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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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE
BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Addendum

Attached are amendments to:

- DP/1988/BFC/L.2/Add.8
- DP/1988/BFC/L.2/Add.9
- DP/1988/BFC/L.2/Add.11
- DP/1988/BFC/L.2/Add.15

DP/1988/BFC/L.2/Add.8

1. In paragraph 10, sixth line for would be graded at the D-2 level read
would revert to the grade of D-2 level.
2. In paragraph 16, fourth sentence after expressed delete general dissatisfaction with the presentation, questioning the whole basis for current practice, which his delegation felt insert reservations with the current budgetary presentation, and the structure authorized appropriations which in the view of this delegation

3. In paragraph 17, line 18 after levels insert Some other delegations expressed their support and understanding on this viewpoint.

4. In paragraph 18, line 2, after UNIFEM add several members spoke formally of the proposal, noting the strong recommendation of the UNIFEM Consultative Committee, however,

5. Also in paragraph 18, delete last sentence.

6. In paragraph 19, first sentence after resources add and added, they hoped that that would not be the first step towards a request for an increase in staff for that office in the coming years.

7. Also in paragraph 19, last sentence, after necessity to add provisionally.

8. Also in paragraph 19 after last sentence add Therefore it was appropriate that the Administrator should try further to publicize the activities which the office would undertake so that its role would be more highly appreciated.

9. In paragraph 24, last sentence after existing arrangements delete in, insert between the Governments and the

10. Also in paragraph 24, last sentence, delete substantively

11. In paragraph 36, for Assistant Administrator read Associate Administrator

12. In paragraph 47, last sentence after position delete rest of the sentence add to play a substantive and constructive role in the macro-economic discussions with the Governments, agencies and bilateral donors.

13. After paragraph 56, at the end of the document, add Further discussion in the Committee

57. In adopting the revised appropriations decision for 1988-1989 three members stated that they did not wish to block the consensus on the question of upgrading the Director of OPS to Assistant Administrator (ASG). While these members understood the reason why the Administrator had felt it necessary to make the proposal during the current year, in mid-biennium, they felt that there was no compelling, logical reason they could detect for upgrading the post at the present time, as the Advisory Committee had rightly pointed out. They noted, however, that the upgrading was only on a temporary basis and that the Administrator would carry out a review of the senior management structure of the
58. One member stated, with regard to the same decision, that his delegation wished to express its reservations concerning paragraphs 10 and 11 in respect of UNV. The member was unconvinced by the information provided by the secretariat on the level of the UNV budget and had reservations concerning the flexibility element embodied in paragraph 11. He would, however, not formally oppose adoption of the decision.

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14. In paragraph 5, at end of paragraph insert One member underlined that his country's experience with UNDP management services had been very positive and that his Government intended to utilize this modality provided that the Council clearly expresses itself in favour of the said modality.

15. In paragraph 15, third line after contribution insert to the general resources of UNDP.

16. Also in paragraph 15, line 12 after contributions to insert the general resources of.

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17. In paragraph 11 of the draft decision, operative paragraph 2, second line for reserve of no less than read reserve for the time being of

DP/1988/BFC/L.2/Add.12

18. In paragraph 7, fourth line delete mechanisms insert been increased.

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19. After paragraph 15, at the end of the document, add

Further discussion of the Committee

16. Some delegations indicated that, while they did not wish to stand in the way of a consensus on this issue, their delegations were not convinced by the arguments made in favour of making the additional payments in question. They were unconvinced by the argument in favour of an ad hoc adjustment of support costs and were unable to understand how organizations which were able to establish new field offices could be in a serious financial predicament. In view of the tradition of consensus in the Committee, these members therefore deferred in this matter to the prevailing view. However, they requested the Administrator, in conveying the decision to the agencies concerned, to draw their attention to the strong reservations felt on the matter by some delegations.
20. In paragraph 4, last sentence, after Other delegations insert insisted on the importance of the main task of the group, which is to promote standardization with the United Nations system. They

21. In paragraph 8 third line after first sentence insert One delegation recalled that UNDP Financial Regulations also required international competitive bidding. The delegation also emphasized that UNDP procurement policies should be based primarily on financial rather than political considerations.

22. In paragraph 13, last sentence after lethargy insert in certain administration as well as