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AGENCY SUPPORT COSTS

Draft decision

The Governing Council,

Considering the report of the Group of Experts, and in particular the recommended options set out in chapter VII as the appropriate point of departure for further analysis and discussion leading to a decision on successor arrangements for agency support costs,

Affirming the priority it attaches to enhance the quality and developmental impact in the deployment of all the resources available to the United Nations Development Programme,

Desiring to take the views of the relevant agencies, bodies and organs of the United Nations system engaged in operational activities into account in considering successor arrangements, and to be fully aware of the implications for the United Nations system of technical co-operation in implementing any of the options recommended by the Group of Experts,

Stressing the importance of General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Group of Experts contained in document DP/1990/9;

2. Takes note of the report of the Administrator contained in document DP/1990/11 and of the comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the views of the Member States as reflected in the debate on this item at the special session of the Governing Council held on 21-23 February 1990;

3. Requests the President of the Governing Council to convene open-ended consultations of members of the Programme in order to undertake further analysis of the report of the Group of Experts, with a view to providing recommendations to the Governing Council at its thirty-seventh session (1990);
 4. Decides to assist fully the work of the consultations by enlisting the services of 10 advisers from member countries of the Council to assist the Bureau. The Bureau shall undertake appropriate analyses and consultations with the United Nations Development Programme and other organizations of the United Nations system;
 5. Affirms that the consultations are intended to facilitate the adoption by the Council at its thirty-seventh session of a decision on arrangements for agency support costs;
 6. Stresses that the consultations should be focused on the recommendations of the report of the Group of Experts, and in particular the options recommended in chapter VII;
 7. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to provide the Bureau, not later than 14 April 1990, with written comments on the report of the Group of Experts setting out their views and recommendations on the options identified;
 8. Also requests the Administrator to provide secretariat services to support the work indicated in this decision and to incur the necessary expenditures from the support-cost line;
 9. Invites the Executive Heads of all executing agencies to submit, not later than 14 April 1990, written comments for the informal consultations on the report of the Group of Experts, particularly with respect to the options set out in chapter VII, and further invites all parties involved to facilitate the process of building a consensus;
 10. Invites the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to provide advice to the informal consultations on a continuing basis.
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