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PROGRAMME PLANNING: THE THIRD PROGRAMMING CYCLE, 1982-1986
COUNTRY AND INTERCOUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

Recommendations

Note by the Administrator

1. Paragraph 11 of the Consensus requirements that country programmes submitted to the Council be accompanied by recommendations by the Administrator for their approval. In view of the revised country programming procedures contained in DP/518 and Corr.1 and Add.1, endorsed by the Council in its decision 81/15, by which the submission of an accompanying note by the Administrator was discontinued for country programmes of $20 million or less, including cost sharing, and in further view of relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions calling for the control and limitation of documentation, including its reduction wherever possible, and following the practice initiated at the May 1982 Special Meeting, the Administrator has decided to continue to submit, in a single consolidated document, for the Council's consideration, his recommendation for the approval of: (a) country programmes; (b) extension of country programmes; (c) authority to provide assistance to projects submitted by Governments; and, as appropriate, (d) approval of country, intercountry and global projects.

2. Accordingly, the Administrator recommends that the Governing Council approve the proposed country programmes for: Central African Republic (DP/CP/CAF/3), Chad (DP/CP/CHD/3), Equatorial Guinea (DP/CP/EQC/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), Syrian Arab Republic (DP/CP/SYR/3), 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), Cyprus (DP/CP/CYP/2), Belize (DP/CP/BZE/2), Colombia (DP/CP/COL/3), Costa Rica (DP/CP/COS/3), Nicaragua (DP/CP/NIC/3), and Trinidad and Tobago (DP/CP/TRI/3), for the duration of their programme periods within the limits of their illustrative indicative planning figures (IPFs) for 1982-1986, taking into account the balance of over-expenditure and under-expenditure of their 1977-1981 IPFs. The Administrator also recommends that he be authorized to
proceed with appraisal and approval action on requests for UNDP assistance to 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 IPF, 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. The Administrator also recommends that the requests submitted by the Governments of Benin, Bolivia and Suriname for the extension of their country programmes (DP/CP/BEN/EXTENSION, DP/CP/BOL/EXTENSION and DP/CP/SUR/EXTENSION) be approved by the Council. In addition, the Council may wish to take note of the extension of country programmes which the Administrator has approved and which he has informed the Council of in documents DP/CP/ELS/EXTENSION and DP/CP/INS/EXTENSION.

4. The Administrator further recommends that the Council take note of the requests for authority to approve assistance for projects submitted by the Governments of Lebanon (DP/1983/52) and Swaziland (DP/1983/32) and to approve these requests on behalf of the respective Governments.

5. The Consensus, in paragraph 23, requires that the Council specifically approve all global projects. Accordingly, the Administrator recommends that the Council approve the supplementary assistance for the following 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 that he be authorized to make the appropriate arrangements for its execution (DP/PROJECTS/REC/II).

6. Furthermore, the Administrator recommends that the Council take note of the Regional programme for the Arab States, 1983-1986 (DP/RAB/1).

7. The Administrator also recommends that the Council take note of the progress reports on programme implementation in each region (decision 81/15, operative paragraph 7): Africa (DP/1983/61); Arab States (DP/1983/62); Asia and the Pacific (DP/1983/63); Europe (DP/1983/65); and Latin America (DP/1983/64).

8. Finally, the Administrator recommends that the Council take note of the report on relevant trends and problems in the country programmes proposed for approval in June 1983 contained in document DP/1983/60 and Add.1.

Notes

1/ See annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV), adopted 11 December 1970.