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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

## Addendum

Agenda item 11. Measures concerning documentation for the Governing Council

The Governing Council.

Greatly concerned about the serious deterioration in the timely provision of documentation for the Governing Council sessions,

Deploring that documentation is rarely available six weeks prior to the start of each session, and often not before the respective items are to be discussed,

Very concerned that the lateness of documents prevents adequate study and preparation by Governments and thereby seriously affects the ability of the Council effectively to carry out its oversight responsibilities for the United Nations Development Programme, and considering that members are therefore reluctant to address issues before the Council,

- 1. Requests that the Administrator take all necessary measures in order to ensure the simultaneous distribution of documents in all languages in conformity with General Assembly resolution 36/117 B of 10 December 1981;
- 2. Reaffirms its rules of procedures as well as previous decisions 79/33 of 2 July 1979, 83/40 of 18 June 1983, and 85/45 of 28 June 1985 concerning the preparation and timely distribution of documents for the Council;
- 3. Recommends that, in seeking to reduce the number of documents presented to the Governing Council, the Administrator take measures to eliminate duplication of material and rationalize its presentation;

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- 4. Urges that the Administrator and the heads of other organizations and programmes reporting to the Governing Council take prompt and effective action to rectify this problem;
- 5. Requests that the Council should be informed at its organizational meeting in February 1988 on the measures taken to provide timely documentation in all working languages.