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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Note by the secretariat

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

At its organizational meeting for 1985, the Council considered, but did not adopt, a provisional agenda and the tentative organization of the work for the thirty-second session. The Council, therefore, has before it a document containing a provisional agenda and tentative organization of the work as well as suggestions concerning the allocations of items to the Committee of the Whole and the Budgetary and Finance Committee. This document is based on decisions taken by the Council at its thirty-first session and on discussions held at the organizational meeting for 1985.

Documentation

Adoption of the provisional agenda and other organizational matters, Note by the secretariat (DP/1985/L.5)

Annotations to the provisional agenda, Note by the secretariat (DP/1985/3 and DP/1985/3/Add.1)

List of documents being submitted to the thirty-second session, Note by the secretariat (DP/1985/3/Add.2)

Status of pre-session documents, Note by the secretariat (DP/1985/3/Add.3)

Provisional agenda and organization of the work of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, Note by the secretariat (DP/1985/BFC/L.1)

List of documents being submitted to the Budgetary and Finance Committee,
Note by the secretariat (DP/1985/BFC/L.1/Add.1)

Status of pre-session documents being submitted to the Budgetary and
Finance Committee, Note by the secretariat (DP/1985/BFC/L.1/Add.2)

3. Policy review: Co-ordination of external technical co-operation at the
country level and examination of steps taken by the United Nations
Development Programme to strengthen co-ordination in practice

By its decision 84/44, the Council decided that the subject of the policy review item to be considered at its thirty-second session should be "co-ordination of external co-operation at the country level and examination of steps taken by the United Nations Development Programme to strengthen co-ordination in practice". As a background document for this policy review, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator which reviews the current dialogue on aid co-ordination and discusses the conditions and requirements for the effective co-ordination of technical co-operation. It describes the role of UNDP in aid co-ordination including the steps taken by the Administrator to strengthen the capacity of UNDP. Moreover, it provides an overview of aid-co-ordination practices prevailing at the country level, including the number of donors, the size of official development assistance and the various types of co-ordination and representation arrangements. The report also presents a set of recommendations for the consideration of the Council on how UNDP might best serve the international development community in the area of co-ordination.

Documentation

Policy review: Co-ordination of external technical co-operation at the country level and examination of steps taken by the United Nations Development Programme to strengthen co-ordination in practice, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/4 and DP/1985/4/Add.1))

4. Programme implementation.

4. (a) Annual report of the Administrator for 1984.

The annual report of the Administrator for 1984 remains, as in past years, a comprehensive account of the Programme's operations in the year under review. It includes concise accounts of work carried out in the main programme, including significant adjustments effected in response to the emergency in Africa. The activities of the various special funds administered by UNDP or its Administrator are also covered in this report. Substantial statistical data illustrating programme activities are provided as annexes. The report is organized in nine sections. In the introduction, the Administrator outlines a number of development issues of importance to UNDP in 1984, indicating policies and actions adopted in responding to these matters. Subjects addressed include the current policy environment for technical co-operation, the crisis in Africa, co-ordination in development and programme quality.

Addendum 1 constitutes the main programme record described above. Addendum 2 is divided into two parts. Part I narrates significant country project results in 1984 by topic, while part II describes similar results from the global and interregional programme as well as from the numerous special funds administered by UNDP.

The remaining four addenda are devoted to statistical tables. Addendum 3 covers basic programme data; addendum 4, supplementary data; addendum 5 (Part I), subcontracts awarded; addendum 5 (Part II), major equipment ordered; and addendum 6, contributions and expenditures registered under UNDP-administered special funds.

The Council will also have before it a brief note on action taken by the Administrator to heighten awareness of the crucial role of human resources development in the development process.

The Council will further have before it for consideration a note by the Administrator which draws attention to those reports of the Joint Inspection Unit which were issued in 1984 and which are of direct interest or concern to the Council in its work. One report, "United Nations Technical Co-operation in Central America and the Caribbean, Volume I. Central America", together with the relevant comments of the Secretary-General thereon, will be made available in its entirety in view of its particular relevance to the Programme's activities, as well as those of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities.

The Council will also be informed about the results of a survey which the Administrator conducted pursuant to paragraph 4 of Council decision 84/5 which requested the Administrator to ascertain the usefulness of documents issued for the Council's thirty-first session.

Documentation

Annual report of the Administrator for 1984: Introduction by the Administrator (DP/1985/5)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1984: Main programme record (DP/1985/5/Add.1)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1984: Country project results: by topic (DP/1985/5/Add.2 (Part I))

Annual report of the Administrator for 1984: Project results: Global/interregional programme and special funds (DP/1985/5/Add. 2 (Part II))

Annual report of the Administrator for 1984: Basic programme data (DP/1985/5/Add.3)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1984: Supplementary programme data (DP/1985/5/Add.4)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1984: Subcontracts awarded
(DP/1985/5/Add.5 (Part I))

Annual report of the Administrator for 1984: Equipment ordered
(DP/1985/5/Add.5 (Part II))

Annual report of the Administrator for 1984: UNDP-administered special
funds: Contributions and expenditures (DP/1985/5/Add.6)

Human resources development, Note by the Administrator (DP/1985/22)

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, Note by the Administrator
(DP/1985/6 and Corr.1 (English and Chinese only))

United Nations Technical Co-operation in Central America and the
Caribbean, Volume I. Central America (JIU/REP/84/14) (E/1985/3)

Comments of the Secretary-General on JIU/REP/84/14 (E/1985/3/Add.1)

4. (b) Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at
previous sessions.

(i) Evaluation programme: women in development

By its decision 83/12 III, the Governing Council decided that "the results of the evaluation of the involvement of women in technical co-operation, which it requested in its decision 82/12 of 18 June 1982, should be available before the end of 1984 and that the report thereon should be submitted to the Governing Council at its thirty-second session". Accordingly, the Administrator submits to the Council a summary report of the above-mentioned study. The report contains recommendations for policy decisions by the Council.

The Governing Council decided (decision 82/12) that "a concerted effort should be made over the next three years to provide all Governments that so desire with special programming assistance to integrate women in all project activities of interest to them" and that "additional efforts be made by the Administrator and Governments to reverse the downward trend in the number of projects involving women reported in document DP/1982/16". Accordingly, the Administrator submits to the Council for its consideration a report on the implementation of this decision. The report contains no recommendation for policy or budgetary decisions by the Council.

Documentation

Inter-organizational assessment of women's participation in development:
summary report, Note by the Administrator (DP/1985/10)

Women in development, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/55)

(ii) Measures to promote better understanding of the role and activities of the United Nations Development Programme and of the resource needs of the Programme.

By decision 84/7, the Governing Council requested the Administrator to present "specific proposals, together with their budgetary implications, if any, for the strengthening of the Programme's Division of Information and its activities" to the thirty-second session. Accordingly, the Council will have before it a paper which briefly recalls the history of the Division of Information (DOI), and discusses the constraints upon the Programme in endeavouring to implement the action proposals which the Council endorsed in decision 83/5 III.C. The Administrator presents a range of needs for the promotion of greater understanding of the role, activities and resource needs of UNDP. Bearing in mind the need to contain the level of administrative and programme support budget costs, the Administrator submits estimates for a modest increase in resources for DOI for the biennium 1986-1987.

Documentation

Measures to promote better understanding of the role and activities of United Nations Development Programme and of the resource needs of the Programme, Note by the Administrator (DP/1985/8)

(iii) Government execution.

Further to its decision 82/8, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator which reviews the progress on government execution. It is a report on the experience with government execution during the period from 1 January 1983 to 30 June 1985 with special reference to the add-on funds to the IPF which were established by the Council for an experimental period from January 1983 to June 1985.

Documentation

Government execution, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/12)

(iv) Recruitment and reduction of the cost of project professional personnel.

In response to its decision 83/7, the Council will have before it a report which summarizes the progress achieved since the thirtieth session of the Council with respect to the effective utilization of all available options to reduce the cost of personnel in UNDP-supported projects. The report notes a trend towards greater diversification of categories of personnel. It provides extensive cost and other data for a variety of personnel and discusses: (a) a new initiative by the Administrator to test the use of Operational Assistance-type arrangements for nationals in the poorest

countries; and (b) action which has been taken to improve the design of the project personnel component in project documents and to strengthen recruitment. The report also presents a number of recommendations to the Council for its consideration.

Documentation

Recent trends in the recruitment, cost and utilization of project personnel and other personnel working in development co-operation, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/9)

(v) Action taken to implement General Assembly resolution 38/201.

The Council will have before it a report by the Administrator, pursuant to the request by the Governing Council contained in its decision 84/14 on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 38/201 regarding action taken concerning the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and the allocation of its remaining balance.

Documentation

Implementation of General Assembly resolution 38/201 concerning the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operations Trust Fund and the allocation of its remaining balance, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/15)

(vi) Implementation of the substantial New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1980s.

In response to Governing Council decision 84/10 the Council will have before it a report reviewing the involvement of UNDP with the least developed countries (LDCs) and UNDP's response to the special action programmes adopted since the early 1970s. In particular, the report outlines UNDP action taken following the adoption of the substantive New Programme of Action at the 1981 Paris Conference. The report further elaborates on the round-table process in its newly introduced format and makes recommendations for the revitalization of the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries.

Documentation

Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1980s, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/11 and DP/1985/11/Add.1)

(vii) Strengthening of field offices in Africa

By decision 84/18, paragraph 10 the Governing Council endorsed 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 Governing 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.

Documentation

Strengthening of field offices in Africa, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/16)

(viii) UNDP Development Study Programme.

The Council will receive an oral report summarizing the activities carried out since the thirty-first session under the auspices of the UNDP Development Study Programme, established by Council decision 81/30. This report will also respond to Council decision 82/10.

(ix) Proposal to establish a human resources facility

In its decision 84/4, the Governing Council requested the Administrator to consider, inter alia, the proposal for a human resources facility which was put forward during the thirty-first session and to report thereon to the Council at its thirty-second session. The Administrator responds to that request in document DP/1985/14. On the basis of a general review, the Administrator presents some specific recommendations for the Council's consideration dealing with an initial phase of activities by a human resources facility.

Documentation

Proposal to establish a human resources facility, Note by the Administrator (DP/1985/14)

4. (c) Special programmes of assistance.

(i) Assistance to national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity.

The Council will have before it a report of the Administrator which responds to decision 84/11 whereby the Council requested him to continue to assist the national liberation movement (NLM), recognized by the Organization

of African Unity and to report to the Council on this assistance. The report will focus on measures taken to improve further the delivery and monitoring of this assistance and, in the process, to encourage the NLMs to gain experience and assume greater responsibility in determining their own development priorities for assistance within the context of the UNDP mandate.

Documentation

Assistance to national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/17)

(ii) Assistance to specific countries.

At the thirty-ninth session of the General Assembly, a series of resolutions was adopted calling for UNDP to bring to the attention of the Governing Council, for its consideration, information about the special needs of 10 countries, and to report to the Secretary-General about any pertinent action by the Council (the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly are 39/180, 39/183, 39/185, 39/186, 39/188, 39/189, 39/192, 39/198, 39/202 and 39/203). The Administrator is submitting a report which informs the Council of actions taken or being taken in favour of the countries concerned.

Documentation

Assistance to specific countries, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/19)

(iii) Assistance to the Palestinian people.

The Administrator will submit a report which reviews the progress achieved in implementing the programme of assistance to the Palestinian people in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, under the terms of Governing Council decision 84/13. In addition to information on project activity, the report contains a review of the financial status of the programme, a summary of special contributions received from Governments and intergovernmental organizations and a recommendation that the Council reiterate its previous appeals for such special contributions.

Documentation

Assistance to the Palestinian people, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/18)

4. (d) Evaluation.

This is the second report of the Administrator on evaluation made in response to decision 83/12 of the Governing Council. The report, as requested by the Council, was to deal with the arrangements for the evaluation of the results and effectiveness of the Programme in the context of the Governing Council's expressed wish to be better informed about the results of the Programme.

The report deals with the development of the measures taken to improve evaluation policies and procedures. Summary details are provided on the present status of harmonization efforts in project evaluation and reporting throughout the United Nations system, using UNDP's proposed system as a frame of reference. A status report on the thematic and ex-post evaluations in process is included. The results of the overview of 1983 evaluations as to their effectiveness as a management tool are presented.

The Council, by decision 84/15, endorsed the course of action proposed by the Administrator in his report contained in document DP/1984/68. These actions are viewed as a part of UNDP's response to the most recent Economic and Social Council resolution (1984/61) on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Joint United Nations/UNDP/United Nations Industrial Development Organization evaluation of UNDP-financed technical co-operation activities of UNIDO in the field of manufactures.

Documentation

Evaluation, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/13)

5. Programme planning.

(a) Preparations for the fourth programming cycle.

The Council will have before it a report by the Administrator proposing a timetable for the preparations for the fourth programming cycle. In addition, the report raises a number of preliminary issues which the Council is requested to discuss and to provide guidance to enable the Administrator to proceed further in elaborating future plans for the fourth IPF cycle. This report should be read in the context of the report and discussion under agenda item 3, Policy review: Measures to be taken to meet the changing technical co-operation requirements of the developing countries (DP/1984/4 and DP/1984/Add.1).

Documentation

Preparations for the fourth programming cycle, Note by the Administrator (DP/1985/20)

(b) Country and intercountry programmes and projects.

(i) Trends and problems in country programmes.

The Council will have before it a report of the Administrator in which are reviewed six country programmes being submitted to the thirty-second session for consideration and approval. The report is organized in a format similar to that used for the reports submitted to the earlier sessions of the Council.

Documentation

Relevant trends and problems in the country programmes proposed for approval in June 1985, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/21)

(ii) Implementation of selected country programmes.

In its decision 81/15 the Governing Council invited the regional bureaux to prepare for the Council's information an annual progress report on programme implementation, highlighting significant developments in selected programmes.

The Council will have before it documents which briefly describe some of the most important aspects of progress in implementing UNDP's programme of technical co-operation in the African, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, European and the Latin American and Caribbean regions. The reports will selectively highlight developments from within the regions.

Documentation

Implementation of selected country programmes in the African region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/23)

Implementation of selected country programmes in the Arab States region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/24)

Implementation of selected country programmes in the Asia and Pacific region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/25)

Implementation of selected country programmes in the European region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/27)

Implementation of selected country programmes in the Latin America and Caribbean region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/26)

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

The annotations regarding the country programmes to be submitted to the Council will be contained in document DP/1985/3/Add. 1.

(iv) Global and interregional projects.

Under this item, a request for supplementary assistance for the following global projects is being submitted for consideration and approval of the Council:

Documentation

Technology Transfer on Food and Forage Legumes in West Asia and North Africa, Project recommendation of the Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REC/16)

Research and Development of Integrated Resource Recovery (Phase II), Project recommendation of the Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REC/17)

West African Sorghum and Millet Improvement Programme, Project recommendation of the Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REC/18)

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6. United Nations Fund for Population Activities.

(a) Report of the Executive Director on 1984 activities.

Under this item, the Council will have before it the annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), which describes UNFPA activities during the year 1984. A separate document provides supplementary information on the work in 1984 of the agencies and organizations executing UNFPA programmes and projects. Another document provides a listing of all project allocations made in 1984.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities for 1984 (DP/1985/28 (Part I and Part II))

Supplementary information on the work in 1984 of agencies and organizations executing UNFPA-funded programmes and projects, Report of the Executive Director (DP/1985/29)

Report of the Executive Director on allocations to projects in 1984 (DP/1985/30 (Part I and Part II))

6. (b) Ongoing work programme of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities.

(i) As a result of decision 83/17, adopted by the Governing Council at its thirtieth session in June 1983, the Executive Director will submit two documents reporting on the ongoing work programme of UNFPA.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on a problem-oriented analysis of UNFPA's experience in the family planning area (DP/1985/31)

Report of the Executive Director on the use of incentives and disincentives in family planning programmes (DP/1985/32)

(ii) In addition to the above reports requested by the Council at its thirtieth session, the Council, at its thirty-first session, in decision 84/21, also requested the Executive Director to submit the following reports to the Council at its thirty-second session:

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on progress achieved in improving the project implementation rate and on obstacles to, and measures to be taken towards, improving programme and project implementation and monitoring (DP/1985/33)

Report of the Executive Director on the results of the recommendations of the Policy and Co-ordination Committee of the World Health Organization Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (WHO/HRP) together with a recommendation for the level of UNFPA funding for WHO/HRP for the period 1986-1989 (DP/1985/34)

6. (c) Future programme of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities.

In accordance with previous Council decisions, including 84/21, the Executive Director will submit to the Council several documents in order that the Council may conduct within its mandate a discussion of the future programme of UNFPA.

Documentation

Update of the review and reassessment and work plan for 1986-1989 and request for approval authority, Report of the Executive Director (DP/1985/35)

Status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved UNFPA country programmes and projects, Report of the Executive Director (DP/1985/36)

Report of the Executive Director on the implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population 1984, for the activities of UNFPA (DP/1985/37)

6. (d) Large-scale programmes and projects.

In accordance with a decision adopted by the Governing Council at its sixteenth session^{1/}, the Executive Director is submitting to the Council for its approval summaries of projects totalling \$1 million or more. These include proposed programmes or projects for: Bangladesh, Brazil, Cuba, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone and Uganda.

Documentation

Recommendations by the Executive Director on proposed projects and programmes (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/16-25 and DP/1985/L.7)

6. (e) Budgetary and financial matters.

The Council will have before it for its consideration several documents dealing with budgetary and financial matters: biennial budget estimates for the administrative and programme support services for the 1986-1987 biennium; a report on UNFPA's basic manpower requirements and the inclusion of the UNFPA deputy representatives and senior advisors on population and limited core

staff into the regular manning table; report on the reaction of participating and executing agencies and the Panel of External Auditors in regard to narrative audit reports; and the audited accounts of participating and executing agencies. In addition, at the request of some delegations at the Council's thirty-first session, copies of the Financial Report and Audited Financial Statement for UNFPA for the year ended 31 December 1983 and Report of the Board of Auditors can be made available.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the inclusion of UNFPA deputy representatives and other field and headquarters posts into the regular manning table and on the basic manpower requirements of UNFPA (DP/1985/38);

Budget estimates for the administrative and programme support services for the biennium 1986-1987 (DP/1985/39);

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1985/40);

Audited accounts of the participating and executing agencies (DP/1985/41);

Report on the reaction of the participating and executing agencies and the Panel of External Auditors in regard to narrative audit reports (DP/1985/42).

UNFPA Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 1983 and Report of the Board of Auditors. General Assembly, Official Records, Thirty-ninth session. Supplement No. 5G (A/39/5/Add.7).

7. United Nations technical co-operation activities.

The Governing Council will have before it the annual report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development (DTCD) of the United Nations Secretariat. The report also contains a brief overview of the activities of other entities of the United Nations having responsibility for technical co-operation.

The attention of legislative bodies is drawn to the Department's efforts to help developing countries, which are confronting the pressing demands of a severe economic and social crisis (particularly, although not exclusively, in Africa), to pursue the longer term process of institution building and development of their human and physical resources. The report identifies current and emerging critical issues related to recovery and development, and the possibilities of technical co-operation, through new and innovative approaches, to address them. It singles out related areas of concern to DTCD, among them the application of new technologies; the integration of population factors into national development plans; support to the UNDP round tables and

to country programming; the participation of women in development; and the promotion of pre-investment and investment follow-up. The report also assesses the effect of the continuing financial constraints on the Department's capacity to realize its full potential as a channel for the transfer of technology in these areas, in response to the expressed needs of developing countries. Information is provided on the programme delivered by DTCD in 1984, in the aftermath of the streamlining which the Department undertook in 1983 of its organizational structure, together with a qualitative and quantitative analysis of project delivery and administrative costs.

Documentation

United Nations Technical Co-operation Activities, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/1985/43, DP/1985/43/Add.1, DP/1985/43/Add.2, DP/1985/43/Add.3)

8. Other funds and programmes

8. (a) United Nations Volunteers (UNV).

In compliance with General Assembly resolution 36/200 adopted on 17 December 1980, the Council will have before it a broad policy review of UNV activities during 1984. In particular, the Administrator is seeking the Council's guidance and, where appropriate, invites policy decisions on several important activities undertaken in response, inter alia, to Governing Council decisions 84/4 and 84/19, and to General Assembly resolution 31/166: notably the UNV Domestic Development Services programme and participatory development; the UNV regional emergency assistance programme in drought-stricken countries in Africa; and the possibility of establishing an international volunteer day to recognize and encourage the international volunteer movement for development.

Documentation

United Nations Volunteers: Annual report of the Administrator for 1984 (DP/1985/44 and DP/1985/44/Add.1)

8. (b) United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF).

The Administrator's annual report on UNCDF is submitted to the Governing Council in accordance with the statutory requirements governing the Fund. The report reviews UNCDF operations in 1984 as well as the Fund's financial situation under the partial funding system. The report also summarizes the findings and conclusions resulting from the evaluation studies undertaken in 1984 of a number of ongoing and completed projects. The Council's attention is also drawn to UNCDF's plan to initiate loan operations on a limited scale.

Documentation

United Nations Capital Development Fund: Annual report of the Administrator (DP/1985/45)

8. (c) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (UNRFNRE).

The Council will have before it a report describing the activities of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration in 1984. The document is submitted in compliance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1762(LIV), paragraph 1(o) and General Assembly resolution 36/200. It informs on investment follow-up activities, describes progress of field operations and advises on the status of new requests for both mineral and geothermal projects.

Further to Governing Council decision 84/23, continued and serious financial constraints are again brought to the attention of the Council, while the Fund's management policies in focusing its resources on the most promising economic targets and activities are highlighted. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1762 (LIV) paragraph 1(a), the Council's endorsement of the designation of a new director is being requested.

In separate documents, the Administrator recommends the approval of two projects and requests the Council to take note of supplementary short-term funding approval by the Administrator.

Documentation

United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, Annual Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/46 and DP/1985/46/Add.1)

Mineral Exploration for Gold in Rwanda (RWA/NR/83/001), Recommendation by the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/4)

Geothermal Exploration Drilling at Las Planillas, Jalisco State, Mexico (MEX/NR/83/001), Recommendation by the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/5)

Supplementary Short-term Funding for Mineral Exploration in the Migori Area of Kenya (KEN/NR/78/001), Note by the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/6)

8. (d) Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (TCDC).

In response to paragraph 2 of Council decision 84/25, the Administrator will submit a report on the utilization of the Special Programme Resources for technical co-operation among developing countries during the period 1983-1985 with special emphasis on the action-oriented activities of Governments supported from these resources. The Council's decision calls for this information with respect to the funds which were made available in 1983-1984. However, since the Administrator's report to the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation Among Developing Countries, in response to

the Committee's decision 3/5, covers the same information for the period 1983-1985, that same report (TCDC/4/6) will be presented to the Council. The report includes the Administrator's conclusions and recommendations for continuing support to the action-oriented TCDC promotional activities of Governments of developing countries from the Special Programme Resources.

Pursuant to the Council's decision at its special meeting in February 1985, the Administrator will present a report on the use of country IPFs for TCDC. The report analyzes the consequences of the proposals contained in paragraphs 2 (a), (b) and (c) of decision 3/10 of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation Among Developing Countries and presents the Administrator's conclusions. The report was prepared initially in response to Council decision 83/21 III. Due to time constraints, the Council was unable to consider this report at its thirty-first session. At the special meeting in February 1985, the Council decided to refer the report to the High-level Committee for review at its fourth session, and to resume its own consideration of the proposals, in the light of the Committee's reactions, at its thirty-second session.

The Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, which will hold its fourth session in New York from 28 to 31 May 1985, will be transmitted to the Council in June.

Documentation

Progress report on the utilization of funds from the Special Programme Resources (SPR) for action-oriented promotional activities for TCDC during the period 1983-1985, Report of the Administrator (TCDC/4/6)

Use of country indicative planning figures (IPF) for TCDC activities, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/47)

Use of country IPFs for TCDC activities, Report of the Administrator (TCDC/4/9)

Report on the fourth session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (DP/1985/48)

8. (e) United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (UNFSSTD).

As required by General Assembly resolution 34/218, the Administrator's report on the Financing System provides a comprehensive summary of its operations during 1984, with special emphasis on the System's approach to overall programming and the means to ensuring good quality project design and implementation. New project development initiatives and co-operative funding arrangements with Governments and non-governmental organizations are also discussed. A progress report on intergovernmental negotiations on the System's long-term institutional and financial arrangements is included.

Documentation

United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/49)

Strengthening the Computer Education and Computing Capability at the Asian Institute of Technology, Project recommendation of the Administrator (DP/STD/PROJECTS/REC/3)

Establishment of the Beijing National Food Technology and Quality Control Research and Development Centre, Project recommendation of the Administrator (DP/STD/PROJECTS/REC/4)

8. (f) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO).

(i) Plan of Action to Combat Desertification.

As requested by the Governing Council in its decision 84/27, the Administrator is submitting an annual report for 1984 on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification. The report describes the desertification control programme and project activities which are supported by UNSO in the region, the principal thrusts of its project identification, implementation and resource mobilization operations, and the role played by UNSO in co-ordination and interorganizational co-operation in the exercise of its desertification control mandate.

Documentation

Implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/50)

(ii) Recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sahel region.

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General providing a summary account of the activities which were undertaken by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) during 1984 in assisting the eight States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) to implement their programme of medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation from drought. This includes a brief description of the specific accomplishments of UNSO in implementing priority projects, both regional and national, and in the related resource mobilization, as well as a brief outline of other relevant questions. The report also contains a summary of some of the activities undertaken by UNSO under its mandate of desertification control in the States members of CILSS.

Documentation

Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region, Report of the Secretary-General (E/1985/65).

8. (g) Programmes in energy development.

Further to Governing Council decision 84/30, requesting the Administrator to report to its thirty-second session on supporting activities for energy, the Governing Council, at its thirty-first session, recalling the central funding role of UNDP and authorizing the Administrator to continue with an Energy Account within UNDP, further requested the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-second session on the results achieved by the activities financed from the Energy Account. The documents submitted to the Governing Council will include a list of programmes and projects financed from the Energy Account as well as an analysis of the results achieved by some of the key projects.

Documentation

Programmes in energy development, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/52 and DP/1985/52/Add.1)

8. (h) United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 36/200, a broad policy review of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries is to be undertaken on a biennial basis. The documentation submitted to the Council at its thirty-second session is the second biennial report on the Fund and covers the period 1983-1984. It provides information on the Fund's income and expenditures during the biennium, as well as on newly approved and completed projects. In response to the Council's decision 83/28, the report contains information on the resources and activities of the Fund since its inception and the reasons for the very low level of resources. The conclusion is drawn that the Fund will cease to be viable during the biennium 1985-1986.

Documentation

United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/53).

8. (i) Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women.

By its resolution 39/125 the General Assembly decided that the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women shall continue through the establishment of a separate and identifiable entity in autonomous association with UNDP. The Fund retains its original criteria as set forth in resolution 31/133, giving priority to least developed, land-locked and island developing countries and special consideration to rural and poor urban women. In addition, the resolution states that the Fund's resources shall be used mainly within two areas: first, as catalyst, with the goal of ensuring the appropriate involvement of women in mainstream development areas; and, second, to support innovative and experimental activities in line with national and regional priorities.

In view of the expected completion of arrangements for the future of the Fund by June 1985, the Fund's gross biennial budget estimate will be presented to the Council, including information on core staffing as recommended by the Fund's intergovernmental Consultative Committee at its 17th session, 25-29 March 1985.

9. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters.

9. (a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1984.

The Council will have before it a report of the Administrator which provides a comprehensive review of the financial operations during 1984 and the financial position as at the end of the year. The report includes estimates of anticipated resources and expenditures for 1985 and 1986 and provides information on cost-sharing activities. In addition, information is provided on the utilization of accumulated non-convertible currencies, the collection of outstanding accounts receivable, the placement of UNDP funds, the Operational Reserve, and the status of Special Programme Resources and of the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries.

This report also provides information on the status of the Reserve for Construction Loans to Governments and related matters, in accordance with paragraph 5 of decision 82/30; information on support cost flexibility arrangements, in accordance with paragraph 8 of decision 82/36; and information on management and other services agreements entered into by the Administrator during 1984, in accordance with paragraph 4 of decision 83/5. In an addendum, this report will include, in accordance with paragraph 7 of decision 84/9, information concerning the net flow of contributions to and payments from the UNDP system in respect to each participating Government.

Documentation

Annual review of the financial situation, 1984, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/54 and DP/1985/54/Add.1)

9. (b) Revised budget estimates for the biennium 1984-1985 and budget estimates for the biennium 1986-1987.

Under this item, the Administrator will submit for the approval of the Council the revised budget estimates for 1984-1985 and the budget estimates for the biennium 1986-1987. Included will be a report on the implementation of the job classification exercise as well as the Administrator's proposals for the strengthening of field offices in Africa, evaluation activities and the Division of Information. The Council will also be provided with a report consolidating budgetary and extrabudgetary expenditure estimates pursuant to operative paragraph 8 of its decision 84/32.

Documentation

Revised budget estimates for the biennium 1984-1985 and budget estimates for the biennium 1986-1987, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/57 and DP/1985/57 Add.1)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, Note by the Administrator (DP/1985/56)

Consolidated report on 1986-1987 budgetary and extrabudgetary expenditure estimates, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/58)

9. (c) Trust funds established by the Administrator, 1984.

The Council will have before it for consideration under this item a report containing comprehensive and detailed information on all trust funds established by the Administrator in 1984. This report is prepared annually in accordance with the provisions of UNDP Financial Regulation 5.1, and in keeping with the Council's request in paragraph 2 of decision 83/33.

Documentation

Trust Funds established by the Administrator, 1984, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/59)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, Note by the Administrator (DP/1985/56)

9. (d) UNDP financial regulations.

(i) Matters on which consensus was not achieved at the thirty-first session

Under this agenda item, the Council will have for its consideration information on matters on which consensus was not achieved at the thirty-first session. In accordance with decision 84/36, these matters are to be considered by the Budgetary and Finance Committee during its meeting immediately prior to the thirty-second session of the Governing Council. The documentation contains proposals by the Administrator for adoption by the Council of certain financial regulations which he had proposed in 1981.

Documentation

UNDP financial regulations: Matters on which consensus was not achieved at the thirty-first session, Note by the Administrator (DP/1985/60)

(ii) Guidelines for the procurement of equipment, supplies and services.

The Administrator provides in his notes a brief summary of consultations held and actions taken in response to financial regulation 15.4 and Governing Council decision 84/37 concerning guidelines on procurement. The report refers to the meeting of the Inter-Agency Procurement Working Group (IAPWG) held in April 1984, gives a summary analysis of the questionnaire which was completed by the agencies and describes the results of the first meeting of the sub-group formed by IAPWG to discuss this analysis. A further oral report will be provided to the Council following subsequent meetings of the sub-group and IAPWG.

Documentation

Guidelines for the procurement of equipment, supplies and services,
Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/61)

9. (e) Audit reports.

Under this item the Administrator will submit to the Council the audited accounts and audit reports of the executing agencies relating to funds allocated to them by UNDP as at 31 December 1983, together with his comments on significant observations included in the reports of the external auditors of the agencies. The Council will also be provided with a summary of the action taken by UNDP in response to decision 84/40, requesting the Administrator to convey to the Panel of External Auditors and to the executive heads of executing agencies concerned, the view of the Council regarding improvements in the style and scope of audit reports.

Documentation

Audit reports, Note by the Administrator (DP/1985/62 and DP/1985/62/Add.1)

9. (f) Sectoral support.

Further to its decision 84/41, the Governing Council will have before it a report summarizing the current state of the sectoral support programme, as well as a comprehensive set of recommendations concerning the future handling of sectoral support allocations to the smaller agencies, based on a recently conducted study. Because of the different set of factors to be considered regarding the UNIDO/SIDFA programme, including UNIDO's impending change of status, the question of future UNDP support for that programme has been postponed until the thirty-third session of the Governing Council in June 1986.

Documentation

Sectoral support, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/63).

9. (g) Other matters: the financial structure of the UNDP-administered system

By decision 84/33 the Council requested the Administrator to submit a concise and comprehensive report on the structure, financing and interrelation of all funds administered by UNDP. The report describes both the background of the different funds and programmes administered by UNDP and the types of financial contributions that can be made to these funds and programmes. The report further describes in some detail the concept of co-financing and the practical experience of UNDP with co-financing. In this respect, the report may provide useful background material for the policy review (item 3 of the provisional agenda) to be discussed by the Council.

Documentation

The financial structure of the UNDP-administered system (DP/1985/64).

10. Other matters

10. (a) United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures.

In accordance with decision 81/34 which requested the Administrator to continue to provide information relevant to this item until alternative arrangements were made within the United Nations system, the Administrator is submitting to the Council for its consideration a report containing statistical data and other information on the technical co-operation expenditures of United Nations system organizations in 1984, funded by other than UNDP resources, together with data on various sources of extrabudgetary financing. Such alternative arrangements referred to in decision 81/34 relate to recommendations of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination regarding the definition of terms and a system-wide review of the existing cross-organizational expenditure reporting requirements of intergovernmental bodies. Moreover, in view of the late availability each year of the data required to prepare the Administrator's report on this matter, the Council will also have before it the corresponding report containing data for 1983 in order to provide the Council with the opportunity for a more thorough review than customary of the relevant information.

Documentation

United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/66)

United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/65)

10. (b) Action taken by other organs of the United Nations system in 1984.

In accordance with established practice, the attention of the Governing Council will be drawn to those resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and organizations of the United Nations system which call for action by or are of relevance to the Council. The appropriate paragraphs of those resolutions and decisions which require specific action by the Council or UNDP are quoted for ease of reference. In accordance with Council decision 79/14, the texts of resolutions already referred to in the documentation presented to the Council under other items will not be reproduced. For those resolutions of general interest to the Governing Council and UNDP, only titles have been given in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2836 (XXVI).

Documentation

Action taken by other organs of the United Nations system in 1983, Note by the Administrator (DP/1985/66 and DP/1985/66/Add.1)

11. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1986.

In accordance with its decision 81/37, the Council will have to decide on the dates of its meetings during 1986, the subject of the policy review for the thirty-third session, an indicative quota for documents and any other matter of relevance for the conduct of future sessions.

12. Other matters.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5365/Rev.1), para. 247.

