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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

1. By operative paragraph 2 of Section III.A of decision 83/5, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme decided that, for a trial period of three years, it 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 project implementation;
- (d) Consider reports on evaluation studies; and
- (e) Deal with other matters related to the programme management of UNDP;

2. Paragraph 3 of the same decision provided, inter alia, that the meetings of the Committee of the Whole shall be scheduled so as not to coincide with the meetings of the plenary and that a written report shall be submitted to plenary by the presiding officer, who shall be the President of the Council or another member of the Bureau designated by him.

3. At its organizational meeting on 22 and 23 February 1984, the Governing Council decided that it would resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole following the opening of the Council's thirty-first session on 4 June 1984.

4. The Council also agreed that the Committee of the Whole would deal with agenda items 5 (b), Programme planning: country and intercountry programmes and projects, and 4 (d), Programme implementation: evaluation.

. In accordance with these decisions, the Governing Council, following the first plenary meeting of its thirty-first session, resolved itself into the committee of the Whole which held [9] meetings from 4 to [8] June 1984 to consider agenda items 5 (b) and 4 (d).

. At its first meeting, held on 4 June 1984, the Committee of the Whole agreed to meet informally with four UNDP resident representatives, one each from the Africa, Arab States, Latin America and Asia and Pacific regions, so as to allow an in-depth consideration of and exchange of views on programming matters and UNDP's field activities.

. Furthermore, a number of informal audio-visual presentations were given each day. The first such presentation, on 5 June, was preceded by a statement by the Director-General of the International Labour Organisation.

II. DOCUMENTATION

3. For its consideration of the agenda items referred to it, the Committee had before it the following documentation:

1 (d) Evaluation

- Programme implementation: Evaluation, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/18)
- Status of thematic evaluations (DP/1984/18, annex I)
- Summary of the UNDP/FAO Thematic evaluation study on national agricultural research (DP/1984/18, annex II)
- Summary of the UNDP/ILO thematic evaluation study on training of industrial manpower (DP/1984/18, annex III)
- Interorganizational evaluation study of women's participation in development. Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/19)
- Joint United Nations/UNDP/UNIDO evaluation of UNDP-financed technical co-operation activities of UNIDO in the field of manufactures; Report of the Administrator in response to the recommendations of the Staff Report (DP/1984/68)

In addition the Committee had available for its information, Chapter IV of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (CPC) dealing with evaluation of the UNDP-financed technical co-operation activities of UNIDO in the field of manufactures (document E/AC.51/1984/L.5/Add.21) as well as an extract from the report of the Secretary-General to CPC on the same subject (Part III of document E/AC.51/1984/7, paras. 73-95).

5 (b) Country and intercountry programmes and projects

(i) Trends and problems in country programmes

Relevant trends and problems in the country programmes proposed for approval in June 1984, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/21).

(ii). Implementation of selected country programmes

- Implementation of selected country programmes in the African region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/22)
- Implementation of selected country programmes in the Arab States region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/23 and Corr. 1)
- Implementation of selected country programmes in the Asia and Pacific region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/24)
- Implementation of selected country programmes in the European region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/26)
- Implementation of selected country programmes in the Latin America and Caribbean region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/25).

(iii) Consideration and approval of country programmes (including requests for extensions)

(a) Country programmes

<u>Country</u>	<u>Document</u>
Afghanistan	DP/CP/AFG/3, DP/CP/AFG/NOTE/3
Benin	DP/CP/BEN/3
Bolivia	DP/CP/BOL/3, DP/CP/BOL/NOTE/3
El Salvador	DP/CP/ELS/3
Lebanon	DP/CP/LEB/2
Singapore	DP/CP/SIN/5 and Corr.1
Swaziland	DP/CP/SWA/3

(b) Extensions

Guatemala	DP/CP/GUA/EXTENSION
Suriname	DP/CP/SUR/EXTENSION

(iv) Global and interregional projects

- International Maize Testing Programme and Selected Training Activities, Project recommendation of the Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REG/12)
- International Rice Testing and Improvement Programme (Phase II), Project recommendation of the Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REG/13)

- Maximizing Crop Production through Biological Nitrogen Fixation, Project recommendation of the Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REC/14)
- Survey and Identification of World Marine Fish Resources, Project recommendation of the Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REC/15)

III. THE COMMITTEE'S DELIBERATIONS

9. In addition to the documentation made available to the Committee, each document was introduced by the Assistant Administrator or senior official concerned. Following the debate on the various items, these senior officials responded to the points raised in the debate on each agenda item.

10. The debate was marked by the active participation of the members of the Committee. Discussion on country and intercountry programmes and projects (agenda item 5 (b)) was notably enhanced by the informal meetings with the four resident representatives, one from each of the major regions. Delegations expressed their appreciation for this innovation and for the insight it provided into the field level operational activities of UNDP.

11. For the consideration of all matters before the Committee, in particular the global projects and country programmes and extensions, full information was made available by the Administration and representatives of countries concerned. This permitted an exhaustive examination of the various issues and programmes before the Committee.

12. At the conclusion of its deliberations the Committee of the Whole decided to make the following recommendation to the Council:

5 (b) (i)

Trends and problems in country programmes

To take note of the Administrator's report on trends and problems in country programmes as contained in document DP/1984/21.

5 (b) (ii) and (iii)

Country programmes

Africa

To take note of the Report of the Administrator on implementation of selected country programmes in the Africa region, 1983 as contained in document DP/1984/22 and to approve the country programme for Benin as contained in document DP/CP/BEN/3 and the country programme for Swaziland as contained in document DP/CP/SWA/3;

Arab States

To take note of the Report of the Administrator on implementation of selected country programmes in the Arab States region as contained in document DP/1984/23/and Corr.1 and to approve the country programme for Lebanon as contained in document DP/CP/LEB/2;

Europe

To take note of the Report of the Administrator on implementation of selected country programmes in Europe as contained in document DP/1984/26;

Latin America
and Caribbean

To take note of the Report of the Administrator on implementation of selected country programmes in Latin America and Caribbean regions as contained in document DP/1984/25 and, to approve the country programme for Bolivia as contained in documents DP/CP/BOL/3 and DP/CP/BOL/NOTE/3 and the country programme for El Salvador as contained in document DP/CP/ELS/3, and to take note of the extension of the country programme for Guatemala contained in document DP/CP/GUA/EXTENSION and to approve the extension of the country programme for Suriname as contained in document DP/CP/SUR/EXTENSION.

Asia and the Pacific

5 (b) (IV)

Global and interregional projects

To approve the projects placed before the Council as contained in documents DP/PROJECTS/REC/12, 13 and 14 and 15, subject to any decisions by the Council with respect to document DP/1984/20/Add.1;

4 (d)

Evaluation

To take note of documents DP/1984/18 and annexes I, II and III as well as DP/1984/19, DP/1984/68 and of Chapter IV of the report of the CPC (document E/AC.51/1984/L.5/Add.21), and to endorse the course of action proposed by the Administrator in section II of document DP/1984/68.

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ADDENDUM

The following should be inserted under paragraph 12, pertaining to Asia and the Pacific:

To take note of the Administrator's report on implementation of selected country programmes in the Asia and Pacific region, as contained in document DP/1984/24;

To approve the country programme for Singapore as contained in document DP/CP/SIN/5 and DP/CP/SIN, 5/Corr.1; and

To take note that in the case of the country programme for Afghanistan as contained in document DP/CP/AFG/3 and DP/CP/AFG/NOTE 3, the Committee did not reach a consensus on what recommendation should be submitted to the Council.

