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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Draft report of the Budgetary and Finance Committee

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Guidelines for the procurement of equipment,
supplies and services

Recommendation of the Committee

Following its discussion on this subject, the Budgetary and Finance Committee recommended that the Governing Council adopt the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the oral report provided by the Assistant Administrator on the progress made by the Inter-Agency Procurement Unit in response to decision 85/39,

Noting the establishment by the Inter-Agency Procurement Working Group of a working group to pursue efforts towards harmonization of procurement practices within the United Nations system,

1. Approves the realistic approach which will govern the tasks of the working group, whereby differences in procurement practices inherent to agency mandates and sizes will be reflected and reported on;

2. Requests that the informal document containing the analysis of responses to the questionnaire on agency procurement policies and practices be distributed as an official document;

3. Further requests a written progress report on the work of the working group, also including information on the trends in procurement from under-utilized (donor) countries, complemented by an oral report, to be given to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987), on the twelfth meeting of the Inter-Agency Procurement Working Group to be held in 1987;

4. Reiterates the need for further efforts towards achieving equitable geographical distribution through increased procurement from developing and under-utilized (donor) countries consistent with the principles of international competitive bidding;