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88/1. Schedule of meetings of the Governing Council in 1988 and other organizational matters

The Governing Council

I

Decides that the thirty-fifth session of the Governing Council, including the Committee of the Whole, the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group shall be held in Geneva from 6 June to 1 July 1988, and that the high-level segment of the plenary shall take place between 13-15 June, 1988;

II

Takes note of the statement by the Associate Administrator at the organizational session on the rationalization of the work of the Council, including the measures concerning documentation taken in accordance with decision 87/1 of 17 February 1987 and 87/51 of 18 June 1987;

III

Decides to waive for its meetings in 1988 rule 22 of its rules of procedure, inasmuch as that rule refers to the requirement of a quorum of one third of the members of the Governing Council present to open a meeting or to proceed with a debate;

IV

Approves the provisional agenda and tentative schedule of work for its special session from 16 to 19 February 1988 (DP/1988/L.2 and Add.1), as orally amended;

V

Approves the provisional agenda and the tentative schedule of work for its thirty-fifth session (DP/1988/L.3), as orally amended, and on the understanding that the President of the Council be given flexibility to ensure a smooth and proper conduct of the session;

VI

Agrees that the Committee of the Whole shall deal with the following items at the thirty-fifth session:

- (a) Relevant trends and problems in country programmes;
- (b) Implementation of country programmes in various regions;

- (c) All country and intercountry programmes;
- (d) Global and interregional projects;
- (e) Evaluation matters;
- (f) Country and intercountry programmes of the United Nations Population Fund;

VII

1. Decides to allocate the following items of the provisional agenda for the thirty-fifth session to its Budgetary and Finance Committee:

- 6. United Nations Population Fund: budgetary and financial matters;
- 8 (a)-8 (f). Other funds and programmes: financial and administrative questions;
- 9 (a). Annual review of the financial situation, 1987;
- 9 (b). Budget estimates for 1988-1989;
- 9 (c). Trust funds;
- 9 (d). Financial regulations of the United Nations Development Programme;
- 9 (e). Audit reports;
- 9 (f). Agency support costs;
- 9 (g). Other matters;

2. Further decides that the Budgetary and Finance Committee shall also review the financial implications of draft decisions before the Governing Council takes action thereon;

VIII

Reaffirms the principles contained in section III of Governing Council decision 83/1 of 14 February 1983, which shall guide the deliberations of the Drafting Group;

IX

1. Decides to open the list of speakers for the high-level segment of its session on 25 April 1988 and to close it on 13 June 1988;

2. Decides that there shall be a time-limit of 15 minutes for all interventions, those made by delegations and secretariat alike, during the debate;

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Agrees to waive the 10-week rule for the submission of documents to be considered by the Governing Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988), as specified in the note by the Secretariat (DP/1988/8);

XI

1. Agrees that the Committee of the Whole would make recommendations to the Council concerning the future activities of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole at the Council's thirty-fifth session in June 1988 and that, therefore, no session of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole be scheduled before June 1988;

2. Requests the Secretariat to keep the provisionally suggested dates, 31 August to 2 September 1988, reserved for a session of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole in New York until a final decision is taken by the Council in June 1988.

5th and 7th meeting
19 February 1988

88/2. Election of the members of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole

The Governing Council

Elects the following countries as members of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole, for a term of one year, to end at its organizational meeting for 1989:

Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, China, Cuba, Ecuador, Germany, Federal Republic of, Finland, France, India, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America and Zimbabwe.

5th meeting
19 February 1988

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88/3. Country, intercountry, interregional and global programmes and projects

The Governing Council

I

Takes note of the report of the Administrator on trends and problems in country programmes (DP/1988/3);

II

Approves the following country programmes for the duration of their programme periods and within the limits of their illustrative indicative planning figures for the period 1987-1991, taking into account the balance of over-expenditure and under-expenditure of their 1982-1986 indicative planning figures:

Equatorial Guinea	DP/CP/EOG/3
Gabon	DP/CP/GAB/4
Jordan	DP/CP/JOR/4
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	DP/CP/LIB/4 DP/CP/LIB/NOTE/4
Portugal	DP/CP/POR/3
Romania	DP/CP/ROM/4
Sierra Leone	DP/CP/SIL/4 DP/CP/SIL/NOTE/4
Yemen	DP/CP/YEM/4 DP/CP/YEM/NOTE/4

2nd meeting
17 February 1988

88/4. Report of the Chairman of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole

The Governing Council

Takes note of the report of the Chairman of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole on the work at its sixth meeting, 14-16 September 1987.

4th meeting
18 February 1988

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88/5. Co-operation with World Health Organization and other agencies against AIDS

The Governing Council

1. Takes note with approval of the report of the Administrator on co-operation against the disease known as acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) (DP/1988/1 and Add. 1), especially the information provided on the World Health Organization/United Nations Development Programme alliance to combat AIDS, and of the statements made by the Administrator, by the Director of the Special Programme on AIDS of the World Health Organization, and by the Under-Secretary-General, Department of International Economic and Social Affairs;

2. Approves the following project recommendations:

(a) Co-operation against AIDS: Assistance for a global project - UNDP/WHO Financing Facility (DP/PROJECTS/REC/27);

(b) Co-operation against AIDS: Assistance for a global project - Global Blood Safety Initiative (DP/PROJECTS/REC/28);

3. Requests the Administrator to submit an interim progress report to the Governing Council at its thirty-sixth session (1989) on the implementation of the project recommendation contained in DP/PROJECTS/REC/27, taking into account the views expressed during the special session.

2nd meeting
17 February 1988

88/6. United Nations Development Fund for Women

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report on the United Nations Development Fund for Women (DP/1988/4), which contains proposals for changing from full funding to partial funding (paras. 22-26 and annex II);

2. Welcomes, in particular, the close linkages established between the United Nations Development Programme and the Fund and looks forward to their further strengthening;

3. Approves, in principle, the change to partial funding on the understanding that financial and administrative issues arising from this change will be referred to the Budgetary and Finance Committee at its thirty-fifth session (1988).

2nd and 3rd meetings
17 February 1988

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88/7. Mid-term review of resources for the fourth programming cycle

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 85/16 of 29 June 1985 on the fourth programming cycle, in particular paragraph 4, which, inter alia, provides for a review by the Council in June 1989 of resources available to date,

Further recalling decision 87/42 of 18 June 1987 which, in paragraph 1, requested the Administrator to monitor the resource situation and report to the Council in February 1988 in order to seek its guidance on whether a review of indicative planning figures for the fourth cycle should be undertaken for consideration by the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988),

Taking note of the Associate Administrator's statement concerning the resources available to the Programme to date, and the resource outlook for the remainder of the fourth programming cycle, 1987-1991,

Decides to consider at its thirty-fifth session the situation with regard to resources available to the Programme to date, and the resource outlook for the remainder of the fourth programming cycle, 1987-1991, in accordance with the provisions expressed in decision 85/16, particularly those in paragraph 4, and to assist this consideration, requests the Administrator to report to the Council on programme delivery, implementation rates for the various parts of the programme and utilization of resources thus far in the cycle; further requests the Administrator to provide his best estimate of the resource outlook for the remaining years of the cycle, as well as recommendations for utilizing the resources available in accordance with the criteria in decision 85/16 and taking into account the views expressed during the special session.

7th meeting
19 February 1988

88/8. Indicative planning figures for the fourth programming cycle, 1987-1991

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the implementation of the fourth programming cycle, 1987-1991 (DP/1988/9),

1. Confirms its agreement to the proposal contained in paragraph 2 of document DP/1988/9 that, in those instances where the official revision of basic data of the gross national product used in the calculation of indicative planning figures is detrimental to the country indicative planning figures, no downward revision should be made to the indicative planning figures of the current programming cycle;

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2. Further decides that where official revision of basic data on per capita gross national product would have changed the status of the country cited in paragraph 18 of document DP/1988/9 to that of a net contributor as defined in decision 85/16, no action will be taken during the current programming cycle with regard to net contributor obligations;

3. Approves the recalculation of country indicative planning figures for the fourth programming cycle detailed in paragraphs 2-6 and reflected in table 1 of document DP/1988/9;

4. Confirms the methodology proposed in paragraph 8 of document DP/1988/9 relating to the conditions under which future revision to country indicative planning figures resulting from changes to per capita gross national product will be considered;

5. Takes note of the likely outcome of the Administrator's intention (see document DP/1988/9, para. 16) to reduce programme activity to a level commensurate with anticipated voluntary contributions in those instances where it is clear that net contributor status will not be achieved in accordance with Governing Council decision 85/16, paragraphs 11-13;

6. Also takes note of the statement by the Associate Administrator that specific proposals on the basis of the new round of consultations will be submitted to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988).

7th meeting
19 February 1988

88/9. UNDP response to emergency, medium- and long-term development requirements in Africa

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator (DP/1988/10);

2. Requests the Administrator to submit a report to the Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988), setting forth the Administrator's proposals for supplementary staffing and related costs in response to the emergency and the medium- and long-term development requirements in Africa, both at headquarters and in field offices;

3. Approves the Administrator's proposals for using special programme resources to finance United Nations volunteers in support of emergency programmes.

7th meeting
19 February 1988

88/10. The role of UNDP in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the note by the Administrator (DP/1988/13);
2. Authorizes the Administrator to use an additional amount of \$4 million from Special Programme Resources to undertake projects and also to enable planning and project formulation activities to commence on the types of projects described in paragraph 5;
3. Appeals strongly to all Governments and intergovernmental institutions to respond immediately through additional funds in the form of special voluntary contributions to the United Nations Development Programme, Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People.

7th meeting
19 February 1988

88/11. Change of name of the Office for Project Execution

The Governing Council

Takes note of the Administrator's statement and of document DP/1988/INF.1, concerning his decision to rename the Office for Project Execution as the Office for Project Services.

4th meeting
18 February 1988

88/12. Delegation of authority for project approval

The Governing Council

Takes note of the statement by the Administrator and of document DP/1988/INF.2, concerning recent action taken by the Administrator to increase the level of delegated approval authority to Resident Representatives.

4th meeting
18 February 1988

88/13. Financing for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries

The Governing Council

1. Decides to include, at its thirty-fifth session (1988), a new agenda item 8(f), entitled "Strengthening of the capacity of UNDP to promote and support Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, including its financing";
2. Requests the Administrator to submit a report under this agenda item.

7th meeting
19 February 1988

