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President: Mr. MANGWAZU (Malawi)

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The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK (continued)

- 1. The PRESIDENT, speaking as the President of the Committee of the Whole, said that the Committee of the Whole had decided to recommend to the Governing Council that: firstly, no session of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole should be scheduled before the Council's thirty-fifth session, which was to take place in June 1988; secondly, at the Governing Council's thirty-fifth session the Committee of the Whole should make recommendations to the Council concerning the future activities of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole; thirdly, the secretariat should be asked to make arrangements for a possible session of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole from 31 August to 2 September 1988, pending the adoption by the Governing Council of a final decision on the matter in June 1988.
- 2. Mr. MUKHERJEE (India) said that he wished to know whether or not the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole would be continued.
- 3. Mr. D'ORVILLE (Secretary of the Governing Council) said that the Governing Council had already decided, in decision 87/20, section II, paragraph 2, to continue, on an experimental basis, the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole with its current status and mandate.
- 4. The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Governing Council wished to adopt the recommendation made by the Committee of the Whole.

5. It was so decided.

OTHER MATTERS

6. Mr. D'ORVILLE (Secretary of the Governing Council) said that he wished to read out a number of changes that had been made in the draft circulated in English that would subsequently be issued as document DP/1988/43. First, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Poland had been added to the list of countries set forth in decision 88/3; second, in decision 88/6, the words "taking into account the views expressed during the special session" had been added at the end of paragraph 3; third, in decision 88/8, in the second line of the first preambular paragraph the words "inter alia" had been inserted between the words "which" and "provides"; fourth, in decision 88/8, the end of the first preambular paragraph, following the words "to date", had been deleted; fifth, the two operative paragraphs of decision 88/8 had been combined in a single paragraph; sixth, in decision 88/9, in the second line of paragraph 2 the words "would require a change in the status of the country" had been replaced by the words "would have changed the status of the countries".

- 7. Mr. MOHAMED (Observer for Somalia) said that decision 88/10 should reflect the tenor of the relevant discussion, in which it had been agreed that the Administrator of UNDP should submit proposals for supplementary staffing and costs to cope with the crisis in Africa and for the programmes for African countries.
- 8. Mr. LEENSTRA (Netherlands) and Mr. KUFUOR (Ghana) said that they endorsed the remarks made by the representative of Somalia and observed that decision 88/8 took account of the concerns he had expressed.
- 9. Mr. BROWN (Associate Administrator) said that, in decision 87/23, the Governing Council had already defined the role of UNDP in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990. Account would be taken of Somalia's concerns in the implementation of that decision.
- 10. Mr. MOHAMED (Observer for Somalia) said that in allocating resources UNDP should take account of the fact that the Regional Bureau for Africa did not cover Somalia.
- 11. The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Governing Council wished to adopt the changes read out by the Secretary.
- 12. It was so decided.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

13. After an exchange of courtesies, the PRESIDENT declared the session closed.

The meeting rose at 5.25 p.m.

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