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Addendum

Agenda item 4 (a) (iii). The role of UNDP in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990

The Governing Council,

Recalling the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, adopted by the Special Session of the General Assembly (S-13/2, annex) and the subsequent decision 86/27 of 27 June 1986) by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme authorizing and encouraging the Administrator to assist in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action,

Taking note of the Administrator's report contained in documents DP/1987/20 and DP/1987/27, and expressing appreciation to those Governments which have so far contributed generously towards the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development,

Taking note also of the establishment of the African Project Development Facility,

Mindful of the fact that at their April 1987 Meeting, the African Ministers of Economic Planning and Development expressed concern at the lack of sufficient progress in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action,

Recalling the Extraordinary Meeting of the Economic Commission for Africa in October 1986 of African Ministers of Economic Planning and Development endorsing the National Technical Co-operation Assessments and Programmes exercises,

1. Endorses the National Technical Co-operation Assessments and Programmes exercises as an important new instrument, and requests the Administrator to extend this pilot initiative to other interested African countries;
2. Urges the United Nations Development Programme in co-operation with the Economic Commission for Africa to provide increased support, as a matter of priority, to African countries in the implementation, follow-up and monitoring of the priority themes of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development;
3. Authorizes the Administrator to continue to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with the necessary support required in order to enhance the capacity of the Economic Commission for Africa in implementing regional and subregional projects within the framework of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development;
4. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to assist interested African Governments, at their request, in strengthening their capacities to formulate and implement economic reforms and sectoral plans;
5. Requests the Administrator, in co-operation with relevant United Nations organs and bodies, including the Joint Consultative Group on Policy (the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the World Food Programme), to continue to assist interested African countries, as well as subregional and regional organizations, at their request, in assessing the possible adverse effects of adjustment programmes, in particular on the social sectors of their economies and their institutional capacities and in identifying specific recommendations on remedial measures;
6. Urges the Administrator to continue efforts to ensure that the United Nations Development Programme and its associated funds and programmes provide more integrated and efficient support to the African countries and to ensure that renewed efforts are taken to achieve more coherence and co-operation with other United Nations funding organizations, and that co-ordination and practical co-operation continue to be strengthened with the Economic Commission for Africa and other multilateral and intergovernmental organizations in the follow-up to, and implementation of, the United Nations Programme of Action;
7. Urges also the United Nations Development Programme to utilize Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries as fully as possible in carrying out its operations at the national, interregional and intra-African levels and interregional levels;
8. Invites the United Nations Development Programme to take concrete measures in order to integrate and enhance the role of women in all aspects of economic and social development in Africa;
9. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) on actions taken to implement this decision.