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The Committee of the Whole and its Working Group

The Governing Council

Recalling its decision 83/5 regarding, inter alia, strengthening the role of the Governing Council and participating Governments in programme planning and programme review,

Recalling also its decision 85/17 which recognized the work-load involved in the Council's consideration of programming matters, and the requirement of the Governing Council to review programming matters on a continuing basis,

Noting the Administrator's report to the thirty-fourth session of the experience with the Committee of the Whole and its Working Group,

Further noting the views expressed in the thirty-fourth session including the calls for increased co-ordination, coherence, and joint programming of activities under the purview of the Governing Council,

Convinced of the value and benefits of furthering dialogue among the secretariat, and members of the programme on important programme matters,

1. Decides that in addressing its agenda, the Council shall continue to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole in the context of regularly scheduled sessions for the following purposes:

- (a) To consider major issues related to programme matters;

(b) To review country, regional, interregional, and global programmes and projects;

(c) To review programme and project implementation;

(d) To consider reports on evaluation studies; and

(e) To deal with other matters related to programme management;

2. Reconfirms that the Governing Council acting in the capacity described in paragraph 1 above shall be presided over by the President of the Council or another member of the Bureau designated by him and in order to facilitate its work and the work of the Council in plenary meetings, shall dispense with summary records and schedule its meetings so as not to coincide with plenary meetings; the presiding officer shall submit a written report to the plenary council;

3. Further decides to continue the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole to assist the Committee of the Whole to facilitate and help expedite the consideration of matters arising from its mandate;

4. Confirms that this Working Group will meet on a regular basis with attendance open to all members of the Programme and in accordance with the administrative arrangements as set out in Governing Council decision 86/1.
