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**DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
GOVERNING COUNCIL AT ITS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND SPECIAL
SESSION, FEBRUARY 1989**

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89/1. Schedule of meetings of the Governing Council
in 1989 and other organizational matters

The Governing Council

I

Decides that the thirty-sixth session of the Governing Council, including the Committee of the Whole, the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group shall be held at United Nations Headquarters from 5 to 30 June 1989, and that the high-level segment of the plenary shall take place between 12 and 14 June 1989;

II

Takes note of the statement by the Secretary of the Council at the organizational session on the rationalization of the work of the Council, including measures taken concerning documentation;

III

Decides to waive for its meetings in 1989 rule 22 of its rules of procedure, insofar 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 21 to 24 February 1989 (DP/1989/L.2/Rev.1 and Add.1/Rev.1), as orally amended;

V

Approves the provisional agenda and the tentative schedule of work for its thirty-sixth session (DP/1989/L.3/Rev.1), and on the understanding that the Bureau of the Council be entrusted with the task of adjusting the schedule of meetings within the overall allocation of services 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-sixth session:

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- (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) 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-sixth session to its Budgetary and Finance Committee:

- 6. United Nations Population Fund: budgetary and financial matters;
- 8 (a)-8 (h). Other funds and programmes: financial and administrative questions;
- 9 (a). Annual review of the financial situation, 1988;
- 9 (b). Budget estimates for 1990-1991;
- 9 (c). Trust funds;
- 9 (d). Audit reports;
- 9 (e). 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 that principles contained in session 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 24 April 1989 and to close it on 12 June 1989;

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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-sixth session, as specified in the note by the Secretariat (DP/1989/2), as well as the report on the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the 1990s.

1st meeting
21 February 1989

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Timing and process of the review of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of document DP/1989/3;

2. Requests the Administrator to proceed with the preparatory arrangements for the review of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole as outlined in document DP/1989/3, on the understanding that the President and the Bureau of the Council will carry out the consultations mentioned in paragraph 8 of the document; the Administrator will assist in the conduct of such consultations when required.

8th meeting
24 February 1989

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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 on the understanding that the actual tenure of the elected members will depend on the outcome of the review of the mandate of the Working Group, which will be carried out by the Council in June 1989:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Cuba, Ecuador, Fiji, Finland, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, India,

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Italy, Kenya, Liberia, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom, United States, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

8th meeting
24 February 1989

89/4. Management Development Programme

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator (DP/1989/4 and Corr.1), containing proposals for the preliminary guidelines for the implementation of the Management Development Programme,

Reaffirming Governing Council decision 88/31 of 1 July 1988, particularly the five principles contained in paragraph 10 thereof,

1. Requests the Administrator to continue his efforts to implement the Management Development Programme on the basis of decision 88/31;

2. Also requests the Administrator to present to the Governing Council, at its thirty-sixth session (June 1989), proposals to revise the preliminary guidelines for the implementation of the Management Development Programme on the basis of the five principles contained in paragraph 10 of Governing Council decision 88/31 of 1 July 1988 and taking into account the views expressed and proposals put forward by delegations during the special session of the Council in February 1989, such as the need for a flexible approach, the use of the Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries modality, the search by the United Nations Development Programme for additional resources needed to supplement the funding of the Management Development Programme and to pay attention to requests by all developing countries, in particular those most in need of the Programme;

3. Requests the Administrator to initiate, as early as possible, a progress report of the Management Development Programme and to report to the Council at its thirty-seventh session (June 1990) on the implementation of the Programme.

9th meeting
24 February 1989

89/5. Net contributor statusThe Governing Council,

Having considered the Administrator's report contained in document DP/1989/5 and document DP/1988/70 presented at the thirty-fifth session,

Also recalling its decisions 87/25 of 19 June 1987, 88/8 of 19 February 1988 and 88/31 of 1 July 1989,

Taking into account the views expressed by the representatives of member states on the various issues raised in documents DP/1988/70 and DP/1989/5,

1. Approves the programme planning arrangements for net contributor countries as outlined by the Administrator in paragraphs 4 and 5 of document DP/1989/5;
2. Authorizes the Administrator to defer net contributor obligations for those countries which face a serious decline in economic conditions and where, in his judgement, and in consultations with the World Bank or other appropriate organizations, as well as national authorities, per capita gross national product is expected to drop below the thresholds established in paragraphs 11-13 of decision 85/16 before the end of the fourth programming cycle (1987-1991);
3. Decides that in countries where per capita gross national product proves not to have fallen below the concerned thresholds as anticipated at the time that their net contributor obligations were deferred, any such outstanding obligations will be treated as a first claim against the indicative planning figure entitlements established for the fifth cycle;
4. Invites the Administrator to develop possible economic, social, geographic, ecological and other criteria for defining and applying net contributor obligations for the fifth programming cycle;
5. Decides to defer discussions on other issues raised in document DP/1988/70 and document DP/1989/5 to its thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh sessions, so that they can be considered within the context of discussions both on the future of the United Nations Development Programme and as part of the preparations for the fifth programming cycle.

9th meeting
24 February 1989

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89/6. Special Programme Resources

The Governing Council

1. Notes document DP/1989/64 containing information on the status of the Special Programme Resources and proposals for the earmarkings from the Special Programme Resources for the fourth programming cycle;
2. Requests the Administrator to provide the Governing Council at its thirty-sixth session (1989) with a detailed review of commitments made under the various components of the Special Programme Resources;
3. Invites the Administrator, in the context of this review, to submit proposals as to the possibilities of accommodating increased amounts for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (at least \$1 million) and an additional amount for disaster-related activities, while ensuring that adequate resources are allocated to the components of the Special Programme Resources which are devoted to aid co-ordination and programme quality;
4. Agrees with the Administrator's proposal to release the entire Project Development Facility earmarking for the fourth cycle in 1989 (100 per cent of the increase authorized by decision 88/31 of 1 July 1988), provided that the overall Special Programme Resources commitment during the year does not exceed the amount authorized by decision 88/31.

9th meeting
24 February 1989

89/7. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator on the categorization of Special Programme Resources activities for the fourth programming cycle (DP/1989/64),

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/67 relating to the First Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 43/179 of 20 December 1988, which declares the period 1991-2000 the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

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Deeply concerned that none of the funds earmarked by the Governing Council in 1986 for the implementation of the First Transport and Communications Decade in Africa have to date been committed or allocated,

1. Urges the Administrator to take urgent actions to ensure the early commitment and allocation of the amount of \$5 million originally earmarked by the Governing Council in paragraph 1 of its decision 86/8 of 21 February 1988 for the First Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and which are available for commitment during the fourth programming cycle;

2. Requests the Administrator to ensure the effective contribution of the United Nations Development Programme to the process of the preparation for the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

3. Requests that the Administrator report to the Governing Council at its thirty-sixth session (1989) on action taken and the status of the resources for the Decades.

9th meeting
24 February 1989

89/8. Transport and Communications Decade in Asia

The Governing Council,

Taking note that at the mid-point of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, the sum of \$5.083 million out of the earmarked total of \$6.0 million has been allocated for the Decade,

Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-sixth session (1989) on the status of the use made of resources for the Decade, as well as its future requirements and plans.

9th meeting
24 February 1989

89/9. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

The Governing Council,

Having considered document DP/1989/68/Rev.1,

Approves a revised indicative planning figure amounting to \$3.034 million for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, it

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being understood that the increase of \$1.807 million will be financed from funds set aside as unallocated.

4th meeting

22 February 1989

89/10. Agency support costs

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the Administrator's proposals on the composition of the expert group, as made orally by the Associate Administrator, and of the views expressed by the delegations;
2. Approves the terms of reference for the expert group as contained in document DP/1989/6;
3. Endorses the Administrator's proposal that the group shall consist of the four experts named by the Associate Administrator in his introductory statement.

6th meeting

23 February 1989

89/11. Mid-term review of fourth cycle
country programmes

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 88/17 of 1 July 1988,

Having considered the report of the Administrator contained in document DP/1989/8,

Bearing in mind that the mid-term review of country, regional, interregional and global programmes for the fourth programming cycle will take place over a period of approximately two years,

Noting the Administrator's offer to make available the standard mid-term review reports of the country programmes,

1. Decides to consider the question of the mid-term review on three occasions over the next 18 months, firstly at the thirty-sixth session (1989), secondly at the organizational meeting in February 1990, and thirdly at the thirty-seventh session (1990);
2. Invites the Administrator to submit to the Council at each of the three occasions mentioned above:

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- (a) an overview of all country programme mid-term reviews carried out before the particular session or meeting of the Council;
- (b) all mid-term review reports of country programmes which have undergone major changes or which the Administrator was explicitly requested to resubmit to the Council at mid-term;
- (c) a representative selection of six country programme mid-term review reports other than those mentioned under (b) above;
- (d) all reports on the mid-term review of regional, interregional and global programmes carried out before the particular session or meeting of the Council;

3. Also invites the Administrator to submit the report on the evaluation of the mid-term review process requested in paragraph 6 of decision 88/17 to the Council at its thirty-seventh session (1990).

9th meeting
24 February 1989

89/12. Participation of the United Nations Development Programme in the preparations for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator contained in document DP/1989/9 on the participation of the United Nations Development Programme in the preparations for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

1. Notes with appreciation the active role the United Nations Development Programme is playing and the measures taken in support of the preparations for the Conference;
2. Requests the Administrator to inform the Governing Council of further developments at its organizational session in 1990;
3. Invites the interested donor countries to make special voluntary contributions, through the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries, or as appropriate otherwise, for

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the preparation of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, including its preparatory meetings, and in particular, towards ensuring full participation of the delegations of the least developed countries in the Conference.

9th meeting
24 February 1989

89/13. Remodelling of United Nations Population Fund premises

The Governing Council

Decides to approve an amount of \$900,000 in excess of that previously approved for remodelling and additional office space in the United Nations Population Fund premises, taking into account the views expressed by various delegations in the discussion of this subject and the views of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, as reflected in document DP/1989/69.

7th meeting
24 February 1989

89/14. Alternative strategies for desert locust control

The Governing Council

Notes the Administrator's proposals to undertake a medium- to long-term research initiative to seek alternative strategies for desert locust control and agrees that the Administrator should continue consultations with all interested parties on this subject with a view to presenting more detailed proposals to the Governing Council at its thirty-sixth session (1989).

7th meeting
24 February 1989

89/15. Preparations for the fifth programming cycle

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the views expressed during the debate at the special session on this item, especially the link between the fifth cycle and the discussion of the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the 1990s and agrees that the Council will reconsider the proposed schedule the thirty-sixth session (1989), following the debate on the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the 1990s;

2. Approves the suggested timetable (DP/1989/67), including the outline of activities for Governing Council action in preparation for the fifth programming cycle and that a debate on the utilization of United Nations Development Programme resources during 1992-1996 take place at the thirty-seventh session (1990);

3. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Governing Council at its thirty-sixth session (1989) a conceptual paper for the overall planning of United Nations Development Programme resources during 1992-1996.

7th meeting
24 February 1989

89/16. Action taken by other organs of the
United Nations system

The Governing Council

Takes note of document DP/1989/10 and the statement by the Administration on this item.

9th meeting
24 February 1989

