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The draft decision on item 4 (b) (vi) should read:

Agenda 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 policy dialogue between the LDC Governments and bilateral and multilateral donors resulting in the economic recovery of the LDCs concerned through internal measures and appropriate external assistance;

6. Further requests the Administrator to review periodically the round-table mechanisms with a view to ensuring that it responds to the needs of the LDCs and of the donors in their 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 full 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 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. Endorses the Administrator's proposal for the financing of the cost of the various activities related to the round-table process during the fourth programme cycle (1987-1991) from Special Programme Resources (SPR) up to \$500,000 per country per round-table cycle.

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The draft decision on item 4 (a) entitled "Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit" should read

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" (see 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 comments 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/40/460) and the information provided at the thirty-second session with respect to United Nations Development Programme activities in drug abuse control,

1. Endorses 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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The draft decision on item 4 (b) (ix) should read:

Item 4 (b) (ix). Human Resources Facility

The Governing Council,

Mindful of the shortages of skills that exist in most developing countries and the need for international development assistance to support national efforts at overcoming such shortages,

Taking note of the existence of sources of human skills that have been relatively untapped by conventional technical co-operation and the many offers of support received from such sources,

Having considered the note of the Administrator on the 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,

1. Welcomes the interest that has been demonstrated for the concept of a Human Resources Facility (HRF) a/ by Governments, intergovernmental organizations, parastatal institutions, local Government bodies, universities and enterprises from industry and commerce;

2. Decides that:

(a) The Administrator be authorized to establish a [HRF] [SSASS] within UNDP in order to utilize expertise and skills to be made available at highly concessional rates or at no cost from sources not normally tapped by the conventional multilateral programmes of technical co-operation;

(b) The purpose of the [HRF] [SSASS] be to enhance the flow of skills to the enterprises and institutions of developing countries as requested by them through short-term missions of highly qualified advisors drawn from the abovementioned sources in the public, parastatal and private sectors of developed and developing countries [and through assistance to developing countries in meeting the demand for training to be provided by such sources];

(c) The primary functions of the [HRF] [SSASS] 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 [HRF] [SSASS] should be channelled through and cleared by the UNDP field office in the respective country, working in concert with the Government or focal point specifically established for that purpose;

(e) The [HRF] [SSASS] should seek the close collaboration of existing mechanisms making available expertise that might be useful to developing countries, including the United Nations development system, non-governmental organizations and other interested organizations and associations, making full use of the facilities established to promote technical co-operation among developing countries;

(f) The [HRF] [SSASS], to the extent possible, should aim at establishing direct links between potential sources of expertise and beneficiaries in developing countries;

(f) [The funding for the operational costs of the [HRF] [SSASS] be obtained in accordance with the priorities set by Governments from such existing resources as UNDP country IPFs, grants and credits from other multilateral institutions and bilateral aid flows, as well as from contributions from either beneficiaries, including Governments of recipient countries, or other sources such as foundations, enterprises and similar entities];

(g) [The funding for the operational costs of the [HRF] [SSASS] be determined by donor and recipient countries in respect of each activity];

(h) The [HRF] be established for a trial period of two years commencing immediately and that during this period the financing of the [HRF] [SSASS] be made available from Special Programme Resources, as follows: \$250,000 per annum for salaries and an amount not to exceed \$175,000 per annum for other expenses;

3. Urges all Governments to support the operations of the [HRF] [SSASS];

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

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 [HRF] [SSASS].

Notes

a/ It has been strongly suggested to have a more appropriate name for this concept and, consequently, in the text below an alternative to HRF is suggested as the Supplementary Skills Advisory and Support Service (SSASS).

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The draft decision on item 4 (b) (iii) should read

Agenda 4 (b) (iii). Government execution

The Governing Council,

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

Further taking note that the add-on arrangement which was established has not, for technical reasons, been operational for the full experimental period of two and a half years as required 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 to evaluate the overall experience with government execution with special reference to cost effectiveness, the involvement of specialized agencies and the field officers in government-executed projects and to report accordingly to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session.



The draft decision on item 4 (b) (iv) should read

Agenda 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 of such categories of project Professional personnel as nationally recruited project personnel, and 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,

2. 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 selecting the most appropriate category of personnel in accordance with the requirements of individual projects;

3. Reaffirms the need to take account of the potential of United Nations Volunteers in the development process when designing projects;

4. Invites 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 to meet the specific requirements of projects;

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

5. Invites 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 its own staff to the projects;

6. Further endorses the Administrator's efforts to strengthen the data collection systems to monitor the cost, quality and impact of various categories of personnel.

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The decision on item 3 should read

Item 3. 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

The Governing Council,

Recognizing the broad consensus emerging from the General Assembly and other international fora about the need for improved co-ordination of development assistance,

Noting that aid co-ordination contributes directly to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of development assistance, including technical co-operation, and United Nations Development Programme-supported technical co-operation in particular,

Emphasizing the urgency of taking practical measures to improve the co-ordination of technical co-operation at the field level,

Reaffirming the primary responsibility of developing countries to establish their national development priorities and to co-ordinate development assistance which they receive, including the determination of local co-ordination arrangements,

Reaffirming the important and essential role which the United Nations Development Programme and the resident co-ordinator play, according to their respective responsibilities, in strengthening the capacity of developing countries to plan and co-ordinate development co-operation and 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. Calls for a renewed commitment by all parties to the process of aid co-ordination and for measures to enhance this process;
2. Invites developing countries to take all necessary measures to ensure the best possible co-ordination of all external technical assistance;
3. Invites Member States to utilize fully the revised round-table process, in those countries that have selected the process, in order to attain maximum co-ordination of external technical co-operation;
4. Welcomes the increased collaboration between the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme, especially with regard to the revised round-table process, technical co-operation assessment missions and consultative group meetings;
5. Further endorses the recommendations of the Administrator contained in paragraphs 101 to 108 of document DP/1985/4 as the basis for the Programme to carry out the important role in aid co-ordination assigned to it;
6. Reaffirms the responsibilities of the resident co-ordinator for the co-ordination of operational activities carried out by the United Nations system at the country level in accordance with the expressed wishes of the recipient Governments, including co-ordination of activities emanating from co-financing arrangements, and urges all partners in the development process to co-operate fully with the resident co-ordinator;
7. Requests the Administrator, in close co-operation with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, to take the necessary measures to support the aid co-ordination process (including co-financing modalities) and the strengthening of the capacity of recipient Governments, upon their request, to undertake all co-ordination activities;
8. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session on the results achieved in the co-ordination of all technical co-operation.



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Agenda item 8 (a). International Volunteer Day

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 annual observance of International Volunteer Day would serve to sensitize people worldwide 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,

Agrees that the General Assembly consider designating 7 December as International Volunteer Day.

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Agenda item 8 (g)

PROGRAMMES IN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Correction to draft decision contained in DP/1985/WP.1,  
submitted by Australia

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1. Following operative paragraph 2, insert:

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

"4. Requests the Administrator to continue to support the priority energy requirements of the Pacific region;"

2. Renumber subsequent operative paragraph.

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