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Draft decision

Assistance to Central America

Guatemala, El Salvador, */ Honduras, */ Nicaragua */ and Costa Rica */

The Governing Council,

Taking into account resolution 42/231 adopted by consensus by the
United Nations General Assembly on 12 May 1988,

Recalling paragraph 3 of that resolution, in which the Assembly requested
the Secretary-General, "with the assistance of the United Nations Development
Programme and in close co-ordination with the Governments of Central America
and in consultation with donors, to use his best efforts in the promotion,
co-ordination, monitoring and follow-up of the special plan and to make, as
soon as possible, institutional arrangements in order to facilitate the
fulfilment of the commitments of the international community",

*/ Observers.
Recognizing that the implementation of the special plan is essential in order to contribute to attainment of the objectives set by the Central American Presidents in the agreements signed at Esquipulas II, especially as regards the achievement of lasting peace through economic and social development in the region,

1. Urges donors and the relevant organs and organizations of the United Nations system, taking into account the emergency situation in the Central American region, to make additional funds available so that the implementation of the special plan for co-operation may begin immediately;

2. Decides to give effect to the agreement embodied in General Assembly resolution 42/231, in order that the United Nations Development Programme should, in close co-operation with the countries of Central America and with donors, adopt all necessary measures for the promotion, co-ordination, monitoring and follow-up of the special plan;

3. Decides to allocate additional resources for development and co-operation projects for the strengthening of national and regional institutions, as well as for the development of existing human resources, in order to enhance the collective self-reliance of the region and the provision to it of the means to implement activities in support of the objectives and targets of the special plan;

4. Decides accordingly to allocate the sum of $US 25 million for the purposes referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6, broken down as follows:

   (i) Promotion, co-ordination and follow-up of activities in support of the objectives and targets of the plan - $US 2 million;

   (ii) Development and co-operation projects for the implementation of activities in support of the objectives and targets of the special plan - $US 23 million.