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S U P P O R T

PROGRAMME PLANNING  
FOURTH PROGRAMMING CYCLE  
SPECIAL PROGRAMME RESOURCES

Note by the Administrator

1. In accordance with the resource planning criteria endorsed by its decision 85/16, the Governing Council allocated an amount of \$76.4 million of the resources available for the fourth programming cycle (1986-1991) to Special Programme Resources (SPR). Subsequently, the Governing Council in its decision 86/8 authorized the use of the amount allocated to SPR during the period 1987-1991 for specific purposes.
2. In arriving at its decision 86/8 the Governing Council had before it document DP/1986/2 in which the Administrator *inter alia* informed the Council that, in addition to the amount of SPR funds authorized for the fourth programming cycle, he intended, at the thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council in June 1987, to request authority to carry forward from the third to the fourth programming cycle any amount of third-cycle SPR funds committed but unspent at 31 December 1986.
3. The timing initially proposed for requesting formal authorization for such carry-over to the fourth cycle was based on the fact that precise figures of any such balances of third-cycle SPR funds would be available only in the first half of the year 1987. However, an authorization in June 1987 would result in a six-month hiatus period, i.e. January 1987 - June 1987, during which the Administrator would formally not be in a position to incur expenditures against commitments made under SPR prior to 31 December 1986. This makes it necessary to submit any request for a carry-over to the thirty-third session of the Council.

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4. Moreover, in the course of the discussion held in February 1986 on the Administrator's proposals for the use of SPR during the fourth cycle, it became apparent that the amount of projected resources in the Administrator's proposals may not be entirely sufficient to meet all priority expectations during the fourth cycle. In this connection for example, several members made proposals for an increase in the amount to be allocated to the Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People and others suggested allocating SPR funds to the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, as proposed in the relevant General Assembly resolutions.

5. In view of the above, the Administrator is proposing that the Council authorize the carry-over of both the unspent balance of third-cycle SPR funds committed prior to 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. Table 1 below provides information on third-cycle SPR earmarkings, as well as amounts allocated to specific activities out of these earmarkings as at 31 March 1986. According to this information, the balance of SPR not allocated as at 31 March 1986 was \$8,327. During the Council's meeting in June 1986, an updated table of SPR status will be provided to the Council. The details of the carry-over of SPR from the third to the fourth cycle in terms of both amounts earmarked but not yet allocated as well as the amounts committed but not yet spent will be provided to the Council at its thirty-fourth session.

Table Status of Special Programme Resources (SPR)  
as at 31 March 1986  
 (in thousands of US dollars)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current earmarkings</u>	<u>Allocated</u>
Carry-forward from Programme Reserve second cycle	8 745	8 745
<u>Third cycle SPR</u>		
A. Disaster relief, longer-term	15 000	14 828
B. Disaster relief, emergency	1 900	1 882
C. Programme development	6 700	5 713
D. Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries and contingencies	22 300	15 150
Transportation and Communications in Africa		3 000
Assistance to Palestinian People		6 000
Pre-investment Facility		1 000
Use of United Nation Volunteers to assist most severely affected African countries		1 500
Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries		3 650

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