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Summary

At its twenty-ninth session in June 1982, the Governing Council in decision 82/20, II, paragraph 3, requested the Executive Director to submit at its thirtieth session, biennial budget estimates for the UNFPA administrative and programme support services for the biennium 1984-1985, together with proposed amendments to the UNFPA financial regulations and rules. Add.1 to this document contains the revised UNFPA financial regulations proposed by the Executive Director. Following the Governing Council's approval of these regulations, the Executive Director will prepare and circulate revised UNFPA financial rules in accordance with the procedures set forth in proposed regulation 14.1 (a).

NOTE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I. Background

1. At its twenty-ninth session held in June 1982, by decision 82/20, II, paragraph 3, the Governing Council requested the Executive Director to submit to it at its thirtieth session, biennial budget estimates for administrative and programme support services for the biennium 1984-1985, corresponding to the budgetary cycle of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), together with required amendments to the UNFPA financial regulations and rules. The Executive Director is submitting the 1984-1985 biennial budget estimates for UNFPA administrative and programme support costs in DP/1983/23 and has reviewed the present UNFPA financial regulations and rules. The revised draft regulations contained in DP/1983/24/Add. 1 have been prepared on the basis of consultation with the Administrator of UNDP and have been reviewed by the Legal Office of the United Nations.
2. The present UNFPA financial regulations and rules were approved with amendments by the Governing Council at its seventeenth session in January-February 1974 (decision 74/16, paragraph (f)). These financial regulations and rules were based on the UNDP financial regulations and rules existing at the time, with editing changes such as substituting "UNFPA" and "Executive Director" where "UNDP" and "Administrator" appeared in the text of the UNDP financial regulations and rules. There were also a number of substantive changes from the UNDP financial regulations and rules which were necessary because of the separate identity and character of the UNFPA. The Governing Council subsequently approved additional minor amendments to the UNFPA financial regulations and rules at its twenty-first session in January-February 1976 (decision 76/2 B, paragraph (a)).
3. In recent years, both UNDP and UNFPA have undergone major changes in their methods of operations, and this has resulted in redundancy or inapplicability of some of the existing financial regulations and rules. UNDP submitted revised draft financial regulations to the Governing Council at its twenty-eighth session which were approved, as amended in decision 81/28. To ensure consistency of UNFPA financial regulations with the UNDP financial regulations, the Executive Director of UNFPA is now submitting to the Governing Council for approval a revised set of UNFPA financial regulations based on the newly-approved UNDP financial regulations. These proposed UNFPA financial regulations are being submitted to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for comments and the ACABQ's comments will be submitted to the Governing Council. Upon receiving the Governing Council's approval of the revised UNFPA financial regulations, the Executive Director will prepare and circulate revised UNFPA financial rules, to be promulgated in accordance with proposed UNFPA financial regulation 14.1 (a), to the Members of the Governing Council, for information, at least 30 days before they become effective.

II. Recommendation

4. The Executive Director recommends that the Governing Council:

(a) Approve the UNFPA financial regulations, taking into account any comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; and

(b) Decide that the present UNFPA Financial Regulations and Rules cease to have any force and effect upon the coming into force of these new regulations at the beginning of the 1984/1985 biennium on 1 January 1984.

