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SPECIAL PROGRAMMES OF ASSISTANCE

Draft decision submitted by

Ecuador, Guinea, India, Mali, Mexico, Pakistan, Trinidad and Tobago,
Tunisia, Turkey, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zambia

The Governing Council,

Recalling that by its resolution 2248 (S-V) of 19 May 1967 the General Assembly established the United Nations Council for Namibia as the legal Administering Authority for Namibia until independence,

Further recalling that by its resolution 2679 (XXV) of 9 December 1970 the General Assembly decided to establish the United Nations Fund for Namibia in order to enable the United Nations Council for Namibia to fulfil its direct responsibility for Namibia and its obligation to assist and prepare the Namibian people for independence,

Cognizant of the repeated appeals of the General Assembly to the executing agencies to waive their agency support costs in respect of projects in favour of Namibia,

Noting that the resources under UNDP's indicative planning figure (IPF) for Namibia are committed and disbursed in close consultation with the United Nations Council for Namibia,

1. Requests, on its part, the executing agencies to waive their agency support costs in respect of projects financed from the United Nations Fund for Namibia;

2. Requests the Administrator and the executing agencies to treat the contributions from the United Nations Fund for Namibia as Government cash counterpart contributions so that the agencies would not charge support costs in respect of those contributions in excess of the amount of 3.5 per cent, in cases where the executing agencies have not yet waived their agency support costs in respect of projects financed from the United Nations Fund for Namibia.



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Cognizant of the repeated appeals of the General Assembly to the executing agencies to waive their agency support costs in respect of projects in favour of Namibia,

Noting that the resources under UNDP's indicative planning figure (IPF) for Namibia are committed and disbursed in close consultation with the United Nations Council for Namibia,

1. Requests, on its part, the executing agencies to waive their agency support costs in respect of projects financed from the United Nations Fund for Namibia or the IPF for Namibia,

2. Decides that contributions from the United Nations Fund for Namibia shall be treated as Government Cash Counterpart Contributions and that agency support costs in respect of those contributions shall not exceed the amount of 3.5 per cent in cases where the executing agencies have not yet waived their agency support costs in respect of projects financed from the United Nations Fund for Namibia."



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MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL IN 1984

Note on conclusions reached at informal consultations
convened by the President on documentation

1. The President of the Governing Council held informal consultations on documentation on Tuesday, 14 June 1983. It was agreed that the following steps should be taken:

Internal measures

2. In July of each year documents to be prepared for the next session of the Governing Council will be divided into four categories:

(a) Those which do not require inputs from parties outside of UNDP; these will be prepared first and will be submitted to United Nations Documents Control by January/February;

(b) Those which require consultations with the agencies; these consultations will be held in November rather than December, so that the documents can be finalized by end February;

(c) Those which require inputs, including financial data, from the agencies; consultations towards expediting these inputs will be held with agencies so that the documents in this category will be ready at the latest by the beginning of April;

(d) Country programmes; field offices will be supported by Headquarters to the maximum extent to assist in expediting the processing of these documents.

3. If, after consultations between the Administrator and the United Nations Department of Conference Services, it is determined that the Department cannot process UNDP documents into all six official languages for circulation in reasonable time before the Council's session, consideration will be given by the Department to contracting out the processing of documents which it cannot handle and to requesting help from other agencies of the United Nations system and Member States to assist in such processing.
4. The Administrator, in accordance with decision 81/37, will continue the practice of organizing informal briefing meetings for Council members prior to its annual session but will attempt to hold these briefings earlier than usual. For briefing purposes finalized drafts of the documents will be made available in the working languages of the Council to the extent that this can be arranged, in order to familiarize delegations with the contents well in advance of the annual session.
5. In addition, to be able to implement the above measures, the Council should authorize the Administrator, as it did in 1981-1982, to spend up to \$200,000 for 1984-1985 to facilitate, in consultation with the Department of Conference Services, the typing, editing, translation and printing of documents for the Council.
6. As in the past, UNDP will draw up for each document a timetable setting forth the dates by which action is to be taken on that document by the bureaux or divisions in UNDP responsible for its preparation. The timetable will end with a date for the transmission of the document to United Nations Conference Services, which date shall be at least 10 weeks before the date of commencement of the Council's session. A better monitoring system within UNDP will be put in place to ensure adherence to this timetable.

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PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES OF ASSISTANCE

Assistance to the Palestinian People

Draft decision submitted by Mali, Mauritania, Pakistan, Tunisia, Yemen

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 79/18 of 26 June 1979, 81/13 of 23 June 1981 and 82/13 of 18 June 1982 and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions,

Recognizing that the economic and social situation of the Palestinian people continues to require the special and urgent attention of the international community,

Recalling also its decisions 80/30 of June 1980, 81/16 of June 1981, and 82/13 of June 1982, concerning the use of Special Programme Resources during the third programming cycle 1982-1986; and in particular paragraph 3 of the latter decision in which the Governing Council appealed to Governments and intergovernmental organizations to provide at least an additional \$US 8 million during the third programming cycle to supplement the resources available from the Special Programme Resources for the purpose of helping to meet the economic and social needs of the Palestinian people,

Noting the obstacles encountered in efforts by the international community to bring meaningful and comprehensive development assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied territories,

Taking note of the Administrator's report on the assistance to the Palestinian people, contained in document DP/1983/14,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Administrator for his continuous efforts in the implementation of the programme of assistance to the Palestinian people;
2. Recommends that further and vigorous efforts be made urgently in collaboration and direct consultation with all parties concerned, as requested in various relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, to achieve the goals regarding meeting the economic and social needs of the Palestinian people;
3. Strongly reiterates its appeal to Governments and intergovernmental organizations to provide additional special contributions amounting to at least \$8 million during the third programming cycle for the purpose of helping to meet the economic and social needs of the Palestinian people;
4. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-first session on the concrete measures taken for the full implementation of this decision, and the result achieved in that respect.

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PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

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Assistance to the Palestinian PeopleDraft decision submitted by Mali, Mauritania, Pakistan, Tunisia, YemenThe Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 79/18 of 26 June 1979 and 81/13 of June 1981 and General Assembly resolution 37/134,

Recognizing that the economic and social situation of the Palestinian people continues to require the special and urgent attention of the international community,

Recalling also its decisions 80/30 of June 1980, 81/16 of June 1981, and 82/13 of June 1982, concerning the use of Special Programme Resources during the third programming cycle 1982/1986; and in particular paragraph 3 of the latter decision in which the Governing Council appealed to Governments and intergovernmental organizations to provide at least an additional \$US 8 million during the third programming cycle to supplement the resources available from the Special Programme Resources for the purpose of helping to meet the economic and social needs of the Palestinian people,

Deploing the interference of the Israeli authorities in efforts by the international community to bring meaningful and comprehensive development assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied territories,

Taking note of the Administrator's Report on the Assistance to the Palestinian People, contained in document DP/1983/14,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Administrator for his continuous efforts in the implementation of the programme of assistance to the Palestinian people;
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PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

Evaluation programme

INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON THE JOINT UN/UNDP/UNIDO EVALUATION ON MANUFACTURES

Chairman's summary

Introduction

1. Under Item 4 (d), Evaluation, informal consultations were held on the UN/UNDP/UNIDO evaluation on Manufactures. A preliminary examination was made of the summary of the report of the evaluation team which had been considered by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (CPC), (E/AC.51/1983/5 and Add.1), the report of the CPC on this item provided in DP/1983/CRP.3 and the Administrator's comments contained in DP/1983/70 and Add.1. This was made pursuant to the views expressed by the Secretary-General that the Governing Council should have the opportunity to examine the findings of the evaluation team before a comprehensive report can be submitted by him to the CPC.

Summary of discussion

2. Delegations welcomed the report of the evaluation team and many considered that it was a very useful one. They felt that the conclusions and recommendations should be considered in-depth. Many delegations expressed the view that UNDP should consider all the recommendations and conclusions of the report in a constructive manner, even those which raised delicate problems.

3. Many delegations, while agreeing that the report was useful and interesting, felt that some of its recommendations were very wide-ranging and clearly needed deeper analysis.

4. A number of the recommendations are internal to UNDP and UNIDO and should be examined by the two administrations to see where immediate and long-term improvements could be made. Others, for example on country programming and problem diagnosis in the industrial sector, need further discussions with governments, because they are the ones responsible for such programming. Still others, for example, regarding the nature of the tripartite system and the staffing of UNDP, would need further examination and any action would require consideration by the Governing Council.

5. Some delegations said that they needed to study the results of the evaluation in further detail and to receive UNIDO's comments and the views of other agencies before they can take final positions, and some wanted the opportunity to examine the full staff evaluation report. It was suggested that the report be taken up again at the Council's organizational meeting in February 1984 after there had been an opportunity for the further analysis mentioned above.

6. In the preliminary discussions on the specific recommendations of the evaluation team, a number of these were found acceptable, while others require further study. Some of the main points made were:

(a) The recommendation that country programming should be more effectively used for problem identification in industry should be applied where appropriate and practical, not necessarily for all countries and for smaller projects. The suggestion that the identification of projects in the country programme formulation stage sometimes leads to the premature allocation of resources should be carefully examined.

(b) The priorities established by recipient governments must be respected in programming and project identification. UNDP should not, of course, agree to projects which are improperly designed or impractical and the present process of dialogue between governments and UNDP is the appropriate course to take in order to reach agreement.

(c) The proposal to lengthen the programming cycle to ten years may not be practical although certain projects could be planned in long-term and time-frame if desired by governments.

(d) With regard to the technical capacity of UNDP and UNIDO it is agreed that better technical backstopping is needed. UNDP should have the necessary technical capacity at Headquarters for this purpose and several delegations thought that this capacity should be strengthened. However, in the field, UNDP should rely on the executing agency for technical inputs.

(e) It was noted that UNDP fully accepts the recommendations that project design, monitoring and evaluation and reporting need strengthening and has intensified staff training in this area.

(f) With regard to the role and functions of the participants in the tripartite system, the interdependence of the tripartite system must be recognized. In practice, the perception of governments, resident representatives and agency personnel with regard to the operations of the tripartite system may vary. It was suggested that the observations of the evaluation team on the functioning of the tripartite system be examined carefully in order to determine if improvements can be made.

7. Delegations appreciated the effort which the United Nations, UNDP and UNIDO had made in conducting the study. Given the far-reaching nature of some of the conclusions and recommendations, the Council was not in a position to examine them fully and make final comments during its thirtieth session. It was agreed that UNDP would make the full staff evaluation report prepared by the evaluation team available to all governments, who would be invited to send their comments to UNDP. It was also agreed that its Administrator should examine the report in further detail, and with a positive approach, including the evidence on which the conclusions and recommendations were based, in order to identify those recommendations which are practical and appropriate and can be readily adopted; those which require further study and consultations; those which would require changes in existing legislation and decision by the Governing Council; and those which the Administrator considers impractical or inappropriate. The Administrator shall report further on the foregoing matters to the Governing Council.

Conclusions

8. It is recommended, therefore, that the Administrator examine further the conclusions and recommendations of the evaluation team and determine those on which action could be taken in order to improve project identification and implementation in the industrial sector, either immediately or after further reference to the Council (as he has indicated he intends to do in DP/1983/16). In conducting this further examination, the Administrator should collaborate with the United Nations and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, and the other organizations of the United Nations system and be guided by the views of delegations expressed in the informal consultations and in the plenary debates at the thirtieth session of the Governing Council and those transmitted to him by governments after their further examination of the report of the evaluation team.

9. This work should result in the preparation of a Programme Advisory Note to provide guidance to programme staff of UNDP and UNIDO.

10. The results of this further examination should be communicated informally to members of the Council through their Permanent Missions in New York by the end of 1983 and a report prepared for consideration by the Organizational Meeting, February 1984, of the Governing Council. Subsequently, the report should be submitted to CPC at its session in May 1984.



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Summary of discussion

2. Delegations welcomed the report of the evaluation team and many considered that it was an excellent one. Several governments had examined the report in their capitals. They felt that the conclusions and recommendations should be considered in depth. The main findings on the effectiveness of projects in the industrial sector were quite positive and many delegations felt that UNDP should react to them also in a positive manner. There were, however, a number of rather important conclusions and recommendations of a critical nature.

3. Some delegations, while agreeing that the report was useful and interesting, felt that some of its recommendations were very wide-ranging and clearly needed deeper analysis.

4. A number of the recommendations are internal to UNDP and UNIDO and should be examined by the two administrations to see where immediate improvements could be made. Others, for example on country programming and problem diagnosis in the industrial sector, need further discussions with governments. Still others, for example, regarding the nature of the tripartite system and the staffing of UNDP, would need further examination and any action would require consideration by the Governing Council.

5. Some delegations said that they needed to study the results of the evaluation in further detail and to receive UNIDO's comments and the views of other agencies before they can take final positions, and some wanted the opportunity to examine the full staff evaluation report. It was suggested that the report be taken up again at the Council's organizational meeting in February 1984 after there had been an opportunity for the further analysis mentioned above.

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(a) The recommendation that country programming should be more effectively used for problem identification in industry should be applied where appropriate and practical, not necessarily for all countries and for smaller projects. The suggestion that the identification of projects in the country programme formulation stage sometimes leads to the premature allocation of resources should be carefully examined.

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(e) It was noted that UNDP fully accepts the recommendations that project design, monitoring and evaluation and reporting need strengthening and has intensified staff training in this area.

(f) With regard to the role and functions of the participants in the tripartite system, the interdependence of the tripartite system must be recognized. While the respective roles and functions are well established, perceptions may vary, in practice, among individual governments, resident representatives and agency personnel.

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PROGRAMME PLANNING: THE THIRD PROGRAMMING CYCLE, 1982-1986

USE OF SPECIAL PROGRAMME RESOURCES

Draft decision submitted by the Budgetary and Finance Committee

The Governing Council,

Having considered the note by the Administrator on the use of Special Programme Resources (DP/1983/29), and the relevant part of the report of the High-Level Committee on the Review of TCDC (TCDC/3/L.14/Add.2 and Add.6),

(a) Approves an allocation of \$610,000 from the Special Programme Resources of the third cycle for information and communication support for the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade (IDWSSD) during the period 1 July 1983 to 31 December 1985;

(b) Approves an allocation of \$600,000 from the Special Programme Resources of the third cycle for specific action-oriented promotional activities for technical co-operation among developing countries (TCDC) during the period 1984-1985, subject to consideration of a possible increase as recommended in paragraph 2 of TCDC/3/L.14/Add.2 (page 4), following the mid-term review to take place at the thirty-first session of the Governing Council;

(c) Decides that resources for the TCDC Information Referral System (INRES) during the period 1984-1985 in an amount of \$600,000 shall be appropriated under a separate appropriation line in the biennial budget for 1984-1985;

(d) Requests the Administrator to present a full report on the progress of the INRES project to the thirty-first session of the Governing Council; and

(e) Requests the Administrator to present a report to the thirty-first session of the Governing Council on the implications of the decision adopted by the High-Level Committee on the review of TDC contained in document TDC/3/L.14/Add.6, operative paragraphs 3, 5 and 6.



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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM RECOVERY AND
REHABILITATION PROGRAMME IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION
(AGENDA ITEM 6 (ii))

IMPLEMENTATION IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION OF THE PLAN OF
ACTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION (AGENDA ITEM 6 (i))

Draft decisions

Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region
(Agenda item 6 (ii))

The Governing Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly General Assembly resolutions 36/203 of 17 December 1981 and 37/165 of 17 December 1982, and Council resolutions, 1981/55 of 22 July 1981 and 1982/49 of 28 July 1982,

Recalling also its decisions 81/5 of 19 June 1981 and 82/27 of 18 June 1982,

Gravely concerned by the critical impact of the repeated and prolonged drought on the economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian countries,

Recognizing the decisive role played by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in helping to combat the effects of the drought through the implementation of the priority medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) and the mobilization of the necessary resources to finance their respective priority projects,

Noting with satisfaction the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (A/38/180 (JIU/REP/83/1)), and recommendations contained therein,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (A/38/152);
2. Commends the Administrator for his continuing priority attention to the pressing needs of the drought-affected Sudano-Sahelian countries and for the results achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in supporting the drought-related medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation activities in the region;
3. Expresses its gratitude to the Governments, United Nations agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;
4. Appeals to all Governments and other actual and potential donors to further strengthen their support for the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office so as to enable it to respond more fully to the priority requirements of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel, including voluntary contributions through the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

5. Requests the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to continue its close co-operation with the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel and its member States with a view to hastening the implementation of the recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region; and

6. Requests the Administrator to continue to report to it on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

Implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian Region of the Plan of Action
to Combat Desertification (Agenda item 6 (i))

The Governing Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly Assembly resolutions 36/203 of 17 December 1981 and 37/216 of 20 December 1982 and Council resolutions 1981/55 of 22 July 1981 and 1982/55 of 29 July 1982,

Recalling also its decisions 81/4 of 19 June 1981 and 82/26 of 18 June 1982,

Noting the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme adopted on 24 May 1983 which, inter alia, endorsed the United Nations Environment Programme's partnership with UNDP in support of the joint venture to assist the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, in combating desertification,

Noting with satisfaction the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (A/38/180 (JIU/REP/83/1)) and recommendations contained therein,

Conscious of the need for the speedy implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the plan of action to combat desertification as an integral part of the general efforts to promote the economic and social development of the region on an ecologically sound basis and of the crucial role of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in implementing the plan,

Stressing that desertification is both a major form of environmental degradation and an obstacle to development in areas with fragile ecosystems characterized by low and erratic rainfall,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Administrator on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the plan of action to combat desertification (DP/1983/38);

2. Commands the Administrator on the progress achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in assisting the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, within the joint UNDP/UNEP venture, in implementing the plan of action to combat desertification;

3. Requests the Administrator to continue to support the administrative and programme costs of the joint UNDP/UNEP venture in full and equal partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme with a view to ensuring the timely and effective provision of assistance, through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, in combating desertification at a level commensurate with the needs of the countries of the region;

4. Urges all Governments, organizations, organs and other bodies of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental organizations and private organizations, to intensify their assistance either bilaterally or through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office or any other intermediary, in response to the priority requirements of the countries of the region; and

5. Further requests the Administrator to continue to report annually to the Governing Council on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the plan of action to combat desertification.



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Report of the Chairman of the Drafting Group
to the Plenary

Consensus has been reached in the Drafting Group on the decisions contained in the addenda to this report. These decisions are consequently submitted to plenary for adoption.

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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

ADDENDUM

Recruitment and Reduction of Cost of Project Professional Personnel (Agenda item 4 (b))

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on recruitment and reduction of cost of project professional personnel (DP/1983/8 and Add.1) and taking note of the views expressed thereon,

1. Invites the executing agencies to continue the improvement of their policies and procedures for the recruitment of project professional personnel and, in particular, to:

(a) Adopt measures which would facilitate the sharing among agencies of relevant roster information in similar fields of work;

(b) Give full consideration to qualified candidates from as many sources as possible when filling project vacancies so as not to limit recruitment to personnel already employed;

(c) Submit to recipient governments for consideration at least three qualified candidates;

(d) Keep national recruitment services fully informed about their requirements for the maintenance and up-dating of rosters and provide, with the consent of the parties concerned, these services with a list of candidates currently on the rosters of agencies who are nationals of the particular national recruitment services;

2. Requests the executing agencies to pursue actively appropriate and cost-effective recruitment measures including the increased use of nationally recruited project professional personnel as well as other alternatives to internationally recruited project professional personnel and requests the Administrator to promote this objective;

3. Further requests the Administrator to make arrangements for the more active involvement of UNDP in the clearance process to fill vacant UNDP-supported project posts;

4. Further requests the Administrator to take all the necessary steps to achieve the implementation of the recommendations and suggestions included in his report for the reduction of the cost of project personnel and, in particular, to design projects in such a manner that:

(a) The type and level of personnel foreseen in UNDP-supported projects is best suited to accomplish its objectives;

(b) Short-term personnel is utilized whenever this is the more cost-effective option;

(c) Full consideration is given to the use of United Nations Volunteers.

5. Further requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-second session on progress achieved on the effective utilization of all available options to reduce the cost of personnel inputs in UNDP-supported projects.

Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action
for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries
(Agenda Item 4 (b))

The Governing Council,

Recalling the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries held in Paris in September 1981, as well as General Assembly resolutions 35/205 of 16 December 1980 and 36/194 of 17 December 1981 and 37/224 of 20 December 1981 which, inter alia, urged all donor countries to make adequate special allocations to the UNDP Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries and the United Nations Capital Development Fund, or through other suitable channels for the least developed countries, in order to provide extra resources needed by the Governments of these countries,

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Recalling its decision 82/11 which inter alia reiterated the special role that has been assigned to UNDP in the implementation and follow-up of the Substantial New Programme of Action (SNPA) and urged all States, particularly donor countries, to make all possible efforts to contribute substantially to the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries and the United Nations Capital Development Fund,

Reaffirming the importance of making technical co-operation and capital assistance for the implementation of the SNPA available to the LDCs,

Taking note with appreciation of the contributions pledged by a number of Governments to the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries and to the United Nations Capital Development Fund,

Noting however with deep concern that to date the level of IPF resources to be made available to LDCs during the third programming cycle of UNDP has decreased from the illustrative IPFs of \$1.546 billion to \$850 million, thus precluding the full impact that UNDP as the main source of multilateral technical co-operation for LDCs would have in the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action,

Further noting with grave concern that the contributions so far pledged to the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries and to the United Nations Capital Development Fund for 1983 are less than the level of resources made available in 1982,

Taking note of the Administrator's report Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s in the Least Developed Countries (DP/1983/11) on measures taken by UNDP to implement the Substantial New Programme of Action. Also taking note with appreciation in particular of UNDP's important role as lead agency in the preparation at the request of Governments of country review meetings (Round Tables) and donor conferences, 10 of which have been completed with encouraging results, while 18 are under preparation for implementation later in 1983 and 1984,

1. Reiterates its appeal to all States, particularly donor countries, to make all possible efforts to substantially and effectively increase their assistance to least developed countries through contributions to the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries and the United Nations Capital Development Fund, as well as through other suitable channels for the Least Developed Countries;

2. Urges the Administrator to continue to give special attention to UNDP's increased support to the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action by assuming, at the request of Governments, and in accordance with paragraph 111 of the Substantial New Programme of Action, the function of lead agency in the preparation and organization of round-table conferences and donor conferences, including inter alia the organization of negotiations with donor Governments and organizations and financial institutions in preparation of donor conferences, as well as the appropriate follow-up to such conferences;

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3. Urges member States to give careful attention to future round tables and donor conferences and, where possible to participate and contribute to the success of such round-table conferences, as well as to the follow through on pledges;

4. Requests the Administrator to report to the thirty-first session of the Governing Council on the implementation of this decision.



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Addendum

Evaluation Programme (Agenda item 4 (d))

I

Arrangements for the evaluation of the results and
effectiveness of the Programme

The Governing Council,

Having considered the note by the Administrator entitled "Arrangements for the evaluation of the results and effectiveness of the Programme" presented to the Intersessional Committee of the Whole (DP/1983/ICW/6), the report of the Intersessional Committee of the Whole on evaluation (DP/1983/5, paras. 54-58) and the opening address by the Administrator during the high-level segment of its thirtieth session,

Noting the relevant reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU/REP/82/12 and JIU/REP/83/5) and the comments on them by the Administrator contained in DP/1983/CRP.3,

Further noting the Administrator's report on the evaluation programme contained in DP/1983/16,

1. Welcomes the Administrator's decision to establish a small Central Evaluation Unit in the United Nations Development Programme and to develop a strengthened programme along the lines identified in his note to the Intersessional Committee of the Whole (DP/1983/ICW/6), including an examination of the experience gained with thematic evaluations and the utilization of their results and the

formulation of a new programme of studies, bearing in mind the results of this examination;

2. Notes that the costs of this Unit in 1983 would be covered from savings in 1982-83 budget through redeployment of existing resources;

3. Requests the Administrator to report on the progress in strengthening evaluation in the United Nations Development Programme, and on the results of the evaluation work carried out, at its thirty-first session.

II

Report on thematic evaluations

The Governing Council,

Takes note of the summary report on the thematic evaluation on Human Resources Development for Primary Health Care (DP/1983/16, annex).

III

Women in development

The Governing Council,

Taking into account the complex nature of the United Nations system evaluation of women's involvement in technical co-operation, which is in preparation and is to be presented to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women in 1985,

Decides that the results of the evaluation of women's involvement in technical co-operation which it requested in decision 82/12 should be available before the end of 1984 and that the report shall be submitted to the Council at its thirty-second session, and requests that a progress report be provided at its thirty-first session.

IV*

Joint UN/UNDP/UNIDO evaluation on manufactures

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the note by the Secretary-General (E/AC.51/5) to the Committee

* Section IV is taken from the conclusions of the informal consultations on the UN/UNDP/UNIDO evaluation on manufactures, which were adopted by the Plenary on 18 June 1983, and are contained in document DP/1983/L.13/Rev.1.

for Programme and Co-ordination (CPC) and the summary of the staff report on the UN/UNDP/UNIDO evaluation on manufactures (E/AC.51/5/Add.1) as well as the relevant section of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the note by the Administrator containing his comments on the summary report (DP/1983/70 and Add.1),

Taking into account the preliminary discussion held on the evaluation on manufactures which is summarized in the annex,

1. Requests the Administrator to arrange for the full staff evaluation report to be translated into working languages and distributed to Governments;

2. Also requests the Administrator to examine further the conclusions and recommendations of the evaluation team and determine those on which action could be taken, either immediately or after reference to the Council, to improve project identification and implementation in the industrial sector. In so doing, he should collaborate with the United Nations, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and other organizations and agencies of the United Nations system, and take into account the views of delegations expressed at the thirtieth session and those subsequently transmitted to him by Governments after their consideration of the staff evaluation report;

3. Decides that the results of this further examination should be communicated informally to members of the Council by the end of 1983 and a report prepared for consideration by the organizational meeting of the Council in February 1984, and that subsequently the report should be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-fourth session in 1984.

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United Nations Fund for Population Activities
(Agenda item 6(b))

I

The Governing Council,

Recalling paragraphs 2 and 3 of General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 concerning the role of the Council relating to UNFPA,

Taking note of the reports of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the activities of the Fund in 1982 (DP/1983/19 and Add. 1), on allocations to projects in 1982 (DP/1983/19/Add.2 and Add. 3), and on past Governing Council debates and decisions which continue to affect the United Nations Fund for Population Activities in the 1980s (DP/1983/22),

Continuing to underscore the importance of the human rights and voluntary aspects in regard to family planning for individuals and couples, as guaranteed in the World Population Plan of Action, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and other international declarations and strategies adopted by the United Nations,

Taking into account the comments made by delegations at its thirtieth session,

1. Notes with satisfaction the trends in the proportion of assistance allocated to the priority programme areas outlined in decision 81/7, I, paragraph 3, as reflected in the annual report of the Executive Director for 1982 (DP/1983/19); and requests the Executive Director to continue to strengthen his efforts in this regard;

2. Also notes with satisfaction the attainment in 1982 by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities of the goal of devoting up to two-thirds of country programme assistance to the priority countries for population assistance from the Fund;

3. Recognizes that all developing countries are eligible for assistance from the Fund and requests the Executive Director to make every effort to ensure in a flexible way that country activities currently supported by the Fund are not interrupted before they have reached their term;

4. Requests the Executive Director to provide to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session a report regarding the experiences gained by the Fund in using the present set of criteria for selecting priority countries and to include a progress report on this matter in his annual report;

5. Requests the Executive Director to continue his efforts to reduce the proportion of assistance from the Fund allocated to intercountry activities so as to attain the target of not more than 25 per cent of total programmable resources allocated to such activities by 1984, at the same time increasing the proportion of regional activities;

6. Requests the Executive Director to provide to the Governing Council at its thirty-first session a report on UNFPA's evaluations including information on how the results of such evaluations have been fed back into, and taken account of in, the policy formulation, programming and the implementation process at the project, country and intercountry level;

7. Also requests the Executive Director to provide to the Council at its thirty-third session a further report on the comparative results of past evaluations according to the major Work Plan categories;

8. Appreciates the update of the review and reassessment and the Work Plan for 1984-1987 and request for approval authority (DP/1983/20), commends the Executive Director for his cautious approach in forward planning, agrees to the intended distribution of new programmable resources between country and intercountry activities for the years 1983-1985, and requests the Executive Director to submit a report on programme planning to the Council at its thirty-first session;

9. Requests the Executive Director to provide to the Governing Council at its thirty-second session a report which would provide a problem-oriented analysis of UNFPA's experience in family planning given the priority accorded to this area in decision 81/7;

10. Requests the Executive Director to provide to the Governing Council at its thirty-second session a report on the use of incentives and disincentives in family planning programmes, describing the various types utilized, experiences in the use of such incentives and disincentives, and the effects of such systems on the quality of services offered and on the individual's free and informed choice;

11. Requests the Executive Director to present to the Governing Council at its thirty-first session a report reviewing UNFPA programming procedures including basic needs assessment, project formulation, appraisal and monitoring;

12. Requests the Executive Director to continue his efforts to avoid duplication in population programmes and ensure co-operation and co-ordination among the United Nations family of agencies involved in this field;

13. Urges all countries, particularly those that have not contributed to the UNFPA, to support the work of the Fund and requests the Executive Director to strengthen his efforts to secure resources from all countries;

14. Urges governments to make payments of their contributions to the Fund as early in the year as possible;

15. Requests the Executive Director to explore modalities for securing additional resources from the private sector in line with existing regulations and to report to the Council at its thirty-first session;

16. Urges the Executive Director to continue to take advantage of the wide-ranging experience of international and national non-governmental organizations as executing agencies and also urges the Executive Director, in utilizing the various agencies within the United Nations system as executing agencies, to encourage these agencies to take into account Governing Council decisions and UNFPA policies in regard to population programming whenever they implement UNFPA programmes and projects;

17. Requests the Executive Director to report in an annex to the next Work Plan on Council approvals by country, giving the period covered, total commitment, expenditures of past years and current allocations;

18. Requests the Executive Director to provide a report to the Council at its thirty-first session on programmes of the regional and interregional demographic training and research centres, taking into account the need for such training and research, including the level of UNFPA support for the four-year period and the extent to which these centres have incorporated the principles outlined in document DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/8.

II

Taking note of the joint report of the Executive Director of UNFPA and the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the future role of the United Nations system in family planning research, including contraceptive research and development (DP/1983/21 and Add. 1),

Taking into account the views expressed by the members of the Council in regard to the sovereignty of Member States in determining the areas of family planning research in which they wish to be involved,

1. Endorses the priority areas for UNFPA funding in family planning research as outlined in paragraphs 12 and 13 of document DP/1983/21;
2. Approves, in principle, a four year UNFPA funding commitment (1984-1987) to the World Health Organization/Human Reproduction Programme (WHO/HRP), noting the level of funding for the WHO/HRP recommended in document DP/1983/21;
3. Decides on a \$2 million UNFPA contribution for 1984 to the WHO/HRP programme;
4. Further decides that the level of contribution to the WHO/HRP would be subject to an annual review by the Council, taking into account available resources, priority research needs and a concise report on UNFPA strategy for support of contraceptive research through all appropriate organizations, which the Executive Director is requested to prepare for the thirty-first session of the Council;
5. Encourages the UNFPA to increase support for family planning research at the country level, ensuring that funding for this research is appropriately co-ordinated with WHO and other relevant organizations involved in this field.
6. Further encourages the UNFPA to continue to provide assistance in the area of family planning research within the level of 25 per cent of total programmable resources available for intercountry activities as outlined in decision 82/20, I, paragraphs 3 and 6 (b).



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Addendum

United Nations Technical Co-operation Activities
Report of the Secretary-General (Agenda item 6 (a))

The Governing Council,

Taking note with appreciation of the reports of the Secretary-General on United Nations Technical Co-operation Activities (DP/1983/18, DP/1983/18/Add.1 and Add.2) as a first step towards the implementation of resolution 37/232 of the General Assembly,

Recalling its decision 82/19,

1. Notes with great concern the impact on the DTCD of the decline in the availability of resources, particularly as regards technical co-operation in certain key economic and social areas, among them, natural resources and energy, development planning, development administration, statistics and population, and ocean economics and technology;

2. Endorses the continuing efforts of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, as the principal operational arm of the United Nations for technical co-operation activities for the benefit of the developing countries, and reaffirms its support for the orientation of DTCD's work programme under the United Nations Regular Programme;

3. Welcomes the efforts made by the Department to streamline its operational capabilities so as to maximize the use of the limited resources available and to strengthen its collaboration with the UNDP and its field offices as well as with other entities in the United Nations system, and to intensify its co-operation with Governments in order to ensure the responsiveness of DTCD programmes to the needs of developing countries and to those of the least developed countries in particular;

4. Recommends that full account be taken of the technical expertise of the Department in decisions to designate executing agencies for the implementation of UNFPA, UNDP projects, as well as the projects of other funds placed under the authority of the Administrator;

5. Invites the Secretary-General to provide the detailed information called for in General Assembly resolutions 37/226 and 37/232, including in particular information on extrabudgetary resources and associated manning tables and the United Nations procurement guidelines for technical co-operation projects so that the Governing Council may take into account the information at its thirty-first session;

6. Reiterates its request that necessary action should be completed, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, in order to enable the Department to achieve greater flexibility with regard to administrative, personnel and financial matters related to the implementation of technical co-operation projects. In this connection, urges that clearer terms of reference for the Department be issued so as inter alia to avoid duplication of existing structures within the United Nations Secretariat.



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TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Draft decisions submitted by the Budgetary and Finance Committee
concerning the report of the High-level Committee on the Review
of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries

I

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the recommendations of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries related to measures to facilitate technical co-operation among developing countries (TCDC/3/L.14/Add.5);
2. Urges the Administrator to take, to the extent possible, immediate concrete measures to enable the Special Unit for TCDC to carry out its functions effectively, taking into account paragraphs 4 and 6 of document TCDC/3/L.14/Add.5, paying particular attention to field and action-oriented TCDC activities and having regard to the need to contain the administrative costs;
3. Decides that the staffing pattern of the Special Unit for TCDC will be reviewed at the Council's thirty-first session in connection with its review of the resources available to UNDP; and
4. Requests the Administrator to submit a summary assessment of the related operational implications for the work of the Special Unit for TCDC.

II

The Governing Council,

Having considered document TCDC/3/L.14/Add.7,

Requests the Administrator to study the consequences of the proposals therein and to report his conclusions to the Governing Council at the thirty-first session.



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR 1982

Draft decision

The Governing Council,

Having considered the annual report of the Administrator for 1982 (DP/1983/6 and Add.1-4), and

Taking into account the views expressed thereon during the thirtieth session of the Governing Council,

1. Notes in particular the concern expressed by the Administrator in his introduction to the report with respect to the proportion of official development assistance devoted to technical co-operation;
2. Welcomes the section of the report entitled "Project results, Programme accomplishments" (DP/1983/6/Add.2) and the expanded statistical annex (DP/1983/6/Add.4) providing more detailed data on Programme activities;
3. Requests the Administrator to continue his efforts to provide, in the Annual Report and by other means, substantial material dealing with the results and impact of the Programme in the development process in the developing countries;
4. Notes further the information provided by the Administrator with respect to the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (DP/1983/7 and Add.1), as well as, in particular, the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on field offices of the United Nations Development Programme (JIU/REP/83/4) and the relevant comments of delegations thereon; and

5. Requests the Administrator to take into account, as appropriate, those recommendations of the Inspectors designed to enhance the quality of programmes and projects supported by the Development Programme and to increase the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the Programme.



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ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SUDANO-SAHELIAN OFFICE (UNSO) AND
OTHER ASSISTANCE TO DROUGHT-STRICKEN COUNTRIES IN AFRICA

OTHER ASSISTANCE TO DROUGHT-STRICKEN COUNTRIES IN AFRICA

Draft decision submitted by the Gambia

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the Administrator's report on other assistance to
drought-stricken countries in Africa (DP/1983/40),

1. Recommends that the report on such other assistance to the countries
members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel
(CILSS) be incorporated in the report presented by the United Nations
Sudano-Sahelian Office;
2. Further recommends that reports pertaining to other African countries be
submitted to the Governing Council whenever warranted by new or continuing drought
conditions in these countries.



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OTHER FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES

UNITED NATIONS FINANCING SYSTEM FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

Draft decision

The Governing Council

1. Notes with appreciation the report of the Administrator on the operations and management of the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (DP/1983/36) as well as the additional information provided by the Administrator;

2. Authorizes the approval of the project for Application of Technologies Appropriate for Rural Areas in Indonesia (Phase II) at a total estimated expenditure of \$2,190,000 (described in document DP/STD/PROJECTS/REC/1) and the Technological Information Pilot System at a total estimated expenditure of \$5,961,800 (described in document DP/STD/PROJECTS/REC/2);

3. Further decides to authorize the Administrator to approve the projects listed in DP/1983/72 on the completion of the appraisal process in each case, and on the conclusion of the necessary negotiations, subject to the availability of resources.

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OTHER FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES

PROGRAMMES IN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Draft decisionThe Governing Council,

Taking note of the annual report of the Administrator DP/1983/6/Add.3, on actions taken in respect of programmes in energy development particularly with reference to the role played by UNDP in the implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy (A/CONF.100/11),

Noting with appreciation the report of the Administrator DP/1983/37 on the UNDP/World Bank Energy Sector Assessment Programme and the Energy Sector Management Programme,

1. Expresses its satisfaction for the increased UNDP support to the efforts of the developing countries to promote the development of indigenous energy resources, especially new and renewable, and to improve the efficient utilization of energy as recommended by the Nairobi Programme of Action;

2. Recommends, as called for by the first session of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy, that developed and developing countries which are in a position to do so should provide additional resources, inter alia, through existing channels such as the UNDP general resources and the UNDP Energy Account, to support pre-investment and technical assistance activities related to the development of new and renewable sources of energy in developing countries; and

3. Further recommends that existing expertise in the United Nations be fully taken into account in planning and follow up of assessment studies;

4. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-first session on the results of actions taken in respect of energy programmes.



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POLICY REVIEW: MEASURES TO MOBILIZE INCREASED RESOURCES FOR UNDP
ON AN INCREASINGLY PREDICTABLE, CONTINUOUS AND ASSURED BASIS

Informal text regarding documents DP/1982/35 and DP/1983/ICW/13

IV. ADDITIONAL AND ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF FINANCING AND
PROVIDING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE THROUGH UNDP
AND THE FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY UNDP

The Governing Council

1. Authorizes the Administrator to provide, with the agreement of the recipient country concerned and using agency expertise whenever appropriate, management and other support services on behalf of Governments, as set out in paragraph 17 of document DP/1983/ICW/13;
2. Requests the Administrator in providing these services:
 - (a) To take into account the views expressed by the Intersessional Committee of the Whole and by the Governing Council during its thirtieth session;
 - (b) To ensure that the provision of such services shall not be allowed to erode the central multilateral character of the Programme and that the activities remain essentially marginal to government contributions to core resources and to the work of implementing the UNDP programme;
3. Requests the Administrator to follow the general guidelines set forth in document DP/1983/69 in making charges to donor Governments for such management and support services so as to ensure that these services do not entail any financial implications for UNDP;
4. Requests the Administrator to report annually on the development of these activities;
5. Decides to assess the experience gained after a period of two years.



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DRAFT DECISION SUBMITTED BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT,
DR. JERZY SZEREMETA (POLAND), REGARDING THE
REPORT OF THE ICW AS A RESULT OF HIS INFORMAL
CONSULTATIONS

Measures to mobilize increased resources for UNDP on an
increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis

The Governing Council,

Recalling the central funding role assigned to UNDP in the 1970 Consensus,

Reiterating its concern at the alarming decline in the rate of growth of the
resources of the Programme,

Reaffirming the urgent need to achieve adequate real growth of the resources
of the Programme during the period 1982-1986, as envisaged in the appeal made by
the General Assembly in resolution 36/200 of 17 December 1981,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 37/227 of 20 December 1982 on the
critical situation of financial resources of the UNDP,

Sharing the deep concern noted in that resolution at the result of the
1982 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the serious
consequences it would have on the proposed programme delivery for the third
programming cycle, 1982-1986, of UNDP,

Recalling also its decision 80/30, reiterated by its later decisions, 81/16
and 82/5,

Recalling also its decision 82/5 Section II establishing an intersessional committee of the whole to study the measures to mobilize increased resources for UNDP on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis,

Having considered the report of the Intersessional Committee of the Whole (DP/1983/5),

I. LONGER-TERM FINANCING OF UNDP

1. Decides to adopt the following measures to improve the longer-term mobilization of resources for UNDP whereby:

(a) Appropriate informal intergovernmental consultations will be held prior to the annual pledging conference and those Governments in a position to do so will each year make firm pledges for the pledging year and give indicative or tentative statements on their pledges for the following two years, expressed in SDRs if they so chose; other Governments will continue to make annual pledges but on the understanding that all Governments would have regard to the recommendations of (c) below;

(b) Prior to establishing the target level of resources for the programme for a given period, and bearing in mind the technical assistance needs of developing countries, the Administrator will arrange for appropriate informal consultations to be held among all Participating Governments to discuss the Programme's growth with a view to ensuring the maximum possible planning levels consistent with the readiness of Participating Governments to provide resources. The outcome of these consultations will be made known to the Governing Council. The Governing Council will take a decision on the overall target for resources and the implicit rate of growth contained in that target. The objective of these informal consultations shall be to ensure a steady growth in Programme resources. It shall also be to aim at increasing the number of significant contributors to UNDP and promoting a more equitable pattern of contributions among the donor countries to the Programme.

(c) It is recommended that all Governments make their best efforts towards the maintenance of the real value of their contributions to UNDP from year to year as a minimum objective, with the calculation of the amount required to maintain such value being made by each Government in respect of its own contribution, and to inform the Administrator of their intentions of the earliest possible time;

2. Requests the Administrator to submit proposals for the consideration of the Governing Council based on the preliminary discussion in the Intersessional Committee of the Whole on the possibility of introducing a three-year rolling system of pledges and programme implementation without prejudice to the present country programming and IPF arrangements and the voluntary nature of the Programme.

II. SHORT-TERM FINANCING SITUATION

Noting that the Interessional Committee of the Whole, taking into account the seriousness of the current resource situation and its possible implications for the longer-term aspect of the Programme, examined measures which might alleviate in the shorter term the resource constraints experienced in 1982 and expected in 1983,

1. Notes with appreciation that several Governments found it possible to provide additional resources beyond the level of originally pledged contributions so as to alleviate the shortfall of resources currently experienced by UNDP and expresses the hope that other Governments will find it possible to make similar supplementary contributions;
2. Appeals to all net contributor governments to consider transferring to UNDP at the end of their respective fiscal years, development assistance resources which could not be disbursed through other channels in order to meet the short-term financing requirements of UNDP.
3. Urges strongly all Governments participating in UNDP to draw attention in all international forums, conferences and similar assemblies to the present critical financial situation of UNDP and to the need for providing to it a higher level of resources.

III. OTHER MATTERS THAT MIGHT FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURES FOR THE LONGER-TERM FINANCING OF UNDP INCLUDING, IN PARTICULAR, OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRENGTHENING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE WORK OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Recalling its decision 82/5, Section II, and that part of its mandate which requires study of other matters that might facilitate the implementation of measures to enhance the longer-term financing of UNDP including, in particular, options and recommendations for strengthening the effectiveness of the work of the Governing Council,

A. Strengthening the role of the Governing Council and participating Governments in programme planning and programme review

1. Approves the following points, in order to improve the working of the Governing Council:
 - (a) Briefing meetings and informal consultations between delegations and the secretariat should continue to be held;
 - (b) Feedback from evaluations and reports on programme implementation into the programme planning process should be enhanced;

(c) Greater efforts should be made by the secretariat to adhere to all the relevant rules concerning the provision of concise official documentation to delegations well in advance of Council sessions;

(d) Detailed information should be furnished by the secretariat to delegations upon request to help enhance the understanding of the work performed by UNDP.

2. Decides that, for a trial period of three years, the Governing Council shall, in the context of regularly scheduled sessions, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, in order to:

(a) consider major issues related to programme matters;

(b) review country, regional, interregional and global programmes and projects;

(c) review programme and projects implementation;

(d) consider reports on evaluation studies; and

(e) deal with other matters related to the programme management of UNDP.

3. The Council, acting in the capacity described in paragraph 1, shall be presided over by the President of the Council or another member of the bureau designated by him.

In order to facilitate its work and the work of the plenary meeting of the Council, it shall dispense with summary records and schedule its meetings so as not to coincide with the meetings of the Plenary. The Presiding Officer shall submit its written report to the Plenary.

4. The Governing Council shall, at its thirty-third session, on the basis of the experience gained, review this decision with a view to examining the possibility of establishing a programme committee.

B. Arrangements for the evaluation of the results
and effectiveness of the Programme

Welcomes the Administrator's decision to establish a small Central Evaluation Unit in UNDP and to develop a strengthened programme along the lines identified in his report to the Intersessional Committee of the Whole (DP/1983/ICW/6) and notes that the costs of this Unit in 1983 would be covered from savings in the 1982-83 budget through redeployment of existing resources.

C. Measures to promote better understanding of the role and activities of UNDP and of the resource needs of the Programme

1. Recognizes the need for strengthening the efforts of the Administrator and his staff, Governments of both recipient and donor countries, and co-operating agencies in the United Nations system in disseminating selective and timely information about UNDP, its programmes, projects and achievements; and

2. Agrees that the Administrator should explore and implement the action proposals suggested in document DP/1983/ICW/7 and report thereon to the Governing Council.

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Insert following preambular paragraph:

Bearing in mind the views expressed in the ICW and the Governing Council on management and support services to Governments, as well as the encouraging actions taken by developing countries in support of the essentially multilateral character of the Programme, including through such inputs as voluntary local programme costs, support to local office costs, cost sharing arrangements and funds-in-trust, which strengthen and broaden UNDP action through the world,
