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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT ON THE WORK AND DECISIONS OF
THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

1. By its decision 83/5 of 24 June 1983, 1/ the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) decided that, for a trial period of three years, it shall, in the context of regularly scheduled sessions, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, in order to:

- (a) Consider major issues related to programme matters;
- (b) Review country, regional, interregional and global programmes and projects;
- (c) Review programme and project implementation;
- (d) Consider reports on evaluation studies; and
- (e) Deal with other matters related to the programme management of UNDP.

2. The same decision provided, inter alia, that the meetings of the Committee of the Whole shall be scheduled so as not to coincide with the meetings of the plenary and that a written report shall be submitted to the plenary by the presiding officer, who shall be the President of the Council or another member of the Bureau designated by him.

3. By its decision 86/23 of 27 June 1986, 2/ the Governing Council decided to extend the trial period of the Committee of the Whole by one year and confirmed, until then, the mandate of the Committee of the Whole, as contained in decision 83/5, and of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole, as contained in decision 85/17 of 29 June 1985. 3/.

4. At the thirty-third session of the Council, the Committee of the Whole decided on the topics to be assigned to the Working Group and the number and timing of sessions. 4/

5. By its decision 86/56 of 27 June 1986, 5/ the Governing Council agreed to the schedule of future sessions of the Working Group.

6. At the first meeting of the special session, on 17 February 1987, the Governing Council decided to resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole in order to consider items dealing with:

- (a) Relevant trends and problems in country programmes;
- (b) Country and intercountry programmes;
- (c) Global and interregional programme and projects.

7. The Committee held ___ meetings between 17 February and ___ February 1987.

II. DOCUMENTATION

8. For its consideration of the agenda items referred to it, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Relevant trends and problems in country programmes

Trends and problems in country programmes submitted to the Governing Council for consideration and approval, DP/1987/4 and DP/1987/4/Add.1

(b) Country and intercountry programmes

Country programmes

Albania	DP/CP/ALB/3 DP/CP/ALB/NOTE/3 and Corr.1
Antigua and Barbuda	DP/CP/ANT/2
Argentina	DP/CP/ARG/4 and Corr.1 DP/CP/ARG/NOTE/4
Bolivia	DP/CP/BOL/4 DP/CP/BOL/NOTE/4
British Virgin Islands	DP/CP/BVI/2
Burma	DP/CP/BUR/5 DP/CP/BUR/NOTE/5

Chile	DP/CP/CHI/4 and Corr.1 DP/CP/CHI/NOTE/4
Cyprus	DP/CP/CYP/3 and Corr.1 DP/CP/CYP/NOTE/3
Dominica	DP/CP/DMI/2
Eastern Caribbean	DP/CP/CAR/4 DP/CP/CAR/NOTE/4
Egypt	DP/CP/EGY/4 DP/CP/EGY/NOTE/4
Grenada	DP/CP/GRN/2
Guyana	DP/CP/GUY/4
Iraq	DP/CP/IRQ/4
Liberia	DP/CP/LIR/4 DP/CP/LIR/NOTE/4
Malawi	DP/CP/MLW/4 and Corr.1 DP/CP/MLW/NOTE/4
Malaysia	DP/CP/MAL/4 and Corr.1 DP/CP/MAL/NOTE/4
Montserrat	DP/CP/MOT/2
Panama	DP/CP/PAN/4
Saint Christopher and Nevis	DP/CP/STK/2
Saint Lucia	DP/CP/STL/2
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	DP/CP/STV/2
Singapore	DP/CP/SIN/6 and Corr.1
Swaziland	DP/CP/SWA/4
Syrian Arab Republic	DP/CP/SYR/4 and Corr.1
Thailand	DP/CP/THA/4 DP/CP/THA/NOTE/4
Turks and Caicos Islands	DP/CP/TCI/2

United Republic of Tanzania

DP/CP/URT/4
DP/CP/URT/NOTE/4

Zaire

DP/CP/ZAI/4
DP/CP/ZAI/NOTE/4

Country programme extensions

Equatorial Guinea

DP/CP/EOG/2/EXTENSION I

Jordan

DP/CP/JOR/3/EXTENSION I

Portugal

DP/CP/POR/2/EXTENSION I

Sudan

DP/CP/SUD/2/EXTENSION I

Intercountry programmes

Asia and the Pacific

DP/RAP/1

Europe

DP/REU/2 and Corr.1

Latin America and the Caribbean

DP/RLA/3 and Corr.1

Intercountry programme extension

Arab States

DP/RAB/1/EXTENSION I

(c) Global and interregional programme and projects

Global and interregional programme,
1987-1991

DP/INTGLO/1

Training Programme for Research and
Training in Tropical Diseases:
project recommendation

DP/PROJECTS/REC/20

Diarrhoeal Diseases Control Programme:
Biomedical and Epidemiological Research:
project recommendation

DP/PROJECTS/REC/21 and
Corr.1

Research and Training in Fertilizer
Technology and Utilization: project
recommendation

DP/PROJECTS/REC/22

III. DELIBERATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

9. In addition to the documentation made available to the Committee, the documents were introduced by the Assistant Administrator or the senior official concerned. Some of the country programmes were introduced by resident representatives. Following the debate on the various items, those senior officials responded to the points raised in the debate on the agenda item, as required.
10. The discussion in the Committee of the Whole of the various programmes involved the broad participation of members and observers. A number of points were raised in the debate to which UNDP senior officials, and, in some cases involving country programmes, concerned delegations provided answers. Four resident representatives were present to provide further details on the programming process utilized, as well as on other questions raised. A representative of the International Centre for Insect, Physiology, and Ecology in Nairobi and a representative of the World Bank spoke about the interregional and global programme.
11. For the consideration of all matters before the Committee, in particular the global projects and country programmes and extensions, full information was made available by the Administration and representatives of countries concerned. This permitted an extensive examination to take place of the various issues and programmes before the Committee.
12. At the meeting of the Committee of the Whole, held on 17 February 1987, the President of the Council, in his capacity as Chairman of the Working Group, submitted a report in the form of a statement on the work of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole. The Committee of the Whole considered this report on ___ February 1987.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

13. At the conclusion of its deliberations, the Committee of the Whole decided to make the following recommendations to the Council:

(a) Relevant trends and problems in country programmes

To take note of the Administrator's report on trends and problems in country programmes as contained in documents DP/1987/4 and DP/1987/4/Add.1;

(b) Country and intercountry programmes

Country programmes

To approve the following country programmes:

Albania

DP/CP/ALB/3

DP/CP/ALB/NOTE/3 and Corr.1

Antigua and Barbuda	DP/CP/ANT/2
Argentina	DP/CP/ARG/4 and Corr.1 DP/CP/ARG/NOTE/4
Bolivia	DP/CP/BOL/4 DP/CP/BOL/NOTE/4
British Virgin Islands	DP/CP/BVI/2
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Dominica	DP/CP/DMI/2
Eastern Caribbean	DP/CP/CAR/4 DP/CP/CAR/NOTE/4
Egypt	DP/CP/EGY/4 DP/CP/EGY/NOTE/4
Grenada	DP/CP/GRN/2
Guyana	DP/CP/GUY/4
Iraq	DP/CP/IRQ/4
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Montserrat	DP/CP/MOT/2
Panama	DP/CP/PAN/4
Saint Christopher and Nevis	DP/CP/STK/2
Saint Lucia	DP/CP/STL/2

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	DP/CP/STV/2
Singapore	DP/CP/SIN/6 and Corr.1
Swaziland	DP/CP/SWA/4
Syrian Arab Republic	DP/CP/SYR/4 and Corr.1
Thailand	DP/CP/THA/4 DP/CP/THA/NOTE/4
Turks and Caicos Islands	DP/CP/TCI/2
United Republic of Tanzania	DP/CP/URT/4 DP/CP/URT/NOTE/4
Zaire	DP/CP/ZAI/4 DP/CP/ZAI/NOTE/4;

Country programme extensions

To extend the country programmes through 1988, as contained in the following documents:

Equatorial Guinea	DP/CP/EQG/2/EXTENSION I
Jordan	DP/CP/JOR/3/EXTENSION I
Portugal	DP/CP/POR/2/EXTENSION I
Sudan	DP/CP/SUD/2/EXTENSION I;

Intercountry programmes

To take note of the following intercountry programmes:

Asia and the Pacific	DP/RAP/1
Europe	DP/REU/2 and Corr.1
Latin America and the Caribbean	DP/RLA/3 and Corr.1;

Intercountry programme extension

To extend the following regional programme to the end of 1987:

Arab States	DP/RAB/1/EXTENSION I;
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(c) Global and interregional programme and projects

To approve the global and interregional programme as contained in document DP/INTGLO/1;

To approve the global project recommendations placed before the Council as contained in documents DP/PROJECTS/REC/20, DP/PROJECTS/REC/21 and Corr.1, DP/PROJECTS/REC/22;

Report of the Chairman of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole

To take note of the report of the Chairman of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole.

To approve the proposal with regard to the report requested by decision 85/10 on project personnel, as follows:

- (a) For the June 1987 Council meeting, the information in DP/1986/WG/WP.5 would be updated and refined to remove any inconsistencies and to supply such additional information as present sources made possible.
- (b) Because of the inadequacies of the data base and lack of precision in definition of certain terms, UNDP would have discussions with agencies to set up a data base from which information of the type which discussions in the Working Group showed was needed, could be readily extracted on a timely basis.
- (c) Case studies would be undertaken of a representative list of projects with varying component mixes of different categories of personnel to determine the extent to which the objectives of projects were achieved; whether the right mix of experts in terms of quality and cost had been used, and to the extent possible, to determine whether a different personnel mix would have achieved the same or better results and would have been more cost effective.
- (d) Steps should be taken by UNDP to ensure that the best mix of personnel appropriate to the needs of each project in terms of cost and quality is always identified and used.

V. FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WORKING GROUP
OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Notes

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 9 (E/1983/20), annex I.

2/ Ibid., 1986, Supplement No. 9 (E/1986/29), annex I.

3/ Ibid., 1985, Supplement No. 11 (E/1985/32), annex I.

4/ DP/1986/L.11 and Corr.1-2.

5/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 9 (E/1986/29), annex I.
