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United Nations Development Fund for Women

Draft decision

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the reports on the United Nations Development Fund for Women (DP/1988/50/Add.1 and Add.2) and its earlier decision 88/6 of 17 February 1988;

2. Recognizes the proven capacities of rural and poor urban women to sustain economies in times of crisis while at the same time recognizing that it is they who suffer most from the impacts of debt crisis and subsequent adjustments;

3. Recognizes also the record of effectiveness of the United Nations Development Fund for Women as a catalyst in the the United Nations overall development co-operation system in targeting mainstream resources to women's productive activities and in removing the constraints on their productivity;

4. Expresses appreciation for the special initiatives of the Fund in mainstreaming with Governments and intergovernmental organizations;
5. Notes with satisfaction all the measures being taken by the United Nations Development Fund for Women to manage the Fund's expanding work-load and those being taken by the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the United Nations Development Programme towards constant increase in the effectiveness of operational activities and to secure financial integrity in the changeover to partial funding;

6. Expresses its appreciation for the contributions made to the Fund by Governments and non-Governmental organizations and urges Governments to continue and, where possible, to substantially increase their contributions to the Fund;

7. Approves the implementation of the partial funding system, effective 1988;

8. Decides that the Fund should establish and maintain, on a fully funded basis, an operational reserve of no less that 45 per cent of outstanding recommended project approvals and unspent allocations;

9. Requests the Administrator to submit a detailed report on the implementation of the system to the Council at its thirty-seventh session (1990).