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THE DRAFTING GROUP**

Working paper by the Chairman of the Drafting Group

INTRODUCTION

1. By its decisions 81/37 and 83/42, the Governing Council agreed that the Drafting Group would elaborate and finalize draft decisions on items referred to it by the plenary for ultimate adoption of such drafts by the Council. All draft decisions formulated by the Drafting Group which have financial implications would have to be referred to the Budgetary and Finance Committee (BFC) before action is taken thereon by the Council. The Council may also assign the Drafting Group other specific tasks, as required.
2. As has been the practice in previous years, the Chairman of the Drafting Group hereby circulates preliminary draft decisions prepared by the secretariat, at his request, to facilitate the Group's work. Other draft texts will be circulated, as appropriate, in addenda to this document.
3. It should be emphasized that this working paper does not pre-empt the submission of draft decisions by delegations on the subjects contained in it. In cases where delegations and the Chairman have circulated draft texts, precedence will be given to texts of delegations, as decided by the Council.

DRAFT DECISIONS

Item 4. Programme implementation

The Governing Council,

Having considered the annual report of the Administrator for 1984 (DP/1985/5 and Add.1; Add.2 (Parts I and II); Add.3-4; Add.5 (Parts I and II); and Add.6),

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

1. Welcomes the steps taken by the Administrator on a continuous basis to maintain and improve the effectiveness of the United Nations Development Programme at all levels;

2. 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;

3. Further notes the response of the United Nations Development Programme to the changing technical co-operation requirements of developing countries in the context of their present economic difficulties;

4. Endorses the Administrator's efforts in the management of residual funds transferred from the United Nations Emergency Operation Fund and its utilization for activities in countries affected by drought and famine;

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

6. 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 difficulties arising from numerous variables in international currency exchange rates.

Item 4 (a). Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

The Governing Council,

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Having considered the note by the Administrator concerning the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit issued since the beginning of 1984 (DP/1984/6 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" (A/39/299), "Publications policy and practice in the United Nations system" (A.39/239 and Corr.1), "Reporting to the Economic and Social Council" (A/39/281 and Add.1), "Staff costs and some aspects of utilization of human and financial resources in the United Nations Secretariat (A/39/522 and Corr.1) and "Drug abuse control activities in the United Nations system (A/39/646);

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" (E/1985/3) and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon (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.

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

(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 development is increasing, and that the apparent downward trend shown by the figures for 1980 has been reversed in subsequent years,

Taking note also that programming assistance for the integration of women in development is primarily the responsibility of Governments,

Strongly urges the implementation of the recommendations for action addressed to Governments, the United Nations development system and non-governmental organizations contained in paragraphs 103 to 125 of the Administrator's report on the inter-organizational assessment.

(iii) Government execution

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator (DP/1985/12) and 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;
2. Also takes note that the add-on arrangement was established but has not yet been operational for the full experimental period of two and a half years as required in Governing Council decision 82/8;
3. Bearing in mind the need to assess fully the validity of the add-on procedure in support of government execution;
4. Approves the extension of the experimental period of the add-on as established by decision 82/8 until 31 December 1987;
5. Requests the Administrator to monitor closely and evaluate the usefulness of add-on in supporting government execution and to report accordingly to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session.

(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),

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

1. Endorses the Administrator's initiative to ensure the greater use of the newer categories of project Professional personnel such as nationally recruited project personnel, and endorses the Administrator's efforts in testing the use of 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 in this regard the important role 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 who will meet the specific requirement of the project;

(b) Circulating in a timely manner the job descriptions for vacancies which specify the duties and responsibilities at the level required by the project;

(c) Submitting more than one candidate to recipient Governments;

5. Invites donor Governments to adopt new, flexible policies with a view to meeting short-term personnel shortages in the poorest countries, while at the same time providing a basis for more long-term solutions to the problem of shortages in middle-level and higher-level personnel;

6. Invites recipient Governments, whenever the situation warrants, to help to speed up the clearance process of project personnel, and further invites recipient Governments to adhere as much as possible to the schedule set out and agreed in the project document for designating its government project personnel;

7. Endorses the Administrator's efforts for strengthening the data collection systems to monitor the cost, quality and impact of various categories of personnel.

(vi) Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s 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 (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 least developed countries;

3. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Council at its thirty-third session, in light of the pledges made towards the Special Measures Fund in November 1985, proposals for the utilization of Fund resources during the fourth programme cycle (1987-1991) and for the management of the Fund during that period;

4. Urges donor Governments, including those of developing countries, to make increased contributions to the Special Measures Fund and the United Nations Capital Development Fund in accordance with the recommendations of the Substantial New Programme of Action;

5. Requests the Administrator to ensure that the improved format for the round-table process responds effectively to the needs of the least developed countries to secure assistance for the implementation of their plans and programmes as well as to the need for providing donors with full information about the strategies and priorities of the least developed countries concerned and the measures taken towards their economic rehabilitation;

6. Further requests the Administrator to review periodically the round-table mechanism in order to ensure its responsiveness to the needs of the least developed countries and of the donors in their efforts to achieve effective aid co-ordination in the least developed countries;

7. Endorses 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 up to \$500,000 per least developed country per round-table cycle;

8. Requests the Administrator to submit to the thirty-third session of the Governing Council an estimate of the resources to be set aside in the Special Programme Resources for this purpose and the criteria governing the allocation of such resources.

(vii) Strengthening of field offices in Africa

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision endorsing the Administrator's intention to review the capacity of field offices in the African region to undertake effectively the additional work-load arising from the evolving circumstances and increased responsibilities which were not foreseen at the time of the Headquarters and Field Office Staffing Survey,

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

1. Supports the Administrator's proposal for strengthening field offices under the three main headings, namely: (a) strengthening of traditional activities, (b) new interventions of the United Nations Development Programme, and (c) support of emergency programmes and the corresponding strengthening of headquarters.

(ix) Human resources facility

The Governing Council,

Having considered the note by 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,

Mindful of the skills shortages 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 that could now be mobilized more intensively,

1. Welcomes the interest that has been demonstrated for the concept of a human resources facility 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 human resources facility;

(b) The purpose of the Human Resources Facility be to enhance the flow of skills to the enterprises and institutions of developing countries through short-term missions of highly qualified advisers drawn from enterprises and similar sources of expertise and through assistance to developing countries in meeting the demand for related training;

(c) The primary functions of the Human Resources Facility during its initial phase be to act as a clearing-house and to foster, among interested organizations and associations on one side, and the field offices of the United Nations Development Programme working in concert with United Nations system organizations in the field and interested Governments on the other side, links which would serve the purposes of the Human Resources Facility;

(d) The Human Resources Facility function under the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme;

(e) The funding for the operational costs of the Facility be obtained in accordance with the priorities set by Governments from such existing resources as United Nations Development Programme country indicative planning figures, 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, corporations and similar entities;

(f) For an initial two-year period the financing of the Human Resources Facility be made available from Special Programme Resources, as follows: \$US 250,000 per annum for salaries and up to \$US 175,000 per annum for other expenses, such as office space, furniture and telephones; systems development and maintenance; travel; publicity; and consultants;

3. Urges all Governments to support the operations of the Human Resources Facility;

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

5. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-fourth session on the initial two years of activities of the Human Resources Facility.

Item 4 (d). Evaluation

The Governing Council

1. Takes notes of the report of the Administrator on evaluation (DP/1985/13), including the programme of thematic evaluations foreseen and the Administrator's proposal to increase Special Programme Resources in the fourth programming cycle to include the financing of ex-post evaluations (see also DP/1985/1/Add.1, para. 15);

2. Takes note of the Administrator's response to Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/61 A, Section V, and endorses the continuing and active follow-up being undertaken pursuant to the relevant recommendations of the joint United Nations/United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Industrial Development Organization in-depth evaluation of the United Nations Development Programme-financed technical co-operation activities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in the field of manufactures.

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 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 its 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.

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 provisions of relevant General Assembly resolutions,

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

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

1. Expresses its satisfaction with the efforts of the Administrator in assisting the Palestinian people in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip;
2. 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;
3. 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;
4. 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;
5. Authorizes the allocation of an additional \$US 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;
6. Authorizes the Administrator to proceed with a provisional planning allocation of at least \$US 10 million for the programme of assistance to the Palestinian people pending the determination of the total amount of the fourth cycle Special Programme Resources.

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

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 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 programme'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, at middle and higher levels, of development 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.

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 the developing countries' programmes for socio-economic development,

Cognizant of the fact that the annual observance of International Volunteer Day 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,

Recognizing also that such an observance would serve to sensitize people worldwide of the nature of this contribution to development and, thereby, stimulate more people to offer their services as volunteers for development both at home and abroad,

Endorses the Administrator's proposal for an International Volunteer Day, and recommends to the General Assembly that it consider designating 7 December for this purpose.

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 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;
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 Fund participate actively in the round-table processes as improved and developed by the Administrator;
7. Calls on all Member States to contribute more vigorously to the resources of the Fund to allow it to respond to the needs of the developing countries, especially in the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries.

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

(Alternative 1)

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.

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

(Alternative 2)

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the annual report of the Administrator (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 exploratory drilling at Las Planillas, Jalisco State, Mexico" (MEX/NR/83/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/5);
5. Renews its appeal to Member States to contribute to the financial resources of the Fund in order for it to fulfil its mandate.

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 combating 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, and the proposal to include in the agenda of the thirty-ninth session of the General Assembly the item on "Countries affected by drought and desertification" which permitted an extensive debate in the Second Committee on this aspect of the present economic and social crisis in Africa;

3. Endorses the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme in May 1985 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 in assisting the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, within the joint 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, organizations, organs and other bodies of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and private 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 combating 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.

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 decisive 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. Commends the Administrator for his support to the six countries of East Africa in the setting up of the Intergovernmental Authority for Drought and Development which will be responsible for drought-related medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation activities in the region;
4. Expresses its gratitude to the Governments, United Nations agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, private 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;
5. 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;

6. 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;

7. 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.

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 Nairobi 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 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;

3. Requests the Administrator to report 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.

Item 9 (d) (ii). Financial Regulations: Guidelines for the procurement of equipment, supplies and services

The Governing Council,

Having considered the note by the Administrator (DP/1985/61), as well as the information provided orally by the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Special Activities,

1. Notes the efforts undertaken by the United Nations Development Programme and the agencies to harmonize their practices in the procurement of equipment, supplies and services;

2. Requests the Programme and the agencies to continue their co-operation to achieve uniformity in their procurement practices and to reflect such common practices in the General Business Guide issued by the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit so as to make the United Nations system's procurement process both more accessible and more transparent;

3. Urges the Programme and the agencies to make enhanced efforts to expand the geographical distribution of the sources of supply, including from donors that are not fully utilized for this purpose and developing countries;

4. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-fourth session on the results achieved in the implementation of this decision.

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 directly contributes to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of development assistance in general, 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,

Reaffirming the important and essential role which the United Nations Development Programme and the resident co-ordinator are expected to play in, inter alia:

- (a) Co-ordinating the programming of the operational activities of the United Nations system;
- (b) Facilitating the co-ordination of development assistance and co-financing;
- (c) Strengthening the capacity of developing countries to plan and co-ordinate development co-operation,

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 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 assist developing countries in attaining maximum co-ordination of external technical co-operation and to adopt the revised round-table process in those countries that have selected the round-table process;
4. Recognizes the important new responsibilities for co-ordinating technical co-operation which the United Nations Development Programme is carrying out for the international development community;
5. Stresses that, in order for the Programme to be in a position to undertake many of the important tasks in aid co-ordination, the recommendations of the Administrator contained in paragraphs 101-108 of DP/1985/4 must be implemented;
6. Affirms the central role of the Programme and of the resident co-ordinator in the co-ordination of technical co-operation provided by the United Nations system at the country level in accordance with the preferences 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 with the resident co-ordinator;
7. Requests the Administrator to consider further steps to support the aid co-ordination process (including co-financing modalities) and to strengthen the capacity of recipient Governments, upon their request, to undertake all co-ordination activities;

[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.]

