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Note by the Administrator

1. At its twenty-ninth session, the Governing Council welcomed the initiative of the Administrator to study a further improvement in the system of evaluation, including the possible establishment of an independent evaluation unit, and invited him to submit relevant proposals to the thirtieth session (decision 82/15). The Council's intent is to have a better measure of the effectiveness and impact of UNDP-assisted activities.
2. The Administrator has commenced a detailed examination of ways and means of achieving the desired improvement, including an analysis of the feasibility of establishing an independent unit, its functions and financial implications. Through the Inter-Agency Task Force, the Administrator has initiated consultations with the Executing Agencies, which will need to be closely involved in effecting improvements in the evaluation system.
3. The Joint Inspection Unit (JIU), as a follow-up to its reports on the Status of Internal Evaluation in the United Nations System, published in 1981 ^{1/}, and its further study on United Nations System Assistance in Developing Evaluation Capabilities of Governments, which was conducted in 1982, intends to undertake an examination of the current state of monitoring and evaluation in UNDP during the last quarter of 1982. The Administrator expects to benefit from consultations with JIU in formulating his recommendations to the Council. The conclusions of the JIU's proposed study on monitoring and evaluation will no doubt also be helpful to the Council in its deliberations on the subject.
4. The Administrator expects to have his recommendations ready for consideration by the Interessional Committee at its February 1983 meeting. Meanwhile, any views of Governments further to those expressed at the twenty-ninth session of the Council would be welcomed.

^{1/} JIU/REP/81/5 and JIU/REP/81/6.