The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 84/4 of 29 June 1984, which welcomed the emphasis placed by the Administrator on grassroots approaches for development and on recipient Governments increasingly tapping the potential of non-governmental organizations within the context of country programming and project execution,

Reaffirming its decision 86/15 of 27 June 1986, urging the Administrator to expand measures to involve, at the request of Governments, grassroots and non-governmental organizations in the development process.

Taking into account the important role played by women in many non-governmental organizations and their efforts to reach out to women and disadvantaged groups of the population,

1. Notes with satisfaction the report submitted by the Administrator in response to its decision 87/10 of 18 June 1987 concerning measures taken, in consultation with Governments, to involve grassroots and non-governmental organizations in activities supported by the United Nations Development Programme;
2. Welcomes the establishment of the Partners in Development Programme as part of plans to strengthen the co-operation through support to small-scale grassroots development activities undertaken by indigenous non-governmental organizations in recipient countries, and to strengthen the technical and managerial capabilities of these organizations;

3. Endorses activities already underway that are leading to the establishment of an Africa 2000 Network of African non-governmental organizations working to support communities in natural resources, management, community forestry, food production and environmental protection activities, and also endorses the setting up of a trust fund administered by the United Nations Development Programme for this purpose;

4. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to further strengthen, at the request of Governments, its activities in these areas, particularly with respect to data collection, the facilitation of dialogue between Governments and non-governmental organizations; institutional support to recipient country non-governmental organizations and non-governmental organization associations; and the involvement of non-governmental organizations in programme and project design, particularly of grassroots and community-based activities;

5. Urges member Governments who have not already done so to contribute to the Africa 2000 Network Trust Fund;

6. Requests the Administrator to make arrangements to extend the Partners in Development Programme for the period 1989-1991;

7. Recommends that Governments and the United Nations Development Programme give special attention to the needs of micro-enterprises and the informal sector in the United Nations Development Programme activities to the further development of the private sector;

8. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to continue to examine, jointly with specialized agency partners, ways of simplifying procedures and practices which will facilitate collaboration with grassroots groups and non-governmental organizations;

9. Urges that special attention be given to increasing the utilization of funds from the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries for projects within the scope of grassroots groups and non-governmental organizations;
10. **Calls on** the Administrator to review ways to strengthen consideration of the human dimension in development, and, in particular, to support Government efforts to test new approaches and ways of supporting and strengthening people's efforts for their own development;

11. **Urges** the Administrator to continue measures, including training, to strengthen the United Nations Development Programme staff capabilities to backstop such activities;

12. **Requests** the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-sixth session (1989) on measures taken in accordance with the above recommendations.