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Request for authority to approve assistance to projects
of the Government of Lebanon

Note by the Administrator

1. As related in document DP/1982/70 of 19 March 1982, the Administrator was informed by the Government of Lebanon in early 1982 that, due to circumstances beyond its control, it had been unable to submit a country programme for the second cycle, 1977-1981, and that it was planning to submit its second country programme to the Governing Council for consideration and approval in June 1983. Accordingly, the Governing Council, in section VIII of its decision 82/4 A authorized the Administrator to approve projects submitted by the Government of Lebanon pending the consideration and approval of the new country programme for Lebanon by the Council in June 1983.
2. Regrettably, the preparation of the country programme has been further delayed. The Government of Lebanon will make every effort to complete preparation of the second country programme in time for submission to the Council in June of 1984. The Administrator is hereby requesting authority to continue to approve assistance to projects submitted by the Government until the second country programme has been approved.
3. Should the Council grant such approval authority to the Administrator, he will proceed with appraisal and approval action on requests for UNDP assistance to projects in accordance with the decisions of the Governing Council that expenditures be kept in reasonable conformity with the relevant indicative planning figure (IPF) and always subject to the overriding requirement of containing expenditures within the financial resources available at any given time, so as to preserve the financial integrity of the Programme.

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