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- 83/2. Country and intercountry programmes and projects
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- 83/9. Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the least developed countries
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In addition, the following decisions of the Governing Council are relevant to the consideration of other items of the agenda of the Economic and Social Council:

<u>Agenda item</u>	<u>Governing Council decision</u>
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83/L. Programme and organization of work of the
Governing Council in 1983

The Governing Council

I

1. Approves the provisional agenda and tentative schedule of work for its special meeting devoted to the consideration of country and intercountry programmes and projects, to be held from 14 to 18 February 1983, contained in annexes I and II to document DP/1983/L.2;

2. Also approves the provisional agenda and tentative schedule of work for its thirtieth session, to be held from 6 to 24 June 1983, contained in annexes I and II to document DP/1983/L.3 and Corr.1 (English only).

II

Decides to allocate the following items of its provisional agenda for consideration by its Budgetary and Finance Committee:

- 7 (a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1982
- 7 (b) Revised budget estimates for the biennium, 1982-1983 and budget estimates for the biennium, 1984-1985
- 7 (c) UNDP financial regulations
- 7 (d) Agency support costs
- 7 (e) Audit reports
- 7 (f) Sectoral support
- 7 (g) Other matters
- 6 (b) United Nations Fund for Population Activities (financial and administrative questions related to this item)
- 6 (c) United Nations Volunteers (financial and administrative questions related to this item)
- 6 (i) (i) UNSO: Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region (financial and administrative questions related to this item)

III

1. Confirms that the Council's Working Group shall elaborate and finalize draft decisions on items referred to it for the ultimate adoption of such draft decisions by the Council;

2. Agrees that all draft decisions formulated by the Working Group and having financial implications will have to be considered by the Budgetary and Finance Committee before action by the Council;

3. Agrees to assign to the Working Group other specific tasks, as required;

4. Endorses the following principles which shall guide the deliberations of the Working Group;

(a) Consideration of draft decisions on the various items allocated to it would begin only after the debate thereon in Plenary had been closed;

(b) The Chairman of the Working Group would circulate working papers containing preliminary drafts on the various issues prepared, at his request, by the secretariat to facilitate the drafting of decisions;

(c) All delegations could submit draft decisions on any agenda item not specifically allocated for consideration by the Budgetary and Finance Committee, including subjects already covered in the working papers of the Chairman of the Working Group;

(d) In cases where both delegations and the Chairman had circulated draft texts, the Working Group would give precedence to the consideration of texts from delegations;

(e) Unless otherwise decided by the Council, draft decisions submitted or sponsored by delegations on items referred to the Working Group would be taken up directly by the Working Group. The final text of such draft decisions as approved by the Working Group would, however, be submitted by the Chairman of the Working Group on its behalf to the Plenary without identifying particular sponsors.

IV

Authorizes its Bureau, in consultation with the Administrator, to review and, if required, adjust the organizational arrangements for the thirtieth session provisionally agreed to at this organizational meeting, taking into account any new developments which might have a bearing on the session, in particular the experience gained during the Council's special meeting on country and intercountry programmes.

V

Takes note of the oral progress report by the Secretary of the Governing

Council on further steps and efforts to implement the various decisions of the Council on the rationalization of its work, in particular decision 81/37.

1st meeting
14 February 1983

83/2. Country and intercountry programmes and other
development co-operation matters

A

COUNTRY AND INTERCOUNTRY PROGRAMMES

The Governing Council

I

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Administrator on relevant trends and problems in the country programmes proposed for approval in 1983 (DP/1983/2 and Add.1) as well as the comments made thereon by representatives of Governments;

2. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on resources taken into account for programming (DP/1983/59) as well as the comments made thereon by representatives of Governments;

II

1. Approves the following proposed country programmes for the duration of their programme periods and within the limits of their illustrative indicative planning figures for the period 1982-1986, taking into account the balance of over-expenditure and under-expenditure of their 1977-1981 indicative planning figures:

(a) Africa. Cape Verde (DP/CP/CVI/2), Ethiopia (DP/CP/ETH/3), Gambia (DP/CP/GAM/3), Mali (DP/CP/MLI/3), Mauritania (DP/CP/MAU/2), Niger (DP/CP/NER/3), Nigeria (DP/CP/NIR/2), Sao Tome and Principe (DP/CP/STP/2), Senegal (DP/CP/SEN/3), Sierra Leone (DP/CP/SIL/3), Togo (DP/CP/TOG/3), Upper Volta (DP/CP/UPV/3);

(b) Arab States. Algeria (DP/CP/ALG/4), Kuwait (DP/CP/KUW/3), Saudi Arabia (DP/CP/SAU/3), Sudan (DP/CP/SUD/2);

(c) Asia and the Pacific. Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DP/CP/DRK/1), Mongolia (DP/CP/MON/3), Papua New Guinea (DP/CP/PNG/3), Republic of Korea (DP/CP/ROK/3), Tonga (DP/CP/TON/3), Vanuatu (DP/CP/VAN/1);

(d) Europe. Greece (DP/CP/GRE/3);

(e) Latin America. Uruguay (DP/CP/URU/3);

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2. Also approves the country programme for Yemen (DP/CP/YEM/3), which exceeds the cost-sharing level established by the Council in its decision 82/5, and the financing arrangements proposed therefore;

3. Takes note of the extension of country programmes approved by the Administrator for one year for Afghanistan (DP/CP/AFG/EXTENSION) and Benin (DP/CP/BEN/EXTENSION);

III

Takes note with appreciation of the intercountry programme for Latin America and the Caribbean for the third cycle, 1982-1986, presented by the Administrator (DP/RLA/2) and of the general arrangements for their implementation;

IV

Authorizes the Administrator to proceed with appraisal and approval action on requests for UNDP assistance for projects falling within the outlines of each country and regional programme, in accordance with the decisions of the Governing Council that expenditures be kept in reasonable conformity with the relevant illustrative indicative planning figures (E/5543/Rev.1, para.31) increased as appropriate with Government cost-sharing contributions, and always subject to the overriding requirements of containing expenditures within the financial resources available at any given time so as to preserve the financial integrity of the Programme;

V

Requests the Administrator, in the implementation of all the programmes listed above, to take into account the views expressed during their consideration by the representatives of Governments.

B

PROPOSED WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY

The Governing Council

Takes note of the progress report of the Administrator on the proposed World Maritime University (DP/1983/3) and the views expressed thereon.

9th meeting
18 February 1983

83/3. Assistance to Yemen

The Governing Council,

Having considered General Assembly resolution 37/166 of 17 December 1982 concerning assistance to the Government of Yemen for rehabilitation and reconstruction of the areas affected by the recent earthquake,

Bearing in mind the Assembly's request to organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, in particular, inter alia, the United Nations Development Programme, to maintain and expand their programmes of assistance to Yemen,

Requests that the Administrator consider additional assistance to Yemen, from the Special Programme Resources beyond the normally authorized amount, subject to the details of the request being set forth in a project document and to availability of resources.

9th meeting
18 February 1983

83/4. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the
Governing Council at its thirtieth session

The Governing Council

Adopts the agenda for its thirtieth session as contained in documents DP/1983/L.6 and Add.1 as well as the schedule of work contained in the annex to document DP/1983/L.7.

10th meeting
6 June 1983

83/5. 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 special drawing rights (SDRs) if they so choose; 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 at 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 indicative planning figure arrangements and the voluntary nature of the Programme;

II. SHORT-TERM FINANCING SITUATION

Noting that the Intersessional 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 UNDP 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 2, 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

Takes note with satisfaction of 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 note to the Interessional 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 1982-1983 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

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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;

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

The Governing Council,

Bearing in mind the views expressed in the Intersessional Committee of the Whole 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 essential 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,

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, in particular in subparagraphs (b), (c) and (d) of 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 Governments during the Intersessional Committee of the Whole and during the thirtieth session of the Governing Council;

(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 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.

83/6. Annual report of the Administrator

The Governing Council,

Having considered the annual report of the Administrator for 1982 (DP/1983/6 and Add.1 and Corr.1 (A/E/F/S only), Add.2, Add.3, and Add.4 and Corr.1 (A/E/F/S only)), 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 and Corr.1 (A/E/F/S only)) 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 Corr.1 (C/E/R/S only) 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 UNDP and to increase the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the Programme.

39th meeting
24 June 1983

83/7. Recruitment and reduction of cost of project professional personnel

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/Corr.1 (C/E/S only)) 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:

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(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.

39th meeting
24 June 1983

83/8. Pre-investment activities: evaluation of special training

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator (DP/1983/9) and of the relevant views expressed by delegates during the thirtieth session; and
2. Endorses the course of action proposed by the Administrator in paragraph 14 of his report whereby two additional seminars on pre-investment projects will be conducted in each year of the 1984-1985 biennium at an estimated cost of \$320,000.

39th meeting
24 June 1983

83/9. Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the least developed countries

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,

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 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 Substantial New Programme of Action available to the least developed countries,

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,

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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 report of the Administrator on implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries (DP/1983/11 and Corr.1 (A/C/E/S only)) on measures taken by UNDP to implement the Substantial New Programme of Action, and also taking note with appreciation, in particular, of the important role of UNDP and as lead agency in the preparation at the request of Governments of country review meetings (roundtables) 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 increased UNDP 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 roundtable 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;

3. Urges member States to give careful attention to future roundtable and donor conferences and, where possible to participate and contribute to the success of such roundtable 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.

39th meeting
24 June 1983

83/10. Special programmes of assistance: Namibia

The Governing Council,

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Having considered the report of the Administrator on special programmes of assistance to national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity (DP/1983/13),

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Recognizing that Namibia differs from other national liberation movements in that the United Nations regards Namibia as a territory for which it has the administrative responsibility, through the Council for Namibia, and that there has been a separate indicative planning figure for Namibia since the end of the first development cycle,

Decides that information on assistance to Namibia should no longer be included in the annual report of the Administrator on assistance to national liberation movements and requests the Administrator to submit henceforth to the Council a separate report on assistance to Namibia;

29th meeting
18 June 1983

II

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 the UNDP indicative planning figure for Namibia are committed and disbursed in close consultation with the United Nations Council for Namibia,

1. Requests the Administrator, in consultation with the executing agencies, to examine the feasibility and financial implications of waiving agency support costs in respect of projects financed from the United Nations Fund for Namibia as called for in General Assembly resolution 37/233 E;

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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24 June 1983

83/11. Assistance to the Palestinian people

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 \$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 report of the Administrator on the assistance to the Palestinian people (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.

39th meeting
24 June 1983

83/12. Evaluation programme

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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 document DP/1983/CRP.3,

Further noting the report of the Administrator on the evaluation programme contained in document DP/1983/16,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of 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 1982-1983 budget through redeployment of existing resources;

3. Requests the Administrator to report on the progress made 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

Takes note of the summary report on the thematic evaluation on human resources development for primary health care contained in the annex to document DP/1983/16;

III

Women in development

Taking into account the complex nature of the United Nations system's evaluation of women's involvement in technical co-operation, which is in

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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 its decision 82/12, should be available before the end of 1984 and that the report should be submitted to the Council at its thirty-second session, and requests that a progress report be provided at its thirty-first session;

IV b/

Joint UN/UNDP/UNIDO evaluation on manufactures

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report by the Secretary-General (E/AC.51/5) to the Committee 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 (DP/1983/L.13/Rev.1),

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 of the Governing Council 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.

39th meeting
24 June 1983

83/13. Illustrative indicative planning figures
for certain countries

The Governing Council

I

Decides that its decision 81/16 concerning an interim illustrative indicative planning figure for Lebanon should continue in effect until such time as a specific recommendation with respect to a final figure for the illustrative indicative planning figure for Lebanon for the third programming cycle can be submitted to the Council;

II

Approves the revised illustrative indicative planning figures for 1982-1986 for the following countries in view of their designation as least developed countries: Equatorial Guinea, by \$1 million to \$12,750,000; Sierra Leone, by \$2.4 million to \$34.9 million; Togo, by \$1.8 million to \$23,500,000;

III

Takes note of the note by the Administrator on the request from the Government of Liberia to be accorded treatment as if it had been included in the list of least developed countries (DP/1983/30), the third country programme for Liberia (DP/CP/LIR/3) and the statement made by the Deputy Administrator at the 23rd meeting (DP/1983/SR.23), in which he indicated that, after careful consideration, the Committee on Developing Planning had concluded that, on the basis of existing criteria and in the light of the data presented, Liberia did not qualify for the designation of least developed country;

IV

1. Adopts the proposal of the Administrator, as set forth in document DP/1983/10, to establish a separate illustrative indicative planning figure for 1982-1986 for Anguilla of \$800,000;

2. Authorizes the Administrator to increase the illustrative indicative planning figure for 1982-1986 for St. Kitts-Nevis from the currently set amount of \$1.3 million by \$695,000 to \$1,995,000, conditional upon actual accession to independence.

24th meeting
15 June 1983

83/14. Country and intercountry programmes and projects

The Governing Council

I

Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Administrator on relevant trends and problems in the country programmes proposed for approval in June 1983 (DP/1983/60 and Add.1) as well as the comments made thereon by representatives of Governments;

II

Takes note with appreciation of the progress reports on programme implementation in each region: Africa (DP/1983/61); Arab States (DP/1983/62); Asia and the Pacific (DP/1983/63); Latin America (DP/1983/64) and Europe (DP/1983/65);

III

1. Approves the following proposed country programmes for the duration of their programme periods and within the limits of their illustrative indicative planning figures for the period 1982-1986, taking into account the balance of over-expenditure and under-expenditure of their 1977-1981 indicative planning figures:

(a) Africa: Central African Republic (DP/CP/CAF/3), Chad (DP/CP/CHD/3 and Corr.1 (F only)), Equatorial Guinea (DP/CP/EOG/2), Ghana (DP/CP/GHA/3), Ivory Coast (DP/CP/IVC/3), Liberia (DP/CP/LIR/3), Uganda (DP/CP/UGA/2), United Republic of Cameroon (DP/CP/CMR/3);

(b) Arab States: Syrian Arab Republic (DP/CP/SYR/3);

(c) Asia and the Pacific: Iran (DP/CP/IRA/3), Kiribati (DP/CP/KIR/1), Niue (DP/CP/NIU/2), Sri Lanka (DP/CP/SRL/3), Tokelau (DP/CP/TOK/1), Tuvalu (DP/CP/TUV/1);

(d) Europe: Cyprus (DP/CP/CYP/2); c/

(e) Latin America: Belize (DP/CP/BZE/2), Colombia (DP/CP/COL/3), Costa Rica (DP/CP/COS/3), Nicaragua (DP/CP/NIC/3), Trinidad and Tobago (DP/CP/TRI/3);

2. Authorizes the Administrator to proceed with appraisal and approval action on requests for UNDP assistance for projects falling within the outlines of each country programme in accordance with decision 81/16 of the Governing Council that expenditures be kept in conformity with the relevant indicative planning figures, increased as appropriate with Government cost-sharing contributions, and always subject to the overriding requirements of containing expenditures within the financial resources available at any given time so as to preserve the financial integrity of the Programme;

3. Authorizes the Administrator to approve assistance to projects submitted by the Governments of Lebanon (DP/1983/52) and Swaziland (DP/1983/32) until new country programmes for these countries have been approved;

4. Decides to extend through 1983 the country programmes for Benin (DP/CP/BEN/EXTENSION), Bolivia (DP/CP/BOL/EXTENSION) and Suriname (DP/CP/SUR/EXTENSION);

5. Takes note of the extension of country programmes approved by the Administrator for one year for El Salvador (DP/CP/ELS/EXTENSION) and Indonesia (DP/CP/INS/EXTENSION);

IV

Takes note with appreciation of the regional programme for the Arab States, 1983-1986, presented by the Administrator (DP/RAB/1) and of the general arrangements for its implementation;

V

1. Takes note of the note of the Administrator on UNDP support to the Technical Advisory Committee of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (DP/1983/39), of further explanations and clarifications provided orally and of the views and comments expressed thereon;

2. Decides that UNDP support to the Technical Advisory Committee of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research continue to be charged against the UNDP biennial budget under a separate appropriation line; and

3. Approves the supplementary assistance for the global project, Increasing the Fixation of Soil Nitrogen and the Efficiency of Soil Water Use in Rainfed Agricultural Systems in the Countries of North Africa and Western Asia (GLO/78/003), and authorizes the Administrator to make the appropriate arrangements for its execution (DP/PROJECTS/REC/11);

VI

1. Takes note of the Administrator's intention to safeguard the financial integrity of the Programme by undertaking programming and project approval within the limits of 55 per cent of the illustrative indicative planning figures and by regulating expenditures accordingly as indicated in document DP/1983/66 and, this action notwithstanding, requests the Administrator, subject to his determination that the necessary resources are available, to apply 80 per cent of the respective illustrative indicative planning figures for countries to which supplementary criteria are applied, with illustrative indicative planning figures of \$1.5 million or less, and a "floor" or minimum indicative planning figure of \$1.2 million (80 per cent of \$1.5 million) for other such developing countries with illustrative indicative planning figures above \$1.5 million.

2. Takes note of the Administrator's proposal to issue project fact sheets for those projects in which the UNDP contribution, including cost sharing, totals \$400,000 or more.

26th meeting

16 June 1983

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83/15. Use of Special Programme Resources

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 Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (TCDC/3/L.14/Add.2 d/ and Add.6 e/),

1. 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;

2. 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, following the mid-term review to take place at the thirty-first session of the Governing Council;

3. 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;

4. 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

5. 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 TCDC contained in document TCDC/3/L.14/Add.6, operative paragraphs 3, 5 and 6.

29th meeting
18 June 1983

83/16. United Nations technical co-operation activities
(DP/1983/L.16/Add.4)

The Governing Council,

Taking note with appreciation of the report 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 United Nations Department of Technical Co-operation for Development 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 the Department'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 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 the Department's 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 and UNDP projects, as well as the projects financed from 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 of 20 December 1982 and 37/232 of 20 December 1982, including in particular information on extrabudgetary resources and associated manning tables and the United Nations procurement procedures 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 and 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.

39th meeting
24 June 1983

83/17. United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The Governing Council,

I

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 in 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, part 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 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, including activities related to women;

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. Approves the update of the review and reassessment as contained in document DP/1983/20, takes note of the work plan for 1984-1987; and authorizes the net additional approval authority in accordance with the Work Plan in the amounts of:

(a) \$26,450,000 for 1984, to bring the total for 1984 to 100 per cent of the 1984 level or \$138.2 million;

(b) \$29.1 million for 1985, to bring the total for 1985 to 75 per cent of the 1984 total or \$103.6 million;

(c) \$31,850,000 for 1986, to bring the total for 1986 to 50 per cent of the 1984 level or \$69.1 million; and

(d) 25 per cent of the 1984 level or \$34.5 million for 1987, on the understanding that the Executive Director will limit approval of projects to available resources;

10. Approves UNFPA assistance to the large-scale country programmes or projects for: Benin (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/3), Malawai (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/6), Niger (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/2), Thailand (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/7), Zaire (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/4), and Zimbabwe (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/5), and also approves large-scale assistance to the various intercountry demographic research and training centres (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/8);

11. 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 experience in family planning given the priority accorded to this area in Governing Council decision 81/7;

12. 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;

13. 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;

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

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

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

17. 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;

18. 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;

19. 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;

20. 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, taking into account the need for UNFPA to continue to provide adequate support to the demographic centres in Africa for the foreseeable future;

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 recommendation 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 will 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 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 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 Governing Council decision 82/20, I, paragraphs 3 and 6 (b).

III

Having considered the biennial budget estimates for the administrative and programme support services of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities for the biennium 1984-1985 (DP/1983/23 and Corr.1 and 2 (E only)), the proposed UNFPA financial regulations (DP/1983/24 and Add.1 and Corr.1 (A/E/R/S only) and Add.2 and Corr.1 (A/E/S only)), the report of the Executive Director on his review of the headquarters and field staffing pattern and manpower requirements of UNFPA (DP/1983/25), together with the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1983/26), the report of the Executive Director on the joint review by UNDP and UNFPA on various components of the support services provided by UNDP to UNFPA on a subvention basis (DP/1983/INF/3), and the note of the Executive Director transmitting the audit reports of the participating and executing agencies relating to funds allocated to them by UNFPA (DP/1983/27), and having taken into account the views and comments of members of the Council thereon,

1. Approves appropriations in the amount of \$24,577,523 net as submitted in document DP/1983/23 and Corr.1 and 2 (E only) for the biennium 1984-1985, to be allocated from the resources of UNFPA to finance the 1984-1985 administrative and programme support services, as follows:

<u>Programme</u>	<u>US dollars</u>
Executive direction and management	3 109 342
Administrative and information support services	8 255 972
Programme planning, appraisal and monitoring	<u>13 212 209</u>
Total net	24 577 523

2. Requests the Executive Director during the biennium 1984-1985 to continue to keep the administrative and programme support services costs to a minimum, with the intention of holding down the ratio between administrative costs and total costs as far as possible, particularly in light of the resource situation and projected income for this period;

3. Approves the UNFPA financial regulations (DP/1983/24 and Add.1 and Corr.1 (A/E/R/S only)) and Add.2 and Corr.1 (A/E/S only)), as amended and shown in the annex to the present decision, and decides that the new financial regulations will supersede and replace the present UNFPA financial regulations and come into force at the beginning of the 1984-1985 biennium on 1 January 1984 and further decides that regulations 4.5 and 4.6 and 13.3 and 13.4 will be modified in the light of proposed changes in corresponding UNDP financial regulations which are currently under consideration by the Governing Council;

4. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director (DP/1983/INF/3) on payments made by UNFPA to the United Nations Development Programme in respect of services rendered by the latter organization, and requests the Executive Director to continue to keep the Governing Council informed on any new developments;

5. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on his review of the staffing pattern and manpower requirements of UNFPA (DP/1983/25), and taking into account the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (contained in DP/1983/26) as well as the views of the members of the Governing Council, requests the Executive Director to submit to the Governing Council at its thirty-first session, for its consideration, a comprehensive report in order to enable the Council to discuss in-depth the advantages and disadvantages of the phased inclusion of the UNFPA deputy representatives and limited local core staff into the regular manning table, with a view to initiating and encouraging rotation between headquarters and field professional staff; and further requests the Executive Director to submit to the Governing Council at its thirty-second session a report on its basic manpower requirements;

6. Takes note of the budget estimates contained in document DP/1983/23 and Corr.1 and 2 (E only) and requests the Executive Director to give increased emphasis to the programme objectives in the technical and planning and the policy and evaluation areas and divisions;

7. Agrees that the Executive Director shall be authorized to transfer credits between programmes within reasonable limits, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

8. Further takes note of the audit reports of the participating and executing agencies relating to funds allocated to them, by UNFPA as at 31 December 1981 (DP/1983/27).

39th meeting
24 June 1983

83/18. United Nations Volunteers

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the annual report of the Administrator (DP/1983/31 and Corr.1 (E only));

2. Decides not to change the present financial arrangements for United Nations Volunteers; and

3. Appeals to member Governments to make renewed efforts to bring about a solution to the problem of financing the Special Voluntary Fund.

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23 June 1983

83/19. United Nations Capital Development Fund

The Governing Council

Takes note of the annual report of the Administrator (DP/1983/33) and, in particular, takes note of the resource projection for 1983-1986 contained in the annex to this report.

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23 June 1983

83/20. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

The Governing Council

1. Approves the following two projects, subject to the availability of funds:

(a) Precious and Base Metals Exploration in Northern Haiti (HAI/NR/90/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/2);

(b) Mineral Exploration for Base Metals and Gold in Peru (PER/NR/82/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/3) ;

2. Endorses the efforts by the Fund aimed at promoting follow-up pre-investment work leading to economic development and financial returns;

3. Decides to delegate to the Administrator authority to approve small-scale feasibility studies so that no serious gap ensues between detailed exploration and such feasibility work. Any such action would be reported to the Governing Council at its next regular session;

4. Appeals urgently to past, present and potential contributing member Governments to substantially increase the level of voluntary contributions to the Fund.

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23 June 1983

83/21. Technical co-operation among developing countries

The Governing Council

I

Takes note with appreciation of the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation on its third session (DP/1983/35);

II

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 f/);

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 by the Council at its 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;

III

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

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

37th meeting

23 June 1983

83/22. United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development

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 Director of the Financing System;

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

3. Approves the projects listed for Chad, Malaysia, Mali and Mexico listed in document DP/1983/72 and authorizes the Administrator to approve the projects for Costa Rica and the Latin America region, also listed in document 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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24 June 1983

83/23. Programmes in energy development

The 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,

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;

3. Invites, as recommended by the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy at its first session, the United Nations Development Programme to support the efforts for implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action and, in particular, to assist interested countries in arranging consultative meetings for consideration of projects and programmes in the area of New and Renewable Sources of Energy and mobilization of financial resources for their implementation;

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

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

38th meeting
24 June 1983

83/24. Implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan
of Action to Combat Desertification

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 37/216 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 the 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. Commends 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.

35th meeting
22 June 1983

83/25. UNSO-UNDP/UNEP joint venture (financial matters)

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 80/45, 81/4, 82/26 and 82/28 concerning the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region,

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Conscious of the need to continue and increase assistance to the countries in the Sudano-Sahelian region in support of their efforts to combat desertification,

Having considered the report of the Administrator (DP/1983/41) on the future financing of the UNSO-UNDP/UNEP joint venture with a view to ensuring timely and effective provision of such assistance,

1. Notes with satisfaction the progress that has been achieved by the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNEP in resolving the issue of financing the respective shares of the institutional support costs of the UNSO-UNDP/UNEP joint venture for the 1980-1981 biennium;
2. Requests the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNEP to continue to co-operate to the fullest extent to ensure the provision of increased assistance under the UNSO-UNDP/UNEP joint venture to the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in their efforts to combat desertification;
3. Authorizes the Administrator to charge the general resources of UNDP with an amount of \$65,250 in each of the years 1983 and 1984 as institutional support, in addition to the costs incurred against the appropriations approved for this purpose under the biennial budget for 1984-1985, for the purpose of eliminating the deficit of \$130,500 which had arisen in the joint venture account as at 31 December 1981;
4. Notes that an amount of \$268,329, representing the unutilized portion of the regional indicative planning figure for Africa, which was provided for financing the programme support activities of the UNSO-UNDP/UNEP joint venture in 1982 and 1983, will be available for carry-over to the 1984-1985 biennium;
5. Authorizes the Administrator to use an amount of \$601,171 to be charged, on a pro-rata basis, to the regional indicative planning figures for Africa and for the Arab States for the purpose of providing the UNDP contribution to the UNSO-UNDP/UNEP joint venture for 1984-1985 at the same level as that of UNEP, with the understanding that the situation of the African regional programme will be reviewed as part of the over-all mid-term review of the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, which is scheduled to take place in June 1984;
6. Requests the Administrator, in consultation with the Executive Director of UNEP, to present to the Governing Council at its thirty-first session proposals outlining alternative ways and means for financing the UNSO-UNDP/UNEP joint venture beyond the 1984-1985 biennium so as to ensure that activities aimed at combating desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region continue at an appropriate level.

39th meeting
24 June 1983

83/26. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

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.

35th meeting
22 June 1983

83/27. Other assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator on other assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa (DP/1983/40 and Corr.1 (F only)),

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 be incorporated in the report presented by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office; and

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.

39th meeting
24 June 1983

83/28. United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries (DP/1983/42 and Corr.1 (E/A/S only));

2. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Council at its thirty-second session a report on the resources of the Fund, and on its activities since its inception and on the various reasons for the very low level of resources of the Fund and to make pertinent suggestions;

3. Appeals in the meantime in the light of both General Assembly resolution 36/175 on the specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries and of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade as it pertains to land-locked developing countries, to all countries to review their position with respect to the Fund and to contribute urgently and generously to it.

39th meeting
24 June 1983

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83/29. Annual review of the financial situation, 1982

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the review of the financial situation in 1982 (DP/1983/43), and

Taking into account the observations and comments made by its members thereon,

1. Notes with concern the actual and projected decline in programme delivery due to the stagnation of contributions to the Programme;
2. Further notes with concern the erosion in the Programme's financial reserves;
3. Calls upon all Governments, and in particular those whose previous contributions may have been below their capacity to pledge, to increase their voluntary contributions to the Programme on a more predictable, continuous and assured basis, with a view to achieving, inter alia, a more equitable distribution of contributions;
4. Recalls General Assembly resolution 37/128 of 17 December 1982 and reiterates the concern over delay in payment of contributions;
5. Urges Governments to make payments of their contributions to the Programme as early in the year as possible, and in accordance with financial regulations in force; and
6. Calls on Governments whose currencies have accumulated and on the Administrator to continue their efforts to reduce the balance of accumulated non-convertible currencies.

39th meeting
24 June 1983

83/30. Revised budget estimates for the biennium 1982-1983

The Governing Council,

Having considered the 1982-1983 biennial budget estimates of the United Nations Development Programme and the funds administered by the Programme (DP/1982/44 and Corr.1 and Corr.2),

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1982/45);
2. Approves revised appropriations in an amount of \$301,134,100 gross to be allocated from the resources indicated below to finance the 1982-1983 biennial budget and resolves that the income estimates in an amount of \$62,718,200 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations, resulting in net appropriations of \$238,415,900 as indicated below:

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1982-1983 revised biennial budget

	<u>Gross</u> <u>appropriations</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>income</u> (US dollars)	<u>Net</u> <u>appropriations</u>
<u>Resources of UNDP</u>			
(i) UNDP core activities	266 042 300	45 381 600	220 660 700
(ii) Transitional measures	1 500 000	-	1 500 000
(iii) OPE and IAPSU	14 126 000	14 126 000 h/	-
(iv) United Nations Volunteers (UNV)	5 720 700	948 800	4 771 900
(v) UNSO-UNDP/UNEP Joint Venture (institutional support)	<u>1 793 400</u>	<u>978 000 i/</u>	<u>815 400</u>
Total UNDP	<u>289 182 400</u>	<u>61 434 400</u>	<u>227 748 000</u>
<u>Resources of the United Nations</u> <u>Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)</u>			
(i) UNCDF	5 022 700	607 400	4 415 300
<u>Resources of the United Nations</u> <u>Revolving Fund for Natural</u> <u>Resources Exploration (UNRFNRE)</u>			
(i) UNRFNRE	3 389 800	302 600	3 087 200
<u>Resources of the United Nations</u> <u>Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO)</u>			
(i) UNSO	<u>3 539 200</u>	<u>373 800</u>	<u>3 165 400</u>
<u>Total appropriations</u>	<u>301 134 100</u>	<u>62 718 200</u>	<u>238 415 900</u>

3. Authorizes the Administrator to carry forward support cost earnings of the Office for Projects Execution at the end of each biennium up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the Office's gross appropriations for the next biennium, and requests the Administrator to report back to the Governing Council on the use of this authority.

39th meeting
24 June 1983

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83/31. Budget estimates for the biennium 1984-1985

The Governing Council,

Having considered the 1984-1985 biennial budget estimates of the United Nations Development Programme and the Funds administered by the United Nations Development Programme (DP/1983/44 and Corr.1 and Corr.2),

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1982/45);

2. Approves appropriations in an amount of \$356,603,900 gross to be allocated from the resources indicated below to finance the 1984-1985 biennial budget and resolves that the income estimates in an amount of \$77,072,800 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations, resulting in net appropriations of \$279,531,100 as indicated below:

1984-1985 biennial budget

	<u>Gross appropriations</u>	<u>Estimated income</u> (US dollars)	<u>Net appropriations</u>
<u>Resources of UNDP</u>			
(i) UNDP core activities	318 165 200	57 798 200	260 367 000
(ii) OPE and IAPSU	15 584 800	15 584 800 <u>j/</u>	-
(iii) United Nations Volunteers (UNV)	6 680 100	1 107 900	5 572 200
(iv) UNSO-UNDP/UNEP Joint Venture (institutional support)	2 142 200	1 155 600 <u>i/</u>	986 600
(v) TCDC/INRES	641 700	41 700	600 000
(vi) CGIAR	900 000	-	900 000
Total UNDP	<u>344 114 000</u>	<u>75 688 200</u>	<u>268 425 800</u>

	Gross <u>appropriations</u>	Estimated <u>income</u> (US dollars)	Net <u>appropriations</u>
<u>Resources of the United Nations</u>			
<u>Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)</u>			
(i) UNCDF	5 587 000	655 200	4 931 800
<u>Resources of the United Nations</u>			
<u>Revolving Fund for Natural</u>			
<u>Resources Exploration (UNRPNRE)</u>			
(i) UNRPNRE	3 017 700	326 300	2 691 400
<u>Resources of the United Nations</u>			
<u>Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO)</u>			
(i) UNSO	3 885 200	403 100	3 482 100
<u>Total appropriations</u>	<u>356 603 900</u>	<u>77 072 800</u>	<u>279 531 100</u>

3. Decides that it will consider exceptions to decision 81/26 when, in the opinion of the Administrator, it is essential for the efficient operation of the programme that such exception be made and reiterates its view that the Administrator should not recruit staff in advance of specific authorization by the Council;

4. Decides that the UNDP Organization Handbook should be made available to the Governing Council at its thirty-first session as a Council document.

39th meeting
24 June 1983

83/32. Trust funds conditioned on procurement from a donor country

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on trust funds conditioned on procurement from a donor country (DP/1983/50), as well as the information provided during the Council's thirtieth session,

Taking note of the late start experienced in implementing decision 82/5, section IV, paragraph 4,

Taking note also that all projects are identified by the recipient Government in collaboration with the organization concerned,

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Bearing in mind the numerous projects identified for which financing has not yet been finalized,

Taking into account the specific mandates of the three organizations concerned (United Nations Capital Development Fund, United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office and United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development,

Considering that a proper assessment of the authority granted would require additional experience,

1. Authorizes the continuation of the authority granted to the Administrator in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of decision 82/5, section IV, under the condition that trust funds may be accepted by the Administrator only until 30 April 1984;

2. Decides that the Administrator, in exercising the authority granted to him by operative paragraph 1 above, will bear in mind the comments of the members of the Budgetary and Finance Committee expressed on this matter at the thirtieth session of the Governing Council;

3. Requests the Administrator to submit a comprehensive report to the Governing Council at its thirty-first session on the results of the experimental period and to present his recommendations thereon. This report should include, inter alia:

(a) Statistical information on all programmes and projects assisted; on the contributions to general resources and those conditioned on procurement from the donor country; on the relation between contributions of the two kinds; and on other bilateral or multilateral assistance provided to the projects in question;

(b) An analysis of donors' choices of projects and categories of assistance;

(c) An analysis of the effect of these trust funds on the geographical distribution of resources channelled through United Nations Development Programme and the organizations concerned;

(d) An analysis of the practical and potential effect on sectoral activities of each of the three organizations concerned; and

(e) An estimate of the cost of goods and services purchased from trust funds conditioned on procurement from a donor country in relation to that which would have prevailed had the normal procurement practices of United Nations Development Programme been applied.

39th meeting
24 June 1983

83/33. Trust funds established by the Administrator

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on trust funds established by him in 1982 (DP/1983/49) as well as the oral information provided by the Deputy Administrator, and

Bearing in mind the views expressed thereon,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator (DP/1983/49);
2. Requests the Administrator to provide the Council each year with comprehensive and detailed information on the trust funds established by him, as well as the individual projects financed from such trust funds.

39th meeting
24 June 1983

83/34. Guidelines on procurement

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of document DP/1983/47 and the oral report presented by the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Finance and Administration, on the subject;
2. Appreciates the continuous efforts made by the Administrator to evolve a set of practical guidelines for procurement;
3. Urges the Administrator to pursue vigorously with the executing agencies the study on their procurement practices to be carried out by the Inter-Agency Procurement Working Group with the assistance of the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit; and
4. Requests the Administrator to provide a progress report on this matter to the Council at its thirty-first session.

39th meeting
24 June 1983

83/35. Matters on which no consensus was achieved
at the twenty-ninth session

The Governing Council

1. Decides, notwithstanding the absence of a consensus in respect of the Administrator's proposed regulations 3.5, 3.6, 12.3 and 12.4 and the newly proposed regulation 3.6 remaining in brackets, that all other regulations approved by its

decision 81/28 of 30 June 1981 are fully in effect and that, with respect to the five paragraphs remaining in brackets, the existing financial regulations 6.4, 6.6, 4.2 and 4.3 shall, in the absence of such a consensus, apply until a decision is reached at the thirty-first session of the Governing Council;

2. Further decides that the Budgetary and Finance Committee will consider, during its meeting commencing immediately prior to the thirty-first session of the Governing Council, within the framework of the provisional agenda for the thirty-first session, the parts of the financial regulations (Governing Council decision 81/28 of 30 June 1981) and other questions on which consensus was not achieved at the thirtieth session of the Council, with a view to facilitating the resolution of these issues by the Council.

39th meeting
24 June 1983

83/36. Support cost reimbursement arrangements for activities financed by UNCDF and UNSO and for projects executed directly by UNDP

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of document DP/1983/54 containing the proposals of the Administrator for support cost reimbursement arrangements in respect of activities financed by United Nations Capital Development Fund and United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office and for projects executed directly by United Nations Development Programme/Office for Projects Execution;

2. Decides that, within the framework of decision 80/44, the following rates shall apply for the reimbursement of support costs in respect of projects executed by United Nations Development Programme/Office for Projects Execution:

(a) 11 percent of project expenditure for technical co-operation activities financed from indicative planning figures, cost sharing and any trust fund for activities of a similar nature;

(b) 5 per cent of project expenditure for activities financed by the United Nations Capital Development Fund; and

(c) 8 per cent of project expenditure for activities financed by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office;

3. Decides further that reimbursement of support costs to executing agencies in the United Nations system for activities financed by the United Nations Capital Development Fund or by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office will continue for the time being as heretofore and will be agreed upon between the funding organization and the executing agency concerned; and

4. Requests the Administrator to keep the matter under review with the agencies and to report to Council whenever any significant developments occur.

39th meeting

24 June 1983

83/37. Ex post facto reporting

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the Administrator's report regarding the progress of the ex post facto reports on agency support costs (DP/1983/53);

2. Notes with satisfaction the useful results achieved during the trial report exercise conducted with agencies in late 1982;

3. Authorizes the Administrator to proceed with the proposed change to a biennial ex post facto report covering all agencies; and

4. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Council at its thirty-first session the first biennial ex post facto report covering all agencies for the period 1982-1983.

39th meeting

24 June 1983

83/38. Audit reports

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of documents DP/1983/55 and Add. 1 containing the audit reports of the executing agencies for 1981, as well as the comments of the Administrator on the substantive observations made by the external auditors and a description of the action taken by the Administration in response to Governing Council decision 82/37;

2. Welcomes the agreement of the panel of external auditors to use a similar style of reporting as far as circumstances permit, and to increase the emphasis placed in their reports on the audit of the effectiveness of financial management;

3. Requests the Administrator to convey to the panel of external auditors and to the administrations of the executing agencies concerned, the Council's view that the improvements referred to in operative paragraph 2 of this decision should be introduced as promptly as possible;

4. Further notes with appreciation the various proposals made by the external auditors of the World Bank regarding the estimated additional audit costs involved in expanding the scope of their audit work and of their audit report;

5. Agrees with the proposal made by the external auditors of the World Bank to prepare, at a total additional cost of approximately \$18,500, a long-form audit report including their significant findings resulting from a review of (a) procurement procedures; (b) project performance compared with budgeted performance; (c) internal audit work on UNDP-financed projects; and (d) project progress reports; and

6. Authorizes the Administrator to reimburse the World Bank for the additional audit costs referred to in operative paragraph (5) of this decision and to charge these costs against the expenditure line for reimbursement of programme support costs, in addition to the reimbursement for programme support costs to which the World Bank would normally be entitled.

39th meeting
24 June 1983

83/39. Sectoral support

The Governing Council

Recalling its decision 80/30 of 26 June 1980, 81/39 of 30 June 1981, and 82/38 of 18 June 1982,

Referring to General Assembly resolution 37/212 by which the General Assembly decided that adequate resources should be provided in the budget of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to finance up to 10 individual senior industrial development field advisers posts,

1. Takes note of the report by the Administrator on sectoral support (DP/1983/56) and of the views and comments thereon;

2. Endorses the proposals of the Administrator contained in paragraphs 7 and 12 of the report;

3. Approves an allocation of \$5,885,000, subject to resource availability, together with any savings arising in previous years, to be used as follows:

(a) \$1,824,000 for the biennium 1984-1985 to be used at the discretion of the Administrator for the smaller agencies;

(b) \$4,061,000 to cover the net costs to UNDP for the services of senior industrial development field advisers during the biennium 1984-1985;

4. Authorizes the Administrator to finance the maximum number of such advisers possible within existing resources, while continuing the consultations with countries drawing upon the services of such an adviser as requested by the Council in its decisions 81/39 and 82/38;

5. Reaffirms that, for both host countries and other countries drawing upon the services of a senior industrial development field adviser, priority shall be given to those countries which have agreements, so that some part of the total net cost for those services shall be financed from national indicative planning figures and/or other national sources, with a view to achieving, to the extent possible, a share of one quarter of this cost, taking into account the particular situation of the least developed countries;

6. Takes note of paragraph 10 of conclusion 1983/8 of the Industrial Development Board; joins with the Board in its call to all Member States to provide voluntary contributions for the senior industrial development field advisers programme; and agrees to submit to the General Assembly, in conjunction with the similar action proposed by the Board, the views expressed on the subject of the programme during the thirtieth session of the Governing Council;

7. Decides to review the entire question of sectoral support at its thirty-first session, including its history, rationale and needs, as well as to examine proposals for the future financing of the senior industrial development field advisers programme, bearing also in mind the future status of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization; and

8. Requests the Administrator to prepare a report on these issues, in consultation with the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the heads of the other executing agencies concerned, to be presented to the Council at its thirty-first session.

39th meeting

24 June 1983

83/40. Measures to be taken concerning the documentation of the Governing Council

The Governing Council

Having considered the oral report on conclusions reached at informal consultations convened by the President of the Governing Council on documentation,

1. Requests the Administrator that, in July of each year, documents to be prepared for the next session of the Governing Council should be divided into four categories:

(a) Those which do not require inputs from parties outside UNDP; these should be prepared first and should be submitted to the United Nations Department of Conference Services by January/February;

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

(c) Those which require inputs, including financial data, from the agencies; consultations towards expediting these inputs should 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 should be supported by UNDP headquarters to the maximum extent to assist in expediting the processing of these documents;

2. Further requests the Administrator, if after consultations with 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, that consideration should be given by the Department to contracting out the processing of the documents which it cannot handle and to requesting assistance from other agencies of the United Nations system and member States to assist in such processing;

3. Recommends that the Administrator, in accordance with decision 81/37, should continue the practice of organizing informal briefing meetings for Council members prior to its annual session but that he should attempt to hold these briefings earlier than usual and further recommends that, for briefing purposes, finalized drafts of the documents should 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;

4. Authorizes the Administrator, for the purpose of implementing the above measures, 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;

5. Also recommends that:

(a) The Administrator, as in the past, should 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;

(b) The timetable should end with a date for transmission of the document to United Nations Department of Conference Services, which date shall be at least 10 weeks before the date of commencement of the Council's session;

(c) A better monitoring system within UNDP should be put in place to ensure adherence to this timetable.

29th meeting
18 June 1983

83/41. Provisional agenda for and matters related to the
thirty-first session of the Governing Council

The Governing Council

Recalling its decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981,

1. Approves the following provisional agenda for its thirty-first session:

Provisional agenda for the thirty-first session k/

1. Opening of session
2. Election of officers l/
3. Adoption of agenda and organization of work
4. Policy review
5. Programme implementation
6. Programme planning
7. Other funds and programmes m/
8. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters
9. Other matters
10. Date and provisional agenda for the thirty-second session;

2. Decides that the policy review item to be considered at its thirty-first session shall be "Measures to be taken to meet the changing technical co-operation requirements of the developing countries";

3. Also decides that the indicative quota for the documentation to be submitted to it at its thirty-first session, excluding documentation on country and intercountry programmes, shall be 1,300 pages: 300 pages for policy papers and 1,000 pages for support papers.

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83/42. Arrangements for meetings of the Governing Council for 1984

The Governing Council

Decides, subject to confirmation by the Committee on Conferences and the General Assembly, as well as to review at its organizational meeting, on the following arrangements for its meetings in 1984:

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| (a) Organizational meeting: | February 1984, New York |
| (b) Budgetary and Finance Committee: | 4-28 June 1984, Geneva |
| (c) Governing Council: | 4-29 June 1984, Geneva |
| (d) Drafting Group: | 15-29 June 1984, Geneva |

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83/43. Other reports considered by the Governing Council at its thirtieth session

The Governing Council

Takes note of the following:

- (a) Report of the Administrator on pre-investment activities: evaluation of special training (DP/1983/9);
- (b) Use of programme resources for equipment (DP/1983/12);
- (c) Oral report on the UNDP Development Study Programme;
- (d) Report of the Administrator on assistance to national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity (DP/1983/13);
- (e) Assistance to specific countries (DP/1983/15);
- (f) Report of the Administrator on information on United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures in 1982 financed from sources other than UNDP (DP/1983/57);
- (g) Report of the Administrator on information on United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures in 1981 financed from sources other than UNDP (DP/1982/63);
- (h) Note by the Administrator on action taken in 1982 by organs of the United Nations and related agencies (DP/1983/58 and Add.1).

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Notes

a/ See also decision 83/43, entitled "other reports considered by the Governing Council at its thirtieth session".

b/ Section IV of decision 83/12 is taken from the conclusions of the informal consultations on the UN/UNDP/UNIDO evaluation on manufactures, which were adopted by the Governing Council on 18 June 1983 and are contained in document DP/1983/L.13/Rev.1.

c/ For the views expressed on this item, including the remarks made by the Deputy Administrator with respect to reporting on implementation of the country programme for Cyprus, see the relevant summary records (DP/1983/SR.22-25 and 28), in particular document DP/1983/SR.28.

d/ Adopted by the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries at its third session (decision 3/5).

e/ Adopted by the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries at its third session (decision 3/9).

f/ Adopted by the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries at its third session (decision 3/8).

g/ Adopted by the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries at its third session (decision 3/10).

h/ Including: (i) reimbursement of \$1.7 million for the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit from the agency support cost provision within the general resources of UNDP, and (ii) estimated support costs reimbursement to the Office for Projects Execution of \$7.4 million in respect of UNDP-funded activities; and \$1.7 million in respect of UNCDF-funded activities and \$1.9 million in respect of UNESO-funded activities. The balance of income of \$1.4 million relates to staff assessment.

i/ Including UNEP one half share of the cost of the joint venture (institutional support).

j/ Including: (i) reimbursement of \$2.0 million for the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit from the agency support cost provision within the general resources of UNDP, and (ii) estimated support cost reimbursements to the Office for Projects Execution of \$7.8 million in respect of UNDP-funded activities; \$3.0 million in respect of UNCDF-funded activities and \$1.3 million in respect of UNESO-funded activities. The balance of income of \$1.5 million relates to staff assessment.

k/ Prepared in accordance with Governing Council decision 81/37. Subitems will be added and annotations prepared in the light of other decisions adopted by the Council at its thirtieth session, relevant resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1983 and by the General

Assembly at its thirty-eighth session and any other matters requiring the consideration of the Governing Council, in accordance with rule 8 of its rules of procedure (DP/1/Rev.4).

1/ In accordance with paragraph 3 (d) of section I and the relevant provisions of section IV of decision 81/37, the election of officers will take place at the Council's organizational meeting for 1984.

m/ According to Governing Council decision 81/37 and to paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 36/200 of 17 December 1981, a broad policy review of those funds and programmes under the guidance of the Governing Council and managed by the Administrator of UNDP, is to be undertaken on a biennial basis, beginning in 1983. Accordingly, at its thirty-first session, in June 1984, the Council will undertake a broad policy review only of United Nations technical co-operation activities, the activities of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office. However, a brief report, including a financial statement, on other funds will be made available to the Council in intervening years.
