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APPROVAL AUTHORITY

Request for authority to approve assistance to projects of the Government of Iran

Note by the Administrator

1. Due to the circumstances which necessitated the temporary suspension of UNDP operations in Iran towards the end of 1979, the Administrator is unable to indicate when its next country programme will be ready for submission to the Governing Council for consideration and approval. In response to initiatives by the Iranian Government however, discussions have begun between UNDP and the Government which may lead to the preparation of a new country programme in the near future. The Administrator will consult with the Government and report to the Council in June, 1983, on any programming actions underway.
2. In the meantime, and in accordance with the revised country programming procedure for the third cycle, 1982-1986, as contained in document DP/518 and endorsed by the Council in its decision 81/15, the Administrator is hereby requesting authority to approve assistance to projects which are submitted by the Government in the interim on the understanding that such project would be included in the country programme when drafted.
3. Should the Council grant such approval authority to the Administrator, he will proceed with appraisal and approval action on requests for UNDP assistance to projects in accordance with the decisions of the Governing Council that expenditures be kept in reasonable conformity with the relevant indicative planning figure (IPF) and always subject to the over-riding requirement of containing expenditures within the financial resources available at any given time so as to preserve the financial integrity of the Programme.