BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Draft report of the Budgetary and Finance Committee

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Addendum

CHAPTER I. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE COUNCIL

B. Procurement from developing countries: Procurement policies and practices

ANNEX II

1. Following its consideration of the subject, the Budgetary and Finance Committee recommended that the Governing Council adopt the following decision:

   The Governing Council,

   Having considered the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (DP/1988/20) and the oral report thereon,

   Taking into account the views expressed by its members on the report,

   1. Notes with concern the continuing difficulty experienced in obtaining adequate statistical information on procurement activities within the United Nations development system;
2. **Calls upon** the agencies of the United Nations system to continue to provide to the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit full statistical information on their procurement activities and to co-operate fully with the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit with a view to enhancing the utility of this information;

3. **Reaffirms** that the overall objective and overriding concern of the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit should be the procurement of equipment at the lowest possible cost consistent with the maintenance of adequate standards, without prejudice to the implementation of the other objectives as laid out in decision 79/45;

4. **Reaffirms** also the need for observing equitable geographical distribution through increased procurement from developing and underutilized donor countries consistent with the principle of international competitive bidding and the procurement regulations of the United Nations system, with due regard to the agreed level of preference for developing countries and maximum effectiveness;

5. **Invites** the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in association with the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit, the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development and the agencies of the United Nations system, as appropriate, to consider means by which information on procurement opportunities could be made more readily available to those interested, both at the headquarters of agencies and at United Nations Development Programme headquarters;

6. **Requests** the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-sixth session (1989) on developments in the area of procurement by the United Nations development system, with particular emphasis on the need for greater access to information and transparency of activity.