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Addendum

Agenda item 4 (a). Programme and project quality

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the implementation of measures to improve programme and project quality (DP/1987/16);
2. Notes the Administrator's decision to ensure that the Programme Review Committee is involved at an early stage of the country programming process;
3. Requests that the next annual report on programme quality include information on the procedural framework established by the Administrator for mid-term reviews of country programmes and intercountry programmes;
4. Welcomes the strengthened mechanism for project appraisal, which should lead to the speeding up of the appraisal process;
5. Notes that the proposed changes in project development procedures should be undertaken to assist in increasing the capacity of recipient Governments, at their request, in the critical early stages of project design in accordance with the 1970 Consensus;
6. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) the outcome of initiatives to improve management information systems relating to programme activities, specifically the substantive and qualitative aspects;

7. Urges the Administrator to ensure completion of the revision of the United Nations Development Programme Policies and Procedures Manual by the end of 1987 and its prompt distribution in all working languages as soon as possible thereafter;

8. Recalls its decisions 86/15 of 27 June 1986 and 86/18 of 27 June 1986 and reiterates the request made in decision 86/15 urging the Administrator to initiate appropriate administrative measures to ensure improved performance by the executing agencies so that they are fully accountable for the fulfilment of their obligations in the execution of projects supported by UNDP;

9. Welcomes the resumption of annual agency review meetings and requests the Administrator to report thereon to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988), including specific proposals designed to ensure agency accountability.

Agenda item 3. Annual report of the Administrator

The Governing Council,

Having considered the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for 1986 (DP/1987/12 and Add.1 and 2 (Parts I and II), Add.3-5 (Parts I and II) and Add.6),

Taking into account the views expressed thereon during the high-level segment of the thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council,

1. Takes note with interest of the management actions taken by the Administrator to improve programme and project quality;
2. Welcomes the increased project delivery achieved in 1986 in the programme funded by the United Nations Development Programme;
3. Urges the Administrator to continue to take measures to achieve improved performance by the executing agencies in regard to UNDP-funded activities;
4. Urges the Administrator to continue to encourage the execution of projects by Governments and to intensify measures designed to increase delivery rates and appeals to Governments to intensify their efforts to achieve higher implementation rates for Government-executed projects;
5. Reaffirms its support for the measures taken by the Administrator, in consultations with Governments, to involve grass-roots and non-governmental organizations in UNDP-supported activities and supports his plans to strengthen co-operation with non-governmental organizations through small-scale development activities; and requests the Administrator to report thereon to the Council at its thirty-fifth (1988) session;
6. Affirms the importance of improved management of the environment and the supportive role that the United Nations Development Programme can play in this area

in regard to its activities in co-operation with the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Bank and other relevant bodies;

7. Reaffirms paragraph 17 of its decision 84/4 of 29 June 1984 and notes the intention of the Administrator to fulfil it and pursue his actions in this context;

8. Requests the Administrator to pursue efforts to extend technical assistance to Governments at their request, and in conformity with their development requirements, in order to improve their capacity to carry out their programmes of economic recovery and development, including their debt management strategies, and to alleviate the human and social consequences of such programmes, and further requests the Administrator to facilitate the availability of detailed information on aid requirements arising from debt problems in order to attract additional financing;

9. Takes note of the establishment by the Administrator of a "Task Force on the Future" and requests him to report on its work in conjunction with his annual report for 1987;

10. Urges the Administrator to review ongoing efforts to increase public awareness of the scope and effectiveness of the activities of UNDP and its contribution to economic and social development and requests the Administrator to propose to the Governing Council at its thirty-fifth session in 1988 further effective steps in this regard.

