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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Note by the secretariat

1. Opening of the session

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

At its organizational meeting for 1990, the Governing Council adopted, by decision 90/1 of 20 and 23 February 1990, the provisional agenda and a tentative schedule of work for its thirty-seventh session. By the same decision, the Council allocated a number of items for consideration by its Committee of the Whole and by its Budgetary and Finance Committee. Furthermore, the Council reconfirmed the principles which have so far guided the work of its sessional Drafting Group. Decisions adopted by the organizational meeting are contained in document DP/1990/80.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and organization of work of the thirty-seventh session, Note by the secretariat (DP/1990/L.4)

Annotations to the provisional agenda, Note by the secretariat (DP/1990/14)

List of documents being submitted to the thirty-seventh session, Note by the secretariat (DP/1990/15)

Status of pre-session documents, Note by the secretariat (DP/1990/16)

Provisional agenda and organization of work of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, Note by the secretariat (DP/1990/BFC/L.1)

3. <u>High-level segment: policy review</u>

The Governing Council has scheduled the policy review for the period 5-7 June 1990. In the context of this debate, delegations may wish to address themselves to policy aspects related to other items on the agenda, including the preparation of the fifth programming cycle, implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989 entitled "Comprehensive triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system", agency support costs and government/national execution. Consideration will also be given to item 4 (a), annual report of the Administrator for 1989, and the contribution of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to the commemoration of 40 years of multilateral technical co-operation for development within the United Nations system.

4. Programme implementation

(a) Annual report of the Administrator for 1989

The annual report of the Administrator for 1989, in addition to giving the usual comprehensive overview of UNDP's activities during the past year, salutes the fortieth anniversary of technical assistance within the United Nations system and the beginning of a new decade. In his introduction to the report, the Administrator discusses the direction of UNDP's overall policy as it enters the 1990s and the important changes taking place in the nature of technical co-operation. The topics he highlights include the publication of the <u>Human</u> <u>Development Report 1990</u> and UNDP's role in addressing issues of global concern such as the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) pandemic and the environmental crisis. He also addresses significant developments in UNDP's organization and operations.

Addendum 1 to the Administrator's report is the main programme record, containing data relating to programme resources and expenditure, as well as reports of management developments and trends in the regional bureaux, the UNDP-administered funds and other parts of the organization. This addendum will also contain an assessment of the impact of measures taken since 1985 to improve programme and project quality, as requested by the Governing Council in decision 89/23 of 30 June 1989.

Addendum 2, part I, is a selective overview of project achievements at country, intercountry and regional level, designed to illustrate the work of UNDP in different sectors and in different parts of each region.

Addendum 2, part II, is divided into two sections. The first gives a cross-section of the work of the Division for Global and Interregional Programmes. The second describes the activities of the six UNDP-administered special funds.

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Addenda 3, 4 and 5 are devoted to statistical tables.

Annual report of the Administrator for 1989: Introduction (DP/1990/17)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1989: Main programme record (DP/1990/17/Add.1)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1989: Country project results by region (DP/1990/17/Add.2 (Part I))

Annual report of the Administrator for 1989: Project results: Global and interregional programme and special funds (DP/1990/17/Add.2 (Part II))

Annual report of the Administrator for 1989: Statistical annex: Basic programme data (DP/1990/17/Add.3)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1989: Supplementary programme data (DP/1990/17/Add.4)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1989: UNDP-administered special funds (DP/1990/17/Add.5)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1989: Sub-contracts awarded (DP/1990/17/Add.6 (Part I))

Annual report of the Administrator for 1989: Equipment ordered (DP/1990/17/Add.6 (Part II))

(b) <u>Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at its</u> previous sessions

Decision 89/20 covers different aspects on which several reports were required in 1990. They are before the Governing Council under agenda items 4 (b) (i)-(v).

(i) Role of UNDP in the 1990s

In decision 89/20, section I A, paragraph 5, the Governing Council requested the Administrator to make proposals for designing indicators to assess progress in the strengthening of national capacity for self-reliant development. In response to this request the Council will have before it a report on indicators for national capacity building. The proposals for continuing the work initiated in 1989 are contained in section VI of the report. Preceding sections review general issues in measuring national capacity as an issue of critical concern. The report recognizes that there are existing methods of assessing progress, at the level of individual institutions. It goes on to recognize that there is a need to develop methods to identify aggregate institutional capacity. The prospects of developing a national self-reliance index are discussed. Finally, the report recognizes the need to provide national managers with a set of indicators to assess progress in developing policy-making capacity in a wide variety of institutional settings.

Role of UNDP in the 1990s: Indicators for national capacity building, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/18)

(ii) <u>Report of the President on the outcome of the informal</u> consultations foreseen by decision 89/20

<u>a.</u> By its decision 89/20, section IV, paragraph 2, the Governing Council decided to establish a consultation process, through an <u>ad hoc</u> group, open to all members of the Council, observers and other interested parties, under the chairmanship of the President of the Council, in order to continue consideration of the future role of UNDP in the 1990s. The first consultation was held on 12 February 1990 and the results are presented to the Governing Council in a note by the President (DP/1990/19).

The Governing Council may wish to consider that note, which deals essentially with section II of decision 89/20, funding strategy for the United Nations Development Programme, in connection with agenda item 4 (b) (iii).

<u>b.</u> By section IV, paragraph 1, of the same decision, the Council invited the President of the Governing Council to conduct consultations with the members of the Council, observers and other interested parties on ways to improve the working methods of the Council with a view to achieving greater efficiency and to present the outcome to the Council at its thirty-seventh session (1990). The President conducted consultations on 13 February 1990 and document DP/1990/82 reflects some of the main issues reviewed. The Council will also have before it a note which contains a review and analysis of implementation of Governing Council decisions designed to streamline and rationalize its work.

The Governing Council may wish to consider these notes in conjunction with agenda item 4 (b) (xii).

Documentation

<u>Ad Hoc</u> Group Consultation on the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the 1990s: First meeting held on 12 February 1990, Note by the President of the Governing Council (DP/1990/19)

Working methods of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme: First consultation held on 13 February 1990, Note by the President of the Governing Council (DP/1990/82)

Working methods of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme: Review and analysis of implementation of Governing Council decisions, Note by the President of the Governing Council (DP/1990/82/Add.1)

(iii) <u>Elements for a funding strategy for the United Nations Development</u> Programme

The Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator with a substantial growth in core resources as the principal objective, as this is the channel that facilitates a rational and objective system of resources allocation and ensures co-ordinated programming and management. The report argues that to achieve this objective, UNDP has to increase its visibility through a development strategy for the 1990s that links recipients' priorities with what motivates aid flows in the decade ahead. So far as non-core funding is concerned, the concept of joint programming which would result in country and intercountry programmes larger than IPFs, could provide the context within which mobilization of non-core resources can take place. The report also provides information on experience learned of past funding trends and funding modalities to deal with burden-sharing.

Documentation

Elements for a funding strategy for UNDP, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/20)

(iv) Micro-capital grants

The Governing Council will have before it a report on micro-capital grants. The Administrator proposed a new special fund for micro-capital grants, or Microfund, in his report on the role of UNDP in the 1990s (DP/1989/14). This facility would enable UNDP to provide small capital grants and loans at the microlevel to fill an important resource gap as a complement to poverty alleviation efforts. In decision 89/21 of 30 June 1989, the Council deferred consideration of the Microfund to its thirty-seventh session. The Council also requested the Administrator in the interim to prepare a report containing information, inter alia, on ongoing projects of a similar nature supported by UNDP, including the advantages and disadvantages of using non-governmental organizations in this field. It should also contain information on administrative and financial arrangements.

In response to Governing Council decision 89/21, the report describes the experiences of UNDP, other agencies of the United Nations system and bilateral donors. It examines the capabilities of UNDP and presents the results of a survey encompassing all resident representatives and their Government counterparts. The report also contains proposals for guidelines for the Microfund for the consideration of the Council.

Documentation

Micro-capital grants, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/21)

(v) Promotion of national capacity: Highly gualified staff

In response to its decision 89/22, the Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator concerning incentives and other supplementary payments to government staff. The report provides an analysis of the problems faced by

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poorer developing countries unable to provide sufficient remuneration to their civil service and the repercussions this has on the viability and sustainability of development efforts. The report contains alternative approaches by which UNDP could address these problems.

Documentation

Incentives and other supplementary payments to Government staff, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/22)

(vi) <u>Management Development Programme</u>

In accordance with the request contained in its decision 89/39, the Governing Council will have before it a report by the Administrator on the implementation of the Management Development Programme. The report will contain information about the great interest for the programme, which aims at enhancing the management capabilities of Governments. The implementation is based on Governing Council decision 88/31 of 1 July 1988 and the revised guidelines, taking into account the views expressed by delegations on the issue during the thirty-sixth session of the Council.

Documentation

Management Development Programme, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/23)

(vii) Non-governmental and grass-roots organizations

In response to its decision 89/26, the Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on UNDP co-operation with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and grass-roots organizations. The report reviews efforts mounted in 1989 to promote community-based participatory development by working with NGOs, grass-roots organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system. The new intiatives of UNDP in this area are at the leading edge of a broad movement within the United Nations development system toward human-centred development.

Documentation

United Nations Development Programme co-operation with non-governmental organizations and grass-roots organizations, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/25)

(viii) Women in development

In response to Governing Council decision 89/27, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on women in development. This report contains a review of the extent to which Governing Council decisions on women in development are being implemented throughout UNDP. It is based on a questionnaire sent to all field offices and relevant headquarters units. Responses to this questionnaire have been used to create a data base against which future UNDP progress in implementing its women and development policy can be measured.

Women in development, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/26)

(ix) Environment

The Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator concerning the implementation of decision 89/28, with emphasis on an analysis of specific actions undertaken in 1989 and early 1990 within the framework of UNDP's environmental strategy. Actions planned for 1990 and 1991, including those in response to General Assembly resolutions 44/227 and 44/228 of 22 December 1989, will be highlighted. Building institutional and management capacity in the countries for more effective management of natural resources and for integration of environmental considerations into macro- and micro-economic management will be discussed, with special emphasis of the Environmental Management Guidelines (EMG) which may become the basis for United Nations system-wide guidelines - and on the Sustainable Development Network (SDN). Both of these initiatives will also emphasize the expanded role of local NGOs and of women and youth, and will inter alia contribute to fifth cycle indicative planning figure (IPF) programming and to support for effective participation by developing countries in the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Brazil. Training and human resources development will also be highlighted.

Some analysis will be provided on potential use of Special Programme Resources (SPR) in the implementation of activities referred to above and in the mobilization of new funding for and management of the pre-investment and technical co-operation in support of transfer to developing countries of environmentally benign technologies.

Documentation

Environment, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/27)

(x) <u>Government execution</u>

In accordance with decision 88/18, the Governing Council will have before it a report presenting specific proposals and recommendations for the implementation of paragraph 31 of General Assembly resolution 42/196 of 11 December 1987, calling for further support and flexibility for government execution of projects. The report reiterates the evolutionary nature of government/national execution and emphasizes that the underlying rationale for the modality is the strengthening of national capacity to promote self-reliance while at the same time maintaining Governments' accountability to the Administrator for programme results and resources.

The report reflects the General Assembly consensus resolution (2688 (XXV)) of 11 December 1970 and re-emphasizes the partnership role of the United Nations system in the implementation of country programmes. The report was developed after a wide series of consultations with specialized agencies of the United Nations system and other parties concerned, and recognizes that agency participation in government/national execution should be redefined in response to government

technical co-operation needs at both programme and project levels. The report also reflects the impact of General Assembly resolution 44/211, the implications of the Study of Successor Arrangements for Support Costs and Related Issues and the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation for the triennial policy review of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/44/324-E/1989/106 and Add.1-5).

Documentation

Government execution, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/33)

(xi) <u>Refugees and displaced persons - present and future role of UNDP in</u> the field of refugee aid and development

The Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on refugees and displaced persons - present and future role of UNDP. When population displacement poses threats to development, UNDP becomes involved. In this connection, UNDP provides support to Governments in Africa, Asia and Central America to strengthen their capacity to cope with the burden of hosting a large number of uprooted people through programme and project formulation and resource mobilization. An inter-bureaux task force, established by the Administrator, is examining the issues of displacement by drawing upon the experiences from Africa, Asia and Central America, with a view to proposing a UNDP policy with respect to refugees, returnees and displaced persons. The proposed future strategies of UNDP entail: (a) the inclusion of uprootedness as a standard for calculating IPF levels; (b) co-ordination of United Nations system assistance in the field; (c) reaffirmation of collaboration between UNDP and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in programme formulation and resource mobilization; (d) establishment of a trust fund; (e) promotion of maximum participation of NGOs in refugee-related rehabilitation and development efforts; and (f) appointment of a focal point. A decision of the Governing Council is proposed based on the above-mentioned strategies.

Documentation

Refugees and displaced persons - present and future role of UNDP in the field of refugee aid and development, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/66)

(xii) Review of the Committee of the Whole and its Working Group

By its decision 87/20, section I, paragraph 3, the Governing Council decided to review the Committee of the Whole at its thirty-seventh session (1990). Moreover, by its decision 89/25, the Council decided to extend the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole until June 1990. In considering this question, the Council may wish to bear in mind the note on the consultations of 13 February 1990, contained in document DP/1990/82 submitted under agenda item 4 (b) (ii).

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(xiii) <u>Sectoral support</u>

By its decision 87/48, the Governing Council requested a review of the whole sectoral support programme. That programme includes the senior industrial development field adviser (SIDFA) programme financed jointly with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the sectoral support programme for the smaller agencies.

The Administrator recommends that the review would be more usefully presented to the Governing Council in June 1991 as the changes in the management of the SIDFA programme, which is currently the most important component (in financial terms at least) of the whole programme, only took effect on 1 January 1990.

He also proposes an interim allocation of \$30 million for the fifth cycle as the Governing Council needs to adopt the budget for the next cycle at this session. A new redistribution of resources between the two subprogrammes as well as among smaller agencies is anticipated as a result of the review of the programme in 1990. The shift should favour the smaller agencies.

Documentation

Sectoral support, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/73)

(xiv) The role of UNDP in combating HIV and AIDS

In response to Governing Council decision 90/9 of 23 February 1990 on the role of UNDP in combating the human immunodeficiency virus infection (HIV) and the disease known as acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), the Council will receive an oral report on a study of the socio-economic impact of AIDS in order to enable countries to address the problem and deal with it.

(c) Agency support costs

In response to Governing Council decision 90/5 of 23 February 1990 on agency support costs, the Council will have before it a report of the President of the Governing Council. The Council will also have before it the report of the Expert Group on the study of successor arrangements for support costs and related issues.

Documentation

Agency support costs, Report of the President of the Governing Council (DP/1990/71)

Agency support costs, Report of the Expert Group (DP/1990/9)

(d) Procurement from developing countries: procurement policies and practices

The Governing Council will have before it, in response to its decision 89/29, a report of the Administrator highlighting progress made by the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Office (IAPSO) with regard to the programme to increase

procurement from developing and under-utilized major donor countries, along with actions taken by various agencies and UNDP field offices. The report also covers the status of implementation of the decision of the Governing Council to give preferential treatment to suppliers from developing countries and the provision of timely advance information on business opportunities. The 1989 annual statistical report will be presented to the Council during the meeting.

Documentation

Procurement from developing and under-utilized donor countries, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/28)

- (e) <u>Special programmes</u>
 - (i) Assistance to national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity

In response to its decision 89/30, the Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on the implementation of this special assistance programme during 1989. The Administrator further informs the Council on the results of the mid-term review of the special assistance programme for national liberation movements, which was undertaken in February and March 1990, and on the review of the financial implications of the transfer of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) component of the National Liberation Movement Programme to the technical assistance programme of an independent Namibia.

Documentation

Assistance to national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/29)

(ii) <u>Role of the United Nations Development Programme in the</u> <u>implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for</u> <u>African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990</u>

The Governing Council will have before it, in response to Council decision 89/31, a report of the Administrator providing information requested on the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development (UNPAAERD). This will cover: (a) a profile of the programme in Africa; (b) financial details; (c) policy, planning and structural adjustment; (d) advocacy themes; and (e) relationships and modalities in the UNPAAERD context. The Regional Director will report orally on the requested evaluations of the Structural Adjustment Advisory Teams for Africa (SAATA) project, Social Dimensions of Adjustment, the National Technical Co-operation Assessment and Programmes (NaTCAPs) and inter-organizational relationships in the implementation of UNPAAERD. No decision of the Council is at present anticipated.

Role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/30)

(iii) Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

In response to its decision 89/34, the Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on the progress made in the commitment of the \$US 5 million earmarked for the First Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (1978-1988) and on the activities initiated as well as those being undertaken by UNDP in preparation for the Second Decade (1991-2000).

By its decision 86/8 of 21 February 1986, the Governing Council earmarked \$5 million from the SPR funds for the First Decade. At its special session of February 1989, by decision 89/7, the Governing Council, deeply concerned that none of the funds earmarked had, to that date, been committed or allocated, urged the Administrator to take urgent actions to ensure the early allocation of the funds earmarked and also to ensure the effective contribution of UNDP to the preparations for the Second Decade.

At its thirty-sixth session (1989), the Governing Council considered the report of the Administrator and noted that \$US 2.5 million was already allocated to a programme on human resources development in the transport and communications sectors in Africa and that various activities were under way to ensure the participation of UNDP in the preparations for the Second Decade. By its decision 89/34, the Council invited the Administrator to intensify consultations with relevant United Nations agencies and institutions in such a way as to ensure full and effective utilization, at the earliest possible date, of the remaining \$2.5 million and to continue to support in a cost-effective manner the preparations for the Second Decade.

Documentation

Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/32)

(iv) Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America

The Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on the implementation of the Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America (PEC). On 12 May 1988, the General Assembly adopted resolution 42/231 urging the international community and organizations to increase their co-operation with the Central American countries. This resolution also requested the Secretary-General, with the assistance of UNDP, to use his best efforts in the promotion, co-ordination, monitoring and follow-up of the Special Plan. Thus, by decision 88/31 of 1 July 1988, the Governing Council of UNDP allocated \$US 20 million from Special Programme Resources (SPR) to promote and implement PEC. In December of the same year, the General Assembly in resolution 43/210 recommended the convening of a

first meeting in 1989 between the Governments of Central America and the international donor community to review progress and discuss further assistance requirements.

The first meeting, which was held at Geneva in July 1989, produced a consensus on the validity of PEC as a frame of reference for the external co-operation flows to Central America, and on the need for future meetings of this nature to be organized on a sectoral or thematic basis. At present, meetings between the Central American countries and the international donor community are being organized on Central American Refugees and Displaced Persons (CIREFCA), electrification, development banking and monetary stabilization (the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI)) and the Central American Monetary Stabilization Fund (FOCEM), and agriculture. Of the \$20 million allocated, approximately \$9 million has been committed during this first stage. Some \$43 million has been mobilized for technical co-operation as well as approximately \$707 million in financial assistance.

Documentation

Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/85)

(v) Assistance to the Palestinian people

The Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on the UNDP programme of assistance to the Palestinian people summarizing activities undertaken in 1989.

Documentation

Assistance to the Palestinian people, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/84)

(f) Evaluation

In response to Governing Council decision 83/12, the Council will have before it the seventh report of the Administrator on evaluation. The report summarizes the results of the programme analysis undertaken by the Central Evaluation Office (CEO) of UNDP, including its work on capacity building, as well as steps taken to strengthen national monitoring and evaluation capabilities. The report highlights the importance of effective feedback as an operational issue which requires the attention of all parties for the best use of evaluation results.

The report includes the Administrator's response to the requests contained in decision 89/35 to inform the Governing Council of his efforts to rationalize the management of the resources devoted to, and the usage made of, evaluation work at all levels in the system and to present proposals with regard to the organization of evaluation activities of funds administered by UNDP. Finally, the report lays out the proposed work plan of CEO for 1990-1991, reflecting the need for strengthened staffing as recommended by the Administrator.

Evaluation, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/34)

5. Programme planning

(a) Fourth programming cycle

(i) Project Development Facility

In response to Governing Council decision 89/36, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator giving an overview of the activities undertaken through the Project Development Facility (PDF) with emphasis on the period commencing June 1988, when the current operational arrangements were established. The report presents quantitative and qualitative analyses of the missions undertaken, as well as a review of the nationalities of the consultants used through this arrangement.

Documentation

Project Development Facility, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/35)

(ii) <u>Questions relating to Namibia</u>

In response to its decision 89/38, the Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator informing the Council of the results of the necessary studies that were undertaken by UNDP on demographic and income-related factors, in order to establish a base for calculation of the IPF for Namibia for the remainder of the fourth cycle, 1990-1991.

In this report the Administrator further brings to the attention of the Council additional information on resources transferable to the fourth cycle IPF for Namibia.

Documentation

Questions relating to Namibia, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/37)

- (b) <u>Country</u>, intercountry and global programmes
 - (i) <u>Reports on mid-term reviews of country, intercountry and global</u> programmes

In response to its decision 89/11, the Governing Council will have before it reports on mid-term reviews of five country programmes under the fourth programming cycle: Egypt, Ghana, Myanmar, Viet Nam and Zaire, and of the regional programme for Africa, of the UNDP Multi-island Programme for the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and of the global and interregional programme. In addition, the Council will have before it an overview report of the Administrator on all mid-term reviews carried out during the first half of 1989.

Documentation

Mid-term reviews of country programmes under the fourth programming cycle, Reports of the Administrator: Overview (DP/1990/38); and mid-term reviews: Myanmar (DP/1990/38/Add.2), Viet Nam (DP/1990/38/Add.3), Egypt (DP/1990/38/Add.4), Ghana (DP/1990/38/Add.5), Zaire (DP/1990/38/Add.6), Caribbean and multi-island (DP/1990/38/Add.7), Regional: Africa (DP/1990/38/Add.9) and Global and interregional (DP/1990/38/Add.10)

(ii) Evaluation of the mid-term review process

In response to Governing Council decision 88/17, a background document will be distributed containing information on the evaluation undertaken, through the Central Evaluation Office, of the country programme mid-term review process. It summarizes the principal findings and recommendations of the evaluation, concurring with its conclusion that mid-term reviews have improved the quality of programmes but that much of the improvement has been at the level of programme management and that the review process now needs to focus on enhancing programme effectiveness as well. The evaluation's attempt to define the essential elements of any mid-term review process is welcomed, as are the specific suggestions put forward. The Administrator also supports the thrust of the recommendations of the evaluation with respect to improvements in the mid-term review process and for the improvement of country programming.

Documentation

Evaluation of the mid-term review process, Note by the Administrator (DP/1990/38/Add.1)

(iii) Implementation of selected country programmes

By its decision 81/15, the Governing Council invited the regional bureaux of UNDP to prepare annual progress reports on programme implementation in each region, highlighting significant developments in selected individual programmes.

As in previous years, the Council will have before it reports briefly describing some of the most important aspects of progress in implementing UNDP programmes of technical co-operation in the various regions.

Documentation

Implementation of selected country programmes in the African region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/39)

Implementation of selected country programmes in the Arab States and Europe region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/40)

Implementation of selected country programmes in the Asia and Pacific region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/41) Implementation of selected country programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/42)

(iv) Global and interregional projects

Seven global projects are submitted to the Governing Council for its consideration and approval.

Documentation

Development of Efficient and Environmentally Acceptable Tsetse and Tick Control Technology for the Developing Countries of the Tropics, Recommendation of the Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REC/34)

Increasing Wheat Production in Warmer and Stressed Environments, Recommendation of the Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REC/35)

Biotechnology and Conventional Crop Improvement for Sustainable Agriculture in the Semi-Arid Tropics, Recommendation of the Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REC/36)

Research on Development of New Stress-Resistant Maize Genetic Resources, Recommendation of the Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REC/37)

Research on Control of Animal Trypanosomiasis through Improved Use of Trypanotolerant Livestock and Vaccine Development, Recommendation of the Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REC/38)

Fertilizer Strategies for Sustainable Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Recommendation of the Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REC/39)

Strengthening of Primary Health Care: Development of New Tools for Disease Prevention and Control, Recommendation of the Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REC/40)

(v) <u>Country programmes</u>

Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council stipulates that meetings or portions thereof at which proposed country and intercountry programmes and projects are considered shall normally be held in private unless otherwise decided by the Governing Council. This rule notwithstanding, the Council has decided at each session since its twenty-fourth session (1977) to suspend this rule and to consider country programmes in open meetings, on the understanding that at any time a member of the Council may request that rule 4 be applied. The Council may therefore wish to decide whether to proceed in accordance with this practice.

The country programmes for Fiji, India and Tonga are being submitted for consideration and approval by the Council. In addition, the Administrator has approved the extension of the country programmes for Argentina, Indonesia, Kuwait and Venezuela.

Documentation

Fifth country programme for Fiji (DP/CP/FIJ/5)

Fourth country programme for India (DP/CP/IND/4) and Note by the Administrator (DP/CP/IND/NOTE/4)

Fifth country programme for Tonga (DP/CP/TON/5)

Extension of the fourth country programme for Argentina, Note by the Administrator (DP/CP/ARG/4/EXTENSION I)

Extension of the third country programme for Indonesia, Note by the Administrator (DP/CP/INS/4/EXTENSION I)

Extension of the fourth country programme for Kuwait, Note by the Administrator (DP/CP/KUW/4/EXTENSION I)

Extension of the fourth country programme for Venezuela, Note by the Administrator (DP/CP/VEN/4/EXTENSION I)

(c) Preparations for the fifth programming cycle and net contributor status

In accordance with its decision 90/4, the Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator which provides information on the options for the utilization of resources in the fifth cycle. The report takes account of the views expressed and proposals which resulted from the discussion of this item at the special session in February 1990, which are identified in a synopsis of the debate which will be made available to the Council.

The report provides additional details on the following components of resource utilization in the fifth cycle: (a) the resource assumptions underlying the present and future IPF scenarios; (b) an explanation, as requested by the Governing Council, of proposed SPR-financed activities; (c) options for the distribution of intercountry IPFs; (d) additional scenarios illustrating alternative distribution methods for country IPFs; (e) possible arrangements for net contributor countries and the maintenance of field offices; and (f) the availability and coverage of certain supplementary data identified in paragraph 7 of decision 90/4.

The Council will also have available a synopsis of statements made by delegations during the discussion of item 4, "Preparations for the fifth programming cycle (1992-1996)", at the special session of the Governing Council, 20-23 February 1990.

Documentation

Preparations for the fifth programming cycle (1992-1996), Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/43)

Options for the allocation of resources to individual indicative planning figures (DP/1990/43/Add.1)

6. United Nations Population Fund

(a) <u>Special report to the General Assembly through the Governing Council and</u> the Economic and Social Council

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/210 of 22 December 1989, the Council will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the implications for population programmes of the Amsterdam Declaration and on efforts to develop further the analysis of resource requirements for international population assistance. The report is prepared in reponse to a request to submit such a report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Governing Council of UNDP and the Economic and Social Council.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the implications for population programmes of the Amsterdam Declaration and on efforts to develop further the analysis of resource requirements for international population assistance (DP/1990/44)

(b) Report of the Executive Director on 1989 activities

The Council will have before it the annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), which describes activities of the Fund during 1989. A separate document provides a listing of all project allocations made during 1989.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director for 1989 (DP/1990/45, Parts I, II and III

Report of the Executive Director on allocations to projects in 1989 (DP/1990/46, Parts I and II)

(c) Periodic report on evaluation

In accordance with decision 82/20, section I, paragraph 8, the Executive Director will submit a periodic report on the evaluation of UNFPA programmes and projects. As requested by the Council in decision 88/34, this report will include an overview of internal evaluation activities.

Documentation

Periodic report on evaluation, Report of the Executive Director (DP/1990/49)

(d) Future programme of the United Nations Population Fund

In accordance with a number of previous Governing Council decisions, the Executive Director will submit to the Council several documents in order that the Council will have the information it needs to discuss, provide guidance on and approve the future work of UNFPA.

Documentation

Work plan for 1991-1994 and request for approval authority (DP/1990/47)

Status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved UNFPA country programmes and projects (DP/1990/48)

(e) Large-scale programmes and projects

In accordance with the Governing Council's decision at its sixteenth session (1973), the Executive Director is submitting for consideration and approval by the Council summaries of 13 country programmes of \$1 million or more.

Documentation

Country

Country programme

DP/FPA/CP/70

Africa

Arab States

Syrian Arab Republic

Asia and the Pacific

Democratic People's Republic of KoreaDP/FPA/CP/61IndonesiaDP/FPA/CP/69Islamic Republic of IranDP/FPA/CP/62

Latin America and the Caribbean

Cuba	DP/FPA/CP/68
Ecuador	DP/FPA/CP/66
Haiti	DP/FPA/CP/73
Mexico	DP/FPA/CP/71

(f) Budgetary and financial matters

The Governing Council will have before it for consideration several documents dealing with budgetary, finance, personnel and related matters of the United Nations Population Fund: annual financial review, 1989; report of the Executive Director on UNFPA Financial Regulations; audit report (in the past called "audited accounts of executing agencies"); report on staff classifications at the D-1 and D-2 levels; report on the proposed criteria and procedures for the establishment of temporary and local posts in the field and at headquarters and the conversion of existing temporary local posts; report on progress of office automation activities during 1989; and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Documentation

Annual financial review, 1989 (DP/1990/54)

Report of the Executive Director on proposed revisions to the Financial Regulations of UNFPA (DP/1990/86)

Audit report (DP/1990/50)

Report on the senior management structure of UNFPA and its implications for post classifications at headquarters (DP/1990/52)

Report on the criteria and procedures for the establishment of temporary and regular posts in the field and at headquarters and proposal on the conversion of existing temporary local posts in the field (DP/1990/53)

Report on the implementation of the UNFPA strategy for office automation, including development of a management information system (DP/1990/51)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1990/55)

7. United Nations technical co-operation activities

The Governing Council will have before it the annual report of the Secretary-General, which describes the work of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development (DTCD) and briefly indicates the technical co-operation activities of other entities within the United Nations Secretariat. In response to Governing Council decision 89/50, the report provides an update on the present division of labour between UNDP and DTCD, and on new and pragmatic approaches devised by the Department to increase its support to national execution, including training in "process" aspects of technical co-operation. Attention is drawn to DTCD efforts to deliver services through non-traditional modalities, to establish collaborative arrangements with sources of expertise outside the United Nations system, and to simplify, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/211, procedures pertaining to all aspects of programme and project formulation and execution. The report also highlights the DTCD multidisciplinary programme in Africa, the establishment of a data bank of project results to improve feedback, the activities undertaken to promote the integration of women in development, and in the new training packages and methodologies supported by the United Nations Regular Programme. Finally, the report summarizes the thrust of DTCD programmes in its main substantive areas, namely, development planning, natural resources and energy, public administration and finance, statistics and population, ocean economics and technology, and social development and humanitarian affairs.

Documentation

United Nations technical co-operation activities, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/1990/56)

Information on the technical co-operation programme of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, Addendum (DP/1990/56/Add.1)

Other entities and programmes, Addendum (DP/1990/56/Add.2)

Statistical information for 1989, Addendum (DP/1990/56/Add.3)

8. Other funds and programmes

(a) United Nations Volunteers programme

The Governing Council will have before it the 1988-1989 biennial report of the Administrator, providing information on the major policy developments related to the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme during the biennium. The actions taken in response to the Governing Council's decisions on UNV during the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth sessions have been outlined. The report also contains a summary description of the activities undertaken by the programme over the two-year period and the status of the programme's financial resources.

Documentation

United Nations Volunteers programme, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/57 and DP/1990/57/Add.1)

(b) Focal point for short-term advisory services

In response to Governing Council decision 89/51, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator containing details of the evaluation carried out of the short-term advisory services (STAS) programme. The Administrator, in his report, also describes STAS activities and recommends that STAS become an operational part of UNDP commencing 1 July 1990 and that its current level of staffing, comprising one Professional and one General Service, be covered by the biennial budget.

Documentation

Focal point for short-term advisory services, Note by the Administrator (DP/1990/58)

(c) United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development

(d) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

The Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator dealing with both the above-mentioned funds. The Council, in its decision 89/52, paragraph 8, requested the Administrator to explore ways to strengthen the activities of the United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development (UNFSTD), taking into account the continuing responsibility of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development for the Fund, and to submit a report on this issue for the consideration of the Council at its thirty-seventh session (1990). In its decision 89/53, paragraph 7, the Council requested the Administrator to explore alternative ways of securing the activities of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (UNRFNRE) and to submit a report thereon for the consideration of the Council at its thirty-seventh session.

The report before the Council indicates the inadequate level of voluntary contributions which have been given to the two Funds. It reflects the Administrator's belief that the only viable method to revitalize and continue the activities of the Funds is for the donor Governments to make adequate voluntary contributions. The document reports on the alternatives examined by the Administrator to assure a minimum level of staff and programme for the Funds and gives the Administrator's conclusion that, in the absence of adequate levels of contributions, the most cost-effective manner of managing the two Funds would be through a joint unit with a smaller number of staff. It also indicates that under the proposed arrangements execution of UNRFNRE projects would be handled in a manner similar to the rest of the programme, i.e., through an executing agency. Interim arrangements would be made to take care of responsibilities in respect of those projects which are at present under implementation by the Fund. The report also indicates that, should the funding situation of the two Funds improve in the future, consideration could then be given to how best to discharge the responsibilities the Funds would have at that time.

In addition, the Council will also have before it a recommendation of the Administrator for the approval of a project on exploration for gold in Bolivia. Two other reports on assistance approved by the Administrator are being submitted for the information of the Council.

Documentation

United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development; United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/59)

Exploration for Placer Gold in the Suches Area in Bolivia, Recommendation of the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/12)

Exploration for Precious and Base Metals in Honduras, Report of the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/13)

Exploration for Base Metals and Gold in Peru, Report of the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/14)

- (e) Progress report on the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office
 - (i) Plan of Action to Combat Desertification
 - (ii) <u>Recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region</u>

In response to its decision 89/54, the Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) in 1989. This report jointly covers the activities of UNSO under its two mandates, namely, assistance to the 22 Sudano-Sahelian and adjacent countries in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, and to the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) and of the Intergovernmental Authority for Drought and Development (IGADD) in their drought recovery and rehabilitation programmes.

The report describes projects and programmes initiated in recent years which are increasingly geared towards integrated resources management, focusing on one or several of the following components: deforestation control, range management, soil and water conservation and sand-dune fixation. It also stresses the activities undertaken in the planning and co-ordination of desertification-control efforts a' the country level, and the creation and strengthening of ecological monitoring facilities. The report notes the renewed momentum of activities in resource mobilization and the resulting increase of resources mobilized in 1989. Further it summarizes the new initiatives launched in the field of information and sensitization. Also featured are activities directly related to desertification control carried out by other entities within UNDP.

Documentation

Activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, 1989, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/61)

(f) United Nations Development Fund for Women

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 39/125 and in response to Governing Council decision 89/55, the Council will have before it the annual report of the Administrator providing information on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). The report gives an overview of the management of UNIFEM, highlighting operational activities and analysing programme outputs. The report also provides information on the financial status of UNIFEM.

Documentation

United Nations Development Fund for Women, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/62)

(g) Technical co-operation among developing countries

(i) <u>Report of expert committee</u>

(ii) Use of intercountry and global programme resources

In response to decision 6/3, paragraph 15, of the High-Level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, the Council will have before it the report of the meeting of the technical co-operation experts of Governments convened in New York from 9 to 20 April 1990 to identify impediments to TCDC and to consider revisions of the existing rules, regulations and procedures of the organizations of the United Nations development system so as to enable the incorporation of TCDC into all programmes and projects financed by the United Nations system. The report reviews the relevant rules and procedures of those organizations that submitted them, and makes recommendations for remedial measures.

Documentation

Report of the meeting of technical co-operation experts of Governments on examining the rules, regulations and procedures of organizations of the United Nations development system concerning TCDC (DP/1990/77)

9. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

(a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1989

The Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator, providing a comprehensive review of the financial operations during 1989 and the financial position at the end of the year. The report includes estimates of anticipated resources and expenditures for 1990 and 1991. In addition, information is provided on cost-sharing activities, the utilization of accumulated non-convertible currencies, the placement of UNDP funds, the operational reserve, and the status of Special Programme Resources (SPR) and the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries (SMF/LDC).

This report also provides information on the status of the reserve for field accommodation and related matters, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Governing Council decision 82/30; information on support costs flexibility arrangements in accordance with paragraph 8 of decision 82/36; and information on management and other support services agreements entered into by the Administrator since 1987 in accordance with section IV, paragraph 4, of decision 83/5. In addition, it contains a report on the results of consultations with other United Nations organizations and specialized agencies as regards the sharing of common premises, pursuant to paragraph 2 of decision 89/57. In accordance with the same decision, this element of the report is being submitted through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. In an addendum, the report will include, in accordance with paragraph 7 of decision 84/9, information concerning the net flow of contributions to and payments from the UNDP system in respect of each participating Government and, pursuant to decision 87/1, resource planning tables for trust funds not otherwise reported to the Council in 1989.

Annual review of the financial situation, 1989, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/64)

Annual review of the financial situation, 1989: Net flow of contributions, Addendum (DP/1990/64/Add.1)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1990/87)

(b) Revised budget estimates 1990-1991 and matters relating to decision 89/59

The Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator containing revised estimates for the biennium 1990-1991. These revised estimates contain the impact of General Assembly resolutions 44/198 and 44/199 as well as regular cost adjustments. In addition, the report deals with matters relating to Council decisions 89/58 and 89/59, including a review of the senior management structure, and a re-presentation of the reclassification of posts in UNDP. This document also contains the revised estimates for 1990-1991 of the Office for Project Services (OPS), the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). In respect of OPS, the report also contains the results of the reclassification exercise. Further, this document contains the Administrator's recommendations with respect to short-term advisory services (STAS), and headquarters support to qovernment/national execution. The Council will also have before it the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions commenting on the Administrator's estimates.

Documentation

Revised budget estimates for the biennium 1990-1991, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/65)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1990/87)

(c) Report on the status of management services

The Governing Council will have before it for consideration under this item a report of the Administrator on the status of management services in accordance with paragraph 20 of Council decision 89/59.

Documentation

Review of the experience gained in the provision of management services, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/67)

(d) <u>Trust funds</u>

In accordance with UNDP financial regulation 5.1, the Governing Council will have before it for consideration a report containing detailed information on all trust funds established by the Administrator in 1989. The addendum to this document contains summary financial information on all trust funds established by the Administrator since 1981, as requested by the Council, on an annual basis, in paragraph 2 of decision 88/47. The addendum also contains brief narrative texts on the scope and nature of activities in respect of these trust funds, as requested by the Council in paragraph 3 of decision 89/60.

Documentation

Trust funds established by the Administrator in 1989, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/68)

Summary financial information on all trust funds established by the Administrator since 1981, Addendum (DP/1990/68/Add.1)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1990/87)

(e) <u>Audit reports</u>

The Council will have before it a note by the Administrator submitting the audited accounts and audit reports of the executing agencies relating to funds allocated to them by UNDP as at 31 December 1988, together with his comments on significant observations included in the reports of the external auditors of the agencies. As requested by the Governing Council in decision 85/40, the Administrator has also included a summary of the most significant observations contained in the audit reports of UNDP itself, along with a summary of actions taken by UNDP in response to Governing Council decision 89/61 and General Assembly resolution 44/183. At its thirty-seventh session (1990), the Council will also be provided with an oral update of any subsequent actions and progress made.

Documentation

Audit reports; UNDP: Note by the Administrator (DP/1990/76)

Audit reports; Agencies: Note by the Administrator (DP/1990/69)

Audited accounts and audit reports of executing agencies (DP/1990/69/Add.1)

(f) Financial Regulations

(i) Matters on which consensus has not yet been achieved

In accordance with decision 88/48, the Governing Council will have before it information on matters on which consensus was not achieved at the thirty-fifth session (1988). These matters are to be considered by the Budgetary and Finance Committee during its meetings at the thirty-seventh session (1990) of the Council.

UNDP Financial Regulations: Matters on which consensus was not achieved at the thirty-fifth session, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/70)

(ii) Biennialization of financial statements

In response to paragraph 5 of its decision 89/61, the Governing Council will have before it a proposal by the Administrator on amendments to the Financial Regulations of UNDP concerning the biennial submission of UNDP's audited financial statements to the General Assembly and to the Governing Council.

Documentation

UNDP Financial Regulations: Biennialization of financial statements, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/63)

(g) Ex post facto reporting

In response to its decision 84/39, the Governing Council will have before it the fourth <u>ex post facto</u> report on agency support costs. This report, which covers the biennium 1988-1989, contains narrative statements by individual agencies on key factors bearing on their support costs, as well as an analysis of financial data relating to their individual support costs revenue and expenditure, including their total technical co-operation project expenditure.

Documentation

<u>Ex post facto</u> reporting on agency support costs, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/72)

10. Other matters

(a) <u>United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation</u> <u>expenditures</u>

In accordance with its decision 81/34, the Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on the technical co-operation expenditures of the organizations of the United Nations system in 1989. The report will contain an analysis of regular and extrabudgetary expenditures of these organizations during 1989.

In view of the late availability of the requisite data necessary for the preparation of the report, this report is normally presented to the Council in draft form. The Council will also have before it the final version of the report for 1988.

United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures in 1988, Report of the Administrator (DP/1989/60)

United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures in 1989, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/74)

(b) <u>Steps taken by UNDP in response to action taken by the General Assembly</u> <u>at its forty-fourth session and by other organs of the United Nations</u> <u>system in 1989</u>

Pursuant to its decision 89/65, the Governing Council will have before it a report on steps taken or planned by UNDP in response to resolutions and decisions adopted during the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly and in the governing bodies of the United Nations system.

Documentation

Steps taken by UNDP in response to action taken by the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session and by other organs of the United Nations system in 1989, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/75)

(c) <u>Operational activities for development: comprehensive triennial policy</u> <u>review of operational activities for development of the United Nations</u> <u>system</u>

In accordance with Governing Council decision 90/1, the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/211 on operational activities for development is one of the policy items delegations may wish to address during the high-level segment of the plenary scheduled for 5-7 June 1990. Moreover, matters relating to operational activities for development are covered in the annual report of the Administrator for 1989, in accordance with section III, paragraph 6, and section V, paragraph 1, of decision 89/20.

In considering this item, delegations should bear in mind that various elements of General Assembly resolution 44/211 are covered under separate agenda items of the thirty-seventh session of the Governing Council (1990). Resource mobilization issues are covered under agenda item 4 (b) (i) and (iii). Agenda item 5 (c) will deal with issues relating to resource distribution. Government/ national execution will be dealt with under item 4 (b) (x). A number of questions relating to programming and the project cycle will also be considered in connection with item 4 (c). Agenda item 4 (d) covers issues relating to procurement from developing countries, and TCDC questions will be considered under item 8 (g).

(d) Least developed countries

The Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator containing a review of ongoing UNDP activities to assist the efforts of the least developed countries (LDCs) in economic recovery and development. It will outline UNDP's proposed programmes and resources for the LDCs in the context of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in September 1990. The report will also review the status of the preparation of the Paris Conference, including its financial aspects.

Documentation

Least developed countries, Report of the Administrator (DP/1990/89)

(e) <u>Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit of interest to UNDP</u>

The Governing Council will have before it a brief note by the Administrator, describing the reports prepared by the Joint Inspection Unit in 1989. Reference is made to the following JIU reports which are of special interest to UNDP:

Evaluation of rural development activities of the United Nations system in three African least developed countries (Burkina Faso, Burundi, United Republic of Tanzania) (JIU/REP/89/2) (A/45/76-E/1990/12)

An evaluative assessment of the technical co-operation activities of the International Maritime Organization in relation to maritime training (JIU/REP/89/3)

Evaluation of the regional project RLA/79/031: Programme on joint studies on Latin American economic integration (ECIEL) (JIU/REP/89/4) (A/45/77-E/1990/10)

Review of United Nations public information networks - Reorganization of the Department of Public Information (JIU/REP/89/5) (A/44/433 and Add.1)

Review of United Nations public information networks - United Nations Information Centres (JIU/REP/89/6) (A/44/329 and Add.1)

Practices and procedures aimed at a more equitable geographical distribution of sources of procurement for technical co-operation projects (JIU/REP/89/8) (A/44/646)

Human resource development through technical co-operation (JIU/REP/89/10) (A/45/113)

From the optical disc pilot project at the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) to an optical disc system for the United Nations (JIU/REP/89/11) (A/44/684 and Add.1)

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit of interest to UNDP, Note by the Administrator (DP/1990/90)

11. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1991

In accordance with its decision 81/37, the Governing Council will have to decide on the dates of its meetings during 1991, the subject for the policy review for the thirty-eighth session (1991), an indicative quota for documents and also on any other matter of relevance for the conduct of future sessions.

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