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Draft report of the Budgetary and Finance Committee

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE BUDGETARY
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Attached are amendments to:

DP/1989/BFC/L.2/Add.1
DP/1989/BFC/L.2/Add.2
DP/1989/BFC/L.2/Add.2/Annex

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1. In paragraph 8, after last sentence add One member expressed the view that the administrations of United Nations agencies and programmes could not enter into commitments to build or lease new offices without seeking the prior approval of their respective governing bodies.

2. In paragraph 9, first line, delete questioned why insert observed that.

3. Also in paragraph 9, third line after significantly, add and asked why the expenditure had not been varied under the various assumptions.
4. In paragraph 13, ninth line, after official insert new sentence One member expressed the view that that should not lead to upgrading the posts of resident representatives in the field.

5. Also in paragraph 13, last sentence, for assurances that there be a reasonable distribution of SIDFA posts within this range read assurances that the distribution of SIDFA posts should be within this range.

6. Also in paragraph 13, last line, after responsibilities insert including supervisory functions.

7. In paragraph 11, last line, add Queries were also posed concerning the structure of the Technical and Evaluation Division.

8. In paragraph 30, combine second and third sentences to read While recognizing the prerogative of senior management to determine the number and grade of staff required to ensure the efficient and effective delivery of the Fund's programme, delegations also emphasized that they regarded highly the opinions and recommendations of ACABQ.

9. In paragraph 33, after second sentence insert new sentence Some delegates also expressed concern about the proliferation of units, particularly with regard to the Programme Co-ordination, Management and Field Support Office. That was also a concern of some delegations with respect to the overlapping of some functions, particularly between the Office of the Executive Director and the Executive Office, as well as with regard to information activities.

10. In paragraph 3 of the draft decision, second line, after are insert also fully, after applicable delete mutatis mutandis.

11. In paragraph 12 (e), fourth line, for this level read these levels.
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1. **Delete** paragraph 2 of the draft decision, insert new paragraph 2 to read **Urges** the Administrator to continue to seek the co-operation of other United Nations organizations and specialized agencies to share common premises in the field, with a view to seeking greater co-ordination and maximum economies and to submit a report annually through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the Governing Council on the result of the consultations.

2. **In** operative paragraph 3, **second line, after** accommodation **add in accordance with** the agreements of host countries;

3. **In paragraph 3, last line, add new sentence** Another delegate asked whether it would not be in accordance with the financial regulations to finance these deficits from the operational reserve.

4. **In paragraph 5, first line, for inconsistencies read the lack of consistency.**

5. **In paragraph 4, first line, delete Further and in the second line, for paragraph 7 read paragraph 6.**

6. **In operative paragraph 6, third line, for the United Nations read United Nations.**

7. **In paragraph 3, last line, add** He noted that a figure of 44 per cent had been quoted with respect to the budget. He considered that figure misleading, since it lumped together the growth currently proposed for the core budget, the growth of OPS, the growth in UNV approved by the Council last year, the growth relating to Africa approved by the Council last year and last, but certainly by no means least, cost increases unrelated to real changes in budgetary levels, for example, inflation.

8. **In paragraph 14, line 20, for One delegate read Many delegates.**

9. **In paragraph 15, line 4, for bilateral read multi-lateral.**

10. **Also in paragraph 15, line 11, after work-load, insert new sentence** This delegate also believed that the number of new secretarial posts created in OPS was excessive in relation to the number of professional posts created, but noted that this was a problem for the United Nations system as a whole.

11. **Also in paragraph 15, delete last sentence, insert** Some delegates suggested that the issue of the future role of OPS and the possible revision of decision 82/31 of 18 June 1982 and the desirability of a numerical ceiling to the growth of OPS could appropriately be taken up within the framework of the future funding
strategy of UNDP. Some delegates expressed concern at the level of growth of OPS and proposed that the rate of growth should ideally be restricted to 8 per cent, but to a maximum of 15 per cent pending a detailed review of OPS. Those delegations also hoped that the authorizations contained in paragraph 7 of decision 82/31 would be withdrawn.

12. In paragraph 17, first line, for Delegates supported read Several delegates supported.

13. Also in paragraph 17, line 5, after D-2 insert while others were not convinced that the upgrading was justified.

14. In paragraph 19, line 5, for move to Geneva read move from Geneva to Copenhagen.

15. Also in paragraph 19, line 11, for underutilized currencies read underutilized major donors.

16. In paragraph 21, first line, for DDS read DSS.

17. Also in paragraph 21, line 12, after rationale add of the need for expert advice to Resident Representatives.

18. Also in paragraph 21, line 13, after specialists, insert new sentence However, this delegate expressed doubts with respect to creating, for this purpose, a new Personnel category, i.e., the Development Support Officers (DSO).

19. Delete paragraph 23, and all subsequent paragraphs to be renumbered accordingly.

20. In (renumbered) paragraph 23, first line, insert new first sentence to read The Administrator expressed appreciation to those delegates who supported the proposals and fully agreed that UNDP could not afford another zero-growth budget.

21. In (renumbered) paragraph 25, line 9, for 1,500 read 1,000.

22. In (renumbered) paragraph 27, line 14, for underutilized currencies read underutilized donors.

23. After (renumbered) paragraph 30 insert new sub-heading and new paragraph 31 to read Further discussion in the Committee.

One delegate welcomed the decision of the Administrator to carry out a further review of the senior management structure as requested by several delegations. It was, however, emphasized that the intention of the review was to examine the justification of the separate funds, as had been mentioned by the Administrator; the main objective of this further review, however, was to include a more comprehensive review taking into account changing circumstances.