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Separate Indicative Planning Figure Allocation for Aruba

Note by the Administrator

1. In its decision 80/30, and as confirmed in decision 81/16, the Governing Council approved an illustrative 1982-1986 indicative planning figure (IPF) of \$1.5 million for the Netherlands Antilles. Subsequently, the 1982-1986 programming level for the Netherlands Antilles was established at \$1.2 million in pursuance of decision 83/14 VI, in which the Governing Council, *inter alia*, requested the Administrator, subject to his determination that the necessary resources were available, to apply 80 per cent of the respective illustrative IPFs to those developing countries whose illustrative IPFs were \$1.5 million or less and to which certain supplementary criteria applied.
2. The Netherlands Antilles currently is a federation of six islands (Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, St. Maarten, St. Eustatius and Saba) which forms a part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. However, in anticipation of a separate independent status for Aruba, under negotiation at the present time, the authorities of Aruba have informed the Administrator that as of 1 January 1986, the island will no longer fall under the central Government of the Netherlands Antilles but will co-operate with the other islands on a different basis. At the same time, they have requested the Administrator to establish a separate illustrative IPF for Aruba as of 1 January 1986.

3. The Administrator therefore brings to the attention of the Council that he intends to establish a separate 1982-1986 illustrative IPF for Aruba by apportioning to the new entity \$570,000 of the total \$1.5 million 1982-1986 illustrative IPF for the Netherlands Antilles. This will make it possible to calculate the balance of programming funds still available to Aruba and the other five islands respectively for the last year of the third programming cycle taking into account Aruba's share in actual and foreseen project expenditures for the years 1982-1985 under the authorized programming level of \$1.2 million for 1982-1986 for all six islands.

4. The apportionment is based primarily on Aruba's population in relation to the population of the Netherlands Antilles as a whole, as well as data available on GNP per capita for the different islands. A separate illustrative IPF for Aruba will also be calculated with regard to the fourth programming cycle along the same lines.

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