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Item 1
Organizational matters

Election of the Bureau

The Executive Board will elect a new Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents, taking into account the need to ensure equitable geographical representation. According to the established pattern of rotation of posts among the various regional groups, the President of the Executive Board for 2001 should be elected from among the Board members of the group of the Latin America and the Caribbean States.

On an exceptional basis, this election will take place at a special meeting of the Board on 16 January 2001 so that the new Bureau will be in place for the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA and UNICEF, with the participation of WFP, scheduled on 26 January 2001.

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan

The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session and agree on the work plan. A tentative work plan is contained in the annex to the present note. In accordance with its past practice, should the Board complete consideration of an item before an indicated date or time, it may move immediately to the next item on its work schedule.

Report on the third regular session 2000

The draft report of the third regular session 2000 was distributed on 6 November 2000 to members of the Board for comments by 20 November 2000. This present report contains comments received within the set deadline.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the report on its third regular session 2000.

Decisions adopted by the Executive Board in 2000

A compilation of decisions adopted by the Executive Board in 2000 is made available in this document for ease of reference.

Annual work plan 2001 for the Executive Board

The draft work plan 2001 was prepared by the secretariat of the Executive Board in close consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board. It includes an outline of priority issues for the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services, and a list of items for the consideration of the Board with an indication of the session at which they may be considered, taking into account relevant prior decisions and the Board's request to focus deliberations at each session.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt its work plan for the year 2001.

UNDP segment

Item 2
UNDP Business Plans, 2000-2003

Update on the UNDP Business Plans, 2000-2003
The report provides an update on the implementation of the Administrator’s Business Plans, 2000-2003. It highlights results achieved in 2000 in the areas of policy, partnerships, people, performance and resources as well as the next steps planned for 2001.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the above report.

Follow-up to the Ministerial Meeting of 11 September 2000

The conference room paper highlights the follow-up to the Ministerial Meeting on UNDP held on 11 September 2000. It elaborates on the steps being taken to rebuild political will for UNDP, including specific actions at various levels, and provides an update on the current regular funding situation. The paper also shows the need to translate the momentum from the Ministerial Meeting into an improvement in the financial situation. In addition, it outlines new approaches to align other resources more clearly behind the core funding strategy within the context of the multi-year funding framework.

Role of UNDP in crisis and post-conflict situations (dec. 2000/10)

This paper responds to the Executive Board request in April 2000 for further elaboration on the direction of UNDP programmes in crisis and post-conflict situations. It serves to inform the Executive Board members of the development role of UNDP in such situations. The paper outlines the challenges of crisis, including conflict and natural disasters, being faced by partner Governments and assesses the specific areas where UNDP can best contribute to promoting durable peace and sustainable development which is of particular importance given the current review of United Nations peace-building strategies. UNDP acknowledges the existing commitment of 5 per cent of core resources allocated by the Board to preventive and curative development and reaffirms its strategy of increasing non-core funding to support work in this area. Furthermore, UNDP is undertaking a series of internal management reforms to improve the effectiveness of its development work in crisis and post-conflict situations.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of this report.

Item 3

Country cooperation frameworks and related matters

Options for programming instruments at the country level

The present report has been prepared in order to propose some streamlining of programme instruments, particularly by realigning the strategic results framework, the country cooperation framework and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework. The aim is to reduce administrative processes and minimize the number of separate instruments that ultimately serve the same objective.

On the basis of discussions held, the Board will prepare revised proposals for adoption at the annual session 2001.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of this report.

Assistance to Myanmar: Note by the Administrator

The note of the Administrator on UNDP assistance to Myanmar summarizes the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the independent mission to assess the Human Development Initiative (HDI) in accordance with Executive Board decision 98/14. The mission concluded that UNDP activities in Myanmar are formulated and carried out in compliance with Governing Council and Executive Board decisions 93/21 and 98/14 and that the objectives of individual projects are being pursued very effectively and successfully. The Board’s attention is drawn in particular to the issues and challenges in the implementation of the HDI.
The Executive Board may wish to take a decision with respect to guidance and advice sought for future UNDP assistance to Myanmar.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the following country cooperation frameworks:

First country cooperation framework for Turkey
Second country cooperation framework for Mauritius
Second country cooperation framework for Uganda
Second country cooperation framework for Bangladesh
Second country cooperation framework for Cambodia
Second country cooperation framework for Belarus
Second country cooperation framework for Bosnia and Herzegovina
Second country cooperation framework for Croatia
Second country cooperation framework for Georgia
Second country cooperation framework for Latvia
Second country cooperation framework for Lithuania
Second country cooperation framework for Russian Federation
Second country cooperation framework for Saint Helena
Second country cooperation framework for Saudi Arabia

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the following extensions of country cooperation frameworks:

First extension of the first country cooperation framework for Lao People’s Democratic Republic
First extension of the first country cooperation for Kuwait
First extension of the first country cooperation framework for the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
First extension of the first country cooperation framework for Syria

The Executive Board may wish to approve the following extensions of country and regional cooperation frameworks:

Second extension of the first country cooperation framework for Eritrea
Second extension of the first country cooperation framework for Estonia
Second extension for the first country cooperation framework for the Republic of Moldova
Second extension of the first regional cooperation framework for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the following country and regional reviews:

First country review report for Lesotho
First country review report for Lithuania
First country review report for Nepal
First country review report for Yemen
Review of the first regional cooperation framework for the Arab States

Second global cooperation framework

Guided by the Business Plans, 2000-2003, and based on the results and lessons of past cooperation, the second global cooperation framework is designed to help UNDP to play a leading role in the global fight against poverty and to support UNDP in its transformation into a globally networked policy advice organization. The objective of the GCF is to provide an opportunity for programme countries to benefit from global knowledge on critical dimensions of sustainable development.
human development in order to reduce national poverty and human inequity. The document includes the immediate objectives, priority support areas, expected results, management arrangements and the resource situation of the GCF.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the second global cooperation framework.

**Item 4**

**Technical cooperation among developing countries**

Second cooperation framework for technical cooperation among developing countries  
**DP/CF/TCDC/2**

Drawing on lessons learned, the second framework for technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC) focuses on mobilizing global and system-wide support for South-South technical cooperation aimed at fostering economic, social and technological cooperation among developing countries. The framework gives increased emphasis to supporting UNDP and the United Nations system in mainstreaming their support for TCDC in their regular programmes.

The Board may wish to approve the second cooperation framework for technical cooperation among developing countries.

Technical cooperation among developing countries: follow-up to dec. 99/11  
**DP/2000/36**

The Executive Board took up this report at its third regular session 2000 and requested that discussion thereon resume at the present session.

The report responds to Executive Board decision 99/11, in which the Board requested the Administrator to prepare a report that would enable the Board to consider increasing resources for TCDC activities, as called for by the General Assembly in paragraph 43 of its resolution 53/192 of 15 December 1998. The report presents an assessment of the results of the activities suggested by the Special Unit for TCDC under the cooperation framework and proposals for an improved agenda to enhance TCDC in UNDP and the United Nations system.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in paragraph 44 of document DP/2000/36.

**UNDP/UNFPA joint segment**

**Item 5**

**Reports to the Economic and Social Council**

UNDP: Report to the Economic and Social Council  
**DP/2001/6**

UNFPA: Report to the Economic and Social Council  
**DP/FPA/2001/1**

The present reports are prepared in compliance with General Assembly resolutions 53/192, 50/120 and 47/199 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1994/33 and 1998/27. The reports were prepared in conformity with a joint format agreed on by the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children’s Fund; the list of issues was identified in consultations among United Nations Development Group members.

They cover the implementation of the reform programme of the Secretary-General, the provisions of the triennial comprehensive policy review, the follow-up to international conferences and humanitarian and disaster-relief assistance.
The Executive Board may wish to take note of the present reports and transmit them with its comments to the Council.

**Item 6**

**Recommendations of the Board of Auditors 1998-1999**

**UNDP:** Follow-up to the report of the Board of Auditors for 1998-1999: Report of the Administrator  
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**UNFPA:** Follow-up to the report of the Board of Auditors for 1998-1999: Status of implementation of recommendations  
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**UNOPS:** Follow-up to the report of the Board of Auditors for 1998-1999: Report of the Executive Director  
[DP/2001/8]

As requested by the Executive Board in its decisions 97/2 and 97/3, the updates on the progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium 1998-1999 are submitted at the current session.

The reports contain an overview of the implementation of the recommendations of the reports of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium ended 31 December 1999 (for UNFPA, A/55/5/Add.7; for UNDP, A/55/5/Add.1; for UNOPS, A/55/5/Add.10).

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors.

**Item 7**

**Financial, budgetary and administrative matters**

**Common financial regulations concerning contributions from non-governmental sources**  
[DP/FPA/2001/3]  
[DP/2001/9]

This report is submitted in response to paragraph 4 of decision 2000/5, in which the Executive Board encouraged UNFPA and UNDP to consult each other on the feasibility of developing common regulations concerning contributions from non-governmental sources and to report thereon to the Executive Board.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the proposed common financial regulations.

**UNFPA segment**

**Item 8**

**Country programmes and related matters**

**Progress report on implementing the 2000-2003 intercountry programme**  
Oral report

An oral report on progress in implementing the 2000-2003 intercountry programme will be presented to the Executive Board.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the oral report.
The Executive Board may wish to approve the following programmes of assistance:

- Assistance to the Government of Burkina Faso: DP/FPA/BFA/5
- Assistance to the Government of Chad: DP/FPA/TCD/4
- Assistance to the Government of Ghana: DP/FPA/GHA/4
- Assistance to the Government of Namibia: DP/FPA/NAM/3
- Assistance to the Government of Uganda: DP/FPA/UGA/5
- Assistance to the Palestinian people: DP/FPA/PAPP/2
- Assistance to the Government of Turkey: DP/FPA/TUR/3
- Assistance to the Government of Indonesia: DP/FPA/INS/6
- Assistance to the Government of Ecuador: DP/FPA/ECU/3
- Assistance to the Government of Guatemala: DP/FPA/GTM/4
- Assistance to the Government of Peru: DP/FPA/PER/6

**Item 9**

**Other matters**

**WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health**

The Executive Board is called upon to confirm the selection of the respective representatives from the African States, the Asian States and the Latin America and Caribbean States to serve on the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health for a two-year term.

**Item 10**

**Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA and UNICEF, with the participation of WFP**

**A note on progress with the use of common country assessment indicator frameworks**

This paper provides an overview of the role of indicators in the context of the Common Country Assessment (CCA)/United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF). It also reviews progress on the application of CCA indicator frameworks in countries that have completed CCAs and examines the role of the CCA indicator framework for strengthening national capacities. It concludes by looking at how the CCA indicator framework can be expected to evolve in the future.
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