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PROGRAMMES IN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Actions taken in respect to programmes in energy development,
including follow-up to the
United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy,
Nairobi, 10-21 August 1981

Report of the Administrator

1. The Governing Council at its twenty-ninth session, in reviewing the action taken by the United Nations Development Programme in respect of programmes in energy development, requested the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirtieth session on the results of the joint UNDP/World Bank energy sector Assessment Programme being conducted by the World Bank and UNDP.
2. The attached report was prepared by the World Bank and UNDP in November 1982 and describes the progress made in this major international effort to assist developing countries to diagnose the problems associated with their energy development and to recommend options for dealing with them. The report further describes the steps taken towards the development of an Energy Sector Management Programme to assist countries in implementing the recommendations made by the Assessment Programme. The report also presents a summary of the estimated financial requirements for the period 1983-1986 for both the Energy Sector Assessment Programme and the Energy Sector Management Programme.

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3. Since the preparation of this report, a number of additional assessment reports listed in Table I of the report have been completed^{1/} and others have been initiated.^{2/} Many of the developing countries for which energy assessment reports have been prepared have requested that assistance in follow-up be provided to them under the Energy Sector Management Programme. In order to maintain the momentum generated by the Energy Sector Assessment Programme, the Administrator of UNDP and the President of the World Bank jointly issued the attached report in order to inform the international community more fully of the aims and purposes of the two programmes and to invite interested donors to join in this international effort which contributes to the implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action. The enthusiastic response which the Programme has received from the developing countries as well as from the donor community has given encouragement to the sponsors of the Programme to include other countries which were not in the initial list of the 60 countries to be assessed. Several countries in which energy assessments have been completed are already being assisted under the Management Programme to implement recommendations made in the assessment reports, with modest initial inputs from the UNDP Energy Account.

4. Subsequent to communications having been addressed by the Administrator to donor countries and international financial institutions, senior officials of UNDP and the World Bank consulted with them on their participation in and funding for the Programme. While it is not yet possible to report in detail on the level and sources of financing by the donor community, the initial response has been most encouraging. The results will be communicated to the Governing Council in due course.

5. The total financial contributions from the Energy Account to this Programme beginning with 1981 and through 1983 amount to \$4.25 million. The World Bank has contributed an amount equivalent to \$1.5 million annually from its administrative budget since the inception of the Programme.

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^{1/} Bolivia, Morocco, Senegal, Turkey, Zambia.

^{2/} Benin, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, United Republic of Tanzania, Togo, Yemen.