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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
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At its organizational meeting for 1987, the Governing Council approved, by decision 87/1, the provisional agenda and a tentative schedule of work for its thirty-fourth session. The Council 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 committees of the Council are contained in document DP/1987/L.6.

Furthermore, at its 1987 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-fourth session, Note by the secretariat (DP/1987/L.6);

Annotations to the provisional agenda, Note by the secretariat (DP/1987/51);

List of documents being submitted to the thirty-fourth session, Note by the secretariat (DP/1987/11);

Status of pre-session documents, Note by the secretariat (DP/1987/11/Add.1);

Provisional agenda and organization of work of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, Note by the secretariat (DP/1987/BFC/L.1).

3. Policy review: Annual report of the Administrator for 1986 and policy aspects of other items, including implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/171 on operational activities for development and Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112

The annual report of the Administrator for 1986 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 the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Activities supported at the global and interregional level are also covered in this report. Substantial statistical data illustrating programme activities are provided as annexes. The report is organized in nine sections. In the introduction, the Administrator reviews the resource position of the Programme at the end of 1986 and key aspects of its operational performance during the year. He describes several management actions taken by the administration to enhance programme policy co-ordination, to streamline daily business in UNDP and to equip the organization for a new generation of technical assistance. His account goes on to refer to various important global and regional development trends which have begun to influence the direction UNDP assistance will take during the fourth programming cycle. Among other issues, the Administrator also discusses progress made by UNDP in promoting the role and share of women in development, the involvement of non-governmental organizations in mainstream programming and co-operation with the private sector. His discussion concludes with a brief examination of environmental issues and their bearing on UNDP-supported activities.

Addendum 1 constitutes the main programme record described above. Addendum 2 is divided into two parts. Part I narrates significant country project results in 1986 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), subcontracts 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 1986 and which are of direct interest or concern to the Council in its work. Two reports, "Field Representation of Organizations of the United Nations System: Structure and Co-ordination" and "Technical Co-operation between UNDP and the Regional Economic Commissions", 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.

At its organizational meeting, the Council also agreed to consider during its policy review policy aspects of other items, including implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/171 of 5 December 1986 and Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112 of 6 February 1987.

General Assembly resolution 41/171, which endorsed Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/74 of 23 July 1986 on the United Nations system's operational activities for development, was adopted after the Economic and Social Council's comprehensive triennial review of operational activities for development in 1986. It contains numerous important recommendations for action, addressed to Governments, both donor and recipient, as well as intergovernmental bodies and the organizations, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system, including UNDP, which deal with operational activities for development.

Special attention is drawn to paragraph 35 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/74, which "Invites the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system to provide the Council at its second regular session of 1987 with views and comments on the implementation of the present resolution, in particular on the role of the resident co-ordinators, the use of the United Nations Development Programme country programming process as a framework for operational activities, the co-location of field offices and the further harmonization of operational procedures."

The relevant annotations to Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112 can be found under item 10 (c) below.

Documentation

Annual report of the Administrator for 1986 - Introduction (DP/1987/12);

Annual report of the Administrator for 1986 - Main Programme record (DP/1987/12/Add.1);

Annual report of the Administrator for 1986 - Country project results by region (DP/1987/12/Add.2 (Part I));

Annual report of the Administrator for 1986 - Project results: Global and interregional programmes and special funds (DP/1987/12/Add.2 (Part II));

Annual report of the Administrator for 1986 - Basic programme data (DP/1987/12/Add.3);

Annual report of the Administrator for 1986 - Statistical annex: Supplementary programme data (DP/1987/12/Add.4);

Annual report of the Administrator for 1986 - Statistical annex: Subcontracts awarded (DP/1987/12/Add.5 (Part I));

Annual report of the Administrator for 1986 - Statistical annex: Equipment ordered (DP/1987/12/Add.5 (Part II));

Annual report of the Administrator for 1986 - UNDP-administered special funds: contributions and expenditures (DP/1987/12/Add.6);

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, Note by the Administrator (DP/1987/13);

Field representation of organizations of the United Nations system: structure and co-ordination (JIU/REP/86/1) (A/41/424);

Technical co-operation between UNDP and the regional economic commissions: Economic Commission for Africa (JIU/REP/86/10) (A/41/110);

Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (JIU/REP/86/3) (A/41/615) (A/41/615/Add.1);

JIU report on technical co-operation activities of the International Telecommunication Union (JIU/REP/86/4);

Problems of storage and its costs in organizations of the United Nations system (JIU/REP/86/9) (A/41/806).

4. Programme implementation

(a) Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions

(i) Annual report of programme and project activities

The Council will have before it an omnibus report of the Administrator dealing with three issues related to programme and project activities on which the Governing Council has requested information:

- Implementation of measures to improve programme/project quality (decision 86/18);
- Review of trends in financing project equipment (decision 86/15, para. 9);
- Government execution (decision 85/9).

The first two items do not contain specific recommendations by the Administrator at this time. The review of government execution contains a recommendation for meeting certain administrative costs.

Documentation

Review of programme and project activities, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/16).

(ii) Annual review of thematic programmes established by the Council

The Council will have before it an omnibus report of the Administrator containing updated information on programme themes and modalities of special interest:

- Women in development (decisions 86/19 and 86/20);
- Human resources development (decision 86/14);
- Co-ordination of technical assistance (decisions 85/3 and 86/15).

The review does not contain any specific recommendations by the Administrator at this time.

Documentation

Annual review of thematic programmes established by the Council, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/15, DP/1987/15/Add.1 and DP/1987/15/Add.2).

(iii) Implementation of other decisions

a. Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries

By its decision 86/22 of 27 June 1986, the Governing Council requested the Administrator to ensure that the round-table process provide an effective instrument for the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, taking into account the views expressed in the Governing Council, especially those of the least developed countries (LDCs). It further requested the Administrator to submit a report on progress made to the Council at its thirty-fourth session. The document before the Council responds to this request and focuses primarily on the round-table process and related events since June 1986. It also reviews the progress made in adapting the new round-table format to the donors consultation process for LDCs and discusses measures taken to provide institutional support to LDC Governments to ensure more effective aid co-ordination and management.

Documentation

Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/18).

b. Focal point for short-term advisory services

By its decision 85/13 of 29 June 1985, the Governing Council authorized the Administrator to establish a focal point for short-term advisory services for a trial period of 24 months and to present a full evaluation of the activities of the focal point to the Council at its thirty-fourth session, together with a recommendation on whether to continue it after the experimental period. The

Administrator's report contains an evaluation of the operations of the focal point and recommends an extension of the experimental period for a further two and a half years, i.e., up to 31 December 1989. The report further contains a proposal for financing this extension of the experimental period.

Documentation

Focal Point for Short-Term Advisory Services, Note by the Administrator (DP/1987/17).

c. UNDP Development Study Programme

The Council will receive a report reviewing five years of activities carried out since the inception of the UNDP Development Study Programme, established by Council decision 81/30 of 27 June 1981.

Documentation

UNDP Development Study Programme, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/14).

d. Procurement of equipment and services with special reference to procurement from developing countries

Pursuant to Council decision 86/25, paragraph 6 of 27 June 1986 and decision 86/47, paragraph 3 of 27 June 1986, a report is submitted containing legislative background on the subject of procurement, including increased procurement from developing countries and enumerating the constraints which are being faced in that area. The report discusses the steps which are being taken by UNDP and the executing agencies and lists ways in which developing countries themselves could promote increased procurement.

The report was initially discussed in February 1987 by the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole, and in the light of these discussions, the Administrator will provide additional information in an addendum to the report.

Documentation

Procurement of equipment and services with special reference to procurement from developing countries, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/19).

e. 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 and the future of the Committee of the Whole and its Working Group

By its decision 83/5, section III.A., para. 2 of 23 June 1983, 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, paragraph 3 of 29 June 1985, 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.

By its decision 86/23 of 27 June 1986, the Council extended the trial period of the Committee of the Whole by one year and decided to conduct the above-mentioned review at the thirty-fourth session.

The Council will have before it a report by the Administrator, requested by the Council at its organizational meeting for 1987, containing factual information on the experience gained in the past years with the activities of the Committee of the Whole and its Working Group in order to facilitate the Council's review.

Documentation

Review of the Committee of the Whole and its Working Group, Note by the Administrator (DP/1987/64).

f. The role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries

The Council will have before it a report in response to General Assembly resolution 40/213 of 17 December 1985.

Documentation

The role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of the developing countries, Report of the Secretary-General (A/42/).

(b) Special programmes of assistance

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

The Council will have before it the report of the Administrator on assistance rendered to the national liberation movements (NLMs) recognized by the Organization of African Unity during 1986. The Administrator notes that pursuant to the provision of Council decision 86/26 of 27 June 1986, in addition to assistance given in the traditional areas of concentration, this report contains for the first

time a programme proposal of the assistance NIMs expect from UNDP during the fourth programming cycle.

Documentation

Assistance to national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/63).

(ii) 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 since the last session of the Governing Council.

Documentation

Assistance to the Palestinian people, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/23).

(iii) Implementation by UNDP of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development (UN-PAAERD)

By its decision 86/27 of 27 June 1986, the Governing Council authorized the Administrator to take appropriate action including co-ordination functions when requested, to help implement UN-PAAERD. The Council will receive several reports relevant to UNDP activities that have taken place in the African region since the thirteenth special session of the General Assembly, on the critical economic situation in Africa. One report (DP/1987/20) focuses on the categories of action by UNDP and the use of various development assistance resources entrusted to UNDP in line with the priorities of UN-PAAERD. Additionally, the document outlines relevant ongoing and newly established non-project activities, such as resource mobilization and aid co-ordination initiatives such as the round-table process, national technical co-operation assessments and programmes (NATCAPS), and monitoring and reporting in conjunction with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Economic Commission for Africa and the World Bank.

Documentation

Role of UNDP in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development, 1986-1990, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/20).

(iv) Liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and Allocation of its Remaining Balance

The Council will have before it a report on action taken by the Administrator to implement General Assembly resolution 38/201 regarding the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and allocation of its remaining balance. This report has been prepared to inform the Council of the present status of the Trust Fund for Developing Countries Afflicted by Famine and Malnutrition and the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund for Economic and Technical Co-operation Among Developing Countries established following General Assembly resolution 38/201.

Documentation

Liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and Allocation of its Remaining Balance, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/61).

(c) Evaluation

The Council will have before it the fourth report of the Administrator on evaluation made in response to Council decision 83/12 of 24 June 1983. The report deals with the status of the steps taken by the Administrator to improve evaluation policies and procedures, and the results of the UNDP review of evaluations in the field of sustainability, training, and women in development.

The report also responds to the issues raised in Governing Council resolution 86/28 of 27 June 1986. These issues are: (a) integration in UNDP of the results of evaluations; (b) strengthening government evaluation capacities; (c) harmonization of monitoring, evaluation and reporting procedures throughout the system; and (d) examination of criteria used in selecting projects for evaluation.

A brief status report on thematic and ex post evaluations is provided.

Documentation

Evaluation, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/21).

5. Programme planning

(a) Fourth cycle indicative planning figures and other resource utilization

The Council will have before it the report of the Administrator dealing with four related but distinct aspects of the fourth cycle.

(i) Net contributor obligations

By decision 85/16, paragraph 13 (d) of 29 June 1985, the Council requested the Administrator to report at mid-term on the extent to which arrangements regarding the contributory obligations of certain countries identified by a UNDP mission have been fulfilled. In view of various issues raised, the Administrator provides an update on the current status of the implementation of these provisions and seeks some further guidance on issues identified in the report.

(ii) Special Programme Resources

By its decision 86/30, paragraph 5 of 27 June 1986, the Governing Council requested the Administrator to submit to the Council at its thirty-fourth session a proposal as to the type of activities to be considered for financing under the category of "contingencies", of the Special Programme Resources (SPR). The paper indicates draft criteria for consideration by the Council, as well as an update on the status of third and fourth cycle SPR.

(iii) Special needs of island developing countries

By its decision 86/33, paragraphs 2 and 3 of 27 June 1986, the Council requested the Administrator to report at its thirty-fourth session on his evaluation of the role of the UNDP in the implementation of special measures in favour of the island developing countries, in particular their efforts to achieve self-sustaining economic growth. The Council also requested, in connection with the preparation of the mid-term review, to be informed of any special problems encountered by island developing countries in complying with paragraphs 8 to 13 of decision 85/16. Accordingly, he submits to the Council for its consideration a report on the implementation of this request.

(iv) Revised indicative planning figures

In this part of the report, the Administrator provides details of the revision of certain country indicative planning figures (IPFs) which have occurred subsequent to the adoption of certain decisions by the General Assembly and the modification of data used to calculate IPFs.

Documentation

Implementation of the fourth programming cycle, 1987-1991, Note by the Administrator (DP/1987/22).

(v) Indicative planning figure for Namibia

Under this item, the Council has before it the Report of the Administrator which, in response to decision 86/29, contains new action-oriented recommendations and proposals on the utilization of the indicative planning figures for Namibia.

Documentation

Indicative planning figure for Namibia, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/24).

(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 44 country programmes being submitted for consideration and approval to the Council at its thirty-fourth session. 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/1987/25 and DP/1987/25/Add.1).

(ii) Implementation of selected country programmes

In its decision 81/15 of 27 June 1981, 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, Europe and the Latin American and Caribbean regions. The reports highlight selected developments from within the regions.

Documentation

Implementation of selected country programmes in the African region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/27);

Implementation of selected country programmes in the Arab States region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/28);

Implementation of selected country programmes in the Asia and Pacific region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/29);

Implementation of selected country programmes in Europe, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/30);

Implementation of selected country programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/31).

(iii) Consideration and approval of country programmes (including 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-five country programmes are being submitted for consideration and approval by the Council. A note by the Administrator accompanies those programmes whose total programmed resources amount to \$10 million or more, or where there are specific issues which the Administrator wishes to bring to the attention of the Council.

The Council will further have before it, for information, notes by the Administrator on 12 country programmes which have 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

<u>Country</u>	<u>Country programme</u>	<u>Note</u>
<u>Africa region</u>		
Angola	DP/CP/ANG/2	DP/CP/ANG/NOTE/2
Botswana	DP/CP/BOT/4	DP/CP/BOT/NOTE/4
Burundi	DP/CP/BDI/4	DP/CP/BDI/NOTE/4
Cameroon	DP/CP/CMR/4	DP/CP/CMR/NOTE/4
Central African Republic	DP/CP/CAF/4	DP/CP/CAF/NOTE/4
Chad	DP/CP/CHD/4	DP/CP/CHD/NOTE/4
Comoros	DP/CP/COI/3	
Côte d'Ivoire	DP/CP/IVC/4	DP/CP/IVC/NOTE/4
Gambia	DP/CP/GAM/4	DP/CP/GAM/NOTE/4
Ghana	DP/CP/GHA/4	DP/CP/GHA/NOTE/4
Guinea	DP/CP/GUI/4	DP/CP/GUI/NOTE/4
Guinea-Bissau	DP/CP/GBS/3	DP/CP/GBS/NOTE/3
Lesotho	DP/CP/LES/4	DP/CP/LES/NOTE/4
Madagascar	DP/CP/MAG/4	DP/CP/MAG/NOTE/4
Mali	DP/CP/MLI/4	DP/CP/MLI/NOTE/4
Mauritius	DP/CP/MAR/4	
Mozambique	DP/CP/MOZ/3	DP/CP/MOZ/NOTE/3
Nigeria	DP/CP/NIR/3	DP/CP/NIR/NOTE/3
National liberation movements	DP/CP/NLM/1	DP/CP/NLM/NOTE/1
Senegal	DP/CP/SEN/4	DP/CP/SEN/NOTE/4
Togo	DP/CP/TOG/4	DP/CP/TOG/NOTE/4
Zambia	DP/CP/ZAM/4	DP/CP/ZAM/NOTE/4

Extensions

Burkina Faso	DP/CP/UPV/3/EXTENSION I
Cape Verde	DP/CP/CVI/2/EXTENSION I
Congo	DP/CP/PRC/2/EXTENSION I
Gabon	DP/CP/GAB/3/EXTENSION I
Kenya	DP/CP/KEN/4/EXTENSION I
Niger	DP/CP/NER/3/EXTENSION I
Sao Tome and Principe	DP/CP/STP/2/EXTENSION I
Sierra Leone	DP/CP/SIL/3/EXTENSION I
Uganda	DP/CP/UGA/2/EXTENSION I

<u>Country</u>	<u>Country programme</u>	<u>Note</u>
<u>Arab States region</u>		
Algeria	DP/CP/ALG/5	DP/CP/ALG/NOTE/5
Democratic Yemen	DP/CP/PDY/4	DP/CP/PDY/NOTE/4
Djibouti	DP/CP/DJI/2	
Kuwait	DP/CP/KUW/4	DP/CP/KUW/NOTE/4
Morocco	DP/CP/MOR/4	DP/CP/MOR/NOTE/4
Oman	DP/CP/OMA/4	
United Arab Emirates	DP/CP/UAE/4	DP/CP/UAE/NOTE/4

Asia and the Pacific region

Democratic People's Republic of Korea	DP/CP/DRK/2	DP/CP/DRK/NOTE/2
Pakistan	DP/CP/PAK/4	DP/CP/PAK/NOTE/4
Republic of Korea	DP/CP/ROK/4	DP/CP/ROK/NOTE/4
Sri Lanka	DP/CP/SRL/4	DP/CP/SRL/NOTE/4

Extension

Iran (Islamic Republic of) DP/CP/IRA/3/EXTENSION I

<u>Country</u>	<u>Country programme</u>	<u>Note</u>
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Europe

Turkey	DP/CP/TUR/4	DP/CP/TUR/NOTE/4
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Latin America and the Caribbean region

Bahamas	DP/CP/BHA/2	
Brazil	DP/CP/BRA/4	DP/CP/BRA/NOTE/4
Colombia	DP/CP/COL/4	DP/CP/COL/NOTE/4
Costa Rica	DP/CP/COS/4	
Dominican Republic	DP/CP/DOM/4	
Guatemala	DP/CP/GUA/5	DP/CP/GUA/NOTE/5
Haiti	DP/CP/HAI/4	DP/CP/HAI/NOTE/4
Honduras	DP/CP/HON/4	DP/CP/HON/NOTE/4
Mexico	DP/CP/MEX/4	DP/CP/MEX/NOTE/4
Uruguay	DP/CP/URU/4	
Venezuela	DP/CP/VEN/4	

Extensions

Bermuda	DP/CP/BER/1/EXTENSION I
Trinidad and Tobago	DP/CP/TRI/3/EXTENSION I

(iv) Consideration of regional programmes

The Council will have before it one regional programme for its consideration.

Documentation

Regional programme for Africa, 1987-1991 (DP/RAF/3).

(v) Global and interregional projects

Under this item, request for assistance for four global projects is being submitted for the consideration and approval of the Council.

Documentation

International Laboratory for Research on Animal Diseases (ILRAD) - Improved Control of Animal Trypanosomiasis (GLO/87/004) (DP/PROJECTS/REC/23);

Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maiz y Trigo (CIMMYT) - Development of Wheat Varieties for Marginal Areas (GLO/87/003) (DP/PROJECTS/REC/24);

International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) - Technology Transfer on Selected Food Crops for the Semi-Arid Tropics (GLO/87/002) (DP/PROJECTS/REC/25);

Human Resources Development for Generation and Transfer of Root and Tuber Crops Technology (GLO/87/001) (DP/PROJECTS/REC/26).

6. United Nations Fund for Population Activities

(a) Report of the Executive Director on 1986 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 1986. A separate document provides a listing of all project allocations made in 1986.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director for 1986 (DP/1987/32 (Part I) and DP/1987/31 (Part II));

Report of the Executive Director on allocations to projects in 1986 (DP/1987/33 (Part I) and DP/1987/33 (Part II)).

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

(i) In accordance with Governing Council decision 85/19, I, 13 of 29 June 1985, the Executive Director will submit the following report on the ongoing work programme of UNFPA.

Documentation

Implementation experience relating to allocations and expenditures with the different agencies, Report of the Executive Director (DP/1987/36).

(ii) In addition to the above report requested at its thirty-second session, the Council requested at its thirty-third session, in decision 86/34 of 27 June 1986, that the Executive Director submit the following reports to the Council at its thirty-fourth session:

Documentation

The strategy for UNFPA assistance in sub-Saharan Africa, Report of the Executive Director (DP/1987/37);

An implementation strategy to strengthen the capacity of the Fund to deal with issues concerning women, population and development, Report of the Executive Director (DP/1987/38);

Procedures for feedback and use of evaluation results, Report of the Executive Director (DP/1987/39);

Development of a system for attributing intercountry activities to the countries that receive intercountry assistance, Report of the Executive Director (DP/1987/40).

(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

Work plan for 1988-1991 and request for approval authority, Report of the Executive Director (DP/1987/34);

Status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved UNFPA country programmes and projects (DP/1987/35).

(d) Large-scale programmes and projects

In accordance with a decision adopted by the Governing Council at its sixteenth session, 1/ the Executive Director is submitting for the approval of the Council summaries of programmes and projects that total \$1 million or more. These include 31 country programmes and one global project. Also included is the omnibus recommendation by the Executive Director on the above programmes and projects.

DocumentationCountryCountry programmeAfrica

Angola	DP/FPA/CP/9
Botswana	DP/FPA/CP/13
Burkina Faso	DP/FPA/CP/16
Burundi	DP/FPA/CP/24
Cameroon	DP/FPA/CP/30
Congo	DP/FPA/CP/21
Ethiopia	DP/FPA/CP/27
Gambia	DP/FPA/CP/7
Guinea	DP/FPA/CP/20
Guinea-Bissau	DP/FPA/CP/11
Kenya	DP/FPA/CP/26
Liberia	DP/FPA/CP/6
Madagascar	DP/FPA/CP/28
Malawi	DP/FPA/CP/8 and Corr.1
Mali	DP/FPA/CP/12
Mauritania	DP/FPA/CP/23 and Corr.1
Niger	DP/FPA/CP/17
Nigeria	DP/FPA/CP/19
Rwanda	DP/FPA/CP/29
Senegal	DP/FPA/CP/18
United Republic of Tanzania	DP/FPA/CP/10

Asia and the Pacific

Malaysia	DP/FPA/CP/3
Sri Lanka	DP/FPA/CP/2
Thailand	DP/FPA/CP/1

Latin America and the Caribbean

Honduras	DP/FPA/CP/31
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Middle East and the Mediterranean

Democratic Yemen	DP/FPA/CP/4
Morocco	DP/FPA/CP/15
Somalia	DP/FPA/CP/25
Sudan	DP/FPA/CP/22
Tunisia	DP/FPA/CP/14 and Corr.1
Yemen	DP/FPA/CP/5

Interregional project

Global Programme of Training in Population and Development
(DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/34 and Corr.1).

Proposed programmes and projects, Recommendation by the Executive Director
(DP/1987/L.7).

(e) Budgetary and financial matters

The Council will have before it for its consideration several documents dealing with budgetary, financial and personnel matters: budget estimates for the administrative and programme support services for the biennium 1988-1989; a review of the 1986 financial situation; audited accounts of executing agencies; and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. In addition, in response to requests of some delegations at recent sessions of the Council, copies of the audit report for UNFPA for the year ending 31 December 1985 will be made available.

Documentation

Biennial budget estimates for the administrative and programme support services for the 1988-1989 biennium (DP/1987/41);

Annual review of the financial situation, 1986, Report of the Executive Director (DP/1987/42);

Audited accounts of executing agencies, Note by the Executive Director (DP/1987/43);

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1987/44).

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 (DTCO) 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 1986, and highlights issues for attention concerning DTCO. The report focuses in particular upon DTCO work in response to the provisions of Governing Council decision 86/36 of 27 June 1986, which invited action in a number of areas. The report also gives an analysis of programme delivery, administrative costs, measures for increased effectiveness, and evaluation of project performance. Further attention is given to investment-related questions, the African economic crisis and 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/1987/45);

Information on the technical co-operation programme of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/1987/45/Add.1);

Other entities and programmes, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/1987/45/Add.2);

Statistical information for 1986, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/1987/45/Add.3).

8. Other funds and programmes

(a) Organizational and financial structure of the UNDP-administered system

The Council will have before it a report of the Administrator prepared in response to decision 86/41 of 27 June 1986, which requested the Administrator, inter alia, to make proposals regarding the most appropriate management and staffing arrangements for the various Funds and Programmes under his responsibility. In this paper, information is provided on the actions the Administrator has taken and proposes to take to rationalize and streamline the organizational and management structure in UNDP; on the establishment of various mechanisms in UNDP for the review, appraisal and approval of programmes and projects financed from all sources of funds administered by UNDP; and on the measures taken in UNDP to achieve harmonization of policies, procedures and systems among all Programmes and Funds. During the discussion of this item, the Administrator will also provide orally information on any further developments which may have occurred in this area since the preparation of the report.

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

Documentation

Organizational and financial structure of the UNDP-administered system, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/53).

(b) United Nations Volunteers (UNV)

In accordance with Governing Council decision 86/43 of 27 June 1986, the Administrator's report delineates a review of the mandate, role and achievements of the UNV programme during the first 15 years of its existence. It covers the way in which UNV has evolved in terms of providing middle- and upper-level operational personnel within United Nations agency- and government-executed projects, and

points out the growth in substantive activities within its area of competence in youth and participatory development. Proposals are advanced on financial underpinning, including discussions with specialized agencies, and, in relation to projected staffing resources, in the light of the objective provided by the Intergovernmental Meeting in Lesotho (November 1986) of 2,500 serving United Nations volunteers by 1989. The report concludes with an affirmation that the founding resolutions have been successfully translated into a pragmatic, cost-effective operation to meet the needs of developing countries for professional expertise in volunteer terms and to co-operate with them and provide them with the technical assistance required in the fields of youth participation in development and DDS. In the annual report, the Administrator discusses the critical staffing situation of 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 thirty-fifth session on the outcome of the discussions with the agencies.

Documentation

United Nations Volunteers, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/46 and DP/1987/46/Add.1).

(c) United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)

The Administrator's annual report is submitted to the Governing Council in accordance with the required legislative mandate governing the Fund. The report presents programme activities and policy developments, including UNCDF evaluation activities carried out in 1986. Information is also provided on the financial status of the Fund as well as on administrative matters.

The Council is requested to take a decision on the Administrator's recommendation for the modification of the partial funding system of UNCDF and on an increase of staff which will allow the Fund to expand its level of project approvals and disbursements.

Documentation

United Nations Capital Development Fund, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/47).

(d) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (UNRFNRE)

The Council will have before it a report describing UNRFNRE activities in 1986. The document is submitted in compliance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1792 (LIV), paragraph 1(o) and conforms with biennial reporting established in General Assembly resolutions 36/200 of 17 December 1981 and 39/217 of 18 December 1984. The report provides information on programme management, investment follow-up activities and project development. It complements the information on the main programme record and UNDP-administered funds contained in the Annual Report of the Administrator.

Resource availability and utilization is given in the financial presentation, and the positive response to co-financing initiatives is 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 requests the Council to take note of the supplementary short-term funding approved by the Administrator for the geothermal project in St. Lucia and mineral exploration in Argentina.

Documentation

United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/48);

Mineral Exploration in the Province of Chubut, Argentina (ARG/NR/77/001), Report of the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/9);

Geothermal Exploration in the Qualibou Caldera, St. Lucia (STL/GT/84/001), Report of the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/10).

(e) United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development and the Energy Account

As called for in General Assembly resolution 41/183 of 8 December 1986, the United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development was established on 1 January 1987 as a trust fund within UNDP. The former United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (UNFSSTD) was terminated as of 31 December 1986 and its ongoing projects, related resources and responsibilities were transferred to the Fund. Under the new arrangements, the Administrator is required to report to the Governing Council on all aspects of the operations of the Fund. The Council had also requested a report on the arrangements made for putting into effect the decisions of the General Assembly on this matter, including the resource situation, organizational structure, staffing and budget of the Fund for the next biennium. The document before the Council provides a brief summary of the organizational arrangements for the Fund and other information requested by the Governing Council. It also includes a summary of the activities of the Energy Account, which has been merged administratively with the Fund. The report gives an account of the programme operations of UNFSSTD and the Energy Account during 1986 and the operational and resource outlook for 1987 and beyond. A special section on the suggested areas of concentration of the activities of the Fund is also included.

Documentation

Report of the Administrator on the United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development and the Energy Account (DP/1987/49).

(f) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO)

(i) Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

As requested by the Governing Council in its decision 86/39 of 27 June 1986, the Administrator is submitting an annual report for 1986 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 areas of its project identification, implementation and resource mobilization operations, and the related activities financed by the core programme of UNDP and by other funds that were concerned with desertification control in the region.

(ii) Recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 39/206 of 17 December 1984 and 40/209 of 17 December 1985 and Council decision 86/39, the Secretary-General is submitting a report on the activities undertaken by UNSO during the 1985-1986 biennium 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.

The same report 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. The report is being submitted to the General Assembly, through the Governing Council and the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with Assembly resolution 39/206.

Documentation

Recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sahel region:

Activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office and assistance to other drought-stricken countries in Africa, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/50).

(g) United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

In compliance with General Assembly resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984 and pursuant to Governing Council decision 85/33 of 29 June 1985, the Council will have before it the annual report of the Administrator for 1986 providing information on the operation, management and budget of the Fund.

Documentation

United Nations Development Fund for Women, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/52).

(h) Technical co-operation among developing countries: matters arising from the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries

The Governing Council will receive for its consideration and action the decisions taken by the fifth session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries at its fifth session, scheduled to be held from 18 to 22 May 1987 at Headquarters.

Documentation

Report of the fifth session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (DP/1987/65).

9. Financial, administrative and budgetary matters

(a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1986

The Council will have before it a report of the Administrator which provides a comprehensive review of the financial operations during 1986 and the financial position as at the end of the year. The report includes estimates of anticipated resources and expenditures for 1987 and 1988. In addition, information is provided on cost-sharing activities, the utilization of accumulated non-convertible currencies, the placement of UNDP funds, the Operational Reserve and the status of Special Programme Resources.

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 Governing Council decision 82/30 of 18 June 1982; information on support cost flexibility arrangements, in accordance with paragraph 8 of decision 82/36 of 18 June 1982; and information on management and other services agreements entered into by the Administrator since 1985, in accordance with paragraph 4 of decision 83/5 of 24 June 1983. In an addendum, this report will include, in accordance with paragraph 7 of decision 84/9 of 29 June 1984, 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/1987/54);

Report on net flow of contributions, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/54/Add.1).

(b) Budget estimates for 1988-1989

Under this item, the Administrator will submit for the approval of the Council the revised budget estimates for 1986-1987 and the proposed budget for 1988-1989.

Documentation

Revised budget estimates for the biennium 1986-1987 and budget estimates for the biennium 1988-1989, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/55 (Vol. I) and DP/1987/55 (Vol. II));

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1987/56).

(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 1986. 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 of 24 June 1983 and 85/37 of 29 June 1985.

Documentation

Trust funds established by the Administrator in 1986, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/57);

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1987/56).

(d) Guidelines for procurement

Pursuant to paragraph 2 of Governing Council decision 86/47 of 27 June 1986 the document contains the analysis of responses to the questionnaire on agency procurement practices. Pursuant to paragraph 1 of that decision, a subgroup has deliberated on further harmonization in procurement practices. The Governing Council will be informed of the results of the deliberations of the subgroup.

Documentation

Report of the Administrator on common procurement policies and practices: Analysis of responses to the questionnaire on agency procurement practices (DP/1987/10).

(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 1985, together with his comments on significant observations included in the reports of the external auditors of the agencies. As

requested in Governing Council decision 85/40 of 29 June 1985 (reaffirmed in decision 86/48 of 27 June 1986), the Administrator has also included a summary of the most significant observations contained in the audit reports of UNDP itself and of the United Nations. The Council is also provided with a summary of action taken by UNDP in response to decision 86/48, 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/1987/9 and DP/1987/9/Add.1).

(f) Sectoral support

In accordance with Governing Council decision 86/50 of 27 June 1986, the Administrator will present to the Council the results of a joint review undertaken with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) on the Senior Industrial Development Field Adviser Programme. Independent consultants have been hired by both organizations to make an assessment of this programme and their findings and recommendations will be summarized in this report. UNDP, in close consultation with UNIDO, will present proposals and recommendations for the consideration of the Council.

Documentation

Sectoral support, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/58 and DP/1987/58 and Add.1)

(g) Other matters

At present, there are no matters anticipated under this sub-item.

10. Other matters

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

In accordance with Governing Council decision 81/34 of 27 June 1981, 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 1986 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 1985 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 1986, Report of the Administrator (DP/1987/59);

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

(b) Action taken by other organs of the United Nations system in 1986 and 1987

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. They include resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its forty-first session and by the Economic and Social Council at its first and second regular sessions in 1986 and its organizational session for 1987. One of the most important of these is resolution 1986/74 on operational activities for development, adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session in 1986, which was endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/171 of 5 December 1986. This resolution will also be considered under item 3 of the present provisional agenda. Moreover, attention is drawn to Economic and Social Council decision 1987/211, which is the subject of item 10 (c) below.

The appropriate operative paragraphs of those resolutions and decisions which require specific action by the Council or UNDP will be quoted for ease of reference. In accordance with Governing Council decision 79/14 of 27 June 1979, 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, titles only have been given in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2836 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971.

Documentation

Action taken by other organs of the United Nations in 1986 and 1987, Note by the Administrator (DP/1987/60, DP/1987/60/Add.1).

(c) Submission to the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields, pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112, paragraph (i)

The Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations (Group of 18), in its recommendation 8, calls for a careful and in-depth study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure in the economic and social fields to be undertaken by an intergovernmental body to be designated by the General Assembly.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, decided that the study called for in recommendation 8 should be carried out by the Economic and Social Council assisted, if necessary, by relevant organs and bodies. The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 1987/112, established a special commission, open to the full participation of all Member States of the United Nations on an equal basis, to carry out the study.

In paragraph (i) of the decision, the Economic and Social Council requested all subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly in the economic and social sectors and all subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council to consider, at their next session, and to submit within 30 days thereafter to the special commission, their views and proposals on achieving the objectives as envisaged in recommendation 8 of the Group of 18 regarding their functioning and that of their subsidiary machinery. The decision also requested the special commission to consider relevant provisions of recommendation 2 of the Group of 18.

The UNDP Governing Council, at its organizational session in February 1987, requested the Administrator to prepare appropriate documentation to facilitate the Council's consideration of the item at its thirty-fourth session. The Administrator was further requested to arrange for intensive and systematic consultations with the various groups on this matter, with a view to determining the contents of the documentation to be provided to the Council.

Documentation

Submission by the UNDP Governing Council to the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields, pursuant to ECOSOC decision 1987/112, paragraph (i) (DP/1987/66).

11. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1988

In accordance with its decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981, the Council will have to decide on the dates of its meetings during 1988 and 1989, the subject of the policy review for the thirty-fifth session, an indicative quota for documents and any other matter of relevance for the conduct of future sessions.

Notes

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