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PROGRAMME PLANNING

Country and intercountry programmes and projects

EXTENSION OF THE THIRD COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR MOZAMBIQUE

Note by the Administrator

1. The third country programme for Mozambique was approved by the Governing Council at its thirty-fifth session (1987) for the programme period January 1987 to December 1991.

2. Preparations for the fourth country programme would normally have commenced in mid-1990 for presentation to the Governing Council at its current session. However, towards the end of 1989, efforts to end the decade-long war were intensified and negotiations are continuing at the time of writing. Taking into account this evolution in the political situation in Mozambique, the Government has requested a one-year extension of the third country programme.

3. During the mid-term review, which took place in mid-1989, it was concluded that the principles and objectives of the third country programme remain valid, relevant to Government priorities and consistent with the economic recovery programme. However, considering the emergency situation still prevailing, the social impact of the economic recovery programme, and the continuing need to strengthen public administration at the central and provincial levels, the review recommended that the linkages between the economic recovery programme and the emergency activities should be strengthened and that health, education and public administration should be added to the priority sectors within the framework of the existing objectives.

4. The Government expects to submit the fourth country programme to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993).
5. In view of the above, the Administrator wishes to inform the Governing Council that he has approved the extension of the third country programme for Mozambique for a period of one year, beginning 1 January 1992.