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REVISED BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1986 AND
BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1987

5(a) Draft decision submitted by Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait

Special needs of island developing countries

The Governing Council

Taking into consideration the difficult problems facing the island developing countries, including those countries which are handicapped by their small size and small population, acute ecological and geographical disabilities as well as by very limited domestic market, their remoteness from major international markets, scarce natural resources, heavy dependence on a few commodities, depleteable and non-renewable resources, and their exposure to natural disasters,

Taking fully into account the special needs of island developing countries, as envisaged by numerous United Nations resolutions, in particular General Assembly resolutions 34/205 of 19 December 1979, 35/61 of 5 December 1980, 37/206 of 20 December 1982 and 39/212 of 18 December 1984 regarding the special needs and problems of island developing countries,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 on new dimensions in technical co-operation,

Reaffirming the basic principle of the universal and voluntary nature of the programme, as contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

Keeping in view the needs of island developing countries for technical assistance with ultimate aim of achieving national self-reliance and making their economies more diversified and less dependent on foreign supplies, self-sustained economic growth,

Aware of the need to make additional and timely effort to implement specific measures to help the island developing countries overcome the major handicaps that hinder their development process,

Taking into consideration the adverse effect which the decision 85/16 may have on the development process of the island developing countries, especially the very small island developing countries which are faced with a high level of unemployment and an increasing debt services burden,

1. Takes note of the administrator reports contained in documents DP/1986/56 and Add.1 concerning the annual review of the financial situations in 1985 and DP/1986/59 concerning government contributions to local office costs,

2. Recognizes the special needs of island developing countries as embodied in various United Nations resolutions, in particular 39/212 of 18 December 1984 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries,

3. Requests the administrator to submit to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session a detailed report on his evaluation of the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of specific measures in favour of the island developing countries, in particular their efforts to achieve self-sustained economy,

4. Decides to postpone the reimbursement measures, outlined in paragraphs 9 and 11 of decision 85/16 in respect of island developing countries until the fifth programming cycle,

5. Appeals to all countries, especially the donor countries, to make every possible effort to increase their voluntary contributions, to the United Nations Development Programme, to enable it to implement specific measures in favour of developing island countries,

6. Recommends that a co-ordinator of assistance to island developing countries be appointed, within existing resources, in UNDP Office of Planning and Co-ordination.

