COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT ON THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

1. By paragraph 2 of section III A of decision 83/5 of 24 June 1985, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) decided that, for a trial period of three years, it should, in the context of regularly scheduled sessions, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, in order to:

   (a) Consider major issues related to programme matters;

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

   (c) Review programme and project implementation;

   (d) Consider reports on evaluation studies;

   (e) Deal with other matters related to the programme management of UNDP.

2. Paragraph 3 of the same decision provided, inter alia, that the meetings of the Committee of the Whole should be scheduled so as not to coincide with the plenary meetings and that a written report should be submitted to plenary by the presiding officer, who should be the President of the Council or another member of the Bureau designated by the President.

3. Decision 83/5 was to be reviewed by the Council at its thirty-third session (1986), on the basis of experience gained, with a view to examining the possibility of establishing a programme committee. The Council decided, instead, in its decision 86/23 of 27 June 1986, to extend the trial period of
the Committee of the Whole by another year in order to gain more experience. The role of the Committee of the Whole and its Working Group, established by Governing Council decision 85/17 of 29 June 1985, were subsequently reviewed at the thirty-fourth session (1987) of the Council. In its decision 87/20 of 19 June 1987, the Council decided to continue the Committee of the Whole and its mandate; in addition, it decided the Committee of the Whole would consider programming matters of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on an experimental basis, provided that UNFPA and UNDP issues would not be considered simultaneously. The Council further decided to review the Committee of the Whole at its thirty-seventh session (1990).

4. At its organizational meeting for 1988, the Governing Council decided by section VI of decision 88/1 to allocate to the Committee of the Whole the following items: (a) relevant trends and problems in country programmes; (b) implementation of country programmes in various regions; (c) all country and intercountry programmes; (d) global and interregional projects; (e) evaluation matters; (f) UNFPA country and intercountry programmes. The Governing Council also decided to resolve into the Committee of the Whole at its meeting on 8 June to consider the above agenda items. The Committee of the Whole held a total of 18 meetings.

II. DOCUMENTATION

4 (c) Evaluation

Evaluation, report of the Administrator (DP/1988/14)

5 (b) Country and intercountry programmes and projects

(i) Trends and problems in country programmes

Analysis of country programme trends during the third and fourth IPF cycles (DP/1988/31)

(ii) Implementation of selected country programmes


Implementation of selected country programmes in the Arab States and European region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1988/29)

Implementation of selected country programmes in the Asia and Pacific region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1988/28)

Implementation of selected country programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean, Report by the Administrator (DP/1988/30)
(iii) Consideration and approval of country programmes

(a) Country programmes

- Bahrain
- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Cape Verde
- Congo
- Kenya
- Maldives
- Niger
- Qatar
- Sao Tome and Principe
- Sudan
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Uganda
- Iran, Islamic Republic of

(b) Extension

- Iran, Islamic Republic of

(iv) Regional programme

Regional Programme for the Arab States and European Programme (DP/RAB/2)
(a) Consideration and approval of country programmes

Benin  DP/FPA/CP/32
Bhutan  DP/FPA/CP/33
Cape Verde  DP/FPA/CP/34
Colombia  DP/FPA/CP/44
Costa Rica  DP/FPA/CP/46
Gabon  DP/FPA/CP/36
Guatemala  DP/FPA/CP/45
Lesotho  DP/FPA/CP/37
Nepal  DP/FPA/CP/41
Paraguay  DP/FPA/CP/43
Peru  DP/FPA/CP/47
Swaziland  DP/FPA/CP/38
Turkey  DP/FPA/CP/35
Uganda  DP/FPA/CP/40
Viet Nam  DP/FPA/CP/42
        DP/FPA/CP/42/Corr.1
Zambia  DP/FPA/CP/39

(b) Consideration and approval of intercountry programmes


(ii) Consideration and approval of regional programmes and the interregional programme

   a Regional programmes

      Sub-Saharan Africa region  DP/1988/37/Add.2
      Arab States and European region  DP/1988/37/Add.3
III. THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

5. In addition to the documentation made available to the Committee, each document was introduced by the Assistant Administrator or senior official concerned. For UNFPA items, the documents were introduced by the Executive Director or one of her senior colleagues. In some cases, resident representatives introduced country programmes. Following the debate on the various items, these senior officials responded to the points raised in the debate on each agenda item. Audio-visual presentations were offered on several topics.

6. The discussion in the Committee of the Whole of the various programmes and other items involved the broad participation of members and observers. A number of points were raised in the debate to which senior officials of UNDP and UNFPA and, in some cases involving country programmes, concerned delegations provided answers. Several resident representatives were present to provide further details on the programming process utilized, as well as on other questions raised.

7. For the consideration of all matters before the Committee, full information was made available by the Administration and representatives of countries concerned. This permitted an extensive examination of the various issues and programmes before the Committee.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

8. At the conclusion of its deliberations, the Committee of the Whole decided to make the following recommendations to the Council:

4 (c) Evaluation

That the Council transmit the subject of this agenda item to the Drafting Group for the purpose of elaborating a decision thereon;

5 (b) (i) Trends and problems in country programmes

To take note of the Administrator's report on the analysis of country programme trends during the third and fourth IPF cycles as contained in document DP/1988/31;

5 (b) (ii) and (iii) Country programmes

Africa

To take note of the report of the Administrator on implementation of selected country programmes in the Africa region, as contained in document DP/1988/27 and to approve the country programmes for: Benin (DP/CP/BEN/4 and
DP/CP/BEN/NOTE/4); Burkina Faso (DP/CP/BKF/4 and DP/CP/BKF/NOTE/4); Cape Verde (DP/CP/CVI/3); Congo (DP/CP/PRC/3); Kenya (DP/CP/KEN/5 and DP/CP/KEN/NOTE/5); Niger (DP/CP/NER/4 and DP/CP/NER/NOTE/4); Uganda (DP/CP/UGA/3 and DP/CP/UGA/NOTE/3); Sao Tome and Principe (DP/CP/STP/3);

**Arab States**

To take note of the report of the Administrator on implementation of selected programmes in the Arab States region, as contained in document DP/1988/29 and to approve the country programmes for: Bahrain (DP/CP/BAH/4); Qatar (DP/CP/QAT/2); Sudan (DP/CP/SUD/3 and DP/CP/SUD/3/Corr. 1);

**Asia and the Pacific**

To take note of the report of the Administrator on implementation of selected country programmes in the Asia and the Pacific region, as contained in document DP/1988/28 and to approve the country programme for: Maldives (DP/CP/MDV/4);

**Latin America and the Caribbean**

To take note of the report of the Administrator on implementation of selected country programmes in the Latin American and the Caribbean region, as contained in document DP/1988/30 and to approve the country programme for Trinidad and Tobago (DP/CP/TRI/4 and DP/CP/TRI/NOTE/4);

**Extension**

To take note of the extension of the following country programme, for one year, through 1988: DP/CP/IRA/3/EXTENSION II;

**5 (b) (iv) Regional programme**

To take note of the report on the regional programme for the Arab States as contained in document DP/RAB/2;

**6 United Nations Population Fund**

(a) **Country programmes**

To approve the following country programmes:

- Benin DP/FPA/CP.32
- Bhutan DP/FPA/CP/33
- Cape Verde DP/FPA/CP/34
- Colombia DP/FPA/CP/44
- Costa Rica DP/FPA/CP/46
- Gabon DP/FPA/CP/36
- Guatemala DP/FPA/CP/45
Lesotho

Nepal

Paraguay

Peru

Swaziland

Turkey

Uganda

Viet Nam

Zambia

(b) Regional programmes

To approve the regional programme for the Sub-Saharan Africa area, 1988-1991, as contained in document DP/1988/37/Add.2

To approve the regional programme for the Arab States and European area, 1988-1991, as contained in document DP/1988/37/Add.3

To approve the regional programme for the Asia and the Pacific area, 1988-1991, as contained in document DP/1988/37/Add.4

To approve the regional programme for the Latin American and Caribbean region, 1988-1991, as contained in document DP/1988/37/Add.5;

(c) Interregional programme

To approve the interregional programme, 1988-1991, as contained in document DP/1988/37/Add.1, with the exception of the following four projects (described in some detail in the annex to document DP/1988/39), which were referred to the Budget and Finance Committee:

(i) Management Information Systems Project;

(ii) Publications aimed at increasing awareness of population issues;

(iii) Review and assessment;

(iv) Monitoring of multilateral population programmes;
(d) With respect to the four regional programmes referred to in (b) above and the interregional programme referred to in (c) above, the Committee of the Whole decided to recommend to the Council that the Executive Director be requested to submit in her annual report a progress report on the implementation of each of the five programmes to the thirty-sixth session (1989) of the Governing Council and a status report to the thirty-seventh session (1990).

Report of the Chairman of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole

To take note of the report of the Chairman of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole, in the form of a statement which, inter alia, mentioned that several items contained therein were being referred to the Drafting Group for the elaboration of appropriate decisions.