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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

Addendum

Agenda item 3. Human resources development

The Governing Council

- 1. Takes note of the preliminary conclusions summarized in the Administrator's report (DP/1987/15) resulting from the analysis now under way of the experience of the United Nations Development Programme in human resources development projects during the past three programme cycles, as well as on the comments made thereon by delegations;
- 2. Notes the work programme proposed by the Administrator and requests that it include activities that will generate information on the achievements of the United Nations Development Programme in human resources development, supported by appropriate quantitative data, and an assessment of the impact of UNDP-financed activities in human resources development;
- 3. Requests the Administrator to submit a full report to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) in accordance with its decision 86/14 of 27 June 1986, providing a detailed critical analysis of the experience of the United Nations Development Programme since 1970 in the field of human resources development, and including specific proposals designed to ensure that the lessons learned from this experience will be applied in future programme activities of the United Nations Development Programme, taking into account the relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions on human resources development, as well as the conclusions of the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme Co-ordination/Administrative Committee for Co-ordination on human resources development scheduled to take place in June 1987.

Agenda item 4 (a) (i). Women in Development

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the annual review of thematic programmes established by the Council (DP/1987/15), and in particular referring to the strategies to promote the role of women in development, and the additional information provided by the Director, Division for Women in Development,

- l. Notes with appreciation the establishment of the Division for Women in Development and in particular the adequate status given to it in the organizational structure of the United Nations Development Programme, as well as arrangements to ensure the contribution of field offices and bureaux to the objectives of the Division;
- 2. Notes the necessity of complementarity and the need to avoid duplication between the new Division and the United Nations Development Fund for Women; and requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) on the respective work plans of the two units;
- 3. Emphasizes the importance of training activities in the process of integrating women in development and requests that such training, wherever possible, include agency and Government representatives involved in United Nations Development Programme-supported programmes and projects;
- 4. Stresses the importance of the application of appropriate Women in Development perspectives in the earliest stages of programme and project design and their inclusion in systematic follow-up at all successive stages;
- 5. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) on how Women in Development perspectives are reflected in the content of the work of the United Nations Development Programme including specific examples illustrating the practical implications of Women in Development perspectives on project and programme content;
- 6. Stresses the need for close co-operation by the Division of Women in Development with relevant units of the United Nations organizations and agencies, including the secretariat of the Commission on the Status of Women and the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for Women, as well as Governments and non-governmental organizations.

Agenda item 4 (a) (iii) d. Procurement from developing countries

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations
Development Programme on the procurement of equipment and services with special
reference to procurement from developing countries (DP/1987/19) and the oral report
thereon;

- 2. Notes with concern the drop in 1986 in procurement from developing countries;
- 3. Notes with interest that the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit will continue to undertake pilot projects for supply sources identification missions to developing countries with the purpose of producing country binders to be made available to the procurement services of all executing agencies, and requests that the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit extend these missions to as many countries as possible;
- 4. Invites the executing agencies of the United Nations system to contribute in any way possible to the work of the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit;
- 5. Recognizes that increased procurement from developing countries depends on action by all parties the United Nations Development Programme, the funding and executing agencies of the United Nations system and Governments;
- 6. Strongly urges the Administrator to take further appropriate steps to increase procurement from developing countries and further urges the participating and executing agencies to intensify their efforts in that regard;
- 7. Considers it important that Governments take appropriate steps to promote procurement from developing countries;
- 8. Invites the Governments themselves, if they so wish, to collect and disseminate information on local procurement capabilities/bidding opportunities in their countries and requests the Administrator to assist Governments, at their request, and through appropriate projects, in collecting necessary data with a view to compiling or elaborating directories of local procurement sources and channelling this information to the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit and relevant participating and executing agencies;
- 9. Requests the agencies to provide to the permanent missions of developing countries in the capitals where the agencies' headquarters are located advance notices on business/bidding opportunities;
- 10. Notes the steps which the Administrator has already taken to modify the procurement practices of the Office for Projects Execution, including evaluation criteria:
- ll. Requests agencies to ensure that statistical data submitted reflect, on a comparable basis, both country of procurement and country of origin as well as source of funds;
- 12. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) on the steps taken, results and further actions planned, with a view to promoting more procurement from developing countries.

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Agenda item 3. Joint Inspection Unit

The Governing Council,

I

Having considered the note of the Administrator on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1986 (DP/1987/13 and Corr.1),

Takes note of the information provided in the note of the Administrator with respect to the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Problems of storage and its costs in organizations of the United Nations system" (A/41/806 and Corr.1), and "Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States" (A/41/615) and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon (A/41/615/Add.1);

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Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Technical co-operation activities of the International Telecommunication Union",

Reaffirms its decision 86/52 of 27 June 1986 concerning additional support cost reimbursement to the International Telecommunication Union;

III

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Field representation of organizations of the United Nations system: structure and co-ordination" (A/41/242) and comments of the Administrative Committee for Co-ordination thereon (A/42/290),

- 1. Reaffirms its decision 85/3 of 28 June 1985 on co-ordination;
- 2. Expresses its support for recommendations 1 and 2 of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit addressed to the General Assembly and recommends that the General Assembly adopt a resolution appealing to Governments and urging organizations of the United Nations system to adopt all measures required to achieve the full implementation of these recommendations;
- 3. Notes the comments of the Administrative Committee for Co-ordination on recommendation 3 of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit and welcomes the intention of the Administrator to pursue the consultations with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in order to ensure the selection of well-qualified and experienced candidates for the post of resident co-ordinator from a broader roster;

IV

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Technical co-operation between UNDP and the regional economic commissions: Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) (A/42/110) and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon (A/42/110/Add.1),

- 1. Takes note of the JIU report and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;
- 2. <u>Emphasizes</u> the importance and necessity to improve the mechanism for co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic Commission for Africa.