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PROGRAMME PLANNING

Country and intercountry programmes and projects

EXTENSION OF THE SECOND COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR THE CONGO

Note by the Administrator

1. The second country programme (1981-1986) for the Congo (DP/GC/PRC/R.2), which was approved by the Governing Council at its twenty-eighth session (1981), expired on 31 December 1986. The third country programme (1987-1991) was to be prepared on the basis of the Second Five-Year Plan, which would have overlapped the fourth programming cycle.

2. Presently, the Government is taking vigorous actions to implement the structural adjustment programme introduced in 1985 with the assistance of the World Bank. The launching of the Second Five-Year Plan, initially scheduled for 1987, has been replaced by a two-year interim programme (1987-1988).

3. The Government has requested the extension of the second country programme for one more year, until the end of 1987, in order to ensure better formulation of the next country programme (1987-1991). The objectives of the second country programme remain unchanged.

4. The third country programme will be submitted for review and approval to the Council in February 1988.

5. In view of the above, the Administrator wishes to inform the Council that he has approved the extension of the second country programme for the People's Republic of the Congo, for a period of one year, to the end of 1987.