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President: Mr. POPESCU (Romania)

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The meeting was called to order at 4.35 p.m.

REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP (continued) (DP/1990/L.13/Add.7, 8, 10 and 15 to 28)

DP/1990/L.13/Add.7

1. The PRESIDENT invited the Governing Council to decide on the draft decision submitted by the Drafting Group in document DP/1990/L.13/Add.7, whose consideration at the preceding meeting had been deferred.

2. Mr. HAMADZIRIPI (Zimbabwe), Chairman of the Drafting Group, said that, in the draft decision contained in document DP/1990/L.13/Add.7, paragraph 3 should be replaced by the following text:

"Requests the Administrator, in his report to the Governing Council at its thirty-eighth session (1991) on the sectoral support programme, to address the possible complementarity of this facility with the new support costs arrangements, as well as the issues surrounding an eventual merger with the provisions for technical support services established in 90/- ."

3. The draft decision contained in document DP/1990/L.30/Add.7, as orally amended by the Chairman of the Drafting Group, was adopted.

DP/1990/L.13/Add.8

4. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to decide on the draft decision contained in document DP/1990/L.13/Add.8, whose consideration at the preceding meeting had been deferred.

5. Mr. HAMADZIRIPI (Zimbabwe), Chairman of the Drafting Group, said that, in the draft decision contained in document DP/1990/L.13/Add.8, operative paragraph 5 should be replaced by the following two new paragraphs:

"5. Requests the Administrator, in strengthening the capacity of the United Nations Development Programme to respond to the development dimensions of the HIV pandemic, to pay particular attention to prevention, care and support programmes for women;

6. Also requests the Administrator to report, in the framework of the 1992-1993 budget proposals to be discussed by the Governing Council at its thirty-eighth session, on the budgetary proposals for the strengthening of the institutional capacity of the United Nations Development Programme in this area and on the HIV-related programme proposals for the fifth programming cycle."

6. The draft decision contained in document DP/1990/L.13/Add.8, as orally amended by the Chairman of the Drafting Group, was adopted.
7. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to decide on the draft decision contained in document DP/1990/L.13/Add.10, whose consideration at the preceding meeting had been deferred.

8. Mr. HAMAZIRIPI (Zimbabwe), Chairman of the Drafting Group, said that paragraph 2 of the draft decision should be deleted.

9. The draft decision contained in document DP/1990/L.13/Add.10, as orally amended by the Chairman of the Drafting Group, was adopted.

10. The draft decision contained in document DP/1990/L.13/Add.15 was adopted.

11. Mr. PENZIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) noted that operative paragraph 2 of the draft decision contained in document DP/1990/L.13/Add.15 referred to the Human Development Report. Since that report had not been distributed, he did not think that reference should be made to it.

12. Mr. AQUARONE (Netherlands) pointed out that the draft decision did not refer to the content of the report. It merely drew attention to its publication.

13. The draft decisions contained in documents DP/1990/L.13/Add.16 and Add.17 were adopted.

14. Mr. HAMAZIRIPI (Zimbabwe), Chairman of the Drafting Group, said that operative paragraph 9 of the draft decision should be deleted and that the last four paragraphs should be renumbered accordingly.

15. The draft decision contained in document DP/1990/L.13/Add.18, as orally amended by the Chairman of the Drafting Group, was adopted.

16. The draft decisions contained in documents DP/1990/L.13/Add.19 to Add.22 were adopted.

17. Mr. PENZIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that the Russian text of operative paragraphs 4 and 6 of the draft decision should be brought into line with the English text.

18. The draft decisions contained in documents DP/1990/L.13/Add.23 to Add.25 were adopted.
19. Mr. MACARTHUR (United States) said that, in the eighth line of operative paragraph 3, the words "which are" should be added before the words "applicable to".

20. The draft decision contained in document DP/1990/L.13/Add.26, as orally amended, was adopted.

21. Mr. HAMADZIRIPI (Zimbabwe), Chairman of the Drafting Group, said that, in the fifth and sixth lines of operative paragraph 3, the words "vigorously the process of" should be added between the word "accelerate" and the words "the rational execution". In the third line of operative paragraph 6, the words "as required" were to be deleted. At the end of operative paragraph 7, the words "and requested the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-eighth session on the implementation of this decision" should also be deleted.

22. Mr. EL-FERJANY (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) said that, because there had been no interpretation, he had not been able to take part in the Drafting Group's discussion of the draft decision contained in document DP/1990/L.13/Add.27. At that time, he had not wanted to object to the approval of the text by consensus, but had reserved the right to refer to it again once the Arab version had been distributed. It had, however, still not been distributed. He wished to know how the word "accountability" in the second line of operative paragraph 5 was to be interpreted and what the relationship was between that accountability and the responsibility of Governments which undertook to execute UNDP-funded programmes and projects.

23. Mr. KRAMER (Canada) said that the Administrator's accountability was not a new concept: it had been defined in the Consensus of 1970 and in General Assembly resolution 44/211.

24. Mr. JOSEPH (Associate Administrator) explained to the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya that the Administrator was accountable to the Governing Council for the use of the resources made available to UNDP, regardless of the entity executing UNDP-funded projects and programmes. When Governments executed such projects and programmes, they were responsible for the timely execution of the various components required for the implementation of such projects and programmes. The Administrator's accountability was not changed in any way when national entities assumed responsibility for the execution itself of projects and programmes.

25. Mr. EL-FERJANY (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) said that he would not request any further explanations concerning operative paragraph 5 and was prepared to support the adoption of the text by consensus.

26. Mr. GATHUNGU (Kenya), said that, since operative paragraph 3 referred to "successor arrangements for agency support costs" and the consideration of that question had not been completed, the adoption of the draft decision might be premature.
27. Mr. HAMADZIRIPI (Zimbabwe), Chairman of the Drafting Group, said that operative paragraph 3 referred only to the 1 January 1992 date for the implementation of those successor arrangements. It did not relate to their content. The adoption of the draft decision would therefore have no effect on such successor arrangements.

28. Mr. GATHUNGU (Kenya) said that he would not press his point.

29. The draft decision contained in document DP/1990/L.14/Add.27, as orally amended by the Chairman of the Drafting Group, was adopted.

DP/1990/L.13/Add.28

30. The draft decision contained in document DP/1990/L.13/Add.28 was adopted.

31. The PRESIDENT said that the Council had completed its consideration of the draft decisions submitted by the Drafting Group.

The meeting was suspended at 5.45 p.m. and resumed at 11 p.m.