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



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Addendum

Annual Report of the Administrator
(Agenda item 4 (a))

The Governing Council,

Having considered the Annual Report of the Administrator for 1983
(DP/1984/5 and Add.1-4, 5 (Part I), 5 (Part II) and Corr.1 and Add.6),

Taking into account the views expressed thereon during the
thirty-first session of the Governing Council,

1. Welcomes the steps taken by the Administrator to improve Programme effectiveness, including in particular the enhanced services being extended by UNDP field offices at the country level; and the increased emphasis on evaluation;
2. Takes note with appreciation of the vigorous implementation by the Administrator of the provisions of Governing Council decision 83/5 stemming from the work of the Intersessional Committee of the Whole;
3. Encourages the Administrator in his efforts to mobilize additional resources for technical co-operation at the country level;

4. Requests the Administrator to conduct a survey of Governing Council members to ascertain the usefulness of documents issued for the thirty-first session, the results of the survey to be used as a basis for a discussion at the thirty-second session in 1985; and

5. Encourages the Administrator to continue his efforts at ensuring the timely preparation and distribution of documentation for the consideration of the Governing Council.



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Addendum

LIQUIDATION OF UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY OPERATION TRUST FUND

Action taken to implement General Assembly resolution 38/201
(Agenda item 4(c)(v))

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on action taken by him to implement General Assembly resolution 38/201 dealing with the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and allocation of its remaining balance (DP/1984/71 and Add.1) and the further information provided orally by the Administration,

I

1. Expresses its satisfaction at the speedy action taken by the Administrator, in pursuance of paragraph 1(a) of General Assembly resolution 38/201, in approving assistance to urgently needed projects, primarily in the food and agricultural sectors in countries afflicted by famine and malnutrition as a result, particularly, of severe or prolonged drought, with special emphasis on African countries;

II

2. Endorses the arrangements reflected in paragraph 16 of DP/1984/71 for the initiation and approval of project proposals for financing under paragraph 1(c) of General Assembly resolution 38/201 dealing with activities in economic and technical co-operation among developing countries of critical importance to developing countries, according to the priorities set by them;

3. Notes that one important project proposal submitted by developing countries is already in the process of appraisal and approval, and urges that additional priorities and project proposals will be determined expeditiously for full and early use of the funds made available under paragraph 1(c) of resolution 38/201; and

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4. Requests the Administrator to report further to the Council at its thirty-second session on the implementation of resolution 38/201.



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Addendum

Assistance to the Palestinian People
(Agenda item 4 (c) (iii))

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 79/18 of 26 June 1979, 81/13 of 23 June 1981, 82/13 of 18 June 1982, 83/11 of 24 June 1983 and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions,

Reaffirming the commitment of UNDP to assist the Palestinian people in advancing their economic and social development,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator on the programme of assistance (document DP/1984/16),

1. Expresses satisfaction with the efforts of the Administrator in assisting the Palestinian people in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip;
2. Notes with regret that previous appeals by the Council and the General Assembly for additional special contributions amounting to at least \$8 million in the third programming cycle have only drawn a very modest response so far;

3. Reconfirms the need for such special contributions, now made even more urgent by the full commitment of all funds made available from Special Programme Resources;

4. Notes further that unless additional contributions are received, it will not be possible to undertake in timely and fully effective fashion the ready pipeline of basic development projects in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip; and

5. Requests the Administrator, when the total amount available for allocations to Special Programme Resources for the fourth cycle has been determined, to make proposals for the consideration by the Council of the amount which could be appropriately utilized from these resources, having regard to the other claims thereon, for supporting programmes of assistance to the Palestinian people.



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Addendum

Pre-investment Activities

(Agenda item 4 (b)(ii))

The Governing Council,

Having considered the Progress Report of the Administrator on pre-investment activities (DP/1984/11),

Reiterating its invitation to governments to give due priority to pre-investment activities in their country programming,

1. Notes the progress made in financing feasibility studies from the special account of \$1 million from Special Programme Resources;

2. Endorses the efforts of the Administrator and the Agencies to increase pre-investment activities under the co-operative arrangements;

3. Takes note of the relationship established between UNDP and sources of development finance to promote complementarity of programming and follow-up investment to UNDP assisted pre-investment activities and requests the Administrator to continue

in the framework of the mandate given to him earlier by the Council such relationships and consider broadening their scope to include other sources of finance as mandated by it; and

4. Notes the progress under the training programmes in pre-investment for UNDP staff and host government counterparts with financial institutions including the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank and requests the Administrator to continue training in this area.



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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) (iv))

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 83/9 of 24 June 1983 at its thirtieth session,

Taking note of the report submitted by the Administrator on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries (DP/1984/13/and Add.1 and Corr.1);

Noting with concern that voluntary contributions to United Nations Capital Development Fund and Special Measures Fund for the least developed countries have steadily declined in 1983 and 1984;

Recalling its decision 84/ , on the economic and social crisis in Africa and bearing in mind that the LDCs, have been most severely affected by that crisis;

1. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Governing Council at its thirty-second session within the framework of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the LDCs and in anticipation of the global mid-term review of the SNPA to be held in September 1985 a report on the role of UNDP in the implementation of SNPA particularly focusing on the experiences gained by UNDP with the donor consultation process through round-table conferences with particular emphasis on:

- (a) the dialogue between the LDCs concerned and the donor community,
- (b) co-ordination and utilization of aid available to the LDCs concerned,
- (c) management of aid by the LDC governments concerned in the light of social and economic policy measures undertaken by them, where appropriate,
- (d) impact on the level and flow of aid and any resulting additionality, concessionality and flexibility in line with the commitments undertaken in the SNPA and resolution 142(VI) of UNCTAD,
- (e) appropriate modalities for follow-up to the round-table conferences.

2. Reiterates its appeal to all countries, particularly donor countries, to make all possible efforts to increase their voluntary contributions to the United Nations Capital Development Fund and Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries, and/or to appropriately extend increased financial support through other suitable channels to the LDCs;

3. Requests the Administrator to continue to assist Governments of LDCs as appropriate in the follow-up of round-table meetings; and

4. Welcomes the appointment of a Co-ordinator of Assistance to LDCs in the Planning and Co-ordination Office of UNDP.



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Addendum

Measures to be taken to meet the changing
technical co-operation requirements of
developing countries
(Agenda item 3)

The Governing Council,

Reaffirming the critical role of technical co-operation in promoting self-reliance and building human resources in developing countries and the unique contribution of UNDP to this effort,

Reaffirming also the central and co-ordinating role of the United Nations Development Programme as the leading body for technical co-operation within the framework of the United Nations,

Recognizing the importance of ensuring that the technical co-operation activities of the United Nations system remain responsive to changing development needs and geared to the specific requirements of individual countries,

Recognizing also the necessity to continue the examination of ways in which the provision of technical co-operation by UNDP in addressing those needs can be made more effective,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system and 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 on the new dimensions in technical co-operation, together with their annexes,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980 stressing, inter alia, the important role to be played by technical co-operation in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling further General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system and 35/81 of 5 December 1980 on a comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development, and General Assembly resolution 37/226 of 20 December 1982 on operational activities for development of the United Nations system and the role of UNDP therein,

Sharing the deep concern expressed by Governments and by the Administrator of UNDP that UNDP be adequately financed and equipped to meet the changing technical co-operation requirements of developing countries,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator on measures to be taken to meet the changing technical co-operation requirements of developing countries (DP/1984/4) and the relevant parts of DP/1984/5, the Annual Report of the Administrator for 1983, and the comments of Governments thereon,

1. Notes the Administrator's findings on the continuing need for technical co-operation and on the changing requirements for such co-operation which call for new measures and appropriate adaptations on the part of UNDP;
2. Stresses the importance of maintaining a balanced approach in meeting such needs and the necessity of enhanced effectiveness in the programming and implementation process;
3. Affirms the necessity to maintain the capacity of UNDP for flexible responses to meet changing needs in a widely varying set of local conditions and

in this regard to pursue the "continuous programming" within the framework of the country programmes as an effective means of responding to changing technical co-operation needs of a country;

4. Urges all organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate with UNDP in making effective use of the country programming process as a frame of reference for technical co-operation;

5. Considers that the assessment and planning of over-all technical co-operation needs of the developing countries could provide a useful framework of action for co-ordinated provision of the technical assistance from external sources, that the country programming process can be a useful vehicle for interested countries in this respect and requests the Administrator to assist Governments, at their request, in formulating such programmes;

6. Encourages Governments, when preparing their country programmes, to continue taking into account the global themes and priorities elaborated and expressed in various intergovernmental resolutions as they relate to their national plans;

7. Further encourages Governments to consider the advisability of bringing together smaller projects into "umbrella projects" to reduce the administrative workload entailed in managing larger numbers of smaller projects and to gain in programming impact;

8. Invites the executing agencies to continue to improve their policies and procedures to ensure that their accumulated technical knowledge is fully accessible to Governments irrespective of project execution arrangements;

9. Notes with satisfaction the increased co-operation between UNDP, the World Bank and regional development banks in accordance with paragraph 23 of General Assembly resolution 38/171 and within the framework of the follow-up activities and urges these organizations to continue their close collaboration with UNDP, especially with respect to country and sectoral analysis, and the programming and implementation of technical co-operation;

10. Reaffirms the importance of pre-investment and investment support activities as an integral part of UNDP technical co-operation;

11. Welcomes the expanded role being played by the UNDP field office network in the management and support services being placed at the disposal of Governments, as well as the increasingly important role of these offices in resource mobilization;

12. Endorses the Administrator's view that the more advanced developing countries continue to require multilateral technical co-operation from UNDP particularly in such areas as high technology, and in other areas where changing economic and social circumstances make new demands;

13. Urges UNDP to continue expanding and adapting its services and assistance to low-income developing countries and ensure that their emerging needs in high technology and in other areas where changing economic and social circumstances make new demands also receive adequate attention;

14. Also urges UNDP to continue to respond effectively to meet the technical assistance needs of the least developed countries, in particular towards implementation of relevant parts of the Substantive New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries;

15. Expresses its appreciation to the Administrator for assisting the least developed countries in the preparation of Round Table meetings as called for by the Substantive New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries and urges the Administrator to pay special attention to the follow-up to Round Table meetings;

16. Welcomes the emphasis placed by the Administrator on grassroots approaches for development and on recipient Governments increasingly tapping the potential of non-governmental organizations within the context of country programming and project execution, without prejudice to the basic principles of UNDP as embodied in the 1970 consensus;

17. Welcomes further the Administrator's initiatives to strengthen and broaden UNDP's efforts to assist Governments, strictly in accordance with their priorities and expressly at their wish and with their consent, through collaboration with the private sector;

18. Stresses the importance of covering both the short-term and long-term needs of developing countries for skilled manpower and requests the Administrator to consider measures for addressing these needs, including the proposal for a human resources facility put forward during its thirty-first session and to report thereon at its thirty-second session;

19. Invites the Administrator to consider ways in which Governments can be assisted in the strengthening of their central planning and co-ordination capabilities;

20. Recognizes the increasing interest of Governments in more effective country-level co-ordination, by the recipient Government, of external assistance and recognizes as well that the structure and resources of UNDP can provide recipient Governments, at their request, with complementary means for achieving this task;

21. Reaffirms that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and paragraph 22 of General Assembly resolution 38/171 of 19 December 1983 as well as the priorities set by the Government and in consultation and with the consent of the Government concerned, the UNDP country programming process be used as a frame of reference for the co-ordination of United Nations operational activities for development at the country level under the over-all responsibility of the Resident Co-ordinator and with full use of the facilities of the UNDP network, in order to facilitate the task of the host country in co-ordinating external assistance, achieve improved coherence of action, reduce administrative overhead costs and avoid duplication of effort;

22. Appeals to the participating organizations of the United Nations system to join with UNDP in the efforts of the host Government to bring about wider and more effective development co-operation at the country level in accordance with the wishes of the host Government; and

23. Requests the Administrator to undertake further steps to strengthen the co-ordination capabilities of the UNDP field offices and to report thereon to the next session of the Governing Council.



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Addendum

Annual Report of the Administrator for 1983

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit of the UNDP Office
for Projects Execution (OPE)
(Agenda item 4(a))

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Office for Projects Execution of the United Nations Development Programme (OPE) (JIU/REP/83/9),

Taking note of the comments of the Administrator, in document DP/1984/8, of the other organizations of the United Nations System in document DP/1984/74, and of the Secretary-General in document A/39/80/Add.1,

Taking note also of the comments of the Administrator during the discussion of this item, and the assurances given by him regarding his intention to undertake meaningful consultations with agencies and organizations of the United Nations system within the context of the Guidelines for Direct Execution issued by the Administrator,

Recalling paragraphs 38-42 of General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the responsibility of the Administrator in consultation with Governments to select the agent by which Programme assistance to each project will be implemented,

Recalling further the Administrator's full responsibility and accountability for all phases and aspects of the implementation of the Programme,

1. Does not accept Recommendation 1 made by the Unit;
2. Accepts Recommendation 2 made by the Unit;
3. Welcomes the Administrator's statement of his adherence to the principle of partnership as set out in the Consensus regarding the designation of executing agencies, bearing in mind always his obligation to provide the best possible service to developing countries;
4. Reaffirms that the Office of Projects Execution has been established with the full approval of the Council in recognition of the need of the Administrator to have at his disposal an appropriate instrument for providing direct project services to Governments;
5. Approves the continued use of the Office for Projects Execution as an agent for the implementation of projects where the Administrator decides in consultation with the Government and the executing agencies concerned that the expertise or services required are such that the delivery of service through the Office for Projects Execution will best serve the interests of the country concerned; and
6. Requests the Administrator to pursue vigorously the goal of self-reliance as expressed in the Governing Council decision on the New Dimensions for Technical Co-operation of 25 June 1975 and endorsed by the General Assembly by resolution 3405 (XXX) by promoting the modality of government execution and the innovative use of the Office of Projects Execution as a co-operating organization.



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Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit
(agenda item 4 (a))

The Governing Council,

Having considered the note by the Administrator on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit issued since the beginning of 1983 (DP/1984/6),

Takes note of the information provided therein with respect to the report on the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) (JIU/REP/83/1), the report on the United Nations Department of Technical Co-operation for Development (JIU/REP/83/2), the report on the United Nations Department of International Economic and Social Affairs (JIU/REP/83/7), the report on the Contribution of the United Nations System to Conservation and Management of Cultural and Natural Heritage in Asia and the Pacific (JIU/REP/83/10), as well as with respect to General Assembly resolution 38/229 regarding the recommendation of the Joint Inspection Unit contained in paragraph 12 of its annual report (A/38/34).

II

Having considered the Joint Inspection Unit's "Progress report on the implementation of recommendations on regional programmes in the conservation and management of African wildlife" (JIU/REP/83/3),

Accepts the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit contained in its report, taking into account the comments of the Secretary-General on those recommendations as contained in document E/1984/3/Add.1,

III

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit, "Field offices of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)" (JIU/REP/83/4), and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon contained in document DP/1984/7,

1. Accepts recommendation 1 on the strengthening of field offices, but takes note of the Secretary-General's comment that a policy recommendation regarding general contributions to the cost of UNDP field offices should await a full examination of all the field offices of all the organizations of the system including the related cost, and that the role of the Resident Co-ordinator should be taken into account;

2. Takes note also of the Administrator's intention to review the staffing and other needs of the field offices particularly in the least developed countries in Africa; and

3. Urges recipient Governments to make available on secondment to the UNDP field offices in their countries a number of qualified persons to serve as programme officers.

4. Accepts recommendation 2 on policy implementation, taking into account the relevant comment of the Secretary-General;

5. Accepts recommendation 3 on substantive programme functions, bearing in mind that substantive programme work remains the major part of the workload of most field offices;

6. Accepts those parts of recommendation 4 on personnel questions contained in paragraphs (a), (c) and (d) on page 26 of the report, noting that these recommendations are already an integral part of UNDP's personnel policies and practices;

7. Does not accept paragraph (b) of recommendation 4 in the light of the Administrator's reservations contained in paragraph 25 of the Secretary-General's comments and in the light of the discussion in the Council at its thirty-first session

IV

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit, "Evaluation System of the United Nations Development Programme" (JIU/REP/83/5) and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon contained in document DP/1984/9,

Accepts the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit, noting that recommendation 2, calling for the establishment of a Central Evaluation Unit, has already been implemented.

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[A draft decision on the Joint Inspection Unit report, "Office for Projects Execution of the United Nations Development Programme (OPE)" (JIU/REP/83/9) is contained in document DP/1984/WP.1/Add.3.]



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Assistance to the national liberation movements recognized
by the Organization of African Unity
(agenda item 4(c)(i))

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator (DP/1984/15) and the statements made during the debate by Council members and representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity,

1. Takes note with appreciation the concerted efforts and actions the Administrator has set in motion to bring about improvements in the design, implementation and monitoring of projects of assistance to the national liberation movements;
2. Requests the Administrator to continue to assist efficiently and with the maximum flexibility possible within the context of the UNDP mandate, the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity, bearing in mind the comments made during the debate in the plenary;

3. Also requests the Administrator to follow through with the initiatives aimed at further improving the design, implementation and monitoring of projects of assistance to the national liberation movements and take the necessary measures aimed at ensuring timely delivery of inputs to approved projects; and

4. Further requests the Administrator to continue to report to the Council on assistance to the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity.



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Addendum

Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification
in the Sudano-Sahelian Region

(agenda item 8 (f) (i))

The Governing Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly General Assembly resolutions 37/216 of 20 December 1982 and 38/164 of 19 December 1983, and Council resolutions 1982/55 of 29 July 1982 and 1983/68 of 29 July 1983,

Recalling also its decisions 82/26 of 18 June 1982 and 83/24 of 22 June 1983,

Noting the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme adopted on May 1984 which, inter alia, endorsed again 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,

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, and that it is progressing at an alarming rate throughout the continent,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Administrator on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region (DP/1984/50);
2. Endorses the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to add Ghana and Togo to the list of countries eligible to receive assistance through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;
3. 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;
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;
5. Further urges all governments of the affected areas to intensify their co-ordination efforts in combating desertification; and
6. Requests the Administrator to continue to report annually to the Governing Council on the implementation of the Plan of Action to combat desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region.



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

(agenda item 4 (b) (i))

The Governing Council,

Recognizing that the expanded support for UNDP and the growth in its resources are linked to knowledge and appreciation of the role and achievements of the Programme particularly in donor countries,

Considering that UNDP, with the largest volume of voluntary contributions to mobilize each year and the most difficult image to project, has one of the smallest information budgets among the major funds and agencies of the United Nations system,

Takes note with appreciation of the progress report by the Administrator (DP/1984/10) on the implementation of the action proposals submitted to the Intersessional Committee of the Whole (DP/1983/ICW/7) to promote a better understanding of the role and activities and resource needs of the Programme,

Requests the Administrator to present specific proposals together with their budgetary implications, if any, for the strengthening of UNDP's Division of Information and its activities to the thirty-second session of the Council.



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The Economic and Social Crisis in Africa
(Agenda items 4(a) and 4(c))

The Governing Council,

Recognizing with deep concern the economic and social crisis in Africa, aggravated, inter alia, by unfavourable climatic conditions and poor agricultural production in recent years, directly affecting a large part of the African population as well as its prospects for economic growth, development and the attainment of self-reliance,

Conscious of the particular burdens and severe difficulties faced by most African Governments, and the need for appropriate, intensive and sustained co-operation with and support from UNDP, other multilateral and bilateral aid partners, and the international community,

Taking note with appreciation of the Secretary-General's special initiatives undertaken in response to the immense and immediate needs in Africa and of the close collaboration and support provided to the Secretary-General by the Administrator in this regard,

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Taking note also of the Administrator's report on the implementation of selected country programmes in the Africa region, 1983 (DP/1984/22) and of his comments on this subject in his introductory statement,

Taking note further of document DP on UNDP activities in the Africa region during the past year,

Taking note of the Council's decision 84/ , implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) for the 1980s,

1. Reaffirms the importance of the central co-ordinating role of UNDP within the United Nations system in assisting African Governments to meet their urgent needs as well as their medium-term and long-term technical co-operation requirements for development;
2. Urges Member Governments, organizations of the United Nations development system and other multilateral programmes within the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations to make use, as appropriate, of the capacity of the Resident Co-ordinator and the UNDP field network at the request of the recipient country concerned for the improvement of the co-ordination of technical co-operation activities at the country level to increase aid effectiveness;
3. Invites the Administrator to continue to assist Governments, at their request, in strengthening their national planning and co-ordination capabilities;
4. Further invites the Administrator pursuant to paragraph 23 of General Assembly resolution 38/171 of 19 December 1983 to continue his efforts at closer collaboration with the World Bank, regional banks and with other organizations of the United Nations development system, in such areas as

programming and co-ordinating assistance flows, resources mobilization and development of priority activities which could help meet immediate needs and strengthen the foundation for long-term development in Africa;

5. Notes with appreciation the attention UNDP is giving to round-table conferences of donors organized with UNDP assistance in the Africa region in order to improve development assistance efforts and aid co-ordination and requests the Administrator to provide all possible support to future round-table conferences and to follow-up activities including donor consultations which are being undertaken by an increasing number of African countries towards the end of maximizing their effectiveness as a forum for candid discussion on development needs and problems leading to increased aid flows, where appropriate, and improved design and implementation of programmes;

6. Urges donor countries to support the efforts of African countries, through UNDP and such other funds and programmes under the Administrator's authority as the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, the United Nations Capital Development Fund and the United Nations Volunteers, to plan and implement development projects and programmes designed to meet immediate needs and build Africa's capacity to deal more effectively with the development problems including periodic drought and famine as well as the limited institutional capacity which the continent faces;

7. Urges all multilateral and bilateral aid partners, including non-governmental organizations, to consider supporting priority development projects related to the economic and social crisis in Africa through inter alia, co-financing and other cost-sharing arrangements with UNDP;

8. Requests the Administrator to take all appropriate measures to effectively support the ICARA II Conference and its appropriate follow-up;

9. Supports the Administrator's initiative to channel on an immediate and exceptional basis an increased number of United Nations volunteers to the most severely affected countries in Africa, to augment their indigenous infrastructure with technical personnel to handle the material assistance being provided from a variety of sources to face the current situation of economic crisis;
10. Endorses the Administrator's intention to review the capacity of field offices in the Africa region to undertake effectively the additional workload arising from the evolving circumstances and increased responsibilities which were not foreseen at the time of the Headquarters and Field Office Staffing Survey, and to present to the Council at its thirty-second session recommendations on how field offices in Africa may better cope with the realities of the current economic and social crisis as well as the immediate and long-term developments in Africa;
11. Notes with appreciation the speedy action taken by the Administrator to implement General Assembly resolution 38/201, paragraph 1(a), the major part of the funds under which has been applied, in accordance with that resolution, to finance urgently needed projects in countries affected by famine and malnutrition in Africa;
12. Requests the Administrator to bring to the attention of the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session, 1984, during its high-level debate on the economic and social crisis in Africa, the action taken by the Governing Council, at its thirty-first session, in respect of Africa; and
13. Welcomes the efforts taken by the Administrator in assisting in the implementation of the Secretary-General's initiative on the economic and social crisis in Africa and requests him to continue to provide his fullest support to this initiative.



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Addendum

Mid-term review of the third programming cycle, 1982-1986
(Agenda item 5 (a))

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the mid-term review of the third programming cycle (DP/1984/20 and Add.1),

Reaffirming its decision 80/30,

Reaffirming also its decision 83/5

1. Notes the Administrator's review of the voluntary contributions experience, noting in particular that voluntary contributions over the past four years increased, on the average, by 7.2 per cent annually in pledged currencies but declined, on the average, by 1.2 per cent annually expressed in US dollars;

2. Also notes the Administrator's projection of resumed growth in voluntary contributions for the years 1985 and 1986, although at a level far below the one envisaged for the cycle;

3. Urges all countries who are in a position to do so, to increase their contributions to the Programme to achieve adequate real growth of the resources of the Programme during the remaining years of the third programming cycle;

4. Takes note with appreciation of the Administrator's actions to safeguard the financial and substantive integrity of the Programme;

5. Further takes note with appreciation of the actions taken by the Administrator to reduce the staffing and other administrative costs to a level which is more commensurate with the lower level of the programme;

6. Decides that no meaningful general revision of IPFs can be made under the current resource situation. Decides further that though the current resource situation may not allow any revision of IPSs of those countries whose real economic situation has deteriorated substantially from 1978 levels, such a revision may be considered to the extent that improvement in the resource position of UNDP will permit in the future, and to the extent that it would not result in the reduction of other programmes;

7. Notes that the Administrator has been able to implement Council decision 83/14, section VI, in respect of the programme levels of countries with small IPFs, as the modest amounts involved made this possible;

8. Notes the Administrator's actions to increase the resource flows to and improve the co-ordination of UNDP's activities for the least developed countries;

9. Decides that for the purpose of determining the carry-forward to the fourth cycle, the norm against which positive or negative carry-forwards would be calculated shall be derived using the 55 per cent of the Illustrative IPF, except for those smaller IPFs covered by decision 83/14, as implemented;

10. Furthermore approves the proposed conditions for borrowing from fourth cycle IPFs as follows:

(a) Borrowing will be authorized only to such an extent that it does not threaten the financial integrity of the Programme and that total expenditures are kept within available resources,

(b) Borrowing will be authorized only for countries in a region up to a maximum of expected under-expenditures in the third cycle in respect of other countries in the region

(c) Borrowing will be authorized only for countries where the fourth cycle IPF is expected to be larger than the third cycle illustrative IPF (at 55 per cent),

(d) Borrowing will be authorized only up to a maximum of 15 per cent of the third cycle illustrative IPF (at 55 per cent) for each country qualifying for borrowing,

(e) Borrowing for inter-country programmes will be allowed only up to the estimated extent of underspending in other inter-country programmes and not to exceed 15 per cent of each third cycle illustrative IPF (at 55 per cent). For the purpose of borrowing from the fourth cycle the global and interregional programmes may be counted together as recommended in DP/1984/20/Add.1,

(f) In all cases the borrowed amount will constitute a first charge against the corresponding fourth cycle IPF,

(g) The Administrator will report to the Governing Council on his use of selective borrowing from the fourth cycle,

11. Approves a pro-rated illustrative IPF for St. Helena of \$330,000 for the years 1984-1986;

12. Takes note of

(a) the continued lack of adequate data to calculate illustrative IPFs for Democratic Kampuchea and Lebanon for whom provisional illustrative IPFs of \$25.5 million and \$10 million respectively will remain in effect until sufficient data are available,

(b) the fact that while revised data was available for Hungary, the illustrative IPF for Hungary remains unchanged at its "floor" level, namely \$3.5 million,

(c) the accession to independence by Brunei and the consequent revision of its illustrative IPF to \$730,000; and

13. Takes note of the Administrator's report on movement towards net contributor status as outlined in decision 80/30 paragraph 6 (e) and urges those countries who have not made progress towards those targets outlined in the above



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Addendum

**Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and
rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region**
(agenda item 8 (f) (ii))

The Governing Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly General Assembly resolutions 37/165 of 17 December 1982 and 38/225 of 20 December 1983, and Council resolutions 1982/49 of 28 July 1982 and 1983/68 of 29 July 1983.

Recalling also its decisions 82/27 of 18 June 1982 and 83/26 of 22 June 1983,

Gravely concerned by the critical impact of the persistent drought on the economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian countries, as underscored by the visit of the Secretary-General to Africa in January/February 1984,

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,

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/39/211);
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 Developing 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 accelerating the implementation of the recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region; and
6. Requests the Administrator to continue to report to the Governing Council on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region.



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Addendum

84/ . United Nations Fund for Population Activities
(agenda item 6)

The Governing Council,

I

Recalling paragraphs 2 and 3 of General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 concerning the role of the Governing Council relating to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

Taking note of the reports of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the activities of the Fund in 1983 (DP/1984/28, Parts I and II; DP/1984/29; and DP/1984/30 and Corr.1; and DP/1984/30/Add.1 and Corr.1),

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

Taking into account the statements made by delegations at the thirty-first session of the Governing Council,

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 1983 (DP/1984/28, parts I and II) and expresses the hope that these trends will continue, keeping in mind the current needs of some individual countries for support in lower priority work plan categories and the role of women in population activities;

2. Also notes the increase in 1983 by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities in the proportion of population assistance going to the priority countries and reiterates the goal of devoting up to two-thirds of country programme assistance to the priority countries for population assistance from the Fund;

3. Further notes the need for paying special attention to increasing absorptive capacities, particularly in Africa;

4. Expresses concern about the decrease in programme and project implementation rate for 1983; and urges the Executive Director to take all necessary steps to improve the implementation rate in 1984 and future years, and report to the Governing Council at its thirty-second session on progress achieved and obstacles to, and measures to be taken towards improving programme and project implementation and monitoring;

5. Takes note with appreciation of the report on the evaluation activities of UNFPA (DP/1984/33); endorses the approach to future evaluation activities as outlined in the document, as well as the need for training in evaluation at all levels; encourages increase in these activities; and notes that a report will be made to the Council at its thirty-third session on the comparative results of past evaluations, according to the major work plan categories, including activities related to women, as requested in decision 83/17, I, paragraph 7;

6. Expresses its appreciation for the reports on programme planning (DP/1984/34) and programming procedures (DP/1984/35 and Corr.1) and, taking into account the views expressed by Council members, requests the Executive Director to further improve programme planning and programming procedures;
7. Expresses its appreciation for the report on the programmes of the regional and interregional demographic training and research centres (DP/1984/41); supports continued assistance to such centres, taking into account the particular needs of the centres located in Sub-Saharan Africa, and requests the Executive Director to provide a progress report to the Council at its thirty-third session on the extent to which these centres have incorporated the principles related to funding and programming outlined in the recommendation by him (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/8) and including steps taken by such centres to achieve self-reliance;
8. Requests the Executive Director to strengthen his efforts to reduce, as appropriate, the proportion of assistance from the Fund allocated to intercountry activities and to provide a report to the Council at its thirty-third session, clarifying the definition of intercountry activities and reviewing the possibility of a revision of the definition and the target;
9. Expresses its appreciation to all donors to the UNFPA, and urges all countries that are able to do so to increase their contributions to the Fund;
10. Also urges governments to make payments of their contributions to the Fund as early as possible; and
11. Approves UNFPA assistance to the large-scale country programmes or projects for: Central African Republic (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/9), Togo (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/10), Zambia (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/11), China (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/12), Viet Nam (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/13), Dominican Republic (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/14), and Peru (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/15) and DP/FPA/PROJECTS/RECS/9-15/Corr.1.

II.

Taking note of the report of the Executive Director on UNFPA strategy for support of contraceptive research (DP/1984/36),

1. Approves the general principles outlined in section I of the document;
2. Decides that the level of the UNFPA contribution to the World Health Organization/Human Reproduction Programme should be fixed at \$2 million for 1985;
3. Approves the strategy for funding contraceptive research set forth in paragraph 19 of DP/1984/36; and
4. Requests the Executive Director to present to the Council at its thirty-second session a brief report on the results of the recommendations of the Policy and Co-ordination Committee of the WHO/HRP together with a recommendation for the level of UNFPA funding for the WHO/HRP for the period 1986-1989;

III.

Expressing its appreciation for the update of the review and reassessment and the Work Plan for 1985-1988 (DP/1984/31) and noting the request for approval authority contained therein and commending the Executive Director for his cautious approach in forward planning;

1. Approves the update of the review and reassessment contained in the report of the Executive Director (DP/1984/31) as well as the principles listed therein, and the Work Plan for 1985-1988, on the understanding that the Executive Director will limit approval of projects to available resources, and also approves net additional approval authority in accordance with the Work Plan in the following amounts:

(a) For 1984, an additional \$3.8 million to bring the total for 1984 to \$142 million;

(b) For 1985, \$48.4 million to bring the total for 1985 to 100 per cent of the 1985 level or \$152.0 million;

(c) For 1986, \$11.9 million to bring the total for 1986 to 75 per cent of

(d) For 1987, \$41.5 million to bring the total for 1987 to 50 per cent of the 1985 level or \$76.0 million; and

(e) For 1988, \$38.0 million or 25 per cent of the 1985 level;

2. Expresses its appreciation for the report on the status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved UNFPA country programmes and projects (DP/1984/32) and requests that similar reports be provided in future years as an annex to the Work Plan and request for approval authority; and

3. Further requests the Executive Director in the next Work Plan to report on intercountry activities by work plan categories, noting constraints encountered in achieving the 25 per cent target set for intercountry programme activities.

IV

Noting that over the past decade changes have taken place in the perception of the relationship between population issues and economic and social development,

Also noting that active intergovernmental guidance in the formulation of policy guidelines for population programmes is required in view of the increased dimension and interdisciplinary nature of these programmes,

Noting further the suggestions and recommendations from several intergovernmental conferences and meetings in the context of preparations for the International Conference on Population, on the role of the United Nations in population activities, with particular reference to strengthening of the activities of UNFPA,

1. Requests the Executive Director to report to the Council at its thirty-second session on the implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population for the activities of UNFPA within its existing mandate; and

2. Invites the Secretary-General, pursuant to the International Conference on Population, to take into account the views of the Governing Council in the study and examination of ways and means to ensure the more effective delivery of



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Addendum

United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (UNRENFRE)

Annual Report of the Administrator for 1983
(Agenda item 8(c))

The Governing Council,

1. Approves the project, Gold Exploration in the Sula Mountains - Kangari Hill in Sierra Leone (SIL/NR/82/001), subject to the availability of funds;
2. Recognizes the unique role and the continuing importance of the Fund as a source of high risk financing for natural resources, particularly at a time of significant reduction of other traditional international sources;
3. Expresses concern about the deteriorating financial capacity of the Fund to meet the demand of the developing countries for their natural resource exploration and development activities;
4. Appeals strongly to Member States to support the Fund with significant voluntary contributions in order for it to fulfil its mandate; and
5. Requests the Administrator to pursue vigorously co-financing as a means to increase the resources of the Fund available to developing countries under the authority granted in decision 80/29.



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Addendum

United Nations Technical Co-operation Activities
(agenda item 7)

The Governing Council,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities (DP/1984/42, and Add. 1-3) and recalling its decision 83/16,

1. Notes with appreciation that the Department has streamlined its organizational structure and reduced its administrative costs, and endorses the Department's efforts to promote a more integrated approach to programme and project management, and to improve further its processes and procedures with a view to achieving greater effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of its services to developing countries;
2. Notes with concern, however, the decline in the availability of resources necessary to maintain programmes and projects of vital interest to developing countries, which decline may put at risk the effective carrying out of projects entrusted to DTCD,

3. Reiterates its request that necessary action be completed, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 32/197, to strengthen the role of the Department, as the main operational arm of the United Nations Secretariat for management of technical co-operation activities, in order to eliminate any unnecessary overlap and duplication of functions.

4. Further invites, following General Assembly resolution 38/171, financial and funding institutions such as UNDP, UNFPA and the World Bank to take full account of the Department's special competence, experience and operational capability in the designation of executing agent or in advising Governments on sources of assistance for implementation of projects which they may fund in fields where DTCD has recognized expertise;

5. Reaffirms its support for the programme of work of the DTCD under the regular programme of technical co-operation, and endorses the more flexible use of the regular programme as seed money for innovative activities, including pilot projects which could lead to larger scale projects funded from other sources, as well as for the Department's programme of interregional advisory services in meeting the needs of the least developed, island developing, land-locked developing and other particularly disadvantaged countries;

6. Endorses the Department's efforts in support of the Secretary-General's initiative for Africa to further develop programmes, particularly within its field of competence; and

7. Recommends, in order to enable the Department to serve the interest of developing countries and to increase for that purpose access to funds allocated for technical co-operation by financial institutions such as the World Bank, that consideration be given to establishing within DTCD a flexible procedure to cover the initial cost of project formulation and recruitment of experts, on a replenishment basis, including the review of any financial implications.



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Addendum

Preparations for the fourth programming cycle
(agenda item 5 (c))

The Governing Council,

Having considered with appreciation the report of the Administrator
(DP/1984/27) concerning preparations for the fourth programming cycle,

1. Takes note of the proposed time-table for the Council's actions in the preparations for the fourth programming cycle and decides to consider this subject further at a special meeting to be held in early 1985,
2. Requests the Administrator, in continuation of, and guided by the discussion on this subject at the thirty-first session of the Council, to prepare and submit to the special meeting alternative scenarios for the fourth programming cycle, and
3. Requests the Administrator to arrange, in accordance with Council decision 83/5, I(b), informal consultations during the latter half of 1984 to be held among all participating governments to discuss the size of the resources to be taken into account for the next programming cycle.