Thirty-fifth session
Ad hoc Working Group

Net contributor status

The Governing Council,

Having considered the Administrator's report entitled "Fourth programming cycle: Net contributor status" (DP/1988/70),

1. Agrees with the basic premises for UNDP operations in net contributor countries as set out in paragraph 7 (a) through (d) of document DP/1988/70;

2. Endorses the limitations on programming of IPF resources for net contributor countries as set out in paragraphs 8 through 10 of document DP/1988/70 for those countries which have not formally accepted their net contributor obligations as well as for those countries which have formally accepted these obligations, but do not meet them;

3. Further noting that some recipient countries who had a per capita gross national product above the $3,000 level in 1983 have experienced continued deterioration in their economic conditions, which have resulted in a drop in their per capita GNP below the said threshold;

4. Bearing in mind that the net contributor country obligations for the fourth programming cycle indicated in paragraphs 11-13 of decision 85/16 were intended to apply to recipient countries with a per capita GNP above the $3,000 level threshold;

5. Decides that net contributor obligations will be waived for any year in respect of which the per capita GNP of net contributor countries falls below the thresholds established in paragraph 11 of decision 85/16;
6. Requests the Administrator to report at the thirty-sixth session of the Governing Council on those net contributor countries where UNDP maintains field offices and which have either surrendered their IPF or for which the IPF programme has de facto been phased out, in order to review whether the continuing maintenance of field offices in those countries is warranted in the light of the magnitude of the total or programmable resources administered by the field offices (IPF, cost sharing, etc.) and any net cost to UNDP resulting from the maintenance of the field offices;

7. Further requests the Administrator to pursue new co-operative frameworks for net contributor countries, especially those where UNDP will no longer have an IPF programme, along the lines of the arrangements proposed in paragraphs 19 (b), 19 (c), 41 and 42 of document DP/1988/70, and provide an interim report to the Council at its thirty-sixth session;

8. Confirms that for those net contributor countries where the second international established post is at the P3 level or higher, and is currently financed from the core budget, such posts will be treated as equivalent to a deputy resident representative post in determining the net contributor obligations in accordance with paragraph 11 of decision 85/16;

9. Requests the Administrator to revise the formula for calculating the share of local office costs to be paid by each country covered by a multi-country office so that it takes into consideration likely fourth cycle IPF expenditures instead of pro rata annual fourth cycle IPFs.