



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Agenda item 6(b)

Draft decision on United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The Governing Council,

I.

Taking into account the comments made during the consideration of agenda item 6(b), and paragraphs 2 and 3 of General Assembly resolution 3019(XVII) 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 concern about the trends in assistance going to the family planning area and to priority countries 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 of 31/7, and hopes that such trends will be reversed in 1982 and future years, in accordance with the priority areas for the Fund's population activities as set out in decision 31/7, I, paragraph 3;

2. 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/1982/23), including the five per cent overprogramming, and 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 to future sessions of the Council on the implementation of the plans outlined in the document, such reporting to be presented to the Council in connection with the annual submission of the Work Plan and request for approval authority;

3. Reaffirms its view in decision 31/7, I, paragraph 5, that the Fund's support of intercountry activities should be within the level of approximately 25 per cent of total programme resources, and endorses the guidelines for the approval of new and continuing intercountry projects noted in section V of DP/1982/29, suggests the reporting of intercountry activities by Work Plan category as well as by functional category, requests the Executive Director to provide priority assistance in this category of activity to the regional commissions and to the various regional demographic and training centres, wherever possible; and further requests the Executive Director to include any contributions by the UNFPA to contraceptive research and development

4. 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/1982/50), also 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 reiterates its view, as stated in decision 31/7, I, paragraph 4, that all efforts be made to devote up to two-thirds of country programme resources to priority countries.

[5. Contraceptive research and development (Pending);]

6. Decides, after reviewing the Work Plan for 1983-1985 (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/1982/23), to give the Executive Director additional approval authority in the amounts of \$51 million for 1983, to bring the total for 1983 to 100 per cent of the 1983 level or \$149 million, \$32.75 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 reserves;

7. Takes note of the reports of the Executive Director on the evaluation of UNFPA projects (DP/1982/52) as well as the report on the implementation and monitoring of selected country programmes (DP/1982/53), and requests him to supply similar 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.

8. Approves the following large-scale project:

World Fertility Survey (completion and assessment) (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/1)
in the amount of \$2 million for two years.

1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1997; 278: 1039-1044.