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Working paper by the Chairman of the Drafting Group*

1. As indicated in document DP/1983/L.7, Adoption of the Agenda and other Organizational Matters, paragraphs 6 and 7, the Governing Council decided at its organizational session, that the Drafting Group would elaborate and finalize draft decisions on items referred to it by the Plenary. The Council further agreed that the Chairman of the Drafting Group would circulate working papers containing preliminary draft decisions prepared, at his request, by the secretariat to facilitate the work of the Drafting Group. The Chairman is hereby circulating the working paper with texts contained in addenda.

2. It should be emphasized that this working paper does not pre-empt the submission of draft decisions by delegations on the subjects contained in it. In cases where both delegations and the Chairman have circulated draft texts, precedence will be given to texts of delegations, as decided by the Council.

* The Bureau of the Council decided to replace Working Group by Drafting Group to reflect its activities more accurately.



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Addendum

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

The Governing Council,

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

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

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

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

(c) 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 service;

2. Requests the executing agencies to pursue actively 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.

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Addendum

Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action
for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries

(Agenda item 4 (b))

The Governing Council,

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

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

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

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

Noting however with deep concern that to date the level of IPF resources to be made available to LDCs during the third programming cycle of UNDP has decreased from the illustrative IPFs of \$1,546 billion to \$850 million, thus precluding the full impact that UNDP as the main source of multilateral technical co-operation for LDCs might have in the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action,

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

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

1. Reiterates its appeal to all States, particularly donor countries, to make all possible efforts to substantially and effectively increase their contributions to the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries and the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

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

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

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

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

Corrigendum

TEXT TO BE INCORPORATED IN DP/1983/WP.1/Add.4

1. Appreciates the update of the review and reassessment and 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;
2. Requests the Executive Director to provide to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session a report regarding the experiences gained by the Fund in using the present set of criteria for selecting priority countries;
3. Requests the Executive Director to provide to the Governing Council at its thirty-first session a report on how the results of evaluations have been fed back into, and taken account of in, the policy and programming process;
4. Requests the Executive Director to provide to the Governing Council at its _____ session a report which would provide a problem-oriented analysis of UNFPA's experience in the family planning area;

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Corrigendum

Delete part II and insert:

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

II

The Governing Council,

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, noting the level of funding for the World Health Organization/Human Reproductive Programme (WHO/HRP) recommended in document DP/1983/21, a four year, 1984-1987, UNFPA funding commitment, in principle, to the WHO/HRP programme;

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UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES (Agenda item 6 (b))

I

The Governing Council,

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

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

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

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

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



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Addendum

Evaluation Programme (Agenda item 4 (d))

I

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

The Governing Council

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

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

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

[Endorses the Administrator's proposal to establish a small Central Evaluation Unit in UNDP, covering the costs in 1983 from savings in the 1982-1983 budget and those for 1984-1985 as indicated in the budget estimates for the biennium (DP/1983/44);]

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United Nations Technical Co-operation Activities

Report of the Secretary-General (Agenda item 6 (a))

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General on United Nations Technical Co-operation Activities (DP/1983/18, DP/1983/18/Add.1 and Add.2) and recalling its Decision 82/19,

1. Notes with great concern the impact on the DTOD 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, to secure the maximum use of its established expertise in these critical areas for the benefit of the developing countries, and reaffirms its support for the orientation of DTOD'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 to strengthen its collaboration with the UNDP and its field offices as well as with

other entities in the United Nations system, and to intensify its co-operation with Governments in order to ensure the responsiveness of DTCD programmes to the needs of developing countries and to those of the least-developed countries in particular;

4. Recommends that full account be taken of the technical competence of the Department as well as development objectives and priorities of requesting governments in decisions to designate executing agencies for the implementation of UNDP and UNFPA-financed programmes and projects, as well as for those financed from other sources of funds when channelled through UNDP.

5. Urges that necessary action be completed, in pursuance of General Assembly Resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, to avoid the duplication of existing structures within the United Nations Secretariat and to achieve the consolidation of the execution and management of technical co-operation projects as envisaged in that resolution within a separate entity thereby also achieving economies of scale. Measures should be taken, in this connection, to enable the Department to achieve greater flexibility with regard to administrative, personnel and financial matters which relate to the implementation of technical co-operation projects.
