EXTENSION OF THE FOURTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR URUGUAY

Note by the Administrator

1. In its decision 87/27 of 18 June 1987, the Governing Council approved the fourth country programme for Uruguay for the period 1987-1990 (DP/CP/URU/4).

2. At the time of the preparation of the fourth country programme, the then Government of Uruguay decided to adopt a four-year programme, from 1987 to 1990. This shorter period was chosen because it coincided with the period of its mandate. The Government also took into account the date of the elections for the new Government, which was to take office in March 1990.

3. The fourth country programme expired on 31 December 1990 and the new Government has officially requested a one-year extension of the programme.

4. The mid-term review carried out in December 1989 showed that the objectives of the country programme were still valid. The technical cooperation priorities defined by the new authorities are also consistent with the objectives of the fourth country programme: to promote the growth of the export sector through the support of private enterprises producing goods and services for foreign sale and to strengthen the basic institutional infrastructure directly linked to those activities; to promote scientific and technological development and applied research in the productive sectors; to improve the efficiency of the public sector; and to reinforce efforts in the field of technical cooperation among developing countries.

5. In view of the above, the Administrator wishes to inform the Governing Council that he has approved the extension of the fourth country programme for Uruguay for a period of one year, through 1991.