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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 (PRC) is involved at an early stage of the country programming process and requests that the next annual report on programme quality include information on the overall policy framework established by the Administrator for mid-term reviews of country programmes and intercountry programmes;
3. Welcomes the strengthened mechanisms for project appraisal and the proposed changes in project development procedures so as to shift the investment of UNDP staff time and effort from the downstream stages to the critical early stages of project identification and selection;
4. Recalls its decisions 86/15 and 86/18 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;
5. Welcomes the resumption of annual Agency Review Meetings and requests the Administrator to report thereon to the Council at its thirty-fifth session in 1988, including specific proposals designed to ensure agency accountability.