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PROGRAMME PLANNING

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EXTENSION OF THE SECOND COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

Note by the Administrator

1. The second country programme for the Netherlands Antilles was approved by the Governing Council at its thirty-third session (1986) for the period 1987 to 1991. In accordance with decision 91/29 of 25 June 1991, which dealt with net contributor country status, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) missions visited the Netherlands and the Hague to review arrangements for the third country programme. The discussions with the Government and the administering Power culminated in a UNDP aide-mémoire, which is under consideration by the Government. Pending completion of these negotiations, the Government has requested that the second country programme be extended for one year.

2. The objectives of the second country programme remain valid for the period of the extension. They are: (a) expansion of tourism and related industries; (b) increased agricultural and fisheries production; and (c) development and diversification of the industrial sector. The extension period will be utilized to prepare the third country programme, taking account of any changes in national development priorities.

3. It is expected that the third country programme will be submitted to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993).

4. The Administrator wishes to inform the Governing Council that he has approved the extension of the second country programme for the Netherlands Antilles for a period of one year, beginning 1 January 1992.