1. The fourth country programme for Ghana was approved at the thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council (26 May-19 June 1987) for the programme period January 1987 to December 1991. The Government is in the midst of a comprehensive and far-reaching programme of change embracing all aspects of political, economic and social life. It is reviewing, with assistance from the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and others, the policies and framework necessary to facilitate accelerated growth. It is also, with UNDP assistance, designing a national human development strategy to address fundamental aspects of poverty, particularly in the context of the structural adjustment process. All of these developments will have an impact on the fifth country programme.

2. For this reason, the Government has requested a one-year extension of the current country programme to provide more time to ensure that the new country programme takes fully into account the results of these recent initiatives and the recommendations of a number of working groups involved in programme identification and preparation. The focus of the current country programme will continue to be valid for the period of the programme extension.

3. The Administrator wishes to inform the Council that he has approved the extension of the fourth country programme for Ghana for a period of one year beginning 1 January 1992.