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Country programmes

Extension of the fourth country programme for Argentina

Note by the Administrator

1. In its decision 87/4, of 20 February 1987, the Governing Council approved the fourth country programme for Argentina for the period 1987-1989 (DC/CP/ARG/4 and Corr.1 and DP/CP/ARG/NOTE 4).

2. At the time of the preparation of the fourth country programme, the then Government of Argentina decided to adopt a three-year programme, from 1987 to 1989. This shorter period was chosen because it coincided with the period covered by the Government's planning document on the outlines of an economic growth strategy (1985-1989). The Government also took into account the date of the presidential elections to be held in Argentina (May 1989).

3. The fourth country programme expired on 31 December 1989, and the new Government has officially requested a one-year extension of the programme.

4. The mid-term review, held in April 1989, concluded that the major objectives of the country programme remained valid. The technical co-operation priorities of the new Government are also consistent with the objectives of the fourth country programme: (a) to improve the efficiency of the public sector; (b) to increase efforts to improve extreme poverty conditions; and (c) to preserve the environment and intensify technical co-operation among developing countries (TCDC).

5. In view of the above, the Administrator wishes to inform the Council that he has approved the extension of the fourth country programme for Argentina for a period of one year, through 1990.