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REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT ON THE WORK AND DECISIONS OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

1. By paragraph 2 of section III A of decision 83/5, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) decided that, for a trial period of three years, it should, in the context of regularly scheduled sessions, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, in order to:

- (a) Consider major issues related to programme matters;
- (b) Review country, regional, interregional and global programmes and projects;
- (c) Review programme and project implementation;
- (d) Consider reports on evaluation studies;
- (e) Deal with other matters related to the programme management of UNDP.

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

3. At its 10th meeting, the first plenary meeting of the thirty-second session of the Governing Council, it was decided that the Committee of the Whole would deal with items 5 (b) Programme planning: country and intercountry programmes and projects; 4 (d) Programme implementation: evaluation; and the programming aspects

of item 5 (a) Programme planning: preparations for the fourth programming cycle. The Governing Council also decided to resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole at its meetings on 3 to 7 June to consider the above agenda items. The Committee of the Whole held a total of 10 meetings.

4. At its 1st meeting, held on 3 June 1985, the Committee of the Whole agreed to meet informally with five UNDP resident representatives, two from Africa and one each from the Arab States, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Asia and the Pacific, to carry out an informal, in-depth discussion of the programming process and to exchange views on UNDP field activities.

II. DOCUMENTATION

4 (d) Evaluation

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

5 (b) Country and intercountry programmes and projects

(i) Trends and problems in country programmes

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

(ii) Implementation of selected country programmes

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 Latin America and the Caribbean region, report of the Administrator (DP/1985/26)

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

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

(a) Country programmes

Bhutan

DP/CP/BHU/4

DP/CP/BHU/Note/4

Fiji

DP/CP/FIJ/4

Guatemala	DP/CP/GUA/4
India	DP/CP/IND/3 DP/CP/IND/Note/3
Indonesia	DP/CP/INS/3 DP/CP/INS/Note/3
Tonga	DP/CP/TON/4
(b) <u>Extensions</u>	
Bangladesh	DP/CP/BGD/EXTENSION/I
Suriname	DP/CP/SUR/EXTENSION/III
(iv) <u>Global and interregional projects</u>	

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)

III. DELIBERATIONS

5. Each document was introduced by the Assistant Administrator or senior official concerned. For the consideration of all matters before the Committee, in particular the global projects and country programmes and extensions, full information was made available by the Administration and representatives of the countries concerned, which permitted an exhaustive examination of the various issues and programmes before the Committee. There was broad participation by members of the Committee in the debate. Following the debate on the various items, the senior officials responded to the points raised in the debate on each agenda item.

6. Discussion on country and intercountry programmes and projects (agenda item 5 (b)) was enhanced by the informal meetings with the five resident representatives. Delegations expressed their appreciation for the insight these meetings provided into the field-level operational activities of UNDP.

7. The Committee also had a discussion on the programming aspects of the item on preparations for the fourth programming cycle (agenda item 5 (a)).

8. At the conclusion of its deliberations, the Committee of the Whole decided to make the following recommendations to the Council:

5 (b) (i) Trends and problems in country programmes

To take note of the Administrator's report on trends and problems in country programmes as contained in document DP/1985/21.

5 (b) (ii) and (iii) Country programmes

Asia and the Pacific

To take note of the report of the Administrator on implementation of selected country programmes in the Asia and the Pacific region (DP/1985/25) and to approve: the country programme for Bhutan (DP/CP/BHU/4); the country programme for Fiji (DP/CP/FIJ/4); the country programme for India (DP/CP/IND/3); the country programme for Indonesia (DP/CP/INS/3); and the country programme for Tonga (DP/CP/TON/4); as well as to take note of the extension of the country programme of Bangladesh (DP/CP/BGD/EXTENSION/I);

Arab States

To take note of the report of the Administrator on implementation of selected country programmes in the Arab States region as contained in document DP/1985/24;

Latin America and the Caribbean

To take note of the report of the Administrator on implementation of selected country programmes in the Latin American and Caribbean region, as contained in document DP/1985/26 and to approve: the country programme for Guatemala (DP/CP/GUA/4); as well as to take note of the extension of the country programme of Suriname (DP/CP/SUR/EXTENSION/III);

Europe

To take note of the report of the Administrator on implementation of selected country programmes in the European region, as contained in document DP/1985/27;

Africa

To take note of the report of the Administrator on implementation of selected country programmes in the African region, as contained in document DP/1985/23.

5 (b) (iv) Global and interregional projects

To approve the projects contained in documents DP/PROJECTS/REC/16, DP/PROJECTS/REC/17 and DP/PROJECTS/REC/18.

To take note of the steps the Administrator had taken, in consultation with the World Bank and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in securing international status for some of the agricultural research centres of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), including arrangements being concluded between the World Bank and UNDP to reconstitute, with the concurrence of the respective host Governments, Colombia and Mexico, the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) and the International Centre for Maize and Wheat Improvement (CIMMYT) as interorganizational organizations under the aegis of CGIAR.

To take note of the fact that the above arrangements are consistent with those worked out in setting up the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), the International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and the International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR) by the CGIAR co-sponsors in agreement with the respective host Governments, India, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Netherlands.
