Summary

In accordance with established practice, the attention of the Governing Council is drawn to resolutions and decisions adopted in 1986 and 1987 by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and organizations of the United Nations system which call for action by, or are of relevance to the United Nations Development Programme and its Governing Council.

For this purpose, the appropriate paragraphs have been quoted. However, in accordance with Governing Council decision 79/14, the texts of resolutions already referred to in the documentation presented to the Council under other items are not reproduced in the documentation under this item. For those resolutions of general interest to the Governing Council and UNDP, only the titles have been given. This is in line with General Assembly resolution 2839 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971, which states in paragraph 3 (d) that "the texts available in easily accessible documents should not be incorporated in or annexed to reports". Moreover, resolutions and decisions have not been quoted in extenso because of the need to achieve greater brevity as called for in General Assembly decisions on strict limitation or documentation. For the same reason, the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly on special programmes of economic disaster, humanitarian relief and other assistance have not been reproduced in this document, but are listed.

The paragraphs of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in 1986 regarding UNDP specifically are reproduced in sections I and II. The other resolutions are listed in numerical order by title. Resolutions and decisions adopted by organizations of the United Nations system are contained in the addendum to this document.
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A. Operational activities for development

1. Resolutions

41/171

Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/74 of 23 July 1986, entitled "Policy review of operational activities for development", the text of which is annexed to the present resolution.

Annex

Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/74. Policy review of operational activities for development

The Economic and Social Council,

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13. Invites the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to introduce, in close co-operation with the Governments of recipient countries, specific measures aimed at strengthening the capabilities of the recipient countries to exercise their sovereign rights regarding preparation and realization of programmes and projects of technical co-operation, including training projects for personnel in national planning, co-ordination and evaluation institutions and measures to increasingly entrust Governments and institutions of recipient countries with the responsibilities for executing projects;

14. Decides to intensify its efforts to ensure overall co-ordination of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system and, in this context, stresses that efforts should be undertaken to strengthen the necessary dialogue and interaction between the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system concerned with operational activities for development so as to ensure consistency between decisions taken by policy-making bodies;

15. Invites the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system to reaffirm their full support for improved coherence of action by the system at the country level and for the role of the resident co-ordinator in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and in accordance with the relevant recommendations of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation;

...

21. Stresses the importance of the United Nations Development Programme country programme as the framework for promoting a more coherent and co-ordinated
approach to technical co-operation activities by the United Nations development system;

...  

25. **Strongly urges** the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme to continue their efforts for co-ordinated programming, through the Joint Consultative Group on Policy, so as to promote greater collaboration;

...

35. **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;

B. **Other resolutions and decisions**

1. **Resolutions**

41/107 **Crime prevention and criminal justice**

7. **Requests** the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development to maintain effective support to the United Nations regional crime prevention institutes, and in this regard takes note with satisfaction of the measures to establish an African regional institute for the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, and requests all those concerned to co-operate fully to realize this project as soon as possible;

41/122 **Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa**

6. **Requests** the United Nations Development Programme to increase its efforts to mobilize additional resources for refugee-related development projects and, in general, to promote and co-ordinate with the host countries and the donor community the integration of refugee-related activities into national development planning;

...

8. **Requests** the Secretary-General, in accordance with the Declaration and Programme of Action, to monitor, in consultation and close co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Development Programme, the follow-up to the Conference;
41/170 Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy

... 6. ... and invites the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to intensify its efforts to attract additional voluntary contributions to the Energy Account of the Programme to enable it to expand its activities in responding to the needs of the developing countries for the development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy;

41/176 Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

... 10. Requests the governing bodies of all organizations subject to audits by the United Nations Board of Auditors to review thoroughly at their regular sessions the report of the Board of Auditors, the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the related comments made in the Fifth Committee and the remedial action planned or taken by the respective executive heads in response to the comments and observations of the Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as approved by the General Assembly;

41/182 Indigenous entrepreneurs in economic development

1. Invites the Secretary-General and relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, such as the regional commissions, the United Nations Development Programme, the International Labour Organisation, the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the World Bank, as well as regional development banks, within their existing mandates, programmes and priorities:

(a) To continue to support through, inter alia, technical co-operation projects, the efforts of States in encouraging indigenous entrepreneurs in the private, public and/or other sectors in accordance with national laws, priorities and regulations;

(b) To facilitate the practical exchange of information and experience among all countries on the role of indigenous entrepreneurs in economic development;

41/183 United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development

1. Decides to terminate the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development as at 31 December 1986 and to transfer its responsibilities and resources to an identifiable facility entitled "United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development", to be established as a trust fund within the United Nations Development Programme;
3. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, when identifying projects to be financed from the Fund, to take into account the policy guidance and priorities recommended by the Committee and to report to the Committee on their application;

4. Requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to establish close working relationships between the Fund and the Centre for Science and Technology for Development on programmatic and substantive matters, and requests the Secretary-General to inform the Committee at its ninth session about the arrangements made;

5. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to inform the Committee at its ninth session on the arrangements made for the Fund;

6. Invites Governments and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to give greater emphasis to science and technology for development;

41/186 Inclusion of Kiribati, Mauritania and Tuvalu in the list of the least developed countries

Decides to include Kiribati, Mauritania and Tuvalu in the list of the least developed countries.

41/213 Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

I

Recommendations of the Group of High-Level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administration and Financial Functioning of the United Nations

1. Decides that the recommendations as agreed upon and as contained in the report of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations should be implemented by the Secretary-General and the relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations in the light of the findings of the Fifth Committee and subject to the following:

   ...

   (e) The Economic and Social Council, assisted as and when required by relevant organs and bodies, in particular the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, should carry out the study called for in recommendation 8;
(g) In the implementation of recommendation 24, the provisions of General Assembly resolution 41/201 of 8 December 1986 should be duly taken into account;

2. Decisions

41/457 Pérez-Guerrero Trust Fund for Economic and Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries

The General Assembly on the recommendation of the Second Committee, recalled its resolution 38/201 of 20 December 1983 and taking note of paragraph 46 of the report of the High-level Meeting of the Group of 77 on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries, held at Cairo from 18 to 23 August 1986, and decided, in recognition of the outstanding contribution made by the late Manuel Pérez-Guerrero to international co-operation for development, to name the Trust Fund for Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries/Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries the "Pérez-Guerrero Trust Fund for Economic and Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries".

II. RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF RELEVANCE TO UNDP ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL IN 1986

1. Resolutions

1986/7 Population questions

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to Assembly resolution 39/228, suggesting steps to be taken on the relevant recommendations of the International Conference on Population, in particular recommendation 83 relating to the further strengthening of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities so as to ensure the more effective delivery of population assistance, taking into account the growing needs in the field of population;

...

3. Decides to consider the report of the Population Commission and relevant parts of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, together with relevant inputs from the regional commissions, at its second regular sessions, under an item entitled "Population questions", bearing in mind the overall responsibilities and policy functions of the Economic and Social Council in population matters;

...

6. Invites also the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, as the governing body of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities:

(a) To use reports of the Population Commission for greater exchange of information on population questions;
(b) To give adequate consideration to Fund matters, bearing in mind the importance of population issues and the separate identity of the Fund as stated in paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972;

c) To continue to organize its work programme in a manner that will facilitate the consideration of Fund matters before relevant budgetary and administrative issues are taken up in the Budget and Finance Committee of the Governing Council;

7. Reaffirms the aims and purposes of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities as set out in Council resolution 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973;

8. Urges the international community to strengthen further the resource base of the Fund through greater contributions, in order to meet the increasing needs of the developing countries for assistance in population activities;

1986/13 Co-ordination and information in the field of youth

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2. Calls upon all the United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, regional commissions, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, in particular youth organizations, to exert all possible efforts for the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth and to consider at their meetings appropriate ways and means for the improvement of co-ordination and information in the field of youth;

1986/19 Women in the United Nations

1. Affirms that the full participation of women in the work of the organizations of the United Nations system, especially at policy-making levels, in substantive occupations and in technical co-operation activities, is essential as a means of bringing the experience of women to bear on all aspects of the policies and programmes of the organizations that shape global development;

2. Emphasizes that the presence of more women in all substantive areas of the organizations, including technical co-operation activities, will help those organizations to attain the objective of responding more effectively and efficiently to their mandates and to their responsibilities towards society as a whole;

1986/44 Countries stricken by desertification and drought in Africa

...  

2. Commends the Secretary-General for the thoroughness and comprehensiveness of the report he has prepared, with the assistance of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, synthesizing the existing information, experiences and proposals of organs, organizations and bodies both within and outside the United Nations system;
4. **Expresses its appreciation** for the role of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in helping, and in co-ordinating United Nations efforts to help, the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and the Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development in their programmes of recovery, rehabilitation and medium-term to long-term development, as well as desertification control;

5. **Urges** the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to increase its assistance to the Sudano-Sahelian and adjacent regions in combating desertification and drought, paying attention to the most severely affected countries;

1986/45 **Assistance to the drought-stricken area of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda**

...  

4. **Notes with appreciation** the assistance provided by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in the effort to establish the Authority, in line with the recommendations of the Secretary-General and pursuant to the resolutions of the General Assembly mentioned above;

...  

6. **Appeals** to all Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute generously so as to provide the resources necessary for funding the operational costs of the unit within the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office entrusted with the responsibility of assisting the countries members of the Authority and for the implementation of the projects and programmes in those countries, and requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to intensify his efforts in this regard;

1986/62 **Transport and Communications Decade in Africa**

...  

5. **Expresses its appreciation** to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for his continuing support of the Decade through the financing of the Decade Co-ordination Unit and other Decade activities, and requests him to continue to provide funds to the Commission during the programme's fourth programing cycle (1987-1991) for the realization of the development process which was accepted during the Decade;
1986/63 **Industrial Development Decade for Africa**

... 

7. **Appeals to** the international community, multilateral funding agencies, especially the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank, and bilateral and investment institutions to increase the flow of investment and technical assistance resources to the industrial sector in Africa to make it possible to implement national and subregional investment and support projects.

1986/71 **System-wide medium-term plan for women and development and system-wide co-ordination of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-Looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women**

... 

7. **Further emphasizes** the importance of the plan of action formulated by the United Nations Development Programme in consultation with the United Nations Development Fund for Women for the more active and deliberate involvement of women in development through technical co-operation;

1986/73 **Development of human resources**

Noting with appreciation decision 86/14 of 27 June 1986 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on the role of the Programme in the development of human resources,

1. **Reaffirms** the need for an integrated and multidisciplinary approach to all aspects of the development of human resources in the programmes of work of the United Nations and the other organizations of the United Nations system;

2. **Requests** the Secretary-General, taking into account earlier studies and the discussions to be held at the twenty-second series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to submit a report on human resources development and on the activities of the United Nations system as a whole in this field, with conclusions and recommendations, to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, for consideration and appropriate action;

1986/74 **Policy review of operational activities for development**

(See General Assembly resolution 41/171 in which the Assembly "Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/74 of 23 July 1986, entitled "Policy review of operational activities for development", the text of which is annexed to the resolution".)
2. Decisions


At its 38th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council took note of the extract from the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1986 and on its thirty-third session.

III. DECISIONS OF RELEVANCE TO UNDP ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION, 1987

1987/101 Inclusion of Burma in the list of the least developed countries

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 3 February 1987, the Economic and Social Council, having considered the letter dated 18 December 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Burma to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, decided to request the Committee for Development Planning to consider, as a matter of priority, the inclusion of Burma in the list of the least developed countries, and to submit its recommendations to the Council at its second regular session of 1987.

1987/109 Inclusion of Zambia in the list of the least developed countries

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 6 February 1987, the Economic and Social Council, having considered the letter dated 3 February 1987 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Zambia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, decided to request the Committee for Development Planning to consider the inclusion of Zambia in the list of the least developed countries, and to submit its recommendations to the Council at its second regular session of 1987.

1987/112 In-depth study of the United Nations intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 6 February 1987, the Economic and Social Council, in order to carry out the in-depth study of the United Nations intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields and its Secretariat support structures, as called for by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, decided:

(a) To establish a 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, which would be open to the full participation of all Member States of the United Nations on an equal basis and whose proceedings would be governed in all other respects by the relevant rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council;
(b) That in undertaking its task, the Special Commission should establish, as appropriate, drafting or working groups;

(c) To invite Governments to participate at the highest possible level in the work of the Special Commission;

(d) To request the Special Commission to consider, in the context of the in-depth study, the relevant provisions of recommendation 2 of the Group of High-Level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations;

(e) That the bureau of the Special Commission should be composed of five members, one from each regional group, who should serve for the entire duration of the work of the Special Commission;

(f) To appoint Ambassador Abdel Halim Badawi (Egypt) Chairman of the Special Commission and convene an organizational meeting of the Special Commission on 13 February 1987 for the purpose of electing, following consultations, the other members of the Bureau;

(g) To convene the first and second sessions of the Special Commission from 2 to 6 and 18 to 20 March 1987;

(h) That the Special Commission should inform the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1987 and at subsequent regular sessions, on the progress of its work and should make recommendations to the Council on its future programme of work and its calendar of meetings;

(i) To request all subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly in the economic and social sectors and all subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council to submit to the Special Commission, within thirty days of the conclusion of their forthcoming sessions, their views and proposals on achieving the objectives envisaged in recommendation 8 of the Group of High-Level Intergovernmental Experts regarding their functioning and that of their subsidiary machinery;

(j) To request the Secretary-General to submit to the Special Commission:

(i) Information on the intergovernmental machinery of the United Nations in the economic and social fields and its Secretariat support structures, including information concerning terms of reference, programmes of work, agenda, reporting procedures and periodicity of meetings, that information to be submitted to the Special Commission at its first session;

(ii) A list of available United Nations studies on the functioning and restructuring of the intergovernmental bodies in the economic and social sectors, as well as legislative decisions taken in that regard;

(iii) Other studies and analyses as required by the Special Commission;
(k) Also to request the Secretary-General, to the extent possible within existing resources, to provide conference services facilities and other necessary support on a preferential basis to the Special Commission to enable it to operate with sufficient frequency as from the first half of 1987 to fulfil its mandate in the limited time available;

(l) To request the Special Commission to make its final report available in time for its consideration by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1988;

(m) That the Special Commission should approach its work with a view to strengthening the effectiveness of the United Nations in dealing with economic and social issues, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the objectives agreed upon by the General Assembly.

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Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade for Disabled Persons

Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

Preparation of a draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

Declaration on the Right to Development

Respect for the right of everyone to own property alone as well as in association with others and its contribution to the economic and social development of Member States

Right to development

Assistance to student refugees in southern Africa

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Situation of refugees in the Sudan

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Assistance to Mozambique

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Special assistance to front-line States

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