Draft resolution submitted by the African Group


The Governing Council


Recalling further decision 87/23 of 18 June 1987 adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,

Recalling further resolution 635 on drought and desertification and resolution 641 on the campaign against migrant locusts and grasshoppers adopted at the thirtieth session of the Economic Commission for African, held in April 1988 in Niamey,
Considering resolution 25/E.1 adopted by the special session of the Economic Commission for Africa Conference of Ministers on 30 October 1986 in Addis Ababa requesting the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to continue working closely in carrying out all activities concerning the formulation, preparation and the implementation of the African regional programme under the fourth programming cycle,

Taking note of the Administrator's reports contained in document DP/1988/24 and DP/1988/65,

1. Welcomes the various initiatives taken by the United Nations Development Programme in responding to the critical economic situation in Africa and towards the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development, notably:
   (a) the improved efficiency and increased periodicity of round-table conference and follow-up meetings;
   (b) the enhanced role of the United Nations Development Programme concerning technical co-operation in Consultative Group meetings;
   (c) The extension of national technical co-operation assessments and programme exercises;
   (d) the Special Action Programme for Administration and Management (SAPAM);
   (e) the closer monitoring of the aid flows and development programmes in Africa;
   (f) the assistance offered to African Governments to strengthen their institutional capacity to implement and monitor poverty alleviation programmes, to design such programmes and to assess the impact of structural adjustment programmes;
   (g) the support given to the secretariat of the steering committee of the United Nations Programme of Action;
   (h) the establishment of Structural Adjustment Advisory Teams for Africa;

2. Notes with satisfaction the approval of all the fourth cycle country programmes and the intercountry programme and also notes with satisfaction that the priorities contained therein respond to the priorities contained in the United Nations Programme of Action and welcomes the efforts made so far to speed up programme delivery in Africa;
3. Endorses the closer collaboration between the United Nations Development Programme, the Economic Commission for Africa and African intergovernmental organizations in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action;

4. Notes with satisfaction the closer collaboration between the United Nations Development Programme and development institutions such as the African Development Bank and the Bretton Woods Institutions, whilst urging that the United Nations Development Programme preserve its own identity;

5. Requests the Administrator, in co-operation with the relevant United Nations organs and bodies to do his utmost to speed up the approval of projects submitted by African intergovernmental organizations so as to support subregional economic integration efforts in Africa;

6. Urges the Administrator to continue his efforts to appeal to the international community for increased contributions to the African countries, particularly through the United Nations Development Programme, for the full implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action;

7. Urges further the Administrator to support the implementation of the United Nations Plan of Action to combat desertification and to actively support the Emergency Centre for Locust Operations with financial resources to intensify its action on locust control;

8. Endorses the Administrator’s proposal to hold four subregional meetings of Ministers of Planning in late 1988, the goal of which is to ensure that the United Nations Development Programme adapts to the changing circumstances in Africa and that the programmes and projects funded by the United Nations Development Programme continue to be truly reflective of African policies and priorities;

9. Welcomes particularly the efforts made by the African Development Bank with the support of the United Nations Development Programme to develop an innovative scheme for the refinancing of African debts and urges the United Nations Development Programme to play an active role in the implementation of this scheme at the national level at the request of interested countries;

10. Urges the Administrator to continue his efforts to identify more positive and innovative projects in support of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economy Recovery and Development;
11. **Welcomes** the fact that the International Fund for Agricultural Development has joined the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Population Fund and the World Food Programme as a member of the Joint Consultative Group on Policy and urges this Group to prepare joint programmes whenever possible;

12. **Urges** the Administrator to take concrete steps to ensure the appropriate involvement of women in all aspects of economic and social development and in particular in the priority areas of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development;

13. **Urges** also the United Nations Development Programme to continue to strengthen its ties with non-governmental organizations and, subject to approval by recipient Governments, to continue to ensure their greater involvement in the implementation of United Nations Development Programme-sponsored programmes;

14. **Requests** the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-sixth session (1989) on actions taken to implement this decision.