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Issues of concern to the Governing Council arising from General Assembly action at its forty-third session and from other organs of the United Nations system in 1988:
Steps taken by UNDP in response to General Assembly action at its forty-third session and other organs of the United Nations system in 1988

Note by the Administrator

SUMMARY

The present document is submitted to the Governing Council in compliance with its decision 88/55 of 1 July 1988 and as a follow-up to document DP/1989/10, submitted to the Governing Council at its special session in February 1989. For ease of reference, the text of each resolution or decision of other organs of the United Nations is provided, followed by a brief description of the action already taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme.
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622 (XXIII). **African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP)**

The Conference of Ministers,

Recalling its resolution 612 (XXII) of 24 April 1987 in which it noted with satisfaction the conclusions and recommendations of the Evaluation Mission on UNDP Assistance to IDEP and endorsed those recommendations,

Taking note of:

... (c) The recent decision of UNDP conveyed to the Governing Council of IDEP at its thirtieth meeting to the effect that UNDP assistance to IDEP's training activities, in other words, funding for management and teaching posts would be terminated at the end of December 1989;

... Recognizing that the Institute cannot continue without financial support from member States and the implications of UNDP's decision to withdraw assistance on the future of the Institute,

... 7. Invites:

(a) UNDP, firstly to continue the support it has been giving to IDEP though with a shift in emphasis to research and creation of capacity for IDEP's new advisory and consultancy services in line with the recommendations of the Evaluation Mission as adopted by the Governing Council and the ECA Conference of Ministers and secondly to assist it by way of offering projects for implementation by IDEP for payment.

... Action taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme

UNDP has supported IDEP since 1985. The fourth phase of UNDP assistance, which covers 1988-1989, amounts to $1.5 million. UNDP has agreed to the IDEP Work Plan, which includes the phasing out of UNDP financial assistance by December 1989. By 1990, the African Governments will assume full responsibility for this institution. However, the United Nations has agreed to fund two senior posts, the details of which are still unavailable.
632 (XXIII). Support for the United Nations Special Action Programme for Administration and Management

The Conference of Ministers,

...  

1. Commends the initiative of the United Nations system, particularly the Economic Commission for Africa, the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, with the support of African countries in formulating a Special Action Programme for Administration and Management (SAPAM) for African countries and fully endorses SAPAM;

2. Urges donor countries and funding agencies, and UNDP in particular, to make contributions for the effective and timely implementation of SAPAM.

...  

Action taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme

SAPAM is becoming established in Botswana, Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Niger, Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia.

UNDP/Netherlands Trust Fund input has been approved and signed for the purpose of mounting six country missions.

A regional SAPAM project is envisaged in co-operation with ECA.

634 (XXIII). Co-operation between ECA and the UNDP Regional Bureau for Arab States and European Programmes

The Conference of Ministers,

Considering that the Economic Commission for Africa and its secretariat are at the service of all member States of the region with their principal mission being to promote economic co-operation and integration at the subregional and regional levels,

Noting that the financial resources allocated by UNDP for the implementation of ECA’s regional and subregional projects have to date been granted by the Regional Bureau for Africa whose jurisdiction does not cover the following countries: Algeria, Djibouti, Egypt, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Somalia, the Sudan and Tunisia,

Noting also that this dichotomy in the administrative structure of UNDP makes it difficult for ECA to implement regional and subregional project activities for the aforementioned countries which properly fall under the jurisdiction of the Regional Bureau for Arab States and European Programmes,
Reaffirming the preparedness of all member States of ECA to participate actively in all regional or subregional programmes executed by the Commission, for the promotion of economic co-operation and integration of the African continent.

Taking note of the report of the intergovernmental meeting of Arab States on the 1988-1992 UNDP regional programme for Arab States held from 16 to 18 March 1988 in Casablanca, Morocco, more particularly the recommendation on the strengthening of co-operation within the context of the Fourth Arab Regional Programme, 1988-1992,

Urges the Administrator of UNDP to take the necessary measures that would enable the Regional Bureau for Arab States and European Programmes to allocate, within the framework of its Fourth Programming Cycle, the resources needed to participate effectively in the above-mentioned programmes and involve ECA in the preparation and implementation of projects concerning those States.

Action taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme

Since March 1988, UNDP has received a number of proposals from ECA and has approved the participation of north African countries in the Pan African Documentation and Information Services (PADIS) (RAB/88/012). In February 1989, UNDP also authorized the commitment of funds towards the first seminar. It further selected two out of four other proposals made by ECA, namely:

(a) Development of standardization, quality control and certification activities in the north Africa subregion;

(b) Preparatory assistance for the establishment of a preferential area in north Africa.

Prior to the approval of these proposals, UNDP requested the participating countries to comment on them. However, to date only one Government has responded. UNDP further expects to appraise this matter in the subregional co-operation meeting organized under the project Maghreb Co-operation (RAB/87/002) and will endeavour to obtain a decision as soon as possible. In addition, UNDP is in close contact with ECA regarding two projects related to: (a) the UNDUGU group, for which an identification mission has been organized; and (b) the Nile River project, for which a 10-member mission will be organized in order to identify the design in several areas.

649 (XXIII). Multisectoral economic integration projects of the African intergovernmental organizations

The Conference of Ministers,

Considering the Lagos Plan of Action and, in particular, the Final Act of Lagos which invites African States to set up subregional economic communities over the entire continent of Africa,
Considering that resolution ES-2/1 adopted by the special session of the ECA Conference of Ministers on 30 October 1986 in Addis Ababa requested the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Secretary of ECA to continue working closely in carrying out all activities concerning the preparation, formulation and implementation of the African regional programme under UNDP's Fourth Programming Cycle,

...

Noting further with satisfaction UNDP's decision to designate ECA as the main executing agency for multisectoral subregional projects formulated by the economic co-operation and integration organizations and by the river and lake basin development organizations with ECA assistance,

...

2. Requests UNDP to do its utmost to speed up the approval of projects during 1988 covering all the subregions in order to expedite the implementation of the priority integration projects by the various agencies and institutions;

3. Invites ECA, OAU and UNDP to consult each other on the joint organization of intersecretariat annual meetings as a way of harmonizing the activities of subregional economic communities aimed at establishing an African common market and regional economic community, monitoring the implementation of those multisectoral projects approved by UNDP and reporting on them periodically to the ECA Conference of Ministers.

...

Action taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme

At the regional level, UNDP has intensified its co-operation during 1988 with all the major regional and subregional intergovernmental organizations in Africa, particularly ECA and OAU, for the co-ordinated implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action.

Eight new projects, executed by ECA, were approved in the course of the year. They represent new commitments totalling $24.3 million. Most of the new projects aim at strengthening and supporting the technical activities of key institutions such as the African Regional Centre for Engineering Design and Management, the African Regional Centre for Technology, and the Kagera Basin Organization.

The new preparatory assistance projects involving OAU were approved in 1988. At a cost of $840,000, they will be used to draw up detailed, large-scale project proposals which seek to: (a) prepare the establishment of an African Economic Community; (b) strengthen the administrative and management capability of OAU; and (c) develop a strategy to halt the ecological degradation and introduce improved water management practices in the Fouta Djallon highlands. The approval of these preparatory assistance projects brings UNDP total commitment related to OAU up to $1.1 million. Several other pipeline projects in support of OAU are under preparation and are likely to be approved in 1989.
UNDP co-operation with the subregional intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) was also intensified in 1988. Some of these organizations, notably the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), the Central African Customs and Economic Union (UDEAC), and the Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries, have opted for a multi-sectoral approach to their technical assistance needs; accordingly, they are in the process of drawing up large-scale, multi-sectoral projects for UNDP funding. Meanwhile, some of them have also sought sectoral assistance for clearly defined needs: ECOWAS has obtained approval for two new projects in the field of trade at a total cost of $1.4 million, while one new project aimed at the establishment with ECCAS of a subregional trade information network has been initiated.

Other IGOs, particularly the Southern African Development Co-ordination Community (SADCC), the Preferential Trade Area (PTA) and the West African Economic Community (CEAO), have chosen a sector-by-sector approach and have initiated separate projects in various sectors. As for SADCC, the previous project portfolio grew in 1988 by eight projects, bringing total commitments close to more than $7.5 million. The new projects support primarily: (a) feasibility studies for various industrial products; (b) the transport sector; and (c) various activities in the field of agriculture. UNDP collaboration with PTA has also grown substantially: it now comprises 11 projects worth a total of $10.3 million, many of which are intended to assist in improving intraregional trade.

652 (XXIII). Establishment of a UNDP management facility

The Conference of Ministers,

Having considered UNDP's proposal for the establishment of a UNDP management facility,

Aware that the increased resources now available to UNDP due in particular to currency fluctuations will be used to augment the indicative planning figure (IPF) allocations to member States of UNDP as well as to contribute to the management facility and that the proposed management facility will indeed lead to additional resources,

Appreciative of the UNDP initiative to mobilize additional resources to assist African countries in implementing their economic programmes within Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery (APPFR) and the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development (UNPAAERD),

1. Welcomes the proposal and supports the establishment of the facility as soon as possible;

2. Appeals to the Administrator of UNDP to ensure that a substantial portion of the increased resources now available to UNDP is used to augment IPF allocations to member States of UNDP;

3. Calls on UNDP and the donor community to contribute funds to the facility;
4. **Requests** the Administrator of UNDP to ensure a speedy and effective implementation of the facility in favour of African countries;

5. **Further requests** the Executive Secretary of ECA, in collaboration with the Administrator of UNDP, to submit a progress report on the implementation of the resolution to the fifteenth meeting of the ECA Conference of Ministers.

**Action taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme**

In paragraph 10 of part A of its decision 88/31 of 1 July 1988, the Governing Council established the Special Programme for Management Development and Related Institution-building. At its special session in February 1989 and at the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole, the Council reviewed the preliminary guidelines and requested, in decision 89/4 of 24 February 1989, that the Administrator present revised guidelines to the Council at its thirty-sixth session.


491 (XXII). **Technical co-operation among developing countries and regions**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

... 

**Taking into account** the decisions adopted at the fifth session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, which met from 18 to 27 May 1987 at United Nations Headquarters, New York, and in particular decision 5/5 addressed to the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system with regard to the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action;

... 

5. **Also strongly urges** the relevant United Nations organizations and other sources of financing to provide their support for the programmes and projects of the Secretariat designed to facilitate co-operation among developing countries and regions, in fulfilment of the respective mandates.

**Action taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme**

Under Governing Council decision 81/31 of 26 June 1981, UNDP resources in the form of country, regional, interregional and global indicative planning figures (IPFs) are available to Governments of developing countries for TCDC activities. These include TCDC programmes and projects designed by the ECLAC secretariat so
long as they conform to the TCDC criteria established by the High-level Committee on the Review of TCDC and the Governing Council.


264 (XLIV). Strengthening activities for technical and economic co-operation among developing countries in the ESCAP region

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Bearing in mind the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,

... 

1. Recommends that regional intergovernmental programming exercises, sectoral or comprehensive, for technical co-operation among developing countries continue to be held in accordance with the expressed need of the developing countries of the region;

...

4. Requests relevant organizations in the United Nations system, and other international and regional financial institutions, to assist activities on technical and economic co-operation among developing countries of the region;

...

Action taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme

The Special Unit for TCDC is assisting the Governments of several developing countries in the region in convening their respective sectoral and multisectoral TCDC programming exercises.

Under decision 81/31 of 26 June 1981 of the Governing Council, UNDP resources in the form of country, regional, interregional and global IPFs are available to the Governments of developing countries for TCDC activities and for implementing their development projects through TCDC modalities. In addition, the Special Unit for TCDC is providing catalytic support for urgent action-oriented TCDC activities to Governments of developing countries from its special resources allocation for TCDC.
274 (XLIV). Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

...1. **Adopts** the integrated plan of action on human resources development annexed to the present resolution as a general guideline to be applied flexibly by the Commission and its members and associate members in accordance with the differing economic and social conditions prevailing in the countries of the region, giving special consideration to the least developed countries of the region;

... 4. **Also invites** relevant agencies, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, and intergovernmental bodies, to extend effective support to the implementation of the Jakarta Plan of Action, together with the projects, programmes and activities undertaken in the field of human resources development.

...Action taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme

The Resident Representative in Bangkok participated in four meetings of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Human Resources established by ESCAP for follow-up by various agencies on the Jakarta Plan of Action.

Under the project, Assistance for the Strengthening of Human Resources Development Capabilities (RAS/88/009), UNDP financed: (a) an expert group meeting, including preparation of papers, on follow-up to the Jakarta Plan of Action held on 10-13 January 1989; and (b) the intergovernmental meeting of senior officials on human resources development held on 17-19 January 1989 in Bangkok to propose concrete actions to follow up on the Jakarta Plan of Action at the regional level.

IV. UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (Habitat):

DECISION TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AT ITS ELEVENTH SESSION, APRIL 1988

11/13. **Operational activities for development**

At its seventh plenary meeting, on 11 April 1988, the Commission on Human Settlements, having considered the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report on the case studies on the functioning of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system, as called for in section 1, paragraph 2, of General Assembly resolution 42/196 of 11 December 1987, and agreeing with the general thrust of the conclusions and recommendations, many of which concurred with the views expressed by the Commission at its tenth (commemorative) session on the
issues pertaining to operational activities for development and which reconfirmed that in the field of technical co-operation the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) followed the procedures established by the United Nations Development Programme and operated through the Programme's resident representatives, reconfirmed the role of the Programme's country programming as an important framework for operational activities for development, underlined the importance of joint programming and other methods to achieve maximum impact with limited resources, and supported the suggestions regarding the need for clearer focus in programming with sufficient emphasis on sectoral, subsectoral and thematic programming.

**Action taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme**

UNDP and Habitat senior staff have reviewed recently practical steps to give effect to the thrust of this and related intergovernmental decisions.

V. UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD)

A. **Decision adopted by the Trade and Development Board at its thirty-fourth session, second part, April/May 1988**

355 (XXXIV). *Technical assistance activities provided in connection with the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations*

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling paragraph 105 (9) of the Final Act of the seventh session of UNCTAD, in which the Secretary-General was requested to provide technical assistance to developing countries on request in connection with the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations so as to facilitate their effective participation in these negotiations,

Noting that in the Final Act the United Nations Development Programme was invited to consider favourably the requests for the provision of adequate financial resources to UNCTAD,

Having taken note of the project proposals on the Uruguay Round pending before UNDP,

1. **Requests the secretariats of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Development Programme to finalize consultations on the projects expeditiously;**

2. **Invites UNDP to consider favourably and expedite its decision on projects of technical assistance submitted by the UNCTAD secretariat;**

...
Action taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme

Projects were approved; UNDP officials have met with UNCTAD at the 1st meeting of the steering committee, which was held in February 1989 in Geneva.

B. Decision adopted by the Trade and Development Board at its thirty-fifth session, first part, September/October 1988

362 (XXXV). Effects of floods and cyclones on the development and growth of developing countries

The Trade and Development Board,

Noting with concern the devastating effects of floods, cyclones and hurricanes on the development and growth of developing countries,

...  

2. Decides to request the UNCTAD secretariat, upon request and within its areas of competence and in collaboration with other relevant United Nations and multilateral organizations, in particular, the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank, to examine and study the impact of devastating floods and cyclones on the medium- and long-term economic growth and development of the affected developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, and to identify requirements for the resumption and maintenance of a modest pace of sustained growth and development of the economies of those countries.

Action taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme

No action to be taken by UNDP at this stage. UNCTAD is to initiate activities in consultation with UNDP, upon request.

VI. UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO)

A. Decision adopted by the Executive Board at its 129th session, May/April 1988

6.1.3 Operational activities

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the United Nations General Assembly resolution 42/196 and the Secretary-General's report to the forty-second session of the General Assembly

/...
relative to case-studies on the co-ordination of operational activities (A/42/326/Add.1);

2. **Reiterates its view** that country-level co-ordination of the operational activities of the United Nations system is primarily a recipient-government function and that, where the national capacity to assume this function may require strengthening, the United Nations should accord high priority to enhancing such national capacity;

3. **Fully supports** the recommendation made in A/42/326/Add.1 in favour of mobilizing more active and substantive participation by United Nations agencies in country programming and in the preparation of donor meetings;

4. **Notes with satisfaction**, in this connection, that the Director-General of UNESCO intends to reinforce the capacity of the organization to provide timely and comprehensive sectoral, cross-sectoral and thematic studies which are needed for country programme and donor-meeting exercises;

...  

7. **Notes with great interest** that the inter-agency agreement relative to the role and functions of the Resident Co-ordinator is being reviewed by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation;

...  

9. **Notes**, in this connection, that its support for the central role of UNDP in the co-ordination of multilateral technical co-operation implies that UNESCO should provide timely and complete information to UNDP field offices with respect to projects resulting from multilateral funding arrangements;

10. **Stresses**, however, its view that the channelling of multilateral trust funds might also be effected through UNDP, whenever appropriate;

11. **Expresses its full agreement** with the proposition, in resolution 42/196, that the review of each organization's field structure should take full account of the need for provision of technical advice to developing countries;

...  

Action taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme

UNDP and UNESCO have agreed on a number of specific steps to give effect to the concept of improved co-ordination.

...
B. Decision adopted by the Executive Board at its 130th session, October/November 1988

6.1 Operational activities for development carried out within the framework of the United Nations system, including UNESCO's contribution to the implementation of the programme for African economic recovery

The Executive Board,

...  

2. Notes with satisfaction the decisions of the UNDP Governing Council to increase resources available to the Member States for the fourth programming cycle, to strengthen co-operation between UNDP and the United Nations agencies, and to give special importance to the socio-cultural dimension of development;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for the significant initiatives he has taken with a view to strengthening co-operation between UNESCO and its partners in the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme;

4. Invites the Director-General to pursue his efforts to ensure the effective participation of UNESCO in field co-ordination, notably through the organization's field units, by fully associating the United Nations Co-ordinators with implementation of UNESCO's activities;

...  

Action taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme

UNDP and UNESCO have established a series of co-operative arrangements in support of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development.

VII. UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (UNIDO): DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT ITS FOURTH SESSION, OCTOBER 1988

IDB.4/Dec.10. Senior Industrial Development Field Advisers

The Industrial Development Board,

(a) Took note of the report (IDB.4/CRP.1) submitted by the Chairman of the open-ended intersessional working group on the Senior Industrial Development Field
Advisers (SIDFAs), established by Board decision IDB.3/Dec.48, and of resolution 42/196 of the United Nations General Assembly on operational activities for development and decision 88/45, section II, of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on the annual review of the financial situation, 1987;

(b) Reaffirmed the need to strengthen the SIDFA programme in order to provide developing countries with efficient advice in the industrial sector;

(c) Requested the Director-General to provide in the future agreement on the role of UNIDO as an executing agency for UNDP-assisted technical co-operation projects that the Resident Representative of UNIDO shall continue to represent the organization (UNIDO) at the country level and supply the necessary support services for all activities carried out by UNIDO;

(d) Acknowledged, after the conversion of UNIDO into a specialized agency, the need to revise the current "Memorandum of agreement concerning the establishment of a UNIDO field service at the country level to be integrated within UNDP field Office" of 3 October 1967 (ID/B/22, annex 2);

(e) Requested the Director-General to undertake negotiations with UNDP to revise the above-mentioned Memorandum on SIDFAs taking into account in particular the following points:

(i) The role of the Resident Representatives of UNDP as United Nations Resident Co-ordinators;

(ii) The SIDFAs, in their country or countries of assignment, shall be Senior Advisers and Deputies to the respective Resident Representatives of UNDP for the industrial sector of the UNDP country programmes;

(iii) The SIDFAs shall receive instructions from UNIDO and shall report directly to UNIDO concerning matters pertaining to the formulation, implementation and evaluation of UNIDO-assisted projects and in other matters of direct concern to the organization, including their function as the principal channel of communication between UNIDO and the respective Government or Governments in such matters;

... 

(vii) A procedure shall be established for the settlement of issues arising between the Resident Representative of UNDP and the SIDFA; 

... 

(f) Requested the Director-General to present to the Board in 1990, through the Programme and Budget Committee, a proposal for a long-term financing scheme for the SIDFA programme, including, after consultations with the Administrator of UNDP, UNDP financing;
(g) Invited Governments to provide funds for the SIDFA programme on a voluntary basis, and recalled paragraph 3 of the UNDP Governing Council decision 84/41 on the sharing of the local cost of the SIDFA offices;

Action taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme

Agreement has been reached between UNDP and UNIDO on the role of SIDFAs and on the integration of SIDFAs into UNDP field offices. It was also agreed that UNDP Resident Representatives would continue to represent UNIDO at the country level.

Paragraphs (e) (i), (e) (ii), (e) (iii) and (e) (vii), of decision IDB.4/Dec.10, noted above, have been incorporated in the SIDFA agreement.

UNDP and UNIDO will review the long-term financing of SIDFAs in late 1989.


The Industrial Development Board,

(a) Noted with concern the devastating effects of floods in Bangladesh on its economy, including its industrial sector;

(d) Requested the Director-General:

(i) To obtain from the Senior Industrial Development Field Adviser in Dhaka an immediate report on the impact of the recent devastating floods on the industrial sector of Bangladesh, including the role that UNIDO could play in providing assistance in respect of the industrial undertakings identified, in consultation with the Government of Bangladesh, as candidates for immediate rehabilitation;

(ii) To take into consideration the report prepared by the special representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on emergency relief measures for Bangladesh in so far as it has identified areas for immediate action by UNIDO;

(iii) To draw up, on the basis of (i) and (ii) above, an immediate action programme to assist Bangladesh in the rehabilitation of the flood-affected industries through the Special Industrial Services programme, the country programme of the United Nations Development Programme for Bangladesh, the Industrial Development Fund of UNIDO, special contributions from Member States and trust fund resources;

/.../
Action taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme

For the flood rehabilitation programme, UNDP and UNIDO have formulated a project to overhaul and repair 5,500 diesel pumps which were damaged during the floods of August/September 1988 (BGD/88/051). This project is financed from the United Nations Relief Office in Bangladesh (UNROB) Trust Fund set up in December 1988 and, instead of charging the usual overhead costs, UNIDO will be providing activity-specific support amounting to 6 per cent of the total project cost.


The Industrial Development Board:

...

(c) Also requested the Director-General:

...

(ii) To continue to strengthen efforts to improve the functioning of the project design, appraisal and evaluation system, to consult in that connection with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and to report, through the Programme and Budget Committee, to the Board at its fifth session on the progress made;

...

Action taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme

UNDP and UNIDO are consulting on these matters.

IDB.4/Dec.48. Operational activities for development

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Welcomed United Nations General Assembly resolution 42/196;

(b) Invited the Member States to submit to the Director-General their views in order that he prepare a report on the case studies on the functioning of operational activities for development, as required by paragraph 2 of the above-mentioned General Assembly resolution, to be considered by the Board at its fifth session;

...
(d) Also requested the Director-General, in accordance with paragraph 30 of the General Assembly resolution, to continue to provide the information required by the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit to permit it to carry out its functions effectively;

...

Action taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme

Action is being taken in the framework of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination.

VIII. WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO): CONCLUSION OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY, ADOPTED AT ITS TWELFTH SESSION, 16 TO 20 MAY 1988

4.4 In conclusion, the Permanent Committee, affirming the importance of industrial property as a dynamic investment for technological development,

...

(iv) Expressed its concern regarding the adverse impact of the exchange rate of the United States dollar vis-à-vis the Swiss franc on the programme support capacity of WIPO as far as the UNDP-funded projects were concerned, and asked the Director-General of WIPO to bring that concern to the attention of UNDP.

Action taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme

Following Governing Council decisions 88/50, 88/52 and 88/53 of 1 July 1988, the question of agency support costs is on the agenda of the Governing Council for 1989.

IX. WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (WMO): RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT ITS FORTIETH SESSION, JUNE 1988

Resolution 7 (EC-XL). Revenue for the technical co-operation programme budget in the biennium 1988-1989

The Executive Council,

NOTING:

(1) That income for the Technical Co-operation Programme budget, from the UNDP and from trust fund overhead, is in United States dollars while 94 per cent of the expenditures are in Swiss francs,

...
URGES:

(3) WMO members to encourage adoption of rational policies concerning changes in the UNDP rules on reimbursement of support costs to executing agencies to compensate the agencies for adverse exchange rates;

... 

Action taken or planned by the United Nations Development Programme

Following Governing Council decisions 88/50, 88/52 and 88/53 of 1 July 1988, the question of agency support costs is on the agenda of the Governing Council for February 1989.