Women in development

Draft decision

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on programme implementation: Women in development (DP/1988/15 and Add.1) and the statement by the Director of the Division for Women in Development,

1. Notes with appreciation the progress made in the work of the Division and of the United Nations Development Programme generally, to ensure larger roles for women as participants and beneficiaries of United Nations Development Programme-funded projects and programmes;

2. Supports the emphasis in the approach of United Nations Development Programme that women-in-development initiatives must be country and culture specific, action-oriented, and must respond to national priorities;

3. Emphasizes the importance of relevant and reliable information on the economic and social roles of women, particularly the provision of genderized statistics, in connection with project design and country programming, and the role of field offices in compiling and making available such information;
4. **Expresses satisfaction** with the practical and positive outcome of project appraisals as regards the integration of women in regular United Nations Development Programme projects, and supports the systematic approach to monitoring projects by the use of the brief women-in-development project review form;

5. **Supports** the initiative shown by the Division to study a sample of country programmes as a preparation for more gender responsive country-programming;

6. **Expresses satisfaction** with the staff training programme and encourages its expansion and diversification, and the inclusion, wherever possible, of agency and Government representatives involved in United Nations Development Programme supported programmes and projects, and requests information on the development of the staff training programme and its coverage to be presented to the Council at its thirty-sixth session (1989);

7. **Stresses** the responsibility of the United Nations Development Programme in the follow-up to the Nairobi Forward Looking Strategies and its participation in inter-agency collaboration to this end;

8. **Reiterates** the need for co-operation and complementarity with the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

9. **Requests** the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-sixth session (1989) on how women-in-development perspectives are reflected in the work of the United Nations Development Programme.