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PROGRAMME PLANNING: THE THIRD PROGRAMMING CYCLE, 1982-1986

Illustrative indicative planning figure for Lebanon

Note by the Administrator

- 1. At the twenty-ninth session of the Governing Council, the Administrator was unable to propose any indicative planning figure (IPF) for the third programming cycle for Lebanon due to the lack of data for the calculation. However, he did inform the Council that UNDP was actively co-operating with the Government of Lebanon and with the World Bank to establish such data. Previously, in its decision 81/16 of 27 June 1981, the Governing Council had authorized the Administrator to use as the illustrative IPF for the third cycle, on an interim basis, an amount equal to the indicative planning figure for Lebanon for the second programming cycle.
- 2. In its decision 82/16 of 18 June 1982, the Governing Council decided to defer the determination of the IPF for Lebanon for the third programming cycle until the thirtieth session of the Council and to consider this question at that time as a matter of priority and with a view to increasing UNDP assistance.
- 3. A consultant was jointly selected by the World Bank and the Government in 1982 to prepare a best estimate of the 1978 gross national product (GNP) and population for Lebanon. In spite of certain difficulties related to events in that country during 1982, the consultant has submitted his report to the World Bank. However, since this report is still under consideration by all parties concerned, definitive and official figures for the 1978 GNP and population of Lebanon are not yet available. As a result, a specific recommendation cannot as yet be submitted in respect of a final figure for the illustrative IPF for Lebanon. It is therefore recommended that Governing Council decision 81/16 concerning an interim illustrative IPF for Lebanon should continue in effect.