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PROGRAMME PLANNING

THE FOURTH PROGRAMMING CYCLE

Special Programme Resources

Note by the Administrator

1. At its special session in February 1986, the Governing Council considered a note by the Administrator (DP/1986/2) which provided details on: (a) the status and use of Special Programme Resources (SPR) during the third programming cycle; and (b) a conceptual framework for the utilization of SPR during the fourth cycle. The note also included notional planning figures with regard to the use of SPR during the fourth cycle. By its decision 86/8, the Council authorized the use of SPR for the purposes specified in that decision.
2. During the course of the discussion in February, several delegations indicated that the notional figures provided by the Administrator for the use of SPR did not include a provision for the Transport and Communications Decade in Asia and the Pacific Region. They strongly supported an earmarking for this purpose, citing, inter alia, General Assembly decision 39/227 which calls for such support. The Administrator indicated that the earmarking, if authorized by the Governing Council, could be financed by the \$12.4 million amount which was included in the notional planning figures under the item "contingencies: others".

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3. Subsequent to the special session, officers from the Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific held programming discussions with staff of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and other appropriate technical agencies, such as the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO), regarding technical assistance programming for the Decade. On the basis of these discussions, certain broad programmes, valued at \$6 million, have been identified for activities directly related to the Transport and Communications Decade in Asia and the Pacific Region. Of the \$6 million, it is proposed to allocate some \$3 million for the implementation of four projects in the fields of road transport, railways and shipping, which were identified as priority projects by an earlier preparatory assistance mission funded by UNDP; about \$1 million for two projects in the field of civil aviation, \$1.4 million for two projects in the field of telecommunications and the balance of \$600,000 for a project in the field of maritime development.
  4. Taking into account the concerns raised by some of the delegations during the special session, in developing these projects attention will be given to ensure that the developing countries in the South Pacific receive adequate benefits from these projects.
  5. The Administrator hereby requests Governing Council authorization for the earmarking and allocation of \$6 million from the contingency amount of fourth cycle SPR for the above-mentioned purposes. According to the usual practice, commitments will be made only after the formulated projects will have been appraised and approved by the Administrator in accordance with the normal policies and procedures of UNDP.
  6. Furthermore, in accordance with regular procedures, the Administrator will report to the Governing Council from time to time on the status and use of this allocation.
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