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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Note by the secretariat

- 1. Opening of the session
- Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At its organizational meeting for 1986, the Council approved, by decision 86/5, the provisional agenda and a tentative schedule of work for its thirty-third session. The Council further allocated certain items for consideration by its Committee of the Whole and by its Budgetary and Finance Committee. The provisional agenda and details on the various items referred to the Council's Committees are contained in document DP/1986/L.9.

Furthermore, at its 1986 organizational meeting, the Council confirmed the principles which have hitherto guided the work of its sessional Drafting Group.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and organization of work of the thirty-third session, Note by the secretariat (DP/1986/L.9)

Annotations to the provisional agenda, Note by the secretariat (DP/1986/77)

List of documents being submitted to the thirty-third session, Note by the secretariat (DP/1986/79)

Status of pre-session documents, Note by the secretariat (DP/1986/70)

Provisional agenda and organization of work of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, Note by the Secretariat (DP/1986/BFC/L.1)

3. Policy review: The unique role of the United Nations Development
Programme im human resources development and development co-operation in the
1980s.

By its decision 85/46, the Council decided that the subject of the policy review for discussion at its thirty-third session should be "the unique role of UNDP in human resources development and development co-operation in the 1980s". As a background document for this policy review, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator which presents the main issues related to human resources development and indicates the operational implications for developing countries and the United Nations development system. These operational implications in turn serve to identify, in the form of recommendations for consideration by the Council, what the unique role of UNDP should be in assisting Governments of developing countries in addressing the critical issues of human resources development. The Council will also have available a report of the Tokyo Workshop on human resources development (2-5 April 1986), which provides a useful context within which to consider the operational recommendations contained in DP/1986/10.

Documentation

Policy review: The unique role of the United Nations Development Programme in human resources development and development co-operation in the 1980s (DP/1986/10). This report of the Administrator is sub-titled "Human resources development: Issues and implications".

4. Programme implementation

4. (a) Annual report of the Administrator for 1985

The annual report of the Administrator for 1985 offers, as in past years, a comprehensive account of the Programme management actions and operations in the year under review. It contains concise accounts of work carried out in the main programme and provides examples of recent results achieved at the project levels in the regions served by UNDP. Activities supported at the global and interregional level are also covered in this report. Substantial statistical data illustrating programme activities are furnished as annexes. The report is organized in nine sections. In the introduction, the Administrator reviews the principal conclusions to be drawn from a generation of development experience in which UNDP has played a unique role, distinguishing priority areas for its renewed action. Subjects addressed include new measures to extend the fight against poverty, the transforming role of the human factor in development and several operational challenges and corresponding policy choices now facing the Programme.

Addendum 1 constitutes the main programme record described above. Addendum 2 is divided into two parts. Part I narrates significant country project results in 1985 by region, while part II describes similar results from the global and interregional programme, as well as from the numerous special funds under UNDP management.

The remaining four addenda are devoted to statistical tables. Addendum 3 covers basic programme data; addendum 4, supplementary data; addendum 5 (Part I), sub-contracts awarded; addendum 5 (Part II), major equipment ordered; and addendum 6, contributions and expenditures registered under UNDP-administered special funds.

The Council will further have before it for consideration a note by the Administrator which draws attention to those reports of the Joint Inspection Unit which were issued in 1985 and which are of direct interest or concern to the Council in its work. Two reports, "United Nations Development System Support to the Implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries" and "United Nations Technical Co-operation in Central America and the Caribbean: Volume II: The Caribbean", together with the relevant comments of the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, where appropriate, will be made available in their entirety in view of their particular relevance to the activities of the Programme.

The Council will also have before it a report of the Administrator submitted in compliance with paragraph 13 of Council decision 85/4. This report describes the status of implementation of the various measures for improving the quality of programmes and projects financed by UNDP. In February 1986, the Committee of the Whole assigned this document to its Working Group for consideration. The Chairman of the Working Group will report on the deliberations the Working Group had thereon at its meetings in February and March 1986.

Documentation

Annual report of the Administrator for 1985 - Introduction (DP/1986/11);

Annual report of the Administrator for 1985 - Main Programme record (DP/1986/11/Add.1);

Annual report of the Administrator for 1985 - Country project results by region (DP/1986/11/Add.2 (Part I));

Annual report of the Administrator for 1985 - Project results: Global and interregional programmes and special funds (DP/1986/11/Add.2 (Part II));

Annual report of the Administrator for 1985 - Basic programme data (DP/1986/11/Add.3);

Annual report of the Administrator for 1985 - Statistical annex: Supplementary programme data (DP/1986/11/Add.4);

Annual report of the Administrator for 1985 - Statistical annex: Subcontracts awarded (DP/1986/11/Add.5 (Part I));

Annual report of the Administrator for 1985 - Statistical annex: Equipment ordered (DP/1986/11/Add.5 (Part II);

Annual report of the Administrator for 1985 - UNDP-administered special funds: contributions and expenditures (DP/1986/11/Add.6);

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, Note by the Administrator (DP/1986/12);

United Nations Development System Support to the Implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (JIU/REP/85/3) (A/40/656/Add.1);

United Nations Technical Co-operation in Central America and the Caribbean: Volume II: The Caribbean (JIU/REP/85/6) (E/1985/3/Add.3);

Implementation of measures to improve programme and project quality, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/13).

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

(i) Evaluation programme: women in development

By its decision 85/7, paragraph 3, the Governing Council requested "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 which, calling on the experience of the United Nations Development Fund for Women, would establish verifiable objectives and a time-frame for implementation with a view to promoting accountability and 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."

Accordingly, the Administrator submits to the Council for its consideration a report on the implementation of this request.

Documentation

Women in development: Implementation strategy (DP/1986/14).

(ii) UNDP activities in the field of drug abuse control

By its decision 85/6, the Governing Council, inter alia, requested 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, and to report to the Council on a regular basis on the activities carried out by the United Nations Development Programme in this field. By resolution 40/122, the United Nations General Assembly decided to convene in 1987 an international conference on drug abuse and illicit trafficking. The present report is submitted for the information of the Council in compliance with its decision and discusses the role of UNDP in relation to the proposed conference and to co-ordination, and describes UNDP activities in the field of drug abuse control.

Documentation

Activities in the field of drug abuse control, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/15).

(iii) Measures to promote better understanding of the role and activities of the United Nations Development Programme and of the resource needs of the Programme

Governing Council decision 83/15 authorized the use of Special Programme Resources for information support of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade (IWDSSD) and of technical co-operation among developing countries (TCDC). Pending the allocation of resources for the fourth programming cycle, the Governing Council, by its decision 85/8, approved funding for continuation of these two projects in 1986. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of that decision, the Administrator presents recommendations for allocations covering 1987 and subsequent years (DP/1986/77).

Documentation

Information support projects for the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade and technical co-operation among developing countries, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/16).

(iv) Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries

By its decision 85/11, the Governing Council requested the Administrator, inter alia, to review periodically the roundtable mechanism to ensure that it responds to the needs of the least developed countries (LDCs) and donors in the efforts to achieve effective aid co-ordination; to make recommendations at the Council's thirty-third session about the financing of the roundtable process from Special Programme Resources during the fourth programming cycle; and to report to the same session on the arrangements made for the utilization and management of the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries (SMF). The document before the Council responds to these requests. It presents new measures proposed to put the new roundtable format into practice, provides estimates of the cost for UNDP of roundtable activities and proposes a new management system for the SMF so that it can address better priority issues in LDCs.

In February 1986, the Committee of the Whole assigned this document to its Working Group for consideration. The Chairman of the Working Group will report on the deliberations by the Working Group at its meetings in February and March 1986.

Documentation

Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/17).

(v) <u>Focal point for short-term advisory services</u>

By its decision 85/13, the Governing Council authorized the Administrator to confer on a focal point, for a trial period of 24 months commencing on 1 July 1985, within the headquarters of the United Nations Development Programme, 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, and to provide a progress report to the Council at its thirty-third session. The Administrator's report contains a review of the operations of the focal point and requests approval for the financing of the administrative costs of the focal point for the final six months of the two-year trial period.

Documentation

Focal point for short-term advisory services, Note by the Administrator (DP/1986/18).

(vi) Measures to mobilize increased resources for the United Nations Development Programme on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis - review of decision 83/5, section III, on the establishment of the Committee of the Whole of the UNDP Governing Council with a view to examining the possibility of establishing a programme committee

By its decision 83/5, section III.A., para. 2, the Governing Council decided that, for a trial period of three years, the Governing Council should, in the context of regularly scheduled sessions, resolve itself into a committee of the whole to deal with a variety of programme matters. The Council further decided that it should, at its thirty-third session, on the basis of the experience gained, review the present decision, with a view to examining the possibility of establishing a programme committee.

By its decision 85/17, para. 3, the Council further decided to establish, on an experimental basis and within existing resources, a working group of the Committee of the Whole to facilitate and help expedite the consideration of certain matters arising from the mandate of the Committee of the Whole. The Council also decided that the review of the trial period of the Committee of the Whole would be undertaken in the light of additional experience of the working group and in the context of the Council's requirement to review programme matters on a continuous basis.

The Administrator has prepared, on an informal basis, a memorandum containing factual information on the experience gained in the past years with the activities of the Committee of the Whole and has provided all members of the Council with this memorandum.

(vii) Pre-investment activities

In response to its decision 82/9, the Council will have before it a report which focuses on the progress achieved, mainly since the thirty-first session with respect to the various measures undertaken by the Administrator to stimulate pre-investment activities.

The report includes a discussion of the progress achieved with reference to the Investment Feasibility Study Facility, which provides financing on a reimbursable basis from special programme resources for feasibility studies primarily in least developed countries, and the proposal that the life of the Facility be extended into the fourth cycle.

Documentation

Progress report on pre-investment activities, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/19).

(viii) UNDP Development Study Programme

The Council will receive an oral report summarizing the activities carried out since the thirty-second session under the auspices of the UNDP Development Study Programme, established by Council decision 81/30. This report will also respond to Council decision 82/10.

(ix) Technical co-operation among developing countries: progress made in implementing the tasks entrusted to the United Nations development system by the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for promoting and implementing technical co-operation among developing countries - procurement from developing countries

By its decision 4/1, paragraph 6, of June 1985, the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries requested the Administrator to submit a report to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session on the extent to which the United Nations system is making increasing use of equipment, services, experts and consultants available in developing countries, within existing rules and regulations. present report is submitted in compliance with the decision of the High-level Committee. It discusses the obstacles being faced in this area, and describes the various steps the Administrator has taken, and is considering, to expand procurement from developing countries. The report points out that since most of the procurement is done by the agencies, Member States may also wish to pursue the subject through the governing bodies of the agencies. The report also mentions that the item was placed on the agenda of the Inter-Agency Procurement Working Group meeting in April 1986 and that the Administrator will make an oral report to the Council on the results of the Inter-Agency discussions. Additionally, the Administrator proposes to report to the fifth session of the High-level Committee in 1987 and to the thirty-fourth session of the Council on the agencies' reports on steps taken by them in implementing of the High-level Committee decision 4/1. Finally, the Administrator requests Council members' views as a guide for future action.

Documentation

Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions - procurement from developing countries, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/24).

4. (c) Special programmes of assistance

(i) Assistance to national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity

The Council will have before it a report of the Administrator which responds to decision 85/14, whereby the Council requested him to continue to assist the national liberation movements (NLMs) recognized by the Organization of African Unity (OAU), and to report to the Council on this assistance. The report will focus on the evaluation during 1985 of the activities covered under this assistance on the one hand, and the areas of priority recommended for concentration of this assistance during the 1987-1991 programme cycle on the other.

Documentation

Assistance to national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/21).

(ii) Assistance to specific countries

The Regional Directors for the Bureaux for Africa and Asia and the Pacific will report on this question in their oral statements to the Council in the context of item 5 (b).

(iii) Assistance to the Palestinian people

The Administrator will submit a report which reviews the progress achieved in implementing the programme of assistance to the Palestinian people in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, under the terms of Governing Council decision 85/15. In addition to information on project activity, the report contains a review of the financial status of the programme, a summary of special contributions received from Governments and intergovernmental organizations; and a recommendation that the Council reiterate its previous appeals for such special contributions.

Documentation

Assistance to the Palestinian people, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/22) $\,$

4. (d) Evaluation

This is the third report of the Administrator on evaluation made in response to decision 83/12 of the Governing Council. The report, as requested by the Council, deals with the arrangements for the evaluation of the results and effectiveness of the Programme in the context of the Governing Council's expressed wish to be better informed about the results of the Programme.

The topics dealt with are: results of recent evaluations (1984), strengthening of the UNDP evaluation system, and strengthening of Government evaluation capacity. This report also refers briefly to the contents of the latest Joint Inspection Unit reports on the status of evaluation in the organizations of the United Nations.

In February 1986, the Committee of the Whole assigned this document to its Working Group for consideration. The Chairman of the Working Group will report on the deliberations by the Working Groups at its meetings in February and March 1986.

Documentation

Evaluation, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/20).

5. Programme planning

5. (a) The fourth programming cycle

The Council will have before it a report of the Administrator responding to decision 85/16, by which the Council increased on an exceptional basis, the fourth cycle IPF for Namibia by 50 per cent and proposed another increase, also on an exceptional basis, by an amount up to \$3 million subject to a report being submitted by the Administrator at the thirty-third session justifying this amount. The report reviews the mechanisms that have been put in place to take care of the Namibia situation, relates the role and mandate of UNDP to these and recommends the basis for a further, exceptional increase of the IPF.

The Council will also have before it a note by the Administrator requesting authority to carry forward from the third to the fourth programming cycle any amount of third cycle Special Programme Resources (SPR) funds committed but unspent at 31 December 1986 as well as the balance of third cycle SPR funds not allocated or committed to specific activities at the end of 1986.

The Council will further have before it a note by the Administrator on the question of determining the per capita gross national product for two countries, Bulgaria and Poland.

Furthermore, the Council will have before it a document on supplementary resources which have been playing an increasingly recognizable role in expanding UNDP development services. The document provides information on UNDP efforts in mobilizing supplementary resources and in ensuring the flow

of such additional funds to the recipient countries concerned in a programmed and co-ordinated manner. It briefly describes the two modalities under which co-financing arrangements can be made with UNDP, viz., third-party cost-sharing and trust funds and explains the role played by the Projects Annotated Listing (PAL) in promoting co-financing by presenting to the donor community project proposals emerging from co-ordinated programming efforts at the field level. It is hoped that donor Governments will make effective use of PAL as a stimulus and reference point for identifying and pursuing co-financing possibilities with UNDP.

Documentation

Indicative planning figure for Namibia, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/23);

Special programme resources, Note by the Administrator (DP/1986/78);

Implementation of the Fourth Programming Cycle (DP/1986/83);

Mobilization of supplementary resources: The Projects Annotated Listing (PAL) Modality, Note by the Administrator (DP/1986/81).

5. (b) Country and intercountry programmes and projects

(i) Trends and problems in the country programmes

The Council will have before it a report of the Administrator in which are reviewed forty-five country programmes being submitted to the thirty-third session for consideration and approval. The report is organized in a format similar to that used for the reports submitted to the earlier sessions of the Council.

Documentation

Trends and problems in the country programmes submitted to the Governing Council for consideration and approval, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/25 and DP/1986/25/Add.1).

(ii) Implementation of selected country programmes

In its decision 81/15, the Governing Council invited the Regional Bureaux to prepare for the Council's information an annual progress report on programme implementation, highlighting significant developments in selected programmes.

The Council will have before it documents which briefly describe some of the most important aspects of progress in implementing the UNDP programme of technical co-operation in the Arab, African, Asia and Pacific and the Latin American and Caribbean regions. The reports highlight selected developments from within the regions.

Documentation

Implementation of selected country programmes in the Africa region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/ 26)

Implementation of selected country programmes in the Arab States region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/27)

Implementation of selected country programmes in the Asia and Pacific region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/28)

Implementation of selected country programmes in Europe, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/29)

Implementation of selected country programmes in Latin America and Caribbean, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/30).

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

Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council stipulates that meetings or portions thereof at which proposed country and intercountry programmes and projects are considered shall normally be held in private unless otherwise decided by the Governing Council. This rule notwithstanding, the Governing Council decided at each session since its twenty-fourth session to suspend this rule and to consider country programmes in open meetings, with the understanding that at any time a member of the Council may request that rule 4 be applied.

The Council may therefore wish to decide whether to proceed in accordance with this practice.

Forty-four country programmes are being submitted for consideration and approval by the Council. A note by the Administrator accompanies those programmes whose resources for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, including illustrative indicative planning figures and planned cost-sharing, amount to \$20 million or more, or where there are specific issues which the Administrator wishes to bring to the attention of the Council.

Taking into account all the country programmes which will be considered at the session, the Administrator will also submit a separate note containing a compilation of the various recommendations regarding these country programmes.

The Council will further have before it, for information, a note by the Administrator on a country programme which has been extended by the Administrator in accordance with the revised procedures contained in document DP/518 and Corr.1, which the Council endorsed by its decision 81/15.

Documentation

Africa region

Country	Country Programme	Note
Ethiopia	DP/CP/ETH/4	DP/CP/ETH/NOTE/4
Mauritania	DP/CP/MAU/3	DP/CP/MAU/NOTE/3
Rwanda	DP/CP/RWA/4	DP/CP/RWA/NOTE/4
Seychelles	DP/CP/SEY/3	
Zimbabwe	DP/CP/ZIM/2	DP/CP/ZIM/NOTE/2

Arab States region

Country	Country Programme	Note
Saudi Arabia	DP/CP/SAU/4	DP/CP/SAU/NOTE/4
Somalia	DP/CP/SOM/4	DP/CP/SOM/NOTE/4
Tunisia	DP/CP/TUN/4	

Asia and Pacific region

Country	Country Programme	<u>Note</u>			
Bangladesh	DP/CP/BGD/4	DP/CP/BGD/NOTE/4			
China	DP/CP/CPR/2	DP/CP/CPR/NOTE/2			
Cook Islands	DP/CP/CKI/2				
Kiribati	DP/CP/KIR/2				
Lao, People's Democratic Republic	DP/CP/LAO/4	DP/CP/LAO/NOTE/4			
Mongolia	DP/CP/MON/4				
Nepal	DP/CP/NEP/4	DP/CP/NEP/NOTE/4			
Niue	DP/CP/NIUE/3				
Papua New Guinea	DP/CP/PAP/4				
Philippines	DP/CP/PHI/4	DP/CP/PHI/NOTE/4			
Samoa	DP/CP/SAM/4				
Solomon Islands	DP/CP/SOI/4				
Tokelau	DP/CP/TOK/2				
Tuvalu	DP/CP/TUV/2				
Vanuatu	DP/CP/VAN/2				
Viet Nam	DP/CP/VIE/3	DP/CP/VIE/NOTE 3			
	Extension				
Maldives	DP/CP/MDV/EXTENSION/I				

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Country	Country Programme	<u>Note</u>
Bulgaria	DP/CP/BUL/4	DP/CP/BUL/NOTE/4
Hungary	DP/CP/HUN/4	DP/CP/HUN/NOTE/4
Malta	DP/CP/MAT/4	DP/CP/MAT/NOTE/4
Poland	DP/CP/POL/4	DP/CP/POL/NOTE/4
Yugoslavia	DP/CP/YUG/4	DP/CP/YUG/NOTE/4

Latin America and the Caribbean region

Country	Country Programme	Note
Anguilla	DP/CP/ANG/1	
Aruba	DP/CP/ARU/1	
Barbados	DP/CP/BAR/4	DP/CP/BAR/NOTE/4
Belize	DP/CP/BZE/3	
Cayman Islands	DP/CP/CAY/2	
Cuba	DP/CP/CUB/4	DP/CP/CUB/NOTE/4
Ecuador	DP/CP/ECU/4	
El Salvador	DP/CP/ELS/4	
Jamaica	DP/CP/JAM/4	DP/CP/JAM/NOTE/4
Netherlands Antilles	DP/CP/NAN/2	
Nicaragua	DP/CP/NIC/4	
Paraguay	DP/CP/PAR/4	
Peru	DP/CP/PER/4	DP/CP/PER/NOTE/4
St. Helena	DP/CP/STH/1	
Suriname	DP/CP/SUR/3	,
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(iv) Global and interregional projects

Under this item, a request for assistance for one global project is being submitted for the consideration and approval of the Council.

Documentation

International Center of Insect Physiology and Ecology - Field testing and demonstration of integrated pest management strategies (DP/PROJECTS/REC/19).

6. United Nations Fund for Population Activities

6. (a) Report of the Executive Director on 1985 activities

Under this item, the Council will have before it the annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), which describes UNFPA activities during the year 1985. A separate document provides supplementary information on the work in 1985 of the agencies and organizations executing UNFPA programmes and projects. Another document provides a listing of all project allocations made in 1985.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities for 1985 (DP/1986/32 (Part I and Part II))

Supplementary information on the work in 1985 of agencies and organizations executing UNFPA-funded programmes and projects, Report of the Executive Director (DP/1986/33)

Report of the Executive Director on allocations to projects in 1985 (DP/1986/34 (Part I and Part II))

6. (b) Ongoing work programme of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities

(i) In accordance with decision 83/17, adopted by the Governing Council at its thirtieth session in June 1983, the Executive Director will submit two documents reporting on the ongoing work programme of UNFPA.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the evaluation activities of UNFPA (DP/1986/37)

Report of the Executive Director regarding the experiences gained by the Fund in using the present set of criteria for selecting priority countries (DP/1986/38)

(ii) In addition to the above reports requested by the Council at its thirtieth session, the Council, at its thirty-first session, in decision 84/21, also requested the Executive Director to submit the following reports to the Council at its thirty-third session:

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director clarifying the definition of intercountry activities and reviewing the possibility of a revision of the definition and the target (DP/1986/39)

Report of the Executive Director on the programmes of the regional and interregional demographic training and research centres (DP/1986/40)

6. (c) Future programme of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities

In accordance with previous Council decisions, the Executive Director will submit to the Council several documents in order that the Council may conduct within its mandate a discussion of the future programme of UNFPA.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director - Final report on the review and reassessment and work plan for 1987-1990 and request for approval authority, (DP/1986/35)

Report of the Executive Director on the status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved UNFPA country programmes and projects, (DP/1986/36)

6. (d) Large-scale programmes and projects

In accordance with a decision adopted by the Governing Council at its sixteenth session ½, the Executive Director is submitting for the approval of the Council summaries of projects totalling \$1 million or more. These include proposed programmes for: the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Jordan, Mozambique, Pakistan, Syrian Arab Republic, Zaire; and the project: Global Training Programme in Population and Development: Establishment of the International Centre for Training and Research in Population and Development in Association with the United Nations at the Catholic University of Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve.

Documentation

Recommendations by the Executive Director on proposed projects and programmes (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/26-33 and DP/1986/L.8)

6. (e) <u>Budgetary and financial matters</u>

The Council will have before it for its consideration several documents dealing with budgetary, financial and personnel matters: a report on UNFPA's personnel management policies and practices, guidelines for determining personnel expenditures related to projects and administration, a report on the implementation of personnel decisions taken by the Council at its thirty-second session, a budget prototype for future budget presentations, a review of the 1985 financial situation, revised budget estimates for the 1986-1987 biennium, audited accounts of executing agencies and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. In addition, at the request of some delegations at the Council's thirty-first session, copies of the Financial Report and Audited Financial Statement for UNFPA for the year ended 31 December 1984 and the Report of the Board of Auditors will be made available.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on personnel management policies and practices of UNFPA and recommendations thereon (DP/1986/41);

Report of the Executive Director on draft guidelines for determining project-related and administrative-related personnel expenditures (DP/1986/42);

Report on implementation of personnel decisions of the Governing Council as requested in decision 85/20 I, paragraph 12 (DP/1986/43);

Prototype for future budget format (DP/1986/44);

Annual review of the financial situation, 1985 (DP/1986/45);

Audited accounts of executing agencies (DP/1986/46);

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Ouestions (DP/1986/47);

Revised budget estimates for the 1986-1987 biennium (DP/1986/74);

Note by the Executive Director on the establishment of an endowment fund (DP/1986/INF/3);

UNFPA Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 1984 and Report of the Board of Auditors. General Assembly Officials Records, Thirty-ninth session. Supplement No. 5G (A/40/5/Add.7).

7. United Nations technical co-operation activities

The Council will have before it the annual report of the Secretary-General describing the work of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development (DTCD) and indicating in brief the technical co-operation activities of other entities of the United Nations Secretariat.

The report reviews the main activities of the programmes in 1985, and highlights issues for attention concerning DTCD. In response to decision 85/21 and previous Governing Council decisions and General Assembly resolutions, the report focuses in particular upon DTCD work in relation to the African economic crisis, pre-investment and investment follow-up, and the integration of women in development. The report also provides an analysis of programme delivery and administrative costs, describes measures taken which have increased the effectiveness of the Department as an executing agency, indicates the nature and results of collaboration with other organizations and discusses certain aspects of the use of the United Nations Regular Programme of Technical Co-operation.

Documentation

United Nations technical co-operation activities, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/1986/48);

Information on the technical co-operation programme of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/1986/48/Add.1);

Other entities and programmes, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/1986/48/Add.2);

Statistical information for 1985, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/1986/48/Add.3).

8. Other funds and programmes

8. (a) United Nations Volunteers (UNV)

In compliance with General Assembly resolution 36/200 the Council will have before it, for its information, the annual report of the Administrator for 1985 providing general information on the activities of the programme as well as on the status of the UNV Special Voluntary Fund (SVF). In an addendum

to the annual report, the Administrator discusses the critical staffing situation of the UNV in the face of an expanding programme, indicates the recommendations made by an outside consultant following a thorough review of the situation and makes recommendations for relieving it. He proposes for the consideration of the Council that financing of the additional needed staff be done through a support cost charge, initially at a rate of 8 per cent only on UNV-executed projects. This would be covered by the support cost line of UNDP central resources in respect of UNDP-financed volunteers and by other sources of funds for volunteers financed by them. Since UNV performs the same type of functions (rostering, recruitment, administrative support, etc.) for volunteers under projects executed by agencies, the Administrator proposes to discuss with them an arrangement, similar to that between an executing agency and an associated agency, for sharing between the agencies and UNV support cost charges in respect of the volunteer component in agency-executed projects. The report indicates that if there is agreement with the agencies, the arrangement will be put into effect. In any event, the Administrator will report to the Council at its next session on the outcome of the discussions with the agencies.

Documentation

United Nations Volunteers, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/49 and DP/1986/49/Add. 1).

8. (b) United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)

The Administrator's annual report is submitted to the Governing Council in accordance with the statutory requirements governing the Fund. The report is prepared for information purposes in accordance with the biennial reporting established in General Assembly resolutions 36/200, para. 11, and 39/217. The report presents an overview of UNCDF operations in 1985, highlighting the steps taken to improve programme quality, relevance, effectiveness and co-ordination. The report also provides information on the distributions of the resources of the Fund by region and by sector, as well as statistical data on the current financial status of UNCDF under the partial funding system.

Documentation

United Nations Capital Development Fund, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/50).

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

The Council will have before it a report describing UNRFNRE activities in 1985. The document is submitted in compliance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1762 (LIV), paragraph 1(o) and conforms with biennial reporting established in General Assembly resolutions 36/200 and 39/217. The report provides information on programme management, investment follow-up activities and the status of new project recommendations and approvals. It complements the information on the main programme record and UNDP-administered funds contained in the Annual Report of the Administrator.

The allocation to new projects is given in the financial presentation, and the positive response to co-financing initiatives are highlighted. The need for new and higher levels of contributions to the Fund is brought to the attention of the Council.

In separate documents, the Administrator recommends the approval of two mineral exploration projects and requests the Council to take note of funding approval by the Administrator for a small feasibility study project in the Congo and the Minimum Work for the St. Lucia Geothermal Project.

Documentation

United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/51);

Exploration for Precious and Base Metals in Honduras (HON/NR/83/001), Recommendation of the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/7);

Exploration for Precious and Base Metals in Côte d'Ivoire (IVC/NR/84/001) Recommendation of the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/6);

Offshore Phosphate Feasibility Study Project in the Congo (PRC/NR/85/001), Report of the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/7);

Geothermal Exploration in the Qualibou Caldera, St. Lucia, (STL/NR/84/001), Report of the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/8).

8. (d) United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (UNFSSTD)

Under the terms of General Assembly resolutions 34/218 and 36/183, the Administrator is responsible for the overall supervision of the operations of the Financing System and is required to submit annual reports to the Governing Council on its operations and management. Document DP/1986/52 provides a brief summary of the operations and management of the UNFSSTD for the period

March 1985 to March 1986. Attention is given to new project operations, mainly funded from trust fund resources, and to collaboration with the private sector. Recent intergovernmental action, especially General Assembly resolution 40/194, is also referred to. The results of the 22 April 1986 Pledging Conference called for in that resolution and subsequent developments, including relevant decisions taken by the Inter-Governmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its 8th session, will be conveyed to the Governing Council during its thirty-third session.

Documentation

United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/52)

8. (e) <u>United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO)</u>

(i) Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

As requested by the Governing Council in its decision 85/29, the Administrator is submitting an annual report for 1985 on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification. The report describes the desertification control programme and project activities supported by UNSO in the region, the principal thrusts of its project identification, implementation and resource mobilization operations, and the actions taken by the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations relating to the UNSO desertification control mandate.

Documentation

Implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/53)

(ii) Recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sahel region

As requested by the Council in its decision 85/30, the Administrator is submitting an annual report of the activities undertaken by UNSO during 1985 in assisting the States members of the Permanent Inter-state Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), to implement their programme of medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation from drought. This includes a brief description of the priority projects, both regional and national, that UNSO is assisting, as well as other relevant activities carried out by UNSO concerning drought and desertification.

Documentation

Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/82).

(iii) Assistance to other drought-stricken countries

The Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa will cover this item in the context of his statement on item 5 (b).

8. (f) Programmes in energy development

In its decision 85/31, the Governing Council requested the Administrator to report in detail the results of activities financed from the Energy Account, including the extent to which the Account has contributed to playing a catalytic role in mobilizing additional resources to implement the Nairobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy. The report reviews the results and achievements of the programme and provides financial expenditure statements, including contributions reserved, as well as the status of project approvals.

Documentation

Programmes in energy development, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/54).

8. (g) United Nations Development Fund for Women

In its decision 85/33, the Council requested the Administrator to report on an annual basis on the establishment of administrative arrangements relating to the association of the United Nations Development Fund for Women with the United Nations Development Programme. The Council has before it a report which responds to its request.

Documentation

United Nations Development Fund for Women, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/55).

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8. (h) Organizational and financial structure of the UNDP-administered system (implementation of decision 85/42)

In its decision 85/42, the Governing Council requested the Administrator to review the current organizational arrangements that characterize his management of the funds under his authority and to provide a report containing proposals whereby these arrangements may be made more effective and efficient.

This report reviews action already taken in this regard by the Administrator in a number of areas. The Administrator further proposes to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session on the measures he proposes to adopt with regard to the overall management of the funds.

Documentation

The financial structure of the UNDP-administered system, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/67)

- 9. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters
- 9. (a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1985

The Council will have before it a report of the Administrator which provides a comprehensive review of the financial operations during 1985 and the financial position as at the end of the year. The report includes estimates of anticipated resources and expenditures for 1986 and 1987 and provides information on cost-sharing activities. In addition, information is provided on the utilization of accumulated non-convertible currencies, the placement of UNDP funds, the Operational Reserve, and the status of Special Programme Resources and of the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries.

This report also provides information on the status of the Reserve for Construction Loans to Governments and related matters, in accordance with paragraph 5 of decision 82/30; information on support cost flexibility arrangements, in accordance with paragraph 8 of decision 82/36; and information on management and other services agreements entered into by the Administrator during 1984, in accordance with paragraph 4 of decision 83/5. In addition, the report contains a discussion on cash management practices in line with decision 85/34 and a brief progress report on the status of Government financial obligations in the fourth cycle. In an addendum, this report will include, in accordance with paragraph 7 of decision 84/9, information concerning the net flow of contributions to and payments from the UNDP system in respect of each participating Government.

Documentation

Annual review of the financial situation, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/56);

Report on net flow of contributions, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/56/Add.1).

9. (b) Revised budget estimates for 1986 and budget estimates for 1987

Under this item, the Administrator will submit for the approval of the Council the revised budget estimates for 1986-1987. While the thirty-second session of the Council approved an appropriation for 1986 only (decision 85/36), the Administrator is now proposing a full biennial budget in which the Council's fourth cycle decision (85/16) is fully reflected in so far as it has an impact on the estimates for 1987. The Council will also be provided with a report on Government contributions to local office costs during 1985, the first year in which the accounting linkage authorized in decision 84/9 was applied.

Documentation

Revised estimates for the biennium 1986-1987, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/58);

Government contributions to local office costs, 1985, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/59);

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1986/60).

9. (c) Trust funds

The Council will have before it for consideration under this item a report containing comprehensive and detailed information on all trust funds established by the Administrator in 1985. In addition, the report will provide summary financial information on all active trust funds established by the Administrator since 1981. This report is prepared annually in accordance with the provisions of UNDP Financial Regulations 5.1, and in keeping with the Council's request in decisions 83/33 and 85/37.

The Council will also have before it for consideration under this item the report of the Administrator, including his recommendations, on the issue of trust funds conditioned on procurement from the donor country, prepared in response to paragraph 8 of decision 84/35.

This report provides an evaluation of the experience gained in the modality of tied trust funds by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, the United Nations Capital Development Fund, and the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development during the period following decision 82/5, through 31 December 1985, including an analysis of the geographical and sectoral distribution of tied contributions, as well as the procurement procedures utilized.

Documentation

Trust funds established by the Administrator, 1985, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/61);

Summary financial information on all trust funds established by the Administrator since 1981 (DP/1986/61/Add.1);

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1986/60);

Trust Funds conditioned on procurement from the donor country (DP/1986/62).

(d) UNDP financial regulations

(i) Matters on which consensus was not achieved at the thirty-second session

Under this agenda item, the Council will have for its consideration information on matters on which consensus was not achieved at the thirty-second session. In accordance with decision 85/38, these matters are to be considered by the Budgetary and Finance Committee during its meetings at the thirty-third session of the Governing Council.

Documentation

UNDP financial regulations: Matters on which consensus was not achieved at the thirty-second session, Note by the Administrator (DP/1986/63).

(ii) Guidelines for the procurement of equipment, supplies and services

Pursuant to decision 85/39, an oral report will be made to the Council on the consultations which the Administrator has had with the executing agencies on the possibility of producing, for the information of the Governing Council, a more specific analysis of replies to the guestionnaire on procurement practices of the agencies.

9. (e) Audit reports

Under this item, the Administrator will submit to the Council the audited accounts and audit reports of the executing agencies relating to funds allocated to them by UNDP as at 31 December 1984, together with his comments on significant observations included in the reports of the external auditors of the agencies and of UNDP itself. The Council will also be provided with a summary of the action taken by UNDP in response to decision 85/40, requesting the Administrator to convey to the Panel of External Auditors the view of the Council regarding long-form narrative audit reports in respect of every executing agency which carries out a significant volume of UNDP-financed activities.

Documentation

Audit reports, Note by the Administrator (DP/1986/64 and DP/1986/64/Add.1)

9. (f) Agency support costs

For its consideration of this item, the Council will have before it the second ex post facto report on agency support costs, as requested by its decision 84/39 which, inter alia, requests the Administrator to continue submitting such a report on a biennial basis.

This report, which covers the biennium 1984-1985, contains narrative statements of individual agencies on key factors bearing on their support costs, as well as an analysis of financial data relating to their individual support cost revenue and expenditure, including their technical co-operation project expenditure.

Documentation

Ex-post facto report on agency support costs, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/65)

9. (g) Sectoral support

In accordance with decision 85/41 of the Governing Council, the Administrator will submit to the Council a report which summarizes the results of a review undertaken jointly by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and UNDP of the Senior Industrial Development Field Adviser Programme and includes a set of recommendations related to the sectoral support programme for the fourth cycle taking into account, the change of status of UNIDO. Since detailed review of the sectoral support programme for the smaller agencies was already provided to the thirty-second session of the Governing Council, the report advises the Council of the steps which have been taken since the adoption of its decision 85/41 and indicates the allocations provided for each agency during the third cycle.

Documentation

Sectoral support, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/66)

9. (h) UNDP field offices in Belgrade and Bucharest

Pursuant to decision 86/10, the Council will receive an oral report on the status of negotiations to date with the Governments of Yugoslavia and Romania.

(i) Other matters: request by the International Telecommunication
Union for additional support cost reimbursement

For its consideration of this item, the Council will have before it a note by the Administrator on the request by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for additional support cost reimbursement.

In annex I, the note by the Administrator contains a letter from the Secretary-General of ITU to the Associate Administrator of UNDP, dated 1 May 1985, detailing the ITU request; annex II contains the comments of the Administrator on the request by ITU.

Documentation

Request for additional support cost reimbursement of the International Telecommunication Union, Note by the Administrator (DP/1986/80)

10. Other matters

10. (a) United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures

In accordance with decision 81/34, which requested the Administrator to continue to provide information relevant to this item until alternative arrangements were made within the United Nations system, the Administrator is submitting to the Council for its consideration a report containing statistical data and other information on the technical co-operation expenditures of United Nations system organizations in 1985, funded by other than UNDP resources, together with data on various sources of extrabudgetary financing. Such alternative arrangements referred to in decision 81/34 relate to recommendations of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination regarding the definition of terms, and a system-wide review of the existing cross-organizational expenditure reporting requirements of intergovernmental bodies. Moreover, in view of the late availability each year of the data required to prepare the Administrator's report on this question, the Council will also have before it the corresponding report containing data for 1984 in order to give delegates the opportunity for a more thorough review than customary of the relevant information.

Documentation

United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures in 1985, Report of the Administrator (DP/1986/68)

United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures in 1984, Report of the Administrator (DP/1985/65).

10. (b) Action taken by other organs of the United Nations system in 1985

In accordance with established practice, the attention of the Governing Council will be drawn to those resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and organizations of the United Nations system which call for action or are of relevance to the Council. The appropriate operative paragraphs of those resolutions which require specific action by the Council or UNDP will be quoted for ease of reference. In accordance with Governing Council decision 79/14, the texts of resolutions already referred to in the documentation presented to the Council under other items will not be reproduced. For those resolutions of general interest to the Governing Council and UNDP only titles have been given in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2836 (XXVI).

Documentation

Action taken by other organs of the United Nations in 1985, Note by the Administrator (DP/1986/69, DP/1986/69/Add.1 and Corr.1).

11. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1987

In accordance with its decision 81/37, the Council will have to decide on the dates of its meetings during 1987 and 1988, the subject of the policy review for the thirty-fourth session, an indicative quota for documents and any other matter of relevance for the conduct of future sessions.

Notes

<u>l</u>/ <u>Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session</u>, Supplement No. 2A (E/5365/Rev.1), para. 247.