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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

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

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the annual report of the Administrator on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (DP/1985/46 and Add.1);
2. Endorses the appointment of Mr. Shigeaki Tomita as the new Director of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;
3. Notes the approval by the Administrator of supplementary short-term funding for mineral exploration in the Migori area of Kenya (KEN/NR/78/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/6);
4. Approves the projects "Mineral exploration for gold in Rwanda" (RWA/NR/83/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/4); and "Geothermal exploration drilling at Las Planillas, Jalisco State, Mexico" (MEX/NR/83/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/5);
5. Notes with appreciation the successful effort of the Administrator in obtaining co-financing for the project in Saint Lucia, and urges him to continue such efforts;
6. Notes with concern the depletion of the resources of the Fund, thereby hampering the approval of projects in support of the programmes of the developing countries for the exploration and utilization of their mineral and geothermal resources;
7. Renews its appeal to Member States to contribute to the financial resources of the Fund in order for it to fulfil its mandate.



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Agenda item 8 (b). United Nations Capital Development Fund

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the annual report of the Administrator on the United Nations Capital Development Fund contained in document DP/1985/45;
2. Notes the increase in project approvals made possible by joint-financing arrangements;
3. Notes especially the increase in programme delivery attained by the Fund;
4. Agrees with the activation, on a trial basis for three years and within existing administrative resources, by the Fund of a concessional loan facility for revenue-producing projects, and requests the Administrator to keep the Council informed of such loan operations and their impact on the Fund's portfolio and total resources. The Council shall review the issue at its thirty-fifth session;
5. Notes the emphasis being given to project evaluation activities and to the feedback provided by them to improve project quality;
6. Considers it important that the views of the Fund are presented in the round-table process as improved and developed by the Administrator;
7. Calls on all Member States to provide adequate resources for the Fund through new or increased voluntary contributions in order to allow the Fund to respond to the needs of the developing countries in the implementation of the Substantive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, and encourages UNCDF to make its programme better known to donors and potential donors.



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Addendum

Agenda item 8 (a). United Nations Volunteers Programme

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the annual report of the Administrator on the United Nations Volunteers programme (DP/1985/44 and Add.1);
2. Notes the progress achieved in assisting the most severely affected African countries in utilizing more effectively emergency relief assistance through, inter alia, the provision of qualified United Nations volunteers under a regional project (RAF/84/024) approved by the Governing Council at its thirty-first session in decision 84/18;
3. Urges the Administrator to continue assisting the Governments of African countries affected by the present emergency through, inter alia, the provision of United Nations volunteers beyond the duration of the present regional emergency project, and urges donor Governments and all United Nations system organizations to consider the particular advantages of flexibility, speed and cost-effectiveness of using United Nations volunteers when making additional allocations to assist in the current emergency;
4. Takes note with satisfaction of the fact that the United Nations Volunteers programmes's relevance and advantages have now been fully recognized by the developing countries, as manifested by the number of United Nations volunteers now serving in development projects - the highest number ever achieved since the inception of the programme;

5. Urges Governments and United Nations system organizations to continue and increase the utilization of United Nations Volunteer inputs, where appropriate, in meeting the crucial qualified manpower requirements in the execution of development programmes and projects and to give this due consideration in the design and preparation of such programmes and projects;

6. Also notes the United Nations Volunteers programme's approach to and achievements in participatory development programmes, in particular through its Domestic Development Service programme activities;

7. Encourages recipient Governments and the Administrator to consider when carrying out country programme exercises, the allocation of an increased volume of indicative planning figure resources for Domestic Development Service programmes aimed at helping the least advantaged communities to participate more actively in their own development.



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Addendum

Agenda item 4 (b) (iv). Recent trends in the recruitment, cost and utilization of project personnel and other personnel working in development co-operation

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the recent trends in the recruitment, cost and utilization of project personnel and other personnel working in development co-operation (DP/1985/9),

1. Endorses the Administrator's initiative to ensure a more intensive use, as appropriate, of nationally recruited project personnel, the Transfer of Knowledge through Expatriate Nationals, etc., as mentioned in document DP/1985/9, with a view to achieving more cost-effectiveness;
2. Further endorses the Administrator's efforts to use operational assistance-type contracts which facilitate the return of nationals in accordance with the criteria set out in paragraph 11 of document DP/1985/9;
3. Urges agencies and other parties in the development process to pay particular attention in the project design stage to ensuring greater cost-effectiveness in the utilization of project personnel by identifying the most appropriate categories of personnel in accordance with the requirements of individual projects and appropriate United Nations Development Programme guidelines;
4. Reaffirms the need to take account of the potential role of United Nations Volunteers in the development process when designing projects;
5. Strongly urges agencies to continue their efforts to improve their recruitment policies and procedures with respect to project personnel by:

(a) Ensuring that the best suited individuals will be selected and nominated to meet the specific requirements of projects in accordance with existing rules and procedures of the United Nations system;

(b) The timely circulation of job descriptions for vacancies, taking into account and making full use of the capacity of national recruitment services;

(c) Submitting more than one candidate to recipient Governments for each vacant post;

6. Strongly urges recipient Governments to speed up the clearance process of project personnel, and further invites them to adhere as much as possible to the schedule as agreed in the project document in assigning their own staff to the projects;

7. Further endorses the Administrator's efforts to improve the collection of data in order to monitor the quality and impact of various categories of personnel;

8. Requests the Administrator to report to the thirty-fourth session of the Council, making a comparative analysis of the cost, quality and impact of all categories of personnel.



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Addendum

Agenda item 4 (b) (i). Evaluation programme: women in development

The Governing Council,

Having considered the summary report of the Administrator on the inter-organizational assessment of women's participation in development (DP/1985/10) and the report of the Administrator on women in development (DP/1985/55),

Bearing in mind the pertinent provisions of the forward-looking strategies of implementation for the advancement of women and concrete measures to overcome obstacles to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women (A/CONF.116/PC/25/Add.1),

Recognizing the efforts made by the United Nations Development Programme and other organizations of the United Nations development system to ensure that the interests of women as participants in and beneficiaries of development are taken into account in planning, designing and implementing projects,

Taking note of the data indicating that women's participation in United Nations Development Programme-assisted projects in development is slowly increasing and that the decline shown by the figures for 1980 has been reversed in subsequent years,

1. Urges Governments to give more priority to using the special programming assistance for the integration of women in development being offered by the United Nations development system;

2. Strongly urges Governments, the United Nations development system and non-governmental organizations to implement the recommendations contained in the call for action in paragraphs 103 to 125 of the Administrator's report on the inter-organizational assessment of women's participation in development (DP/1985/10);

3. Requests the Administrator to develop, for presentation to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session, an internal implementation strategy to strengthen the capacity of the Programme to deal with issues of women in development. In so doing, he should call on the experience of the United Nations Development Fund for Women. This strategy should establish verifiable objectives and a time-frame for implementation with a view to promoting accountability. Such a strategy should also give special attention to improved staff training, monitoring existing guidelines, instructions and procedures for inclusion of women in development in programming missions and strengthening the focal point within the Programme's headquarters for the co-ordination of women's programmes.



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Addendum

Agenda item 4 (b) (iii) Government execution

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator (DP/1985/12),

Taking note of the progress achieved in furthering the modality of government execution of projects through the steady increase in the number of such projects being undertaken, and also taking note of the fact that various difficulties remain, particularly owing to the lack of familiarity on the part of Governments with existing procedures,

Further taking note that the add-on arrangement which was established has not been operational for the full experimental period of two and a half years as foreseen in Governing Council decision 82/8,

1. Approves the extension of the experimental period of the add-on as established by decision 82/8 until 31 December 1987;

2. Requests the Administrator to monitor closely the use of add-on in supporting government execution and further requests that the review and assessment of government execution and the impact of the add-on which was envisaged in decision 82/8 be presented to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session. The review and assessment should, inter alia, make special reference to cost-effectiveness.



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Addendum

Agenda item 8 (f) (i). Implementation of the Plan of Action
to Combat Desertification in the
Sudano-Sahelian Region

The Governing Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly General Assembly resolutions 38/164 of 19 December 1983 and 39/168 of 17 December 1984, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1983/68 of 29 July 1983, 1984/65 of 26 July 1984 and 1984/72 of 27 July 1984,

Recalling also its own decisions 83/24 of 22 June 1983 and 84/27 of 29 June 1984,

Noting the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme adopted in May 1985 which, inter alia, endorsed again the United Nations Environment Programme's partnership with the United Nations Development Programme in support of the joint venture to assist the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, in combatting 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 African continent,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region (DP/1985/50);
2. Commends the initiative of the Ministerial Conference on Desertification held at Dakar in July 1984 that led to an extensive debate in the Second Committee on this aspect of the present economic and social crisis in Africa;
3. Takes note of the decision 13/10, taken 23 May 1985 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme in May 1985 and endorses the decision to add the United Republic of Tanzania to the list of countries which are eligible to receive assistance through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;
4. Commends the Administrator on the progress achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office/United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Environment Programme venture, in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;
5. Urges all Governments, the organizations, organs and other bodies of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental 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;
6. Further urges all Governments of the affected areas to intensify their co-ordination efforts in combatting desertification;
7. Requests the Administrator to continue to report annually to the Governing Council on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification.



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Addendum

Agenda item 4 (a). Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

The Governing Council,

Having considered the note by the Administrator concerning the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit issued since the beginning of 1984 (DP/1985/6 and Corr.1 (English and Chinese only)),

Takes note of the information provided therein with respect to the reports entitled "Co-operation between and management of libraries of the United Nations system" (see A/39/299), "Publications policy and practice in the United Nations system" (see A/39/239 and Corr.1), "Reporting to the Economic and Social Council" (A/39/281 and Add.1), and "Staff costs and some aspects of utilization of human and financial resources in the United Nations Secretariat" (see A/39/522 and Corr.1);

II

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations technical co-operation in Central America and the Caribbean, Volume I. Central America" (see E/1985/3) and the comment of the Secretary-General thereon (see E/1985/3/Add.1),

Accepts the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit contained in its report, taking into account the comments of the Secretary-General on those recommendations;

III

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Drug abuse control activities in the United Nations system" (see A/39/646), the comments of the Secretary-General thereon (see A/40/260) and the information provided at the thirty-second session with respect to United Nations Development Programme activities in drug abuse control,

1. Notes with appreciation the initiatives undertaken by the Secretary-General as described in his comments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit;
2. Requests the Administrator to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in carrying out activities designed to enhance the co-ordination throughout the United Nations system of projects and programmes in the area of drug abuse control;
3. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council on a regular basis on the activities carried out by the United Nations Development Programme in the field of drug abuse control.



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

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (DP/1985/49),

Taking note of the Administrator's statement on this subject in which he, *inter alia*, referred to the critical financial situation of the Financing System and recent intergovernmental efforts to deal with this serious problem, including resolution 5 (vii) recently adopted by the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development,

1. Approves the two projects contained in documents DP/STD/PROJECTS/REC/3 and DP/STD/PROJECTS/REC/4;
2. Calls upon the Administrator to render the fullest assistance to the Secretary-General in carrying out the responsibilities entrusted to him by the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development in its resolution 5 (vii);
3. Requests the Administrator to keep the members of the Governing Council informed on developments in this respect.



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Addendum

Agenda item 8 (b). United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked
Developing Countries

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the United Nations
Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries (DP/1985/53),

Concurring with the Administrator's conclusion that the Fund will cease to be
viable during the biennium 1985-1986,

1. Recommends to the United Nations General Assembly that, in the absence of
any prospect for increased contributions to the Fund, steps should be taken to
dissolve the fund in an orderly manner;

2. Further recommends to the United Nations General Assembly that the Fund
should be declared closed for further contributions with effect from 1 January 1986
and that, following completion of all activities in respect of projects approved by
that date, any uncommitted resources should be transferred to the general resources
of UNDP.



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

The Governing Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly General Assembly resolutions 38/225 of 20 December 1983 and 39/206 of 17 December 1984, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1983/68 of 29 July 1983 and 1984/72 of 27 July 1984,

Recalling also its decisions 83/26 of 22 June 1983 and 84/28 of 29 June 1984,

Gravely concerned by the continuing effects of the drought on the economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian countries,

Recognizing the 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 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 (E/1985/65);

2. Commends the Administrator for his continuing priority attention to the pressing needs of the drought-affected Sudano-Sahelian countries and for 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, non-governmental organizations and individuals who 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 further to 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 Development Activities;

5. Requests the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to continue its close co-operation with the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and its member States with a view to supporting the second-generation programme of member States;

6. Requests the Administrator to continue to report annually 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

Agenda item 4 (c) (i). Assistance to the National Liberation Movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on assistance to the national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity (DP/1985/17), and the statements made during the debate by Governing Council members, observers and representatives of those national liberation movements,

1. Takes note of the Administrator's continuing efforts and resolves in ensuring timely and efficient delivery as well as close monitoring of assistance to the national liberation movements concerned;
2. Endorses the actions that the Administrator has taken, and plans to take in the future, to evaluate ongoing assistance projects with a view to determining the direction and thrust of development assistance to the national liberation movements concerned over the next programming cycle, 1987-1991;
3. Requests the Administrator in this regard to:
 - (a) Continue to assist, with the maximum flexibility possible within the mandate of the United Nations Development Programme, the national liberation movements recognized in this area by the Organization of African Unity;
 - (b) Take all necessary steps to ensure that such assistance is delivered as expeditiously as possible, and that the quality and effectiveness thereof are maintained at the high levels expected of Programme assistance;

(c) Continue to report to the Governing Council on the trends, developments and other issues relating to the administration, management and effectiveness of assistance to national liberation movements.



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Addendum

Agenda item 4 (a). Measures to be taken concerning the documentation of the Governing Council

The Governing Council,

Considering the concerns expressed regarding the problems resulting from frequent lateness in receipt of documentation and the reluctance of members to continue to operate in this disorganized fashion,

Deploring the serious gaps which still exist regarding the translation and simultaneous distribution of documents in all the official languages,

1. Takes note of the Administrator's note (DP/1985/69) on the replies to the survey of Governing Council members to ascertain the usefulness of documents issued for the thirty-first session as requested in operative paragraph 4 of its decision 84/5;

2. Requests members of the Governing Council, who have not yet done so, to respond to the Administrator's questionnaire on "The usefulness of documents issued for the Governing Council", and on the basis of which the Secretariat will prepare a report, so that the Governing Council may continue to examine this matter at its organizational session in February 1986;

3. Reaffirms its previous decisions 79/33 (operative paras. 4 (a)-4 (d)) and 83/40 (operative paras. 1 and 5) with respect to the preparation and timely distribution of documents of the Governing Council and strongly insists that the Administrator take decisive action to solve this problem once and for all, and to report at the February 1986 organizational session, the measures that have been taken;

4. Requests the Administrator to continue the efforts he has already made to improve the quality, reduce the quantity and accelerate the distribution of the Council's documentation;

5. Decides to continue the practice established in operative paragraph 4 of decision 83/40 and to allocate up to \$200,000 per biennium for the editing, translation, typing and production of documents for the Governing Council with a view to circulating documents to delegations at the earliest possible time.



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Addendum

Agenda item 4 (a). The development of human resources

The Governing Council,

Emphasizing that the financial flows required for the expansion of human capacities and skills in all developing countries should keep pace with capital investment and should be accorded sufficient priority in official development assistance and development plans of developing countries,

Recognizing the need to strengthen the vital role of human resources in the development process and also the need to take greater account of human resources needs in improving the design of projects and programmes,

Reaffirming the critical role of technical co-operation in the development of human resources in developing countries and the contribution of the United Nations Development Programme to that effect,

1. Welcomes the emphasis placed by the Administrator on the importance of strengthening the human factor in development, and takes note of the establishment by him of a task force in the United Nations Development Programme to advise him on measures to be taken to that effect;

2. Welcomes further the course of action set out in the report of the Administrator (DP/1985/22) and in his introductory statement for a series of workshops to be undertaken in the coming months as part of an intensive, world-wide process to promote human resources development;

3. Appeals to Governments to lend their full support to these endeavours in order to ensure that the crucial role and development of human resources receives the attention it deserves at the national, regional and international levels.



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Item 3. Co-ordination

The Governing Council,

Reaffirming the exclusive responsibility of developing countries for formulating their national development plans or priorities and objectives,

Reaffirming the responsibility of developing countries to co-ordinate development co-operation, including the determination of local co-ordination arrangements,

Recalling the provisions of General Assembly resolution 39/197 and recognizing the broad and continuing consensus within the entire United Nations system about the need for improved co-ordination of development co-operation, and calling for a renewed commitment of all parties to this process,

Noting that improved co-ordination contributes directly to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of development activities, including technical co-operation,

Emphasizing the urgency of taking practical measures, as appropriate, to improve the co-ordination of technical co-operation of the United Nations system at the field level, and the United Nations Development Programme-supported technical co-operation in particular,

Reaffirming the important role which the United Nations Development Programme plays in assisting developing countries, at their specific request, in strengthening their capacity to plan and co-ordinate development co-operation and also taking into account the mandate of the Resident Co-ordinator in facilitating the co-ordination of the operational activities of the United Nations system,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator on the 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 (DP/1985/4 and DP/1985/4/Add.1) and the comments of Governments thereon,

1. Invites developing countries to take all measures that may be necessary to ensure the best possible co-ordination of all external technical assistance, including the establishment of national programmes for the identification of priority technical co-operation needs, and to strengthen consultative arrangements with a view to promoting common understanding of the priorities and strategies established by the recipient country and thereby more effective external technical co-operation;
2. Encourages bilateral aid agencies and multilateral organizations to align their technical co-operation activities with the priority technical needs established by developing countries;
3. Invites Governments to utilize fully the revised round-table process, in those countries that have selected the process, in order to attain, inter alia, the maximum co-ordination of external technical co-operation;
4. Notes with satisfaction the increased co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and regional development banks in accordance with paragraph 23 of General Assembly resolution 38/171 of 19 December 1983 and within the framework of the follow-up activities, and urges those organizations to continue their close collaboration with the Programme, especially with respect to country and sectoral analysis and the programming and implementation of technical co-operation and notes the progress achieved with regard to the revised round-table process, technical co-operation assessment missions and consultative group meetings;
5. Requests the Administrator to give priority attention to ensuring that UNDP is responsive to assisting developing countries, if so requested, in strengthening their capabilities in co-ordination, including the co-ordination of national technical co-operation programmes, and welcomes the steps being taken by UNDP to that effect as outlined in paragraphs 41-45 of document DP/1985/4;
6. Invites Governments to continue their efforts at co-ordination of national action with regard to operational activities for development, thus making it possible for concerted policies to be pursued in the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and so facilitate the implementation of this decision;
7. Reaffirms the responsibilities of the Resident Co-ordinator on behalf of the United Nations system with respect to co-ordination of operational activities carried out by the United Nations system at the country level in accordance with resolutions 32/197 and 34/213 including activities arising from co-financing arrangements and urges all the relevant organizations, organs and bodies of the United Nations system to co-operate fully with the Resident Co-ordinator in this regard;
8. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session on the results achieved in the implementation of this decision.



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Item 4 (b) (vi). Implementation of the Substantial New Programme
of Action for the Least Developed Countries

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries (SNPA) (DP/1985/11);
2. Endorses the Administrator's proposals contained in paragraphs 21 and 22 for the revitalization of the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries as a special-purpose fund for the LDCs; and requests him to report to the Council at its thirty-third session on the arrangements made by him for the utilization and management of SMF/LDC resources;
3. Urges all Governments to contribute or make increased contributions to the Special Measures Fund for the LDCs and the United Nations Capital Development Fund in accordance with the recommendations of the Substantial New Programme of Action;
4. Notes the findings of the evaluation of experience with the round-table process in the Africa and the Asia and Pacific regions, and welcomes the introduction of an improved format for the round-table process as a result of this evaluation;
5. Requests the Administrator to ensure that the round-table process provides an effective instrument for the implementation of the SNPA, and, in particular, for the promotion of a dialogue between LDC Governments and bilateral and multilateral donors on policy guidelines directed to the economic development of the LDCs concerned through appropriate internal measures and external assistance;

6. Further requests the Administrator to review periodically the round-table mechanism with a view to ensuring that it responds to the needs of the LDCs and of the donors in the efforts to achieve effective aid co-ordination in the LDCs;

7. Also requests the Administrator to present to the Mid-term Review of the SNPA by the High-level Meeting of the Intergovernmental Group on LDCs of UNCTAD a comprehensive report on UNDP's special efforts on behalf of the LDCs, with particular emphasis on the period since the Conference of LDCs held in Paris in 1981, and further requests that in the report the Administrator assess, among other things, and to the extent possible, the results of round-table conferences held since 1981 and present his views on how UNDP, donors and the LDCs themselves might contribute to the ultimate success of the initiatives taken by UNDP towards improved development co-operation with the LDCs;

8. [Agrees in principle to the Administrator's proposal for the financing of the cost of the various activities related to the round-table process during the fourth programming cycle (1987-1991) from Special Programme Resources, and requests him to make the necessary recommendations to the Council at its thirty-third session, including an indication of the various types of expenses that UNDP expects to incur.]



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Item 8 (d). Integration of issues relevant to women into promotional and operational activities for technical co-operation among developing countries

The Governing Council,

Reiterating the importance of the promotion of women's participation in development programmes and the integration of women in development and recalling decisions 2/2 and 3/7 of the High-level Committee on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,

1. Invites the agencies and organizations of the United Nations system to include, as appropriate, specific reference to women in all promotional activities for technical co-operation among developing countries as an important aspect of human resource development;

2. Invites the agencies and organizations of the United Nations development system to elaborate further and to disseminate guidelines on the incorporation of issues relevant to the advancement of women into programmes and projects for technical co-operation among developing countries;

3. Invites developing countries to elaborate proposals for applicable and feasible programmes and projects for technical co-operation among developing countries benefiting women;

4. Reiterates the importance of the networking and strengthening of linkages between national focal points for technical co-operation among developing countries and women's and professional organizations having experience with women's issues and development issues;

5. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to strengthen support to the incorporation of issues relevant to women through an increased co-operation with the organizations, such as the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, which are active in the field of women and development.



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Item 4. Programme implementation

The Governing Council,

Having considered the annual report of the Administrator for 1984 (DP/1985/5 and Add.1, DP/1985/5/Add.2 (Parts I and II), DP/1985/5/Add.3 and 4, DP/1985/5/Add.5 (Parts I and II) and DP/1985/5/Add.6, and having also taken note of the Administrator's proposals for improving the quality of programmes and projects financed by UNDP as announced in the Administrator's opening statement to the Council on 10 June 1985,

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

1. Reaffirms the provisions of paragraph 38 of the annex to the Consensus contained in General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of December 1970 that the role of the organizations of the United Nations system in the implementation of country programmes should be that of partners, under the leadership of the United Nations Development Programme, and also reaffirms the Administrator's responsibility and accountability for the effective use of United Nations Development Programme resources, as well as for all other aspects of implementation of the Programme;
2. Supports the efforts undertaken by the Administrator to improve the quality and effectiveness of programmes and projects financed by the United Nations Development Programme [in particular those measures aimed at strengthening UNDP's technical capability and role in project development, including the establishment of a Project Development Facility for an initial experimental period extending to the end of the third development co-operation cycle to be financed from Special

Programme Reserve up to a maximum of \$1 million,]* as well as those measures related to improving agency performance in project formulation and implementation;

3. Urges Governments and agencies involved to make every effort to streamline internal procedures and institutional mechanisms in order to ensure the speedy implementation of United Nations Development Programme-financed activities in accordance with existing rules and regulations;

4. Requests Governments and the Administrator, as appropriate, to use indicative planning figure resources in identifying requirements for technical assistance, with a view to mobilizing and programming external resources to meet these requirements;

5. Takes note of the exceptional measures adopted by the Administrator in response to the critical situation in Africa and, in particular, of the efforts being made to co-ordinate emergency assistance with longer-term rehabilitation and development measures;

6. Urges the United Nations Development Programme to continue to respond to the changing technical co-operation requirements of developing countries;

7. Takes note of the Administrator's efforts in the management of residual funds transferred from the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and their utilization for activities in countries affected by drought, famine, flood and other natural disasters;

8. Encourages the Administrator to pursue further the progress achieved in enhancing the round-table process of consultation on behalf of the least developed countries;

9. Notes with concern the decline in programme delivery in recent years despite the availability of resources, and requests the Administrator to carry out further intensive consultations with participating and executing agencies in order to improve project budgeting practices in the light of recent difficulties;

10. Further requests the Administrator to report on the implementation of the measures proposed and initiated to improve programme and project quality at the thirty-third session of the Governing Council.

* To be decided in plenary.



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Item 8 (a). International day for volunteers for economic and social development

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the annual report of the Administrator on the United Nations Volunteers programme (DP/1985/44),

Considering that volunteer service as exemplified not only by the United Nations Volunteers programme but also by thousands of volunteers of all nationalities belonging to many organizations throughout the world is making a most noteworthy contribution to programmes for socio-economic development,

Recognizing that the observance of an appropriate day would serve to create greater world-wide awareness of the nature of this contribution and thereby stimulate more people to offer their services as volunteers both at home and abroad,

Cognizant also of the fact that such an observance would stimulate the work of all volunteer organizations and constitute a source of encouragement for these volunteers, many of whom engage in volunteer service at considerable personal sacrifice,

Noting the assurance of the Administrator that the observance would involve no further financial implications for the United Nations Development Programme,

Recommends that the General Assembly consider the question of designating an International Day for Volunteers for Economic and Social Development.



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Item 6. UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES

The Governing Council,

Emphasizing the sovereignty of nations in the formulation, adoption and implementation of their population policies, consistent with basic human rights and responsibilities of individuals, couples and families,

I

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

Continuing to underscore the importance of the human rights and voluntary aspects of family planning for all couples and individuals, as embodied in the World Population Plan of Action, 1/ the recommendations for the further implementation of the World Plan of Action, 2/ the Mexico City Declaration on Population and Development, 3/ the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and on Civil and Political Rights and strategies adopted by the United Nations,

Affirming that it is the policy of the Fund, in accordance with its own family planning guidelines and the various declarations and strategies cited in the preceding paragraph, not to provide assistance for abortions, abortion services or abortion-related equipment and supplies as a method of family planning,

Taking into account the views expressed by delegations during the consideration of agenda item 6,

1. Takes note of the reports of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the activities of the Fund in 1984 (DP/1985/28 (Parts I and II), DP/1985/29, DP/1985/30 (Parts I and II));

2. Notes with satisfaction the increase in resources contributed to the Fund in 1984, expresses its appreciation to all donors to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, urges all countries that are able to do so to increase their contributions in 1986 and future years, and also urges all Governments to make their contribution payments as early as possible;

3. Authorizes the Executive Director to request the convening of a special session of the Governing Council at any time prior to the next regularly scheduled session of the Council, should, in his opinion, developments in regard to the Fund's resource situation and the necessity for reprogramming of available resources warrant it;

4. Notes with satisfaction the relative proportions of assistance allocated to the priority programme areas outlined in Governing Council decision 81/7 I, paragraph 3, of 23 June 1981 and particularly the increase in the percentage of total programme resources allocated to family planning, as reflected in the annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities for 1984 (DP/1985/28 (Parts I and II)) in accordance with the Council's previous directives, and expresses the expectation that the present global proportions will be maintained, 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;

5. Also notes with satisfaction the increase in 1984, as noted in the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the Fund in 1984 (DP/1985/28 (Parts I and II)), in the proportion of assistance from the Fund to priority countries, reiterates its goal of devoting up to two thirds of country programme assistance to the priority countries for population assistance from the Fund, and recalls its request as outlined in decision 83/17 I, paragraph 4, for a report by the Executive Director to be presented to the Council at its thirty-third session on the experience gained by the Fund in using the present set of criteria for selecting priority countries;

6. Notes with appreciation the Fund's increased attention to the role and status of women, and requests that the Fund further strengthen its activities directed both to special women's projects and to the role of women in all population programmes and activities;

7. Further notes that the project implementation rate in 1984 remained at about the same level as in 1983 as reflected in the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the Fund in 1984 (DP/1985/28 (Parts I and II)) and in the 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), also notes with satisfaction the Fund's intention to address the need for further

developing and strengthening the system of monitoring and evaluation and for the feedback of the results into its policies and programmes, and requests the Executive Director to strengthen the Fund's efforts to improve the implementation of projects and to strengthen the capacity of Governments to implement their population policies and programmes and to report on implementation experience relating to allocations and expenditures with different executing agencies at its thirty-fourth session;

8. Expresses its appreciation for the progress report on the extent to which the various regional and interregional demographic training and research centres have incorporated the principles related to funding and programming, contained in document DP/1985/28 (Part I) and, taking into account the request of the Executive Director that the Council consider the importance of training in the whole spectrum of population activities, requests the Executive Director to provide a progress report on the regional and interregional centres as requested in Governing Council decisions 84/21 I, paragraph 7 and 84/21 V, paragraph 4;

9. Also expresses its appreciation for the report on the evaluations undertaken by the Fund in 1984 as outlined in DP/1985/28 (Part II), and recalls its decision 83/17 I, paragraph 7 calling for a report to the Council at its thirty-third session on the comparative results of past evaluations according to major work-plan categories, including activities related to women and also including results of different kinds of evaluations undertaken in connection with UNFPA-funded projects;

10. Approves UNFPA assistance to the large-scale country programmes or projects, as set forth in the recommendation by the Executive Director (DP/1985/L.7) and included in the work-plan for 1986-1989, subject to availability of resources:

In Ghana (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/16) in the amount of \$3 million;

In the Ivory Coast (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/17) in the amount of \$1.7 million;

In Sierra Leone (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/18) in the amount of \$2.8 million;

In Uganda (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/19) in the amount of \$3.5 million;

In Bangladesh (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/25) in the amount of \$20 million;

In India (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/24) in the amount of \$63.8 million;

In Indonesia (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/23) in the amount of \$18 million;

In Brazil (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/22) in the amount of \$15 million;

In Cuba (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/21) in the amount of \$2.4 million;

In Nicaragua (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/20) in the amount of \$1.2 million

with the balance of a total of \$6 million as described in (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/20) to be provided from other sources;

11. Decides to consider at its organizational session in 1986 the provision of more time at future sessions of the Governing Council in order to ensure adequate and full consideration of items and documentation of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the agenda of the Council.

II

Taking note of the reports of the Executive Director on a problem-oriented analysis of the Fund's experience in the family planning area (DP/1985/31), on the use of incentives and disincentives in family planning programmes (DP/1985/32) and 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 together with a recommendation for the level of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities funding for the Special Programme for the period 1986-1989 (DP/1985/34),

1. Confirms that all activities undertaken by the Fund should be consistent with the provisions of the World Population Plan of Action, the Mexico City Declaration on Population and Development and the recommendations for the further implementation of the Plan;

2. Requests the Executive Director to continue to pursue improvements in the design, management, monitoring and evaluation of family planning programmes and projects;

3. Requests the Executive Director, in view of the relative paucity of research in the area of incentives and disincentives in family planning programmes to encourage and support research on the effects of incentive and disincentive schemes on the quality of services offered and on the individual's free and informed choice;

4. Takes note with satisfaction of the greater co-ordination of international efforts in the field of contraceptive research, as outlined in document DP/1985/34;

5. Approves the allocation by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities of an additional \$500,000 to the World Health Organization's Special Programme for Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction for 1985, for a total of \$2.5 million for 1985, and decides that the Fund's allocations to the Special Programme should be increased if resources increase and funds are available to the level of \$2.75 million for 1986, \$3 million for 1987, \$3.25 million for 1988, and \$3.5 million for 1989.

III

Expressing satisfaction with the outcome of the International Conference on Population, 1984, the recommendations adopted for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action and the Mexico City Declaration on Population and Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/228 of 18 December 1984,

Further recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/4 of 28 May 1985, particularly paragraph 4 thereof, in which the Council invited the Secretary-General to avail himself of the advice of members of, inter alia, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in carrying out the task entrusted to him in paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 39/228,

Recalling also its decision 84/21 IV, in which it, inter alia, invited 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 population assistance by the United Nations system,

Taking note of the report of the Executive Director on the implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population, 1984, for the activities of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (DP/1985/37 and Add.1),

1. Requests the Executive Director to continue to concentrate the Fund's assistance in its core areas, as defined in decision 81/7 I, paragraph 3, to give increased emphasis in strengthening United Nations Fund for Population Activities activities at the national level;

2. Further requests the Executive Director to circulate to all members of the Governing Council, as soon as it is available, the report of the Secretary-General regarding the relevant recommendations in particular recommendation 83, for further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action concerning the role of international co-operation;

IV

Taking note of the update of the review and reassessment of the programme of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the work-plan for 1986-1989 and request for approval authority, as contained in the report of the Executive Director (DP/1985/35), as well as the report of the Executive Director on the status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved United Nations Fund for Population Activities country programmes and projects (DP/1985/36),

1. Approves the update of the review and reassessment contained in the report of the Executive Director, as well as the work-plan for 1986-1989, 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 1986, an additional \$40.3 million, to bring the total for 1986 to 100 per cent of the 1986 level, or \$154.3 million;

(b) For 1987, an additional \$39.7 million, to bring the total for 1987 to 75 per cent of the 1986 level, or \$115.7 million;

(c) For 1988, an additional \$39.1 million, to bring the total for 1988 to 50 per cent of the 1986 level, or \$77.1 million;

(d) For 1989, \$39.6 million, or 25 per cent of the 1986 level;

2. Notes the proportional distribution of allocations between country and intercountry activities achieved in 1984, and reaffirms the existing target of up to 25 per cent of programmable resources for intercountry activities, and recalls its requests as outlined in decision 84/21 I, paragraph 8, for a report to be presented 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.



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Item 4 (c) (iii). Assistance to the Palestinian people

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 84/13 of 29 June 1984 and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions,

Recognizing that the economic and social situation of the Palestinian people continues to require the special and urgent attention of the international community,

Reaffirming the commitment of the United Nations Development Programme to assist the Palestinian people in advancing their economic and social development,

Noting the obstacles encountered in efforts by the international community to bring meaningful and comprehensive development assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied territories,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator concerning the programme of assistance to the Palestinian people (DP/1985/18),

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Administrator for his continuous efforts in the implementation of the programme of assistance to the Palestinian people;

2. Recommends that further and vigorous efforts be made urgently in collaboration and direct consultation with all parties concerned, as requested in various relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, to achieve the goals regarding meeting the economic and social needs of the Palestinian people;

3. Expresses its gratitude to those Governments and funds which have responded generously to appeals by the Governing Council and the General Assembly for additional special contributions to the third programming cycle;

4. Reconfirms the need for additional special contributions, now made even more urgent by the full commitment of all funds made available from Special Programme Resources, and other sources;

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

6. Authorizes the allocation of an additional \$2 million from the third cycle Special Programme Resources in order to maintain the programme's momentum and ensure a smooth transition into the fourth cycle;

7. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session on the concrete measures taken for the full implementation of the present decision and the result achieved in that respect.



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Item 8 (g). Programmes in energy development

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the results achieved in assisting countries in the development of their high-priority energy programmes and projects in 1984 (DP/1985/52 and DP/1985/52/Add.1),

Taking note of General Assembly resolutions 39/173 of 17 December 1984 on the implementation of the Nariobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy and 39/176, of 17 December 1984 on the development of the energy resources of developing countries,

Noting the catalytic role played by the Energy Account in mobilizing additional resources, both multilateral and bilateral, to implement energy projects and the existing close co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in matters of energy,

Further noting that donors have found the Energy Account mechanism for channelling additional funds useful, especially since it has led to increased participation of bilateral and multilateral programmes in energy activities,

Recalling the central funding and co-ordinating role of the United Nations Development Programme,

1. Authorizes the Administrator to continue with an Energy Account within the United Nations Development Programme, as established by Governing Council decision 80/27 of 26 June 1980, as long as it receives adequate funding support from donors;

2. Calls upon all Governments that are in a position to do so to contribute on an increasing basis to the Energy Account in order that it may continue on a more stable basis;

3. Notes with satisfaction the progress achieved in assisting the countries of the South Pacific through the Regional Energy Development Programme, including financing of services of energy planners from the Energy Account;

4. Also notes with satisfaction the assistance provided to a number of countries in conducting energy sector assessments;

5. Requests the Administrator to continue to support the priority energy requirements of the Pacific regions;

6. Requests the Administrator to report in detail to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session on the results of the activities financed from the Energy Account, especially on the extent to which the Account has contributed to playing its catalytic role in mobilizing additional resources to implement the Nairobi Programme of Action.



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Addendum

Item 4 (b) (vii). Strengthening the response to the crisis
in Africa

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 84/18 concerning the economic and social crisis in Africa,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 39/29 concerning the critical situation in Africa, and the decision of the Organization of African Unity of November 1984,

Welcoming the Secretary-General's decision to establish the Office for Emergency Operations in Africa, his appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in his personal capacity as its Director and the Office's initial actions,

Recognizing with deep concern the persistent and continuing nature of the economic and social crisis in Africa and the necessity for the United Nations Development Programme and all other parts of the international community to respond to and assist African countries to fulfil both their critical short-term needs as well as their legitimate aspirations to achieve rehabilitation, stabilization and development in the medium- and longer-terms,

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the Administrator (DP/1985/26) on the United Nations Development Programme's activities in the African region during the past year, including measures, particularly at the field level, to strengthen the effectiveness of the round-table process, to co-ordinate emergency planning and relief efforts and to re-orient United Nations Development Programme-financed programmes of assistance so that they will respond better to the immediate and longer-term priorities of African countries,

Also taking note of the Administrator's report on the strengthening of field offices in Africa (DP/1985/16),

Recognizing the increased responsibilities and volume of the work-load of the resident representative and field offices, exacerbated by the current economic and social crisis in the African region, for achieving, inter alia, higher quality and relevance in their traditional activities; for assisting Governments to improve planning, to conduct aid co-ordination activities and to implement the improved round-table process; for helping to mobilize additional resources; and for strengthening government capacity with respect to the programming and delivery of emergency aid to the affected countries,

Noting its decision taken at the present session on co-ordination,

1. Invites the Administrator to intensify and more make more effective the central role of the Programme and the resident representative in supporting the co-ordination of the United Nations system's response in facilitating, with the agreement of the countries concerned, the international community's reaction to the short-term and longer-term technical co-operation requirements of African countries which arise from both the critical economic situation and longer-term development objectives;

2. Requests the Administrator to take steps to continue to strengthen the United Nations Development Programme's assistance to African Governments, at their request, to reinforce their management capacities, particularly related to the planning and co-ordination of aid; and to help African Governments to establish national strategies, plans and policies which adequately reflect their rehabilitation, reconstruction and development requirements;

3. Further requests the Administrator to strengthen the United Nations Development Programme's assistance to African Governments, at their request, to conduct systematically the necessary assessments of technical co-operation requirements and to help them to establish national programmes for priority human resources development and technical co-operation, which can serve, inter alia, as a basis for strengthening public sector management and also improving the country programmes of United Nations Development Programme-financed assistance during the fourth programming cycle as well as the framework for more co-ordinated and more effective technical co-operation from all aid partners;

4. Encourages the Administrator to continue to take measures, in conjunction with recipient Governments and the executing agencies, to orient the approved and prospective United Nations Development Programme-supported programmes so that they are most relevant and fully co-ordinated and have the greatest impact on African countries' priority needs;

5. Urges Governments, as may be willing, organizations of the United Nations system and other aid partners of the African countries to make better use of the co-ordination and facilitating functions of the resident co-ordinator and of the capacity of the United Nations Development Programme in the co-ordination and effective linkage of technical co-operation programmes;

6. Requests the Administrator to ensure that all the parts of the United Nations Development Programme under his responsibility continue to play an integrated, strong and supportive role vis-à-vis the Office for Emergency Operations in Africa and, with regard to both short-term and long-term co-operation, welcomes the fullest use by that Office of the capacity and central role of the resident co-ordinator and the United Nations Development Programme field network in all countries in sub-Saharan Africa affected by the emergency situation;

[7. Supports the Administrator's proposals for strengthening the capacity of field offices in sub-Saharan Africa;]

8. Invites the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1985, to endorse the action set out in this decision and, in that context, to request the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrator of UNDP and other executive heads, to take the necessary measures, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/197, to enable the Resident Co-ordinator who is normally the Resident Representative of UNDP, to carry out the responsibilities envisaged in this decision as effectively as possible.



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Item 7. United Nations Technical Co-operation Activities

The Governing Council,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities (DP/1985/43 and Add.1-3), and recalling its decision 84/22 of 29 June 1984,

1. Commends the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the United Nations Secretariat for reducing its administrative costs and for continuing to improve its processes and procedures, thereby increasing the efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of its services to developing countries despite the sharp reductions in staff over the past two years, and urges it to continue its efforts to eliminate the deficit in its overhead income account;

2. Notes with concern, however, that fundamental constraints external to the Department have yet to be addressed, in order to place the Department on a firmer financial footing;

3. Reiterates accordingly its request that necessary action by the Secretary-General be completed, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 32/197, paragraphs 62 and 63, of 20 December 1977, with regard to the clustering in a single organizational entity of all technical, managerial and operational capabilities related to technical co-operation activities of the United Nations Secretariat and, requests the Secretary-General to continue to explore specific measures in administrative, financial, and personnel matters in order to increase the Department's competitiveness as an executing agency, and to report back to the Council at its thirty-third session;

4. Endorses the major role of the Department in setting into place a Special Action Programme for Africa to improve the administrative and managerial capabilities in the field of public administration and finance, as reflected in Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/10 adopted on 29 May 1985, and draws attention to the need for a greater concentration of resources on administrative and management improved programmes;

5. Reaffirms in this connection its support for the programme of work of the Department under the Regular Programme of Technical Co-operation and the use of this source of financing, inter alia, to support the country programming exercise, as welcomed in its decision 79/22, and to cover on a cost-sharing and reimburseable basis the cost of project identification, appraisal and formulation;

6. Requests again financial and funding institutions to make the fullest possible use of the Department's special competence, experience and operational capabilities during the various phases of the project cycle;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to develop for presentation to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session an internal implementation strategy based on the valuable work already done to further strengthen the capacity of the Department to deal with issues of women in development and invites the Department to co-operate fully with the UNDP in this respect.



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Item 4 (b) (ix). Focal point for short-term advisory services

The Governing Council,

Mindful of the shortages of skills that exist in most developing countries and the need for assistance from all appropriate sources to support national efforts at overcoming such shortages,

Taking note of the existence of sources of human skills that have been relatively untapped by multilateral technical co-operation and the support that may be available from such sources, including those from developing countries,

Having considered the note of the Administrator on the original proposal to establish a "Human Resources Facility" (DP/1985/14) prepared in accordance with paragraph 18 of the Council's decision 84/4, and the exchange of views in the Council thereon,

Recognizing that the services to be provided by the focal point should be appropriately related to the needs of the recipient developing countries,

1. Takes note of the interest shown for the concept of a "Human Resources Facility";
2. Decides that:

(a) The Administrator, taking fully into account the debate on this subject, be authorized to confer on a focal point, for a trial period of 24 months, commencing on 1 July 1985, within UNDP headquarters, the task of utilizing the expertise and skills to be made available at the request of developing countries at highly concessional rates or at no cost from sources not normally tapped by multilateral programmes of technical co-operation;

(b) The purpose of the focal point be to enhance the flow of skills to the enterprises and institutions of developing countries, as requested by them through their Governments, through short-term missions of highly qualified advisers drawn from the above-mentioned sources in developed and developing countries, to perform precisely defined tasks, which may include training;

(c) The focal point shall be envisaged as a means of technical co-operation additional to mechanisms that already exist in this field. The function of the focal point shall be to act as a clearing-house matching requests for specialized skills with the sources of supply mentioned above;

(d) Requests for assistance made to the focal point from Governments or national focal points specifically established for that purpose by the Government should be channelled through the UNDP field office;

(e) The focal point should collaborate closely with existing mechanisms making available expertise to developing countries, including the United Nations development system, non-governmental organizations and other interested organizations and associations; it should, in so doing, co-operate fully with the facilities established to promote technical co-operation among developing countries;

(f) The focal point, to the extent possible, should aim at developing links between sources of expertise and beneficiaries in developing countries and their respective Governments;

(g) Funding for mission costs will generally be shared by donor and recipient institutions on the basis reflected in paragraph 38 (a) of DP/1985/14. Multilateral and bilateral development institutions, Governments and other sources such as foundations, enterprises and similar entities, could contribute to the financing of such missions on a case-by-case basis;

(h) The financing of the administrative costs of the focal point for the trial period be made available, during the period 1 July 1985 through 31 December 1986, from the Special Programme Resources at an annual cost of \$125,000 for salaries and an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for other expenses;

(i) The trial period of two years comes to an end on 30 June 1987, unless decided otherwise by the Council;

3. Invites all Governments to support the operations of the focal point;

4. Requests all interested organizations, similarly, to support the operations of the focal point and, as required, to consider financial contributions to meet special operational costs of the focal point;

5. Requests the Administrator to provide a progress report to the Council at its thirty-third session and to provide a report to the Council at its thirty-fourth session, based on a full evaluation of the activities of the focal point. The evaluation should contain a clear recommendation on the continuance or discontinuance of the focal point after the experimental period.