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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, 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, for the following purposes:
  - (a) To consider major issues related to programme matters;
- (b) To review country, regional, interregional and global programmes and projects;
  - (c) To review programme and project implementation;
  - (d) To consider reports on evaluation studies; and
  - (e) To 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 should be scheduled so as not to coincide with the meetings of the plenary and that a written report should be submitted to plenary by the presiding officer, who should 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, 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.
- 4. By its decision 87/20 of 19 June 1987, the Governing Council decided to continue the Committee of the Whole with its mandate as listed in decision 83/5; in addition, the Committee of the Whole should consider programming matters of the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Development Programme provided that such issues are not considered simultaneously.
- 5. At the 2nd meeting of the special session, on 17 February 1988, the Governing Council decided to resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole in order to consider items dealing with:
  - (a) Trends and problems in country programmes;
  - (b) Country programmes.
- 6. The Committee held \_\_ meetings between 17 February and \_\_ February 1988.

# II. DOCUMENTATION

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

# (a) Trends and problems in the country programmes

Trends and problems in the country programmes submitted to the Governing Council for consideration and approval

DP/1988/3

# (b) Country programmes

Equatorial Guinea DP/CP/EQG/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

# III. DELIBERATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

- 8. In addition to the documentation made available to the Committee, documents were introduced by the Assistant Administrators concerned. The discussion in the Committee of the Whole of the various programmes involved the broad participation of members and observers. For the consideration of all matters before the Committee, in particular the country programmes, 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.
- 9. At the meeting of the Committee of the Whole, held on 18 February 1988, the President of the Council for 1987, 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 18 February 1988.

# IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10. At the conclusion of its deliberations, the Committee of the Whole decided to make the following recommendations to the Council:
  - (a) Trends and problems in the country programmes

To take note of the report of the Administrator on trends and problems in the country programmes submitted to the Governing Council for consideration and approval, as contained in document DP/1988/3;

(b) Country programmes

To approve the following country programmes:

Equatorial Guinea

DP/CP/EQG/3

Gabon

DP/CP/GAB/4

Jordan

DP/CP/JOR/4

DP/CP/LIB/4

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

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

(c) 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.