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Governing Council decision

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Part one

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR 1985

Held at United Nations Headquarters
on 19 and 22 February 1985

Chapter I

ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

4. The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, in accordance with rule 1, paragraph 2, of its rules of procedure (DP/1/Rev.4), 1/ held its organizational meeting for 1985 at United Nations Headquarters, on 19 and 22 February 1985 (1st, 2nd and 9th meetings).

Attendance

5. Members of the Governing Council represented at the meeting, States represented by observers, United Nations Secretariat units, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, and other intergovernmental organizations, which were represented at the meeting, are listed in annex II to the present report.

Election of officers

6. In accordance with rule 11 of its rules of procedure, the Council elected, by acclamation, Wlodzimierz Natorf (Poland) President for 1985. The Council elected the following other officers, also by acclamation, as Vice-Presidents: Thabo Makeka (Lesotho), C. Richard Mann (Canada), Lloyd M. H. Barnett (Jamaica) and M. S. Mukherjee (India).

7. Mr. Mann was designated Chairman of the Budgetary and Finance Committee and Mr. Barnett was named Chairman of the Drafting Group. It was further agreed that the President would preside over the meetings of the Committee of the Whole and that he, in conducting the proceedings of those and the plenary meetings, would be assisted by the Vice-Presidents.

Agenda

8. The Governing Council adopted the agenda for its organizational meeting, (DP/1985/L.1) as well as the provisional agenda of the special meeting of the Governing Council (DP/1985/L.2). The agenda is reproduced in annex III to the present report.

Summary records of the meeting

9. The statements made and views expressed during the organizational meeting are contained in documents DP/1985/SR.1, SR.2 and SR.9.

Chapter II

PROGRESS REPORT ON RATIONALIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

10. Under agenda item 4, the Secretary of the Governing Council reported orally on steps taken to further implement various decisions of the Council on the rationalization of its work and on measures taken concerning the documentation of the Governing Council in pursuance of decision 83/40 of 18 June 1983. The Council took note of the statement (see annex I, decision 85/1, sect.III). The views expressed by delegations on the item are contained in summary record DP/1985/SR.1.

Chapter III

MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL IN 1985

Thirty-second session of the Governing Council, 3-28 June 1985

11. Under agenda item 5, the Council had before it for consideration notes by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda and a tentative schedule of work for the thirty-second session (DP/1985/L.3 and L.4), as well as a request for a waiver of the 10-week rule for the submission of certain documents to be considered at that session (DP/1985/2).

12. The Governing Council postponed a decision on the provisional agenda for its thirty-second session but agreed to the dates for the thirty-second session as set out in DP/1985/L.4. The Council did not object to waiving the requirement of the 10-week rule for the submission of certain documents (see DP/1985/2). The views expressed during the consideration of those matters are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.1-2, SR.9).

Part two

SPECIAL MEETING ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE FOURTH PROGRAMMING CYCLE

Held at United Nations Headquarters
from 19 to 22 February 1985

Chapter I

ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

Meeting

13. In accordance with decision 84/20 taken at its thirty-first session, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme held a special meeting on preparations for the fourth programming cycle at United Nations Headquarters, from 19 to 22 February 1985 (3rd to 8th meetings).

Attendance

14. Members of the Governing Council represented at the meeting, States represented by observers, United Nations Secretariat units, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, and other intergovernmental organizations, which were represented at the meeting, are listed in annex II to the present report.

Agenda

15. At its 3rd meeting, the Governing Council adopted the provisional agenda for its special meeting (DP/1985/L.2). The annotations to the provisional agenda are also contained in DP/1985/L.2. They were orally amended at the organizational meeting (1st meeting). Two documents were submitted to the special meeting (DP/1985/1 and DP/1984/47).

Summary records of the special meeting

16. An account of the discussions held during the special meeting is contained in the summary records (DP/1985/SR.3-8).

Chapter II

PREPARATIONS FOR THE FOURTH PROGRAMMING CYCLE

17. Under agenda item 2, the Governing Council had before it a report of the Administrator containing alternative scenarios for the fourth programming cycle, prepared in accordance with paragraph 2 of decision 84/20 (DP/1985/1).

18. At the 3rd meeting, the Associate Administrator introduced the report of the Administrator. The views expressed during the consideration of that item are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.3-8). The Council decided on a two-stage process to Council negotiations before the thirty-second session. The first stage would be conducted by the Administrator through individual and collective contacts with delegations to be completed by 1 May. The second stage would begin once the first one was completed and would be conducted by an open-ended working group on the fourth programming cycle under the co-chairmanship of two Vice-Presidents of the Council. The Administration would prepare an analytical and structural overview of the positions stated at the special meeting.

Chapter III

TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TCDC): USE OF COUNTRY INDICATIVE PLANNING FIGURES (IPF) FOR TCDC

19. For its consideration of agenda item 3, the Governing Council had before it a report of the Administrator on the question of use of country IPFs for TCDC activities (DP/1984/47). The thirty-first session of the Governing Council had not dealt with that matter.

20. At its 5th meeting, the Associate Administrator introduced the report of the Administrator (DP/1985/47). The views expressed during the consideration of the item are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.5 and SR.8). The Governing Council decided that the matter should be referred to the fourth session of the High-level Committee on TCDC and subsequently be taken up at its thirty-second session (see annex I, decision 85/1, sect. IV).

Part three

THIRTY-SECOND SESSION

Held at United Nations Headquarters
from 3 to 29 June 1985

Chapter I

ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

Meetings

21. The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme held its thirty-second session at United Nations Headquarters from 3 to 29 June 1985 (10th to 34th meetings).

22. The Budgetary and Finance Committee of the Council held 31 meetings between 3 and 29 June to consider financial, budgetary and administrative matters. Mr. D. Mondal served as Rapporteur of the Committee. For the Committee's final report, see document DP/1985/70.

23. The Council's Committee of the Whole held 10 meetings between 3 and 7 June to consider country and intercountry programmes and projects (agenda item 5(b) and evaluation (agenda item 4(d))). For the report of the President on the work of the Committee of the Whole, see DP/1985/L.8.

24. The Drafting Group of the Council held 13 meetings between 21 and 28 June to consider proposals for draft decisions referred to it by the Council. For the report of the Drafting Group, see DP/1985/L.9 and Add. 1-25.

Attendance

25. Members of the Governing Council represented at the meeting, States represented by observers, United Nations Secretariat units, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, and other intergovernmental organizations, which were represented at the meeting, are listed in annex II to the present report.

26. In accordance with rule 1, paragraph 2, of its rules of procedure (DP/1/Rev.4), the Council's officers were elected at its organizational meeting for 1985. (See part one, chap. I, para. 6, above.)

Agenda

27. At its 10th meeting, the Council adopted the provisional agenda and the organization of work for its thirty-second session (DP/1985/5/L.5; see annex I, decision 85/2). The annotations to the provisional agenda are contained in DP/1985/3 and DP/1985/3/Add.1. For a list of the documents submitted to the Council at its thirty-second session, see DP/1985/3/Add.2. The report on the status of the pre-session documents is contained in DP/1985/3/Add.4.

Summary records of the meetings

28. An account of the discussions held during the thirty-second session is contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.10-38).

Chapter II

POLICY REVIEW: MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO MEET THE CHANGING TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

29. For its consideration of agenda item 3, the Governing Council had before it a report of the Administrator on Co-ordination of external technical co-operation at the country level and examination of steps taken by the United Nations Development Programme to strengthen co-ordination in practice (DP/1985/4 and DP/1985/4/Add.1).

30. At the 11th meeting, the Administrator introduced his report on the item (DP/1985/4 and DP/1985/4/Add.1). The views expressed during the Council's general debate, which was designated as the high-level segment of the thirty-second session, are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.11 and SR.13-20).

31. At its 37th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Drafting Group (see DP/1985/L.9/Add.15), adopted decision 85/3 (see annex I).

Chapter III

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

A. Annual report of the Administrator for 1984

32. For its consideration of agenda item 4 (a), the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Annual reports of the Administrator for 1984: introduction by the Administrator (DP/1985/5); main programme record (DP/1985/5/Add.1); country project results, by topic (DP/1985/5/Add.2 (part I)); project results: global/interregional programme and special funds (DP/1985/5/Add.2 (part II)); basic programme data (DP/1985/5/Add.3); supplementary programme data (DP/1985/5/Add.4); subcontracts awarded (DP/1985/5/Add.5 (part I)); equipment ordered (DP/1985/5/Add.5 (part II)); UNDP-administered special funds: contributions and expenditures (DP/1985/5/Add.6);

(b) Human resources development: note by the Administrator (DP/1985/22);

(c) Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Administrator (DP/1985/6 and Corr.1) (English and Chinese only);

(d) United Nations Technical Co-operation in Central America and the Caribbean. Volume I: Central America (JIU/REP/84/14) (E/1985/3);

(e) Comments of the Secretary-General on JIU/REP/84/14 (E/1985/3/Add.1).

33. At the 11th meeting, the Administrator introduced his annual report as part of his policy statement. An informal note on measures to improve programme and project quality was made available.

34. At the 21st meeting, the Administrator introduced the note on human resources development. The Director, Division of External Relations, also made an introductory statement with respect to the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit. The views expressed during the consideration of the annual report of the Administrator for 1984, including those expressed at the high-level segment of the session (agenda item 3), are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.11, SR.13-22).

B. Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions

35. Under agenda item 4 (b), the Governing Council considered the following issues:

(a) Evaluation programme: women in development (pursuant to decisions 83/12 III of 24 June 1983 and 82/12 of 18 June 1982);

(b) Measures to promote better understanding of the role and activities of the United Nations Development Programme and of the resource needs of the Programme (pursuant to decision 84/7 of 29 June 1984);

(c) Government execution (pursuant to decision 82/8 of 18 June 1982);

(d) Recruitment and reduction of the cost of project professional personnel (pursuant to decision 83/7 of 24 June 1983);

(e) Action taken to implement General Assembly resolution 38/201 (pursuant to decision 84/14 of 29 June 1984);

(f) Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries (pursuant to decision 84/10 of 29 June 1984);

(g) Strengthening of field offices in Africa (pursuant to decision 84/18 of 29 June 1984);

(h) UNDP Development Study Programme;

(i) Proposal to establish a human resources facility;

1. Evaluation programme: women in development

36. The Governing Council had before it a note by the Administrator on the interorganizational assessment of women's participation in development: summary report (DP/1985/10) and a report of the Administrator on women in development (DP/1985/55).

37. At the 22nd meeting the issue was introduced by the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Programme Policy and Evaluation. The views expressed during consideration of the issue are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.22-23).

38. At its 37th meeting, the Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Drafting Group (see DP/1985/L.9/Add.5), adopted decision 85/7 (see annex I).

2. Measures to promote better understanding of the role and activities of the United Nations Development Programme and of the resource needs of the Programme

39. The Governing Council had before it a note by the Administrator on measures to promote better understanding of the role and activities of the United Nations Development Programme and of the resource needs of the Programme (DP/1985/8).

40. At the 21st meeting, the issue was introduced by the Administrator. The views expressed during consideration of the issue are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.21 and SR.25).

41. At its 37th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Drafting Group (see DP/1985/L.9/Add.13) and the recommendations of the Budgetary and Finance Committee (DP/1985/BFC/L.2/Add.13), adopted decision 85/8 (see annex I).

3. Government execution

42. The Governing Council had before it a report of the Administrator on government execution (DP/1985/12).

43. At its 21st meeting, the issue was introduced by the Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Programme Policy and Evaluation. The views expressed during consideration of the issue are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.21 and SR.25).

44. At its 37th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Drafting Group (see DP/1985/L.9/Add.6) and the recommendations of the Budgetary and Finance Committee (DP/1985/BFC/L.2/Add.14), adopted decision 85/9 (see annex I).

4. Recruitment and reduction of the cost of professional project personnel

45. The Governing Council had before it a report of the Administrator on recent trends in recruitment, cost and utilization of project personnel and other personnel working in development co-operation (DP/1985/9).

46. At its 21st meeting, the issue was introduced by the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Programme Policy and Evaluation. The views expressed during consideration of the issue are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.21-22).

47. At its 37th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Drafting Group (DP/1985/L.9/Add.4), adopted decision 85/10 (see annex I).

5. Action taken to implement General Assembly resolution 38/201

48. The Governing Council had before it a report of the Administrator on the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operations Trust Fund and the allocation of its remaining balance (DP/1985/15).

49. At its 22nd meeting, the issue was introduced by the Director, Planning and Co-ordination Office. The views expressed during consideration of the issue are contained in the relevant summary record (DP/1985/SR.22).

50. At its 38th meeting, the Governing Council took note of the report of the Administrator (see annex I, decision 85/48, para. (a)).

6. Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries

51. The Governing Council had before it a report of the Administrator on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries (DP/1985/11 and DP/1985/11/Add.1).

52. At its 24th meeting, the issue was introduced by the Administrator. The views expressed during consideration of the issue are contained in the relevant summary record (DP/1985/SR.24).

53. At its 38th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Drafting Group (see DP/1985/L.9/Add.16) and the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee (DP/1985/BFC/L.2/Add.18), adopted decision 85/11 (see annex I).

7. Strengthening of field offices in Africa

54. The Governing Council had before it a report of the Administrator on strengthening of field offices in Africa (DP/1985/16).

55. At its 25th meeting, the Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa introduced the issue. The views expressed during consideration of the issue are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.25-26).

56. At its 38th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Drafting Group (DP/1985/L.9/Add.23), adopted decision 85/12 (see annex I).

8. UNDP Development Study Programme

57. At the 21st meeting, the Director of the Division of External Relations and the Secretary of the Governing Council made an oral report on the UNDP Development Study Programme. The views expressed during consideration of the matter are contained in the relevant summary record (DP/1985/SR.21). The Governing Council took note of the oral report (see annex I, decision 85/48, para. (b)).

9. Proposal to establish a human resources facility

58. The Governing Council had before it a note by the Administrator containing a proposal to establish a human resources facility (DP/1985/14).

59. At its 22nd meeting, the Administrator introduced the issue. The views expressed in consideration of the issue are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.22-23 and SR.25).

60. At its 38th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Drafting Group (DP/1985/L.9/Add.25), adopted decision 85/13 (see annex I).

C. Special programmes of assistance

1. Assistance to national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity

61. The Governing Council had before it a report of the Administrator on assistance to national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity (DP/1985/17).

62. At its 23rd meeting, the issue was introduced by the Assistant Administrator, Director, Regional Bureau for Africa. The views expressed in consideration of the issue are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.23-24).

63. At its 37th meeting, the Governing Council, following consideration of the recommendation by the Drafting Group (DP/1985/L.9/Add.12), adopted decision 85/14 (see annex I).

2. Assistance to specific countries

64. The Governing Council had before it a report of the Administrator on assistance to specific countries (DP/1985/19).

65. At its 24th meeting, the Assistant Administrator, Director, Regional Bureau for Africa, introduced the issue. The views expressed in consideration of the issue are contained in the relevant summary record (DP/1985/SR.24).

66. At its 38th meeting, the Governing Council took note of the report of the Administrator (see annex I, decision 85/48, para. (c)).

3. Assistance to the Palestinian people

67. The Governing Council had before it a report of the Administrator on assistance to the Palestinian people (DP/1985/18).

68. At its 34th meeting, the issue was introduced by the Administrator. The views expressed in consideration of this issue are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.34-35).

69. At its 38th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Drafting Group (DP/1985/L.9/Add.21) and the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee (DP/1985/BFC/Add.1), adopted decision 85/15.

D. Evaluation

70. The Governing Council had before it a report of the Administrator on evaluation (DP/1985/13).

71. At its 10th meeting, the Governing Council decided to allocate the item to its Committee of the Whole for consideration (see annex I, decision 85/2).

72. At its 38th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the report of the President on the work of the Committee of the Whole (DP/1985/L.8), took note of the report of the Administrator (see annex I, decision 85/48, para. (d)).

Chapter IV

PROGRAMME PLANNING

A. Preparations for the fourth programming cycle, 1987-1991

73. For its consideration of agenda item 5 (a) the Governing Council had before it a note by the Administrator on preparations for the fourth programming cycle (DP/1985/20; see also part two, chap. II above).

74. At its 10th meeting, the Governing Council agreed to hold, during its current session, informal consultations on the fourth programming cycle. The Governing Council also agreed to hold informal consultations on the programming aspects of the fourth cycle.

75. At its 10th meeting, the item was introduced by a statement of the Vice-President of the Governing Council on consultations with the members of the Governing Council regarding preparations for the fourth programming cycle. The views expressed during the Governing Council's consideration of the item are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.10-20, SR.38).

76. At its 38th meeting, the Governing Council, following consideration of recommendations of the two informal consultation groups, adopted decisions 85/16 and 85/17 (see annex I).

B. Country and intercountry programmes

77. For its consideration of agenda item 5 (b), the Governing Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Relevant trends and problems in the country programmes proposed for approval in June 1985: report of the Administrator (DP/1985/21);

(b) Reports of the Administrator on implementation of selected country programmes in the African region (DP/1985/23), in the Arab States region (DP/1985/24), in the Asia and Pacific region (DP/1985/25), in the Latin America and Caribbean region (DP/1985/26), and in the European region (DP/1985/27);

(c) Proposed country programmes for Bhutan (DP/CP/BHU/4 and DP/CP/BHU/NOTE/4), Fiji (DP/CP/FIJ/4), Guatemala (DP/CP/GUA/4), India (DP/CP/IND/3 and DP/CP/IND/NOTE/3), Indonesia (DP/CP/INS/3 and DP/CP/INS/NOTE/3), Tonga (DP/CP/TON/4) and notes by the Administrator extending the country programme of Bangladesh (DP/CP/BGD/Extension/1) and the country programme of Suriname (DP/CP/SUR/Extension/III);

(d) Recommendations of the Administrator for supplementary assistance for the following global projects: Technology Transfer of Food and Forage Legumes in West Asia and North Africa (DP/PROJECTS/REC/16); Research and Development of Integrated Resource Recovery (Phase II) (DP/PROJECTS/REC/17); West African Sorghum and Millet Improvement Programme (DP/PROJECTS/REC/18).

78. At its 10th meeting, the Governing Council decided to allocate the item to its Committee of the Whole for consideration (see annex I, decision 85/2). At its 36th meeting, the Governing Council adopted a decision on continued support for ongoing projects in Afghanistan (see annex I, decision 85/18, sect. IV).

79. At the same meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the report of the President on the Committee of the Whole (DP/1985/L.8), adopted decision 85/18, except for section IV mentioned in paragraph 66 above (see annex I).

Chapter V

UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES

80. For its consideration of agenda item 6, the Governing Council had before it the following reports of the Executive Director of the UNFPA:

(a) United Nations Fund for Population Activities for 1984 (DP/1985/28 (part I and part II));

(b) Supplementary information on the work in 1984 of agencies and organizations executing UNFPA-funded programmes and projects (DP/1985/29);

(c) Allocations to projects in 1984 (DP/1985/30 (part I and part II));

(d) A problem-oriented analysis of UNFPA's experience in the family planning area (DP/1985/31);

(e) The use of incentives and disincentives in family planning programmes (DP/1985/32);

(f) Progress achieved in improving the project implementation rate and on obstacles to, and measures to be taken towards, improving programme and project implementation and monitoring (DP/1985/33);

(g) Results of the recommendations of the Policy and Co-ordination Committee of the World Health Organization Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (WHO/HRP) together with a recommendation for the level of UNFPA funding for WHO/HRP for the period 1986-1989 (DP/1985/34);

(h) Update of the review and reassessment and work plan for 1986-1989 and request for approval authority (DP/1985/35);

(i) Status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved UNFPA country programmes and projects (DP/1985/36);

(j) Implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population 1984, for the activities of UNFPA (DP/1985/37);

(k) Recommendations by the Executive Director on proposed projects and programmes (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/16-25 and DP/1985/L.7);

(l) Inclusion of UNFPA deputy representatives and other field and headquarters posts into the regular manning table and on the basic manpower requirements of UNFPA (DP/1985/38);

(m) Budget estimates for the administrative and programme support services for the biennium 1986-1987 (DP/1985/39);

(n) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1985/40);

(o) Audited accounts of the participating and executing agencies (DP/1985/41);

(p) Report on the reaction of the participating and executing agencies and the Panel of External Auditors in regard to narrative audit reports (DP/1985/42);

The UNFPA financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1983 and report of the Board of Auditors were also before the Council. (Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 5G) (A/39/5/Add.7).

81. At its 29th meeting, the Executive Director of the Fund for Population Activities introduced the matters to be considered by the Governing Council under item 6. The views expressed during the consideration of the item are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.29-32).

82. At its 38th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Drafting Group (DP/1985/L.9/Add.20), adopted decision 85/19 (see annex I). At the same meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee (see DP/1985/BFC/L.2/Add.16 and DP/1985/BFC/L.2/Add.16, annex), adopted decision 85/20 (see annex I).

Chapter VI

UNITED NATIONS TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION ACTIVITIES

83. For its consideration of agenda item 7, the Governing Council had before it a report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities (DP/1985/43, DP/1985/43/Add.1-3).

84. At the 33rd meeting, the Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, introduced the item. The views expressed during the consideration of the item are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.33-34).

85. At its 38th meeting, the Governing Council, following consideration of the recommendation of the Drafting Group (DP/1985/L.9/Add.24), adopted decision 85/21 (see annex I).

Chapter VII

OTHER FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES

A. United Nations Volunteers

86. For its consideration of agenda item 8 (a), the Governing Council had before it the annual report of the Administrator for 1984 on the United Nations Volunteers (DP/1985/44 and DP/1985/44/Add.1).

87. At the 28th meeting, the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Special Activities, and the Executive Co-ordinator of United Nations Volunteers introduced the item. The views expressed during consideration of the item are contained in the relevant summary record (DP/1985/SR.28).

88. At the 36th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Drafting Group (DP/1985/L.9/Add.3) adopted decision 85/22 (see annex I); at the 38th meeting, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Drafting Group (DP/1985/L.9/Add.19), it adopted decision 85/23 (see annex I).

B. United Nations Capital Development Fund

89. The Governing Council, for its consideration of agenda item 8 (b), had before it the annual report of the Administrator on the United Nations Capital Development Fund (DP/1985/45).

90. At its 26th meeting, the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Special Activities, and the Executive Director of the United Nations Capital Development Fund introduced the item. The views expressed in consideration of the item are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.26-27).

91. At its 36th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Drafting Group (DP/1985/L.9/Add.2), adopted decision 85/24 (see annex I).

C. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

92. For its consideration of agenda item 8 (c), the Governing Council had before it the annual report of the Administrator on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (DP/1985/46 and DP/1985/46/Add.1), the recommendation of the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/4) for a project entitled "Mineral exploration for gold in Rwanda (RWA/83/001), the recommendation of the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/5) for a project entitled "Geothermal exploration drilling at Las Planillas, Jalisco State, Mexico" (MEX/NR/83/001), and a note by the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/6) on supplementary short-term funding for a project entitled "Mineral exploration in the Mijori area of Kenya" (KEN/NR/78/001).

93. At its 27th meeting, the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Special Activities, and the Director of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration introduced the item. The views expressed in consideration of the item are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.27-28).

94. At its 36th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Drafting Group (DP/1985/L.9/Add.1), adopted decision 85/25 (see annex I).

D. Technical co-operation among developing countries

95. For the consideration of item 8 (d) the Governing Council had before it a progress report of the Administrator on the utilization of funds from the Special Programme Resources (SPR) for action-oriented promotional activities for TCDC during the period 1983-1985 (TCDC/4/6), a report of the Administrator on the use of country indicative planning figures (IPF) for TCDC activities (DP/1984/47), a report of the Administrator on the use of country IPFs for TCDC activities (TCDC/4/9), and a report on the fourth session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (DP/1985/48).

96. At its 34th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries on its fourth session, took note of that report (see annex I, decision 85/26, para. 1). At the 38th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee (DP/1985/BFC/L.2/Add.5), adopted paragraph 2 of decision 85/26, (see annex I). At the same meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Drafting Group (DP/1985/L.9/Add.17), adopted decision 85/27 (see annex I). (See also para. 41, above, as concerns decision 85/8, para. 2).

E. United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development

97. For its consideration of item 8 (e), the Governing Council had before it a report of the Administrator on the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (DP/1985/49), a project recommendation of the Administrator on a project entitled "Strengthening the computer education and computing capability at the Asian Institute of Technology (DP/STD/PROJECTS/REC/3), a project recommendation of the Administrator on a project entitled "Establishment of the Beijing National Food Technology and Quality Control Research and Development Centre" (DP/STD/PROJECTS/REC/4).

98. At its 28th meeting, the Administrator introduced the item. The views expressed during consideration of the item are contained in the relevant summary record (DP/1985/SR.28).

99. At its 37th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Drafting Group (DP/1985/L.9/Add.9), adopted decision 85/28 (see annex I).

F. United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office

100. For its consideration of agenda item 8 (f) (i), on the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, the Governing Council had before it a report of the Administrator on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification (DP/1985/50). For item 8 (f) (ii) on Recovery and rehabilitation programmes in the Sahel region, the Governing Council had before it a report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (E/1985/65).

101. At the 26th meeting, the Director of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office introduced the two items. The views expressed during consideration of the items are contained in the relevant summary record (DP/1985/SR.26).

102. At its 37th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendations of the Drafting Group (DP/1985/L.9/Add.7 and Add.11), adopted decisions 85/29 and 85/30 (see annex I).

G. Programmes in energy development

103. For its consideration of agenda item 8 (g), the Governing Council had before it a report of the Administrator on programmes in energy development (DP/1985/52 and DP/1985/52/Add.1).

104. At its 35th meeting, the item was introduced by the Deputy Assistant Administrator and Director, Energy Office. The views expressed in consideration of the item are contained in the relevant summary record (DP/1985/SR.35).

105. At its 38th meeting, the Governing Council, having revised the recommendation of the Drafting Group (DP/1985/L.9/Add.22), adopted decision 85/31 (see annex I).

H. United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

106. For its consideration of agenda item 8 (h), the Governing Council had before it a report of the Administrator on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries (DP/1985/53).

107. At its 28th meeting, the Director, Planning and Co-ordination Office, introduced the item. The views expressed in consideration of the item are contained in the relevant summary record (DP/1985/SR/25).

108. At its 37th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Drafting Group (DP/1984/L.9/Add.10), adopted decision 85/32 (see annex I).

I. Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women

109. For its consideration of agenda item 8 (i), the Governing Council had before it a report of the Administrator on the United Nations Development Fund for Women (DP/1985/68), formerly known as the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women.

110. At its 22nd meeting, the Director, Planning and Co-ordination Office, introduced the item. The views expressed in consideration of the item are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.22-23).

111. At its 38th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee (DP/1985/BFC/L.2/Add.3, and DP/1985/BFC/L.2/Add.3/annex), adopted decision 85/33 (see annex I).

3. Currency exchange rates applicable to activities of the United Nations Development Programme

129. The Governing Council had before it a report of the Administrator on a question which has arisen between UNDP and a Government with respect to the Standard Basic Agreement (DP/1985/7).

130. At its 38th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee (DP/1985/BFC/Add.15), adopted decision 85/44 (see annex I).

Chapter IX

OTHER MATTERS

A. Regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures of the United Nations system

131. For its consideration of agenda item 10 (a), the Governing Council had before it two reports of the Administrator on regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures of the United Nations system (DP/1984/66 and DP/1985/65).

132. At its 33rd meeting, the item was introduced by the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Programme Policy and Evaluation. The views expressed in consideration of the item are contained in the relevant summary records (DP/1985/SR.33 and SR.35).

133. At its 38th meeting, the Governing Council took note of the reports of the Administrator (see annex I, decision 85/48, para. (e)).

B. Action taken by other organs of the United Nations system in 1984

134. For the consideration of agenda item 10 (b), the Governing Council had before it a note by the Administrator on action taken by other organs of the United Nations system in 1984 (DP/1985/66 and Add.1).

135. At its 38th meeting, the Governing Council took note of the note of the Administrator (see annex I, decision 85/48, para. (f)).

Chapter X

MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL IN 1986

136. For consideration of the question relating to documentation, the Governing Council had before it a note by the Administrator on the usefulness of documents issued for the Governing Council (DP/1985/69).

137. At its 37th meeting, the Governing Council, following its consideration of the recommendation of the Drafting Group (DP/1985/L.9/Add.13), adopted decision 84/45 (see annex I).

138. At its 38th meeting, the Governing Council took up agenda item 11. Following its consideration of information provided by the Secretary of the Council, the Governing Council adopted decisions 85/46 and 85/47 (see annex I).

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85/1. Schedule of meetings of the Governing Council
in 1985

The Governing Council

I

Decides that the schedule of meetings for its thirty-second session shall be as follows:

Governing Council	3-28 June 1985
Committee of the Whole	3-7 June 1985
High-level segment	10-14 June 1985
Budgetary and Finance Committee	3-28 June 1985
Informal consultations on the fourth programming cycle	17-20 June 1985
Drafting Group	21-28 June 1985

II

Agrees to waive the 10-week rule for the submission of certain documents to be considered by the Governing Council at its thirty-second session, in 1985, as described in the note by the Secretariat (DP/1985/2);

III

Takes note of the oral progress report made by the Secretary of the Governing Council on further steps and efforts to implement the various decisions of the Council on the rationalization of its work.

IV

Decides to postpone consideration of document DP/1984/47 on the use of country indicative planning figures for technical co-operation among developing countries to its thirty-second session, in 1985.

1st and 9th meetings
19 and 22 February 1985

85/2. Agenda and organization of work of the Governing
Council in 1985

The Governing Council

I

Approves the provisional agenda and the tentative schedule of work for its thirty-second session, in 1985 (DP/1985/L.5, annexes I-III);

II

1. Agrees that, on 3 June 1985, the Committee of the Whole will deal with the following items of the provisional agenda:

- (a) All reports dealing with evaluation matters;
- (b) Relevant trends and problems in country programmes;
- (c) Reports on implementation of country programmes in various regions;
- (d) Global and interregional projects;
- (e) All country programmes for the region of Asia and the Pacific and Latin America;
- (f) Programming aspects of the fourth programming cycle;

2. Decides to allocate the following items of the provisional agenda to its Budgetary and Finance Committee for consideration:

- 8 (i). Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women
- 9 (a). Annual review of the financial situation, 1984
- 9 (b). Revised budget estimates for the biennium 1984-1985 and budget estimates for the biennium 1986-1987
- 9 (c). Trust funds established by the Administrator, 1984
- 9 (d). UNDP financial regulations
 - (i) Matters on which consensus was not achieved at the thirty-first session
 - (ii) Guidelines for the procurement of equipment, supplies and services
- 9 (e). Audit reports
- 9 (f). Sectoral support
- 9 (g). Other matters: the financial structure of the UNDP-administered system;

3. Further decides that the Budgetary and Finance Committee shall also review the financial implications of draft decisions before the Governing Council takes action thereon;

III

Confirms the principles contained in section III of Governing Council decision 83/1 of 14 February 1983, which shall guide the deliberations of the Drafting Group;

IV

Authorizes its Bureau, in consultation with the Administrator, to review and, if required, adjust the organizational arrangements for the thirty-second session provisionally agreed to at the organizational meeting for 1985, taking into account any new developments which may have a bearing on the session.

10th meeting
3 June 1985

85/3. Co-ordination

The Governing Council,

Reaffirming the exclusive responsibility of developing countries for formulating their national development plans or priorities and objectives,

Reaffirming also the responsibility of developing countries to co-ordinate development co-operation, including the determination of local co-ordination arrangements,

Recalling the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/197,

Recognizing the broad and continuing consensus within the entire United Nations system on the need for improved co-ordination of development co-operation,

Calling for a renewed commitment of all parties to that process of co-ordination,

Noting that improved co-ordination contributes directly to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of development activities, including technical co-operation,

Emphasizing the urgency of taking practical measures, as appropriate, to improve the co-ordination of technical co-operation in the United Nations system at the field level and, in particular, technical co-operation supported by the United Nations Development Programme,

Reaffirming the important role which the United Nations Development Programme plays in assisting developing countries, at their specific request, in strengthening their capacity to plan and co-ordinate development co-operation,

Taking into account the mandate of the Resident Co-ordinator in facilitating the co-ordination of the operational activities of the United Nations system,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the co-ordination of external technical co-operation at the country level and examination of steps taken by the United Nations Development Programme to strengthen co-ordination in practice (DP/1985/4 and Add.1) and the comments of Governments thereon,

1. Invites developing countries to take all measures that may be necessary to ensure the best possible co-ordination of all external technical assistance, including the establishment of national programmes for the identification of priority technical co-operation needs, and, where necessary, to strengthen consultative arrangements with a view to promoting common understanding of the priorities and strategies established by the recipient country and thereby more effective external technical co-operation;
2. Encourages bilateral aid agencies and multilateral organizations to align their technical co-operation activities with the priority technical needs established by developing countries;
3. Invites Governments, as may be willing, to utilize fully the revised round-table process, in those countries that have selected the process, in order to attain, inter alia, the maximum co-ordination of external technical co-operation;
4. Notes with satisfaction the increased co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and regional development banks in accordance with paragraph 23 of General Assembly resolution 38/171 of 19 December 1983 and within the framework of the follow-up activities;
5. Urges those organizations to continue their close collaboration with the Programme, especially with respect to country and sectoral analysis and the programming and implementation of technical co-operation;
6. Notes the progress achieved with regard to the revised round-table process, technical co-operation assessment missions and consultative group meetings;
7. Requests the Administrator to give priority attention to ensuring that the United Nations Development Programme is responsive to assisting developing countries, if so requested, in strengthening their capabilities in co-ordination, including the co-ordination of national technical co-operation programmes;
8. Welcomes the steps being taken by the UNDP to that effect, as outlined in paragraphs 41-45 of document DP/1985/4;
9. Invites Governments to continue their efforts at co-ordination of national action with regard to operational activities for development, thus making it possible for concerted policies to be pursued in the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and so facilitate the implementation of the present decision;
10. Reaffirms the responsibilities of the Resident Co-ordinator on behalf of the United Nations system with respect to co-ordination of operational activities carried out by the United Nations system at the country level in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 32/197 and 34/213, including activities arising from co-financing arrangements;
11. Urges all the relevant organizations, organs and bodies of the United Nations system to co-operate fully with the Resident Co-ordinator in that regard;

12. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987) on the results achieved in the implementation of the present decision.

37th meeting
28 June 1985

85/4. Programme implementation: annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

The Governing Council,

Having considered the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for 1984 (DP/1985/5 and Add.1, DP/1985/5/Add.2 (Parts I and II), DP/1985/5/Add.3 and 4, DP/1985/5/Add.5 (parts I and II) and DP/1985/5/Add.6),

Having taken note of the Administrator's proposals for improving the quality of programmes and projects financed by the United Nations Development Programme as announced in the Administrator's opening statement to the Council on 10 June 1985,

Taking into account the views expressed on those proposals during the thirty-second session of the Governing Council,

1. Reaffirms the provisions of paragraph 38 of the annex to the consensus contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 1 December 1970 that the role of the organizations of the United Nations system in the implementation of country programmes should be that of partners, under the leadership of the United Nations Development Programme;

2. Also reaffirms the responsibility and accountability of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for the effective use of Programme resources, as well as for all other aspects of implementation of the Programme;

3. Supports the efforts undertaken by the Administrator to improve the quality and effectiveness of programmes and projects financed by the United Nations Development Programme - in particular those measures aimed at strengthening the technical capability and role of the United Nations Development Programme in project development, including the establishment of a project development facility for an initial experimental period extending to the end of the third programming cycle, to be financed from Special Programme Reserve up to a maximum of \$1 million, which would undertake project identification, formulation and appraisal missions to be financed from project budgets, if such are established, it being understood that missions in the identification and formulation stage are to be undertaken at the request of Governments and appraisal missions with the concurrence of Governments;

4. Further supports those measures related to improving agency performance in project formulation and implementation;

5. Urges Governments and agencies involved to make every effort to streamline internal procedures and institutional mechanisms in order to ensure the speedy implementation of activities financed by the United Nations Development Programme in accordance with existing rules and regulations;

6. Requests Governments and the Administrator, as appropriate, to use indicative planning figure resources in identifying requirements for technical assistance, with a view to mobilizing and programming external resources to meet those requirements;

7. Takes note of the exceptional measures adopted by the Administrator in response to the critical situation in Africa and, in particular, of the efforts being made to co-ordinate emergency assistance with longer-term rehabilitation and development measures;

8. Urges the United Nations Development Programme to continue to respond to the changing technical co-operation requirements of developing countries;

9. Takes note of the Administrator's efforts in the management of residual funds transferred from the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and their utilization for activities in countries affected by drought, famine, flood and other natural disasters;

10. Encourages the Administrator to pursue further the progress achieved in enhancing the round-table process of consultation in favour of the least developed countries;

11. Notes with concern the decline in programme delivery in recent years despite the availability of resources;

12. Requests the Administrator to carry out further intensive consultations with participating and executing agencies in order to improve project budgeting practices in the light of recent difficulties;

13. Further requests the Administrator to report on the implementation of the measures proposed and initiated to improve programme and project quality at the thirty-third session (1986) of the Governing Council.

38th meeting
29 June 1985

85/5. The development of human resources

The Governing Council,

Emphasizing that the expansion of human capacities and skills in all developing countries should keep pace with capital investment and should be accorded sufficient priority in official development assistance and development plans of developing countries,

Recognizing the need to strengthen the vital role of human resources in the development process and also the need to take greater account of human resources needs in the design of projects and programmes,

Reaffirming the critical role of technical co-operation in the development of human resources in developing countries and the contribution of the United Nations Development Programme to that effect,

1. Welcomes the emphasis placed by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the importance of strengthening the human factor in development;

2. Takes note of the establishment by the Administrator of a task force in the United Nations Development Programme to advise him on measures to be taken to that effect;

3. Welcomes further the course of action set out in the report of the Administrator (DP/1985/22) and in his introductory statement for a series of workshops to be undertaken in the coming months as part of an intensive, world-wide process to promote human resources development;

4. Appeals to Governments to lend their full support to those endeavours in order to ensure that the crucial role of the development of human resources receives the attention it deserves at the national, regional and international levels.

37th meeting
28 June 1985

85/6. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

The Governing Council,

I

Having considered the note by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme concerning the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit issued since the beginning of 1984 (DP/1985/6 and Corr.1 (English and Chinese only)),

Takes note of the information provided in the note of the Administrator with respect to the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Co-operation between and management of libraries of the United Nations system" (A/39/299), "Publications policy and practice in the United Nations system" (A/39/239 and Corr.1), "Reporting to the Economic and Social Council" (A/39/281 and Add.1), and "Staff costs and some aspects of utilization of human and financial resources in the United Nations Secretariat" (A/39/522 and Corr.1);

II

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations technical co-operation in Central America and the Caribbean. Volume I, Central America" (E/1985/3) and the comment of the Secretary-General thereon (E/1985/3/Add.1),

Accepts the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit contained in its report, taking into account the comments of the Secretary-General on those recommendations;

III

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Drug-abuse control activities in the United Nations system" (A/39/646), the comments of the

Secretary-General thereon (A/40/260) and the information provided at the thirty-second session of the Governing Council with respect to United Nations Development Programme activities in drug-abuse control,

1. Notes with appreciation the initiatives undertaken by the Secretary-General, as described in his comments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit;

2. Requests the Administrator to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General, in carrying out activities designed to enhance the co-ordination throughout the United Nations system of projects and programmes in the area of drug-abuse control;

3. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council on a regular basis on the activities carried out by the United Nations Development Programme in the field of drug-abuse control.

37th meeting
28 June 1985

85/7. Evaluation programme: women in development

The Governing Council,

Having considered the summary report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the interorganizational assessment of women's participation in development (DP/1985/10) and the report of the Administrator on women in development (DP/1985/55),

Bearing in mind the pertinent provisions of the forward-looking strategies of implementation for the advancement of women and concrete measures to overcome obstacles to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women (A/CONF.116/PC/25/Add.1),

Recognizing the efforts made by the United Nations Development Programme and other organizations of the United Nations development system to ensure that the interests of women as participants in and beneficiaries of development are taken into account in planning, designing and implementing projects,

Taking note of the data indicating that women's participation in development projects assisted by the United Nations Development Programme is slowly increasing and that the decline shown by the figures for 1980 has been reversed in subsequent years,

1. Urges Governments to give more priority to using the special programming assistance for the integration of women in development being offered by the United Nations development system;

2. Strongly urges Governments, the United Nations development system and non-governmental organizations to implement the recommendations contained in the call for action in paragraphs 103-125 of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the interorganizational assessment of women's participation in development (DP/1985/10);

3. Requests the Administrator to develop, for presentation to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session, an internal implementation strategy to strengthen the capacity of the Programme to deal with issues of women in development which, calling on the experience of the United Nations Development Fund for Women, would establish verifiable objectives and a time-frame for implementation with a view to promoting accountability and also give special attention to improved staff training, monitoring existing guidelines, instructions and procedures for inclusion of women in development in programming missions and strengthening the focal point within the Programme's headquarters for the co-ordination of women's programmes.

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85/8. Measures to promote better understanding of the role and activities of the United Nations Development Programme and of the resource needs of the Programme: information support to technical co-operation among developing countries and to the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 83/15, of 18 June 1983, in which it authorized allocations from Special Programme Resources for information and communication support for the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade and for information support for the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries,

Having considered the proposals by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in his note (DP/1985/8) for the continuation of those projects in 1986 by further allocations from Special Programme Resources, pending allocation of resources for the fourth cycle,

1. Approves an allocation of \$319,200 from Special Programme Resources for continued information and communication support for the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade in 1986;

2. Approves an allocation of \$150,000 from Special Programme Resources for continued information support for the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries in 1986;

3. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to present a report with his recommendations to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session (1986).

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85/9. Government execution

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the progress of government execution (DP/1985/12),

Taking note of the progress achieved in furthering the modality of government execution of projects through the steady increase in the number of such projects being undertaken,

Also taking note of the fact that various difficulties remain, particularly owing to the lack of familiarity on the part of Governments with existing procedures,

Further noting that the add-on arrangement which was established has not been operational for the full experimental period of two and one half years, as foreseen in Governing Council decision 82/8,

1. Approves the extension of the experimental period of the add-on as established by decision 82/8 until 31 December 1987;

2. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to monitor closely the use of add-on in supporting government execution;

3. Further requests that the review and assessment of government execution and the impact of the add-on which was envisaged in decision 82/8, including special reference to cost-effectiveness, be presented to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987).

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85/10. Recent trends in the recruitment, cost and utilization of project personnel and other personnel working in development co-operation

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the recent trends in the recruitment, cost and utilization of project personnel and other personnel working in development co-operation (DP/1985/9),

1. Endorses initiative of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to ensure a more intensive use, as appropriate, of nationally recruited project personnel, the Transfer of Knowledge through Expatriate Nationals etc., as mentioned in document DP/1985/9, with a view to achieving more cost-effectiveness;

2. Further endorses the Administrator's efforts to use operational assistance contracts, which facilitate the return of nationals in accordance with the criteria set out in paragraph 11 of document DP/1985/9;

3. Urges agencies and other parties in the development process to pay particular attention at the project design stage to ensuring greater cost-effectiveness in the utilization of project personnel by identifying the most appropriate categories of personnel, in accordance with the requirements of individual projects and appropriate guidelines of the United Nations Development Programme;

4. Reaffirms the need to take into account, in the design of projects, the potential role of United Nations Volunteers in the development process;

5. Strongly urges agencies to continue their efforts to improve their recruitment policies and procedures with respect to project personnel by:

(a) Ensuring that the best suited individuals are selected and nominated to meet the specific requirements of projects, in accordance with existing rules and procedures of the United Nations system;

(b) Promptly circulating job descriptions for vacancies, taking into account and making full use of the capacity of national recruitment services;

(c) Submitting more than one candidate to recipient Governments for each vacant post;

6. Also strongly urges recipient Governments to speed up the clearance process of project personnel;

7. Further invites Governments to adhere as much as possible to the schedule agreed upon, in the project document in assigning their own staff to the project;

8. Further endorses the Administrator's efforts to improve the collection of data in order to monitor the quality and impact of various categories of personnel;

9. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987), by comparative analysis, on the cost, quality and impact of all categories of personnel.

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85/11. Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries (DP/1985/11);

2. Endorses the Administrator's proposals contained in paragraphs 21 and 22 for the revitalization of the Special Measures Fund for the Least-Developed Countries as a special-purpose fund for those countries;

3. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-third session on the arrangements made by him for the utilization and management of resources in the Special Measures Fund;

4. Urges all Governments to contribute or make increased contributions to the Special Measures Fund for the least developed countries and to the United Nations Capital Development Fund, in accordance with the recommendations of the Substantial New Programme of Action;

5. Notes the findings of the evaluation of experience with the round-table process in the Africa and the Asia and Pacific regions, and welcomes the introduction of an improved format for the round-table process as a result of that evaluation;

6. Requests the Administrator to ensure that the round-table process provides an effective instrument for the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action, and, in particular, for the promotion of a dialogue between the Governments of the least developed countries and bilateral and multilateral donors on policy guidelines directed to the economic development of the least developed countries concerned through appropriate internal measures and external assistance;

7. Further requests the Administrator to review periodically the round-table mechanism with a view to ensuring that it responds to the needs of the least developed countries and of the donors in the efforts to achieve effective aid co-ordination in the least developed countries;

8. Also requests the Administrator to present, to the Mid-term Review of the Substantial New Programme of Action by the High-level Meeting of the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, a comprehensive report on the Programme's special efforts in favour of the least developed countries with particular emphasis on the period since the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Paris in 1981;

9. Further requests that in this report the Administrator assess, among other things, and to the extent possible, the results of round-table conferences held since 1981 and present his views on how the United Nations Development Programme, donors and the least developed countries themselves might contribute to the ultimate success of the initiatives taken by the Programme towards improved development co-operation with the least developed countries;

10. Agrees in principle to the Administrator's proposal for the financing of the cost of the various activities related to the round-table process during the fourth programming cycle (1987-1991) from Special Programme Resources, and requests him to make the necessary recommendations to the Council at its thirty-third session (1986), including an indication of the various types of expenses that the United Nations Development Programme expects to incur.

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85/12. Strengthening the response to the crisis in Africa

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 84/18 of 29 June 1984, concerning the economic and social crisis in Africa,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 39/29 of 3 December 1984 concerning the critical situation in Africa, and the decision of the Organization of African Unity of November 1984,

Welcoming the Secretary-General's decision to establish the Office for Emergency Operations in Africa, his appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in his personal capacity as its Director and the Office's initial actions,

Recognizing with deep concern the persistent and continuing nature of the economic and social crisis in Africa and the necessity for the United Nations Development Programme and all other parts of the international community to respond to and assist African countries to meet their critical short-term needs and fulfil their legitimate aspirations to achieve rehabilitation, stabilization and development in the medium and longer term,

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the Administrator (DP/1985/23) on the activities of the United Nations Development Programme's in the African region during the past year, including measures, particularly at the field level, to strengthen the effectiveness of the round-table process, to co-ordinate emergency planning and relief efforts and to reorient programmes of assistance financed by the United Nations Development Programme so that they will respond better to the immediate and longer-term priorities of African countries,

Also taking note of the Administrator's report on the strengthening of field offices in Africa (DP/1985/16),

Recognizing the increased volume of the work-load of the resident representative and field offices, exacerbated by the current economic and social crisis in the African region, and the increased responsibilities it entails in order for them to achieve, inter alia, higher quality and relevance in their traditional activities; to assist Governments to improve planning, conduct aid co-ordination activities and implement the improved round-table process; to help to mobilize additional resources; and to strengthen governmental capacity with respect to the programming and delivery of emergency aid to the affected countries,

Noting its decision 85/3 of 28 June 1985, on co-ordination,

1. Invites the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to intensify and make more effective the central role of the Programme and the resident representative in supporting the co-ordination of the United Nations system's response to facilitating, with the agreement of the countries concerned, the international community's reaction to the short-term and longer-term technical co-operation requirements of African countries which arise from both the critical economic situation and longer-term development objectives;

2. Requests the Administrator to take steps to continue to strengthen the United Nations Development Programme's assistance to African Governments, at their request, in reinforcing their management capacities, particularly related to the planning and co-ordination of aid; and to help African Governments to establish national strategies, plans and policies which adequately reflect their rehabilitation, reconstruction and development requirements;

3. Further requests the Administrator to strengthen the United Nations Development Programme's assistance to African Governments, at their request, in

conducting systematically the necessary assessments of technical co-operation requirements and in helping them to establish national programmes for priority human resources development and technical co-operation, which can serve, inter alia, as a basis for strengthening public-sector management and also improving the country programmes of assistance financed by the United Nations Development Programme during the fourth programming cycle and a framework for more co-ordinated and more effective technical co-operation from all aid partners;

4. Encourages the Administrator to continue to take measures, in conjunction with recipient Governments and the executing agencies, to orient the approved and prospective programmes supported by the United Nations Development Programme so that they are relevant and fully co-ordinated and have the greatest impact on the priority needs of African countries;

5. Urges Governments, as may be willing, organizations of the United Nations system and other aid partners of the African countries to make better use of the co-ordination and facilitating functions of the resident co-ordinator and of the capacity of the United Nations Development Programme to make co-ordinated and effective linkages of technical co-operation programmes;

6. Requests the Administrator to ensure that all the parts of the United Nations Development Programme under his responsibility continue to play an integrated, strong and supportive role vis-à-vis the Office for Emergency Operations in Africa and, with regard to both short-term and long-term co-operation, welcomes the fullest use by that Office of the capacity and central role of the resident co-ordinator and the United Nations Development Programme field network in all countries in sub-Saharan Africa affected by the emergency situation;

7. Supports the Administrator's proposals for strengthening the capacity of field offices in sub-Saharan Africa in accordance with the United Nations Development Programme budget for 1986;

8. Invites the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1985, to endorse the action set out in the present decision and to request the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and other executive heads, to take the necessary measures, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/197, of 20 December 1977, to enable the resident co-ordinator, who is normally the resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme, to carry out the responsibilities envisaged in the present decision as effectively as possible.

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85/13. Focal point for short-term advisory services

The Governing Council,

Mindful of the shortages of skills that exist in most developing countries and the need for assistance from all appropriate sources to support national efforts at overcoming such shortages,

Taking note of the existence of sources of human skills that have been relatively untapped by multilateral technical co-operation and the support that may be available from such sources, including those from developing countries,

Having considered the note of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the original proposal to establish a human resources facility (DP/1985/14), prepared in accordance with paragraph 18 of Council decision 84/4 of 29 June 1984, and the exchange of views in the Council thereon,

Recognizing that the services to be provided by the focal point should be appropriately related to the needs of the recipient developing countries,

1. Takes note of the interest shown for the concept of a human resources facility;

2. Decides that:

(a) The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, taking fully into account the debate on that subject, be authorized to confer on a focal point, for a trial period of twenty-four months, commencing on 1 July 1985, within the headquarters of the United Nations Development Programme, the task of utilizing the expertise and skills to be made available at the request of developing countries at highly concessional rates or at no cost from sources not normally tapped by multilateral programmes of technical co-operation;

(b) The purpose of the focal point shall be to enhance the flow of skills to the enterprises and institutions of developing countries, as requested by them through their Governments, through short-term missions of highly qualified advisers drawn from the above-mentioned sources in developed and developing countries, to perform precisely defined tasks, which may include training;

(c) The function of the focal point, which shall be envisaged as a means of technical co-operation additional to mechanisms that already exist in the field, shall be to act as a clearing-house matching requests for specialized skills with the sources of supply mentioned above;

(d) Requests for assistance made to the focal point from Governments or national focal points specifically established for that purpose by the Government should be channelled through the field office of the United Nations Development Programme;

(e) The focal point should collaborate closely with existing mechanisms making available expertise to developing countries, including the United Nations development system, non-governmental organizations and other interested organizations and associations; and it should, in so doing, co-operate fully with the facilities established to promote technical co-operation among developing countries;

(f) The focal point, to the extent possible, should aim at developing links between sources of expertise and beneficiaries in developing countries and their respective Governments;

(g) Funding for mission costs will generally be shared by donor and recipient institutions on the basis reflected in paragraph 38 (a) of DP/1985/14. Multilateral and bilateral development institutions, Governments and other sources

such as foundations, enterprises and similar entities, could contribute to the financing of such missions on a case-by-case basis;

(h) The financing of the administrative costs of the focal point for the trial period shall be made available, during the period 1 July 1985 through 31 December 1986, from the Special Programme Resources at an annual cost of \$125,000 for salaries and an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for other expenses;

(i) The trial period of two years shall come to an end on 30 June 1987, unless decided otherwise by the Council;

3. Invites all Governments to support the operations of the focal point;

4. Requests all interested organizations, similarly, to support the operations of the focal point and, as required, to consider financial contributions to meet special operational costs of the focal point;

5. Requests the Administrator to provide a progress report to the Council at its thirty-third session (1986) and to provide a report to the Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987), based on a full evaluation of the activities of the focal point, which should contain a clear recommendation on whether to continue the focal point after the experimental period.

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85/14. Assistance to the national liberation movements
recognized in its area by the Organization of
African Unity

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Program on assistance to the national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity (DP/1985/17), and the statements made during the debate by Governing Council members, observers and representatives of those national liberation movements,

1. Takes note of the continuing efforts and resolves of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Program to ensure timely, efficient delivery and close monitoring of assistance to the national liberation movements concerned;

2. Endorses the actions that the Administrator has taken, and plans to take in the future, to evaluate ongoing assistance projects with a view to determining the direction and thrust of development assistance to the national liberation movements concerned over the next programming cycle, 1987-1991;

3. Requests the Administrator to:

(a) Continue to assist, with the maximum flexibility possible within the mandate of the United Nations Development Programme, the national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity;

(b) Take all necessary steps to ensure that such assistance is delivered as expeditiously as possible, and that the quality and the effectiveness thereof are maintained at the high levels expected of Programme assistance;

(c) Continue to report to the Governing Council on the trends, developments and other issues relating to the administration, management and effectiveness of assistance to national liberation movements.

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85/15. Assistance to the Palestinian people

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 79/18 of 26 June 1979, 81/13 of 23 June 1981, 82/13 of 18 June 1982, 83/11 of 24 June 1983 and 84/13 of 29 June 1984 and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions,

Recognizing that the economic and social situation of the Palestinian people continues to require the special and urgent attention of the international community,

Reaffirming the commitment of the United Nations Development Programme to assist the Palestinian people in advancing their economic and social development,

Noting the difficulties encountered in efforts by the international community to bring meaningful and comprehensive development assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied territories,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme concerning the programme of assistance to the Palestinian people (DP/1985/18),

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Program for his continuous efforts in the implementation of the programme of assistance to the Palestinian people;
2. Recommends that further and vigorous efforts be made urgently in collaboration and direct consultation with all parties concerned, as requested in various relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, to achieve the goals regarding meeting the economic and social needs of the Palestinian people;
3. Expresses its gratitude to those Governments and funds which have responded generously to appeals by the Governing Council and the General Assembly for additional special contributions to the third programming cycle;
4. Reconfirms the need for additional special contributions, now made even more urgent by the full commitment of all funds made available from Special Programme Resources, and other sources;
5. Notes that, unless additional contributions are received, it will not be possible to undertake in a timely and fully effective fashion the ready pipeline of basic development projects in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip;

6. Authorizes the allocation of an additional \$2 million from the third cycle Special Programme Resources in order to maintain the Programme's momentum and ensure a smooth transition into the fourth cycle;

7. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session (1986) on the concrete measures taken for the full implementation of the present decision and the result achieved in that respect.

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85/16. Fourth programming cycle

The Governing Council

1. Decides to maintain for the fourth programming cycle a five-year planning period to cover the years 1987-1991, inclusive;

2. Also decides that the World Bank data on population and per capita gross national product for 1983 shall be used in the calculations in all cases where they are available; in all other instances where reference is made in the present decision to those criteria, the Administrator shall determine and use the best estimates available, taking into account estimates provided to the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat and from other reliable sources, including estimates given by Governments of recipient countries concerned;

3. Decides further that for the purposes of forward planning an assumed average annual growth of total voluntary contributions of at least 8 per cent on a basis of the target of \$700 million anticipated for 1986, shall apply;

4. Further decides that, in June 1989, the Governing Council shall review the resources available to date, the plans and any further indications by contributors to the Programme regarding the remaining years of the cycle, taking into account the perceived needs of the recipient countries, and make a determination as to whether higher indicative planning figures (IPFs) shall be established for the remaining years of the cycle; such higher IPFs shall be calculated on the basis of the criteria set out below;

5. Approves the following guidelines and criteria for the allocation of financial resources to the various programmes:

(a) Of the total resources allocated for IPFs, 19 per cent shall be allocated for intercountry IPFs and 81 per cent for country IPFs;

(b) Within the total amount of IPF resources allocated to intercountry programmes, 79.5 per cent will be allocated to the regional programmes, 8 per cent to the interregional programme and 12.5 per cent to the global programme;

(c) In addition to the above-mentioned resources for the intercountry programme, an amount of \$20 million will be allocated to the global programme from the resources set aside for increase in the Operational Reserve;

(d) For the calculation of individual country IPFs, the methodology and criteria should take into account the following:

- (i) Eighty per cent of the total amount available for country IPFs shall be allocated to countries with 1983 per capita GNP of up to \$750; the calculation to be made in such a way that the weighting is more advantageous to low-income countries with 1983 per capita GNP of \$375 and below;
 - (ii) The remaining 20 per cent of total country IPFs shall be allocated to countries with 1983 per capita GNP of above \$750, the calculation to be made in such a way that the weighting is more advantageous to countries with 1983 per capita GNP between \$751 and \$1,500;
 - (iii) Countries with a 1983 per capita GNP of below \$3,000 and small island countries with a population of 1 million or less and with a 1983 per capita GNP between \$3,000 and \$4,200 shall have a supplement, if necessary, to their IPFs for the fourth cycle so that they receive no less than 100 per cent of their country IPFs for the third cycle, as established on the basis of paragraph 10 of decision 84/16 of 29 June 1984;
 - (iv) Countries other than those referred to in paragraph (d) (iii) above shall have, if necessary, a supplement to their IPFs for the fourth cycle so that they receive no less than 80 per cent of their country IPFs for the third cycle, as established on the basis of paragraph 10 of decision 84/16;
 - (v) Each country with a 1983 per capita GNP of above \$1,500 shall receive a country IPF for the fourth cycle of an amount which may not be in excess of its IPF for the third cycle, as established on the basis of paragraph 10 of decision 84/16;
 - (vi) The weight ratio between the basic criteria and supplementary criteria used in computing illustrative country IPFs will be 75 to 25. In addition, the amount allocated for each supplementary point given will comprise a fixed part per supplementary point (25 per cent) and a variable part (75 per cent), the latter directly correlated to the amount of the IPF calculated on the basis of basic criteria, and there will be a cap to limit the amount given for supplementary criteria to a maximum of 50 per cent of the amount given for basic criteria;
- (e) For the fourth cycle, the following supplementary criteria will be applied for any given country:
- (i) Inclusion in the list of countries designated as least developed among developing countries or, by decision of the Governing Council, designated to be treated as if it had been included in that list;
 - (ii) It is a land-locked developing country;
 - (iii) It is an island developing country;
 - (iv) It has acceded to independence during the second programming cycle or thereafter;
 - (v) It is a front-line State;

- (vi) It suffers from acute ecological or geographical disabilities;
- (vii) The magnitude of its development effort, the extent to which the Government is making structural changes to promote the development process and the distribution of income and other elements of social justice;
- (viii) Its total annual debt service payments exceeds 20 per cent of total export earnings on goods and services, in 1983;
- (ix) Its current account deficit exceeds 10 per cent of its gross domestic product or national income for at least two years out of the three-year period 1981-1983;
- (x) Its continued deterioration in terms of trade, measured as a decline by more than 15 per cent in at least two years out of the three-year period 1981-1983;

6. Decides that for regional IPFs the supplementary criteria enumerated in paragraph 10 of decision 80/30, shall apply;

7. Strongly urges all countries, especially those who have hitherto made only relatively modest contributions, to increase their voluntary contributions at a level necessary to maintain the momentum of the Programme in accordance with paragraph 6 of decision 80/30 and further urges those countries whose contribution to the Programme, expressed as a percentage of their official development assistance is low compared to the average of the contributions of such countries, to use every effort to increase their contributions;

8. Urges that countries with per capita GNP of between \$1,500 and \$2,000 to exert their best efforts to increase gradually their annual regular contributions so as to reimburse partially on a voluntary basis as great a proportion as possible of the Programme-financed programme, using the annualized IPF as a reference;

9. Decides that, taking into account the contributions to field office costs, in accordance with the Standard Basic Agreement or similar agreements, countries with a 1983 per capita GNP of between \$2,000 and \$3,000 and island developing countries referred to in paragraph 5 (d) (iii), above, would gradually increase their annual regular contributions on a voluntary basis, so as to reimburse partially the Programme-financed programme in order to reach from the year 1987 onwards, on an annual basis, a ratio of contributions of at least 75 per cent of the IPF expenditure in each year, in addition to the cost of the Programme field office, as determined in consultation with host Governments, and as incurred in each year, excluding the cost of the resident representative and the deputy; in determining such local costs there shall be deducted costs which are not related to the delivery of the IPF programme;

10. Recognizes with appreciation that certain recipient developing countries with a per capita GNP above \$3,000 have achieved or expect to achieve voluntary net contributor status during the third cycle, and calls upon them to continue to do so in the fourth cycle;

11. Notes that certain recipient countries with 1983 per capita GNP above \$3,000, excluding island developing countries with a population in 1983 of less than 1 million and with 1983 per capita GNP between \$3,000 and \$4,200, have not

yet achieved net contributor status, and in order for them to do so calls upon the Administrator to negotiate with Governments, as defined below, an amendment to the Standard Basic Agreement or similar agreements incorporating measures to ensure contributions equivalent to the IPF expenditure in each year, together with the cost of the United Nations Development Programme field office, as determined in consultation with host Governments and as incurred in each year, excluding the cost of the resident representative and the deputy; in determining such local cost there shall be deducted costs which are not related to the delivery of the IPF programme;

12. Requests the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-third session on the results of the negotiations referred to in paragraph 11 above;

13. Decides also that,

(a) Beginning with the year 1987, the Administrator shall determine the difference in each year between the contributions made by the Government both to the Programme and to the cost of the local office, on the one hand, and, on the other, the IPF delivered together with the cost of the United Nations Development Programme field office, as defined in paragraph 11 above; the deficiency, if any, in each year shall be deducted from the IPF available for the rest of the cycle, beginning with the year 1989;

(b) The Administrator shall in each year monitor the position so as to ensure that the deficiency of an individual country at no time exceeds its IPF remaining unspent;

(c) Pending final resolution of financial regulations dealing with currency of contribution, contributions above expenditures paid by the United Nations Development Program in local currency shall be paid as much as possible in convertible currencies;

(d) The Administrator shall report at the midterm on the extent to which the arrangements in paragraphs 8-13 above have been fulfilled;

14. Decides further that the IPF for national liberation movements shall be increased in the same proportion as the total increase of IPFs for countries with a per capita GNP below \$750;

15. Decides, taking into account the special circumstances relating to the situation of Namibia, to increase, on an exceptional basis, the fourth cycle IPF for Namibia, as determined by the criteria for calculating country IPFs above, by 50 per cent; an additional amount of up to \$3 million shall be provided for Namibia following submission of a report by the Administrator to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session (1986) to justify that amount;

16. Decides also to maintain, wherever possible, ongoing subregional projects aimed at enhancing multi-island co-operation and therefore, without prejudice to the allocation of regional IPFs, to allocate an amount of \$2.5 million for a separate IPF for that purpose for the fourth programming cycle;

17. Reconfirms that 1.24 per cent of total resources during the fourth cycle will be allocated to specific activities to be financed under the Special Programme Resources. In addition to those resources, an amount of \$20 million will be allocated to the Special Programme Resources from the resources set aside for increase in the Operational Reserve;

18. Requests the Administrator, in administering the Programme, in all circumstances, to keep programme commitments within foreseen available resources and if mobilization of resources fall short of the target set in paragraph 3 above, to make a flat across-the-board percentage reduction in all IPFs in supercession of any criteria that may interfere with the share of the respective countries; the same principle shall apply to other Programme elements, subject to the Governing Council's decision on the biennial administrative budget of the United Nations Development Programme.

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85/17. Programming

The Governing Council,

Recalling the consensus contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 1 December 1970 and its decision 83/5 of 24 June 1983 regarding, inter alia, strengthening the role of the Governing Council and participating Governments in programme planning and programme review,

Recognizing the exclusive right of recipient countries to establish their own priorities in the use of external technical assistance within their national plans and programmes,

Recognizing also the work-load involved in the Council's consideration of programming matters and the need to expedite thoughtful and thorough treatment of such matters,

Recalling specifically the mandate of the Committee of the Whole:

- (a) To consider major issues related to programme matters;
- (b) To review country, regional, interregional and global programmes and projects;
- (c) To review programme and project implementation;
- (d) To consider reports on evaluation studies; and
- (e) To deal with other matters related to the programme management of the United Nations Development Programme;

Emphasizing at the same time the accountability of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to the Governing Council,

Recognizing the requirement of the Governing Council to review programming matters on a continuous basis,

1. Decides to convene, immediately after the organizational session, a special session of the Governing Council in order to examine country programmes, as available, and programming matters and, further, to consider the possibility of convening other sessions in accordance with the information provided by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme;

2. Recognizes that country and intercountry programmes will be considered in accordance with paragraph 1 above;

3. Decides to establish, on an experimental basis and within existing resources, a working group of the Committee of the Whole, consisting of 24 members of the Governing Council, to facilitate and help expedite the consideration of matters arising from the mandate of the Committee of the Whole, particularly in respect of programming matters, other than country and intercountry programmes, which will meet on a regular basis with attendance open to all members of the Programme, and which will report to the Committee of the Whole;

4. Decides that the review of the three-year trial period of the Committee of the Whole which will take place at the thirty-third session (1986) of the Governing Council will be undertaken in the light of additional experience of the working group and in the context of the Council's requirement to review programme matters on a continuous basis.

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85/18. Country and intercountry programmes and projects

The Governing Council,

I

Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on trends and problems in country programmes, as contained in document DP/1985/21.

II

Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the implementation of selected country programmes in each region: Africa (DP/1985/23); Arab States (DP/1985/24); Asia and the Pacific (DP/1985/25); Latin America and the Caribbean (DP/1985/26); Europe (DP/1985/27).

III

1. Approves the following proposed country programmes for the duration of their programme periods and within the limits of their illustrative indicative planning figures for the period 1982-1986, taking into account the balance of over-expenditure and under-expenditure of their 1977-1981 indicative planning figures:

(a) Asia and the Pacific: Bhutan (DP/CP/BHU/4); Fiji (DP/CP/FIJ/4); India (DP/CP/IND/3); Indonesia (DP/CP/INS/3); and Tonga (DP/CP/TON/4);

(b) Latin America: Guatemala (DP/CP/GUA/4);

2. Takes note of the extension of the country programme for Bangladesh (DP/CP/BGD/Extension/I) and the country programme of Suriname (DP/CP/SUR/Extension/III);

3. Authorizes the Administrator to proceed with appraisal and approval action on requests for United Nations Development Programme assistance for projects falling within the outlines of each country programme, in accordance with Governing Council decision 81/16 of 27 June 1981 in which it is stipulated that expenditures should be kept in conformity with the relevant indicative planning figures, increased as appropriate with governmental cost-sharing contributions, and always subject to the overriding requirements of containing expenditures within the financial resources available at any given time so as to preserve the financial integrity of the Programme.

IV

Authorizes the Administrator, in the absence of a country programme for Afghanistan, for the remaining portion of the third cycle, to provide continued support for ongoing projects in Afghanistan and to consider for approval new projects consistent with the rules, regulations and normal criteria of the United Nations Development Programme.

V

1. Approves the following global projects:

Technology Transfer on Food and Forage Legumes in West Asia and North Africa (DP/PROJECTS/REC/16)

Research and Development of Integrated Resource Recovery (Phase II), (DP/PROJECTS/REC/17)

West African Sorghum and Millet Improvement Programme, (DP/PROJECTS/REC/18)

2. Takes note of the steps the Administrator has taken, in consultation with the World Bank and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in securing international status for some of the agricultural research centres of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, including arrangements being concluded between the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme to reconstitute, with the concurrence of the respective host Governments, Colombia and Mexico, the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture and the International Centre for Maize and Wheat Improvement as interorganizational organizations under the aegis of the Consultative Group;

3. Takes note also of the fact that the above-mentioned arrangements are consistent with those worked out in setting up the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, the International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas and the International Service for National Agricultural Research by co-sponsors of the Consultative Group in agreement with the respective host Governments, India, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Netherlands.

36th meeting
28 June 1985

85/19. United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The Governing Council,

I

Emphasizing the sovereignty of nations in the formulation, adoption and implementation of their population policies, consistent with basic human rights and responsibilities of individuals, couples and families,

Recalling paragraphs 2 and 3 of General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, concerning the role of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme relating to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

Continuing to underscore the importance of the human rights and voluntary aspects of family planning for all couples and individuals, as embodied in the World Population Plan of Action, a/ the recommendations for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action, b/ the Mexico City Declaration on Population and Development, c/ the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, d/ the International Covenants on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and on Civil and Political Rights e/ and other international declarations and strategies adopted by the United Nations,

Affirming that it is the policy of the Fund, in accordance with its own family planning guidelines and the various declarations and strategies cited in the above paragraph, not to provide assistance for abortions, abortion services or abortion-related equipment and supplies as a method of family planning,

Taking into account the views expressed by delegations during the consideration of agenda item 6,

1. Takes note of the reports of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the activities of the Fund in 1984 (DP/1985/28 (parts I and II), DP/1985/29, DP/1985/30 (parts I and II));

2. Notes with satisfaction the increase in resources contributed to the Fund in 1984, expresses its appreciation to all donors to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities;

a/ Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

b/ Report of the International Conference on Population, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and Corr. 1 and 3), chap. I.B.

c/ Ibid., chap. I.A.

d/ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

e/ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

3. Urges all countries that are able to do so to increase their contributions in 1986 and future years, and to make their contribution payments as early as possible;

4. Authorizes the Executive Director to request the convening of a special session of the Governing Council at any time prior to the next regularly scheduled session of the Council, should, in his opinion, developments in regard to the Fund's resource situation and the necessity for reprogramming of available resources warrant it;

5. Notes with satisfaction the relative proportions of assistance allocated to the priority programme areas outlined in paragraph 3, section I, of Governing Council decision 81/7, of 23 June 1981, and particularly the increase in the percentage of total programme resources allocated to family planning, as reflected in the annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities for 1984 (DP/1985/28 (parts I and II)), in accordance with the Council's previous directives;

6. Expresses the expectation that the present global proportions will be maintained, keeping in mind the current needs of certain individual countries for support in lower priority work-plan categories and the role of women in population activities;

7. Also notes with satisfaction the increase in 1984, as noted in the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the Fund in 1984, in the proportion of assistance from the Fund to priority countries;

8. Reiterates its goal of devoting up to two thirds of country programme assistance to the priority countries for population assistance from the Fund;

9. Recalls its request, as outlined in paragraph 4, section I, of decision 83/17, for a report by the Executive Director to be presented to the Council at its thirty-third session on the experience gained by the Fund in using the present set of criteria for selecting priority countries;

10. Notes with appreciation the Fund's increased attention to the role and status of women, and requests that the Fund further strengthen its activities directed both to special women's projects and to the role of women in all population programmes and activities;

11. Further notes that the project implementation rate in 1984 remained at about the same level as in 1983 as reflected in the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the Fund in 1984 and in the report of the Executive Director on progress achieved in improving the project implementation rate and on obstacles to, and measures to be taken towards, improving programme and project implementation and monitoring (DP/1985/33);

12. Also notes with satisfaction the Fund's intention to address the need for further developing and strengthening the system of monitoring and evaluation and for the feedback of the results into its policies and programmes;

13. Requests the Executive Director to strengthen the Fund's efforts to improve the implementation of projects and to strengthen the capacity of Governments to implement their population policies and programmes and to report on

implementation experience relating to allocations and expenditures with the different executing agencies to the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987);

14. Expresses its appreciation for the progress report on the extent to which the various regional and interregional demographic training and research centres have incorporated the principles related to funding and programming, contained in document DP/1985/28 (part I);

15. Requests the Executive Director to provide, in view of his request for the Council to consider the importance of training in the whole spectrum of population activities, a progress report on the regional and interregional centres, as requested in paragraph 7, section I, and paragraph 4, section V, of Governing Council decisions 84/21;

16. Also expresses its appreciation for the report on the evaluations undertaken by the Fund in 1984, as outlined in document DP/1985/28 (part II);

17. Recalls its decision 83/17, in paragraph 7, section I, of which it called for a report to the Council at its thirty-third session (1986) on the comparative results of past evaluations according to major work-plan categories, including activities related to women and also including results of different kinds of evaluation undertaken in connection with projects funded by the Fund;

18. Approves UNFPA assistance to the large-scale country programmes or projects, as set forth in the recommendation by the Executive Director (DP/1985/L.7) and included in the work plan for 1986-1989, subject to availability of resources:

In Ghana (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/16) in the amount of \$3 million;

In the Ivory Coast (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/17) in the amount of \$1.7 million;

In Sierra Leone (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/18) in the amount of \$2.8 million;

In Uganda (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/19) in the amount of \$3.5 million;

In Bangladesh (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/25) in the amount of \$20 million;

In India (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/24) in the amount of \$63.8 million;

In Indonesia (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/23) in the amount of \$18 million;

In Brazil (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/22) in the amount of \$15 million;

In Cuba (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/21) in the amount of \$2.4 million;

In Nicaragua (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/20) in the amount of \$1.2 million with the balance of a total of \$6 million, as described in DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/20, to be provided from other sources;

19. Decides to consider, at its organizational session in 1986, making provision for more time at future sessions of the Governing Council in which to discuss items and documentation of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the agenda of the Council, in order to ensure adequate and full consideration of those matters;

II

Taking note of the reports of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on a problem-oriented analysis of the Fund's experience in the family planning area (DP/1985/31), on the use of incentives and disincentives in family planning programmes (DP/1985/32) and on the results of the recommendations of the Policy and Co-ordination Committee of the World Health Organization's Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction together with a recommendation for the level of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities funding for the Special Programme for the period 1986-1989 (DP/1985/34),

1. Confirms that all activities undertaken by the Fund should be consistent with the provisions of the World Population Plan of Action, a/ the Mexico City Declaration on Population and Development c/ and the recommendations for the further implementation of the Plan of Action; b/
2. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to continue to pursue improvements in the design, management, monitoring and evaluation of family planning programmes and projects;
3. Also requests the Executive Director, in view of the relative paucity of research in the area of incentives and disincentives in family planning programmes, to encourage and support research on the effects of incentive and disincentive schemes on the quality of services offered and on the individual's free and informed choice;
4. Takes note with satisfaction of the greater co-ordination of international efforts in the field of contraceptive research, as outlined in document DP/1985/34;
5. Approves the allocation by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities of an additional \$500,000 to the World Health Organization's Special Programme for Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction for 1985, for a total of \$2.5 million for 1985;
6. Decides that the Fund's allocations to the Special Programme should be increased, if resources increase and funds are available, to the level of \$2.75 million for 1986, \$3 million for 1987, \$3.25 million for 1988, and \$3.5 million for 1989.

III

Expressing satisfaction with the outcome of the International Conference on Population, a/ the recommendations adopted for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action b/ and the Mexico City Declaration on Population and Development, c/

Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/228 of 18 December 1984,

Further recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/4 of 28 May 1985, particularly paragraph 4, in which the Council invited the Secretary-General to avail himself of the advice of members of, inter alia, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in carrying out the task entrusted to him in paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 39/228,

Recalling also section IV of its decision 84/21, in which it, inter alia, invited the Secretary-General, subsequent to the International Conference on Population, to take into account the views of the Governing Council in the study and examination of ways and means to ensure the more effective delivery of population assistance by the United Nations system,

Taking note of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population for the activities of the Fund (DP/1985/37 and Add.1),

Keeping in mind the views expressed on the role of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities in DP/1985/37/Add.1,

1. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to continue to concentrate the Fund's assistance in its core areas, as defined in paragraph 3, section I, of Council decision 81/7, and to give increased emphasis to the strengthening of Fund activities at the national level;

2. Further requests the Executive Director to circulate to all members of the Governing Council, as soon as it is available, the report of the Secretary-General regarding the relevant recommendations - in particular recommendation 83 - for further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action concerning the role of international co-operation;

IV

Taking note of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities containing the update of the review and reassessment of the programme of the Fund, the work plan for 1986-1989 and request for approval authority (DP/1985/35) and the report on the status of financial implementations of programmes and projects of the Fund approved by the Governing Council (DP/1985/36),

1. Approves the update of the review and reassessment and the work plan for 1986-1989 contained in the report of the Executive Director, on the understanding that the Executive Director will limit approval of projects to available resources;

2. Also approves net additional approval authority, in accordance with the work plan, in the following amounts:

(a) For 1986, an additional \$40.3 million, to bring the total for 1986 to 100 per cent of the 1986 level, or \$154.3 million;

(b) For 1987, an additional \$39.7 million, to bring the total for 1987 to 75 per cent of the 1986 level, or \$115.7 million;

(c) For 1988, an additional \$39.1 million, to bring the total for 1988 to 50 per cent of the 1986 level, or \$77.1 million;

(d) For 1989, \$38.6 million, or 25 per cent of the 1986 level;

3. Notes the proportional distribution of allocations between country and intercountry activities achieved in 1984;

4. Reaffirms the existing target of up to 25 per cent of programmable resources for intercountry activities;

5. Recalls its request, as outlined in paragraph 8, section I, of decision 84/21, for a report to be presented to the Council at its thirty-third session clarifying the definition of intercountry activities and reviewing the possibility of a revision of the definition and the target.

38th meeting
29 June 1985

85/20. United Nations Fund for Population Activities:
1986-1987 budget

The Governing Council,

I

Having considered the 1986-1987 biennial budget estimates for administrative and programme support services of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities for the biennium 1986-1987 (DP/1985/39 and Corr.1 and Add.1), the report of the Executive Director of the Fund on the inclusion of the Fund's deputy representatives and other field and headquarters' posts into the regular manning table and on the basic manpower requirements of the Fund (DP/1985/38 and Corr.1 and 2), together with the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon (DP/1985/40);

Recognizing the importance of the Fund's field staff in the Fund's efforts to assist developing countries to increase their self-reliance in population matters, as well as the importance of regular rotation between headquarters and field professional staff;

Having taken into account the views and comments of members of the Council on the documentation before it;

1. Approves the appropriations in the amount of \$36,643,669 net to be allocated from the resources of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to finance the 1986-1987 administrative and programme support services as follows:

<u>Programme</u>	<u>United States dollars</u>
Executive direction and management	3 727 405
Administration and information support services	10 844 565
Programme planning, appraisal and monitoring	17 154 077
Field programme support	<u>4 917 622</u>
Total net	<u>36 643 669</u>

2. Authorizes the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to transfer credits between programmes within reasonable limits, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. Requests the Executive Director to keep the administrative and programme support services costs during the biennium 1986-1987 to a minimum, including a reduction in travel and communication costs, as recommended in paragraphs 36 and 37 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1985/40), and in hospitality costs, all of which are reflected in the above figures, with the intention of holding down the ratio between administrative costs and total costs, particularly in the light of the resource situation;

4. Requests the Executive Director to prepare a comprehensive report on personnel management and recommendations thereon to be submitted to the Governing Council at its next session (1986), including a study of the link between the work load and personnel structure in the United Nations Fund for Population Activities; priorities to set in order to strengthen specific areas of the Fund, according to paragraph 6, section III, of Governing Council decision 83/17; career development; feasibility of redeployment of posts and rotation of personnel between the field and headquarters; and recruitment policies;

5. Also requests the Executive Director to present to the Governing Council for approval, at its thirty-third session (1986), draft guidelines for what should be regarded as project-related personnel expenditures - consequently budgeted as project costs - and what should be regarded as administration-related personnel expenditures - consequently budgeted as administrative costs; .

6. Decides to establish in the regular administrative and programme support services budget for the biennium 1986-1987 the following new posts:

(a) Thirty-three deputy representatives and senior advisors on population posts, of which 17 could be filled in 1986;

(b) Nine international programme officer posts in those countries in which no post under (a) above exists;

(c) Ten professional posts at headquarters - namely, a programme officer for the Asia and Pacific Branch, a chief, Budget and Management Analysis Section, a senior management specialist, a senior family planning specialist, an evaluation officer, a programme officer for the Africa Branch, two procurement officers, a policy officer and a technical officer, with all corresponding posts currently financed by project funds to be abolished;

7. Also decides that all new posts established within the budget under the provisions of paragraph 6 above shall be filled in accordance with established criteria governing appointments, as stipulated in the United Nations Staff Rules and United Nations Development Programme personnel policies and practices;

8. Decides that no further project-funded posts shall be established at headquarters without prior approval of the Council, pending the approval of the guidelines called for in paragraph 5 above;

9. Also decides that the project-funded Professional posts at headquarters shall be abolished upon the expiration of the contracts of the current incumbents, with the exception of the minimum number of posts absolutely necessary for the operations of the Fund, for which contracts may be extended until the end of 1986;

10. Further decides that headquarters project-funded General Service posts that are vacant, and those which, upon expiration of the contracts of the current incumbents, are, in the judgement of the Executive Director, not essential for the operation of the Fund, shall be abolished, and that consideration of the remaining project-funded General Service posts be deferred until the thirty-third session of the Governing Council;

11. Decides that, in principle, the new posts for deputy representatives and senior advisors on population, mentioned in paragraph 6 above, shall be established up to the P-5 level; any further upgrading of such posts to the D-1 level shall be submitted to and approved by the Governing Council;

12. Requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council, at its thirty-third session (1986) on the implementation of the decisions outlined in paragraphs 6-11 above, particularly paragraph 6 (a), including justification for any remaining project-funded posts at headquarters;

13. Authorizes the Executive Director to implement the results of the job classification exercise and the new salary scale for General Service staff of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities when such results are implemented by the Secretary-General for the United Nations General Service, and with the same effective date;

14. Authorizes the Executive Director to implement the reclassification results for Professional posts effective 1 January 1986.

II

Having considered the format of the biennial budget estimates for the 1986-1987 biennium, as contained in document DP/1985/39 and Corr.1 and Add.1,

Requests the Executive Director, when presenting the financial and budgetary situation of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, to follow the guidelines used by the United Nations Development Programme, in particular:

(a) To use identical parameters and designations, where feasible, for the presentation of basic financial and budgetary data and to present to the Council at its thirty-third session (1986) a prototype for an improved format of future budgets, taking into account the comments made in the Budgetary and Finance Committee during the thirty-second session of the Council;

(b) To present to the Governing Council, at each session, in addition to the biennial presentation of budget proposals, documentation containing the annual financial review, including, for information, extrabudgetary resources and revised budget estimates, if any.

III

Having considered the audited accounts of the participating and executing agencies related to funds allocated to them by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities as at 31 December 1983 (DP/1985/41) and the reaction of participating and executing agencies and the Panel of External Auditors in regard to narrative audit reports (DP/1985/42),

1. Takes note of the audited accounts of the participating and executing agencies;

2. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to reiterate to agencies the importance attached by the Governing Council to long-form narrative reports, and to continue his efforts to obtain those reports from the participating and executing agencies and the Panel of External Auditors.

38th meeting
29 June 1985

85/21. United Nations technical co-operation activities

The Governing Council,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities (DP/1985/43 and Add.1-3),

Recalling its decision 84/22 of 29 June 1984,

1. Commends the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the United Nations Secretariat for reducing its administrative costs and for continuing to improve its processes and procedures, thereby increasing the efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of its services to developing countries, despite the sharp reductions in staff over the past two years, and urges it to continue its efforts to eliminate the deficit in its overhead income account;

2. Notes with concern, however, that fundamental constraints external to the Department have yet to be addressed, in order to place the Department on a firmer financial footing;

3. Reiterates accordingly its request that necessary action by the Secretary-General be completed, in pursuance of paragraphs 62 and 63 of General Assembly resolution 32/197, of 20 December 1977, with regard to the clustering in a single organizational entity of all technical, managerial and operational capabilities related to technical co-operation activities of the United Nations Secretariat;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to explore specific measures in administrative, financial, and personnel matters to increase the Department's competitiveness as an executing agency, and to report back to the Council at its thirty-third session;

5. Endorses the major role of the Department in setting into place a Special Action Programme for Africa to improve the administrative and managerial capabilities in the field of public administration and finance, as reflected in Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/10, of 29 May 1985, and draws attention to the need for a greater concentration of resources on administrative and management programmes;

6. Reaffirms its support for the programme of work of the Department under the Regular Programme of Technical Co-operation and the use of that source of financing, inter alia, to support the country programming exercise, as welcomed in

its decision 79/22 of 28 June 1979, and to cover on a cost-sharing and reimbursable basis the cost of project identification, appraisal and formulation;

7. Requests again financial and funding institutions to make the fullest possible use of the Department's special competence, experience and operational capabilities during the various phases of the project cycle;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to develop for presentation to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session an internal implementation strategy based on the valuable work already done to strengthen further the capability of the Department to deal with issues of women in development and invites the Department to co-operate fully with the United Nations Development Programme in that respect.

38th meeting
29 June 1985

85/22. United Nations Volunteers programme

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Volunteers programme (DP/1985/44 and Add.1);

2. Notes the progress achieved in assisting the most severely affected African countries in utilizing more effectively emergency relief assistance through, inter alia, the provision of qualified United Nations Volunteers under a regional project (RAF/84/024) approved by the Governing Council at its thirty-first session, in decision 84/18;

3. Urges the Administrator to continue assisting the Governments of African countries affected by the present emergency, through, inter alia, the provision of United Nations Volunteers beyond the duration of the present regional emergency project;

4. Also urges donor Governments and all organizations in the United Nations system to consider the particular advantages of flexibility, speed and cost-effectiveness of using United Nations Volunteers when making additional allocations to assist in the current emergency;

5. Takes note with satisfaction of the fact that the relevance and advantages of the United Nations Volunteers programme have now been fully recognized by the developing countries, as manifested by the number of United Nations Volunteers now serving in development projects - the highest number ever achieved since the inception of the programme;

6. Urges Governments and organizations in the United Nations system to continue and increase the utilization of United Nations Volunteer contributions, where appropriate, in meeting the crucial qualified manpower requirements in the execution of development programmes and projects and to give them due consideration in the design and preparation of such programmes and projects;

7. Also notes the approach to and achievements in participatory development programmes of the United Nations Volunteers programme in particular through its Domestic Development Service programme activities;

8. Encourages recipient Governments and the Administrator to consider, when carrying out country programme exercises, the allocation of an increased volume of indicative planning figure resources for Domestic Development Service programmes aimed at helping the least advantaged communities to participate more actively in their own development.

36th meeting
28 June 1985

85/23. International Day for Volunteers for Economic and Social Development

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Volunteers programme (DP/1985/44),

Considering that volunteer service as exemplified not only by the United Nations Volunteers programme but also by thousands of volunteers of all nationalities, belonging to many organizations throughout the world, is making a most noteworthy contribution to programmes for socio-economic development,

Recognizing that the observance of an appropriate day would serve to create greater world-wide awareness of the nature of that contribution and thereby stimulate more people to offer their services as volunteers, both at home and abroad,

Cognizant also of the fact that such an observance would stimulate the work of all volunteer organizations and constitute a source of encouragement for those volunteers, many of whom engage in volunteer service at considerable personal sacrifice,

Noting the assurance of the Administrator that the observance would involve no further financial implications for the United Nations Development Programme,

Recommends that the General Assembly consider the question of designating an International Day for Volunteers for Economic and Social Development.

38th meeting
29 June 1985

85/24. United Nations Capital Development Fund

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Capital Development Fund, contained in document DP/1985/45;

2. Notes the increase in project approvals made possible by joint-financing arrangements;

3. Notes especially the increase in programme delivery attained by the Fund;

4. Agrees with the activation, on a trial basis for three years and within existing administrative resources, by the Fund of a concessional loan facility for revenue-producing projects;

5. Requests the Administrator to keep the Council informed of such loan operations and their impact on the Fund's portfolio and total resources, and decides to review the issue at its thirty-fifth session;

6. Notes the emphasis being given to project evaluation activities and to the feedback provided by them to improve project quality;

7. Considers it important that the views of the Fund are presented in the round-table process, as improved and developed by the Administrator;

8. Calls on all Member States to provide adequate resources for the Fund through new or increased voluntary contributions in order to allow the Fund to respond to the needs of the developing countries in the implementation of the Substantive New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries;

9. Encourages the United Nations Capital Development Fund to make its programme better known to donors and potential donors.

36th meeting
28 June 1985

85/25. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (DP/1985/46 and Add.1);

2. Endorses the appointment of Mr. Shigeaki Tomita as the new Director of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;

3. Notes the approval by the Administrator of supplementary short-term funding for mineral exploration in the Migori area of Kenya (KEN/NR/78/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/6);

4. Approves the projects entitled "Mineral exploration for gold in Rwanda" (RWA/NR/83/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/4) and "Geothermal exploration drilling at Las Planillas, Jalisco State, Mexico" (MEX/NR/83/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/5);

5. Notes with appreciation the successful efforts of the Administrator to obtain co-financing for the project in Saint Lucia, and urges him to continue such efforts;

6. Notes with concern the depletion of the resources of the Fund, thereby hampering the approval of projects in support of the programmes of the developing countries for the exploration and utilization of their mineral and geothermal resources;

7. Renews its appeal to Member States to contribute to the financial resources of the Fund in order for it to fulfil its mandate.

36th meeting
28 June 1985

85/26. Technical co-operation among developing countries

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the decisions adopted by the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries at its fourth session (DP/1985/48).

2. Approves the allocation of \$1.5 million from Special Programme Resources for the promotion of action-oriented technical co-operation activities among developing countries, as stipulated in decision 4/6 of the High-level Committee (DP/1985/48, annex I).

34th and 38th meetings
26 and 29 June 1985

85/27. Integration of issues relevant to women into promotional and operational activities for technical co-operation among developing countries

The Governing Council,

Reiterating the importance of the promotion of women's participation in development programmes and the integration of women in development,

Recalling decisions 2/2 and 3/7 of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,

1. Invites the agencies and organizations of the United Nations system to include, as appropriate, specific reference to women in all promotional activities for technical co-operation among developing countries, as an important aspect of human resource development;

2. Also invites the agencies and organizations of the United Nations development system to elaborate further and to disseminate guidelines on the incorporation of issues relevant to the advancement of women into programmes and projects for technical co-operation among developing countries;

3. Invites further developing countries to elaborate proposals for applicable and feasible programmes and projects for technical co-operation among developing countries benefiting women;

4. Reiterates the importance of the networking and strengthening of linkages between focal points for technical co-operation among developing countries and women's and professional organizations having experience with women's issues and development issues;

5. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to strengthen support to the incorporation of issues relevant to women through increased co-operation with organizations, such as the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, which are active in the field of women and development.

38th meeting
29 June 1985

85/28. United Nations Financing System for Science
and Technology for Development

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (DP/1985/49),

Taking note of the Administrator's statement on that subject, in which he referred to the critical financial situation of the Financing System and recent intergovernmental efforts to deal with it, including resolution 5 (vii), adopted by the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development,

1. Approves the two projects contained in documents DP/STD/PROJECTS/REC/3 and DP/STD/PROJECTS/REC/4;

2. Calls upon the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to render the fullest assistance to the Secretary-General in carrying out the responsibilities entrusted to him by the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development in its resolution 5 (vii);

3. Requests the Administrator to keep the members of the Governing Council informed on relevant developments.

37th meeting
28 June 1985

85/29. Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat
Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 39/168 of 17 December 1984 and 38/164 of 19 December 1983 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1984/65 of 26 July 1984, 1984/72 of 27 July 1984 and 1983/68 of 29 July 1983,

Recalling also its own decisions 84/27 of 29 June 1984 and 83/24 of 22 June 1983,

Noting decision 13/30 B of 23 May 1985, of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme f/ in which the Council, inter alia, endorsed again that Programme's partnership with the United Nations Development Programme in support of the joint venture to assist the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, in combating desertification,

Conscious of the need for the speedy implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification g/ as an integral part of the general efforts to promote the economic and social development of the region on an ecologically sound basis and of the crucial role of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in implementing the Plan,

Stressing that desertification is both a major form of environmental degradation and an obstacle to development in areas with fragile ecosystems, characterized by low and erratic rainfall and that it is increasing at an alarming rate throughout the African continent,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region (DP/1985/50);

2. Commends the initiative of the Ministerial Conference on Desertification held at Dakar in July 1984, which led to an extensive debate in the Second Committee of the General Assembly on that aspect of the present economic and social crisis in Africa;

3. Takes note of decision 13/10, taken on 23 May 1985 by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, and endorses the decision to add the United Republic of Tanzania to the list of countries which are eligible to receive assistance through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

4. Commends the Administrator on the progress achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office/United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Environment Programme venture, in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

5. Urges all Governments, the organizations, organs and other bodies of the United Nations system, and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to intensify their assistance either bilaterally or through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office or any other intermediary, in response to the priority requirements of the countries of the region;

6. Further urges all Governments of the affected areas to intensify their co-ordination efforts in combating desertification;

f/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/40/25).

g/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Desertification, Nairobi, 29 August-9 September 1977 (A/CONF.74/36), chap. I.

7. Requests the Administrator to continue to report annually to the Governing Council on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification.

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28 June 1985

85/30. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 39/206 of 17 December 1984 and 38/225 of 20 December 1983 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1984/72 of 27 July 1984 and 1983/68 of 29 July 1983,

Recalling also its decisions 84/28 of 29 June 1984 and 83/26 of 22 June 1983,

Gravely concerned by the continuing effects of the drought on the economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian countries,

Recognizing the role played by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in helping to combat the effects of the drought, through the implementation of the priority medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and the mobilization of the necessary resources to finance their respective priority projects,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (E/1985/65);

2. Commends the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for his continuing priority attention to the pressing needs of the drought-affected Sudano-Sahelian countries and for supporting the drought-related medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation activities in the region;

3. Expresses its gratitude to the Governments, United Nations agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

4. Appeals to all Governments and other actual and potential donors to strengthen further their support for the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office so as to enable it to respond more fully to the priority requirements of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel, including voluntary contributions through the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

5. Requests the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to continue its close co-operation with the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and its member States, with a view to supporting the second-generation programme of member States;

6. Requests the Administrator to continue to report annually to the Governing Council on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

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28 June 1985

85/31. Programmes in energy development

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the results achieved in assisting countries in the development of their high-priority energy programmes and projects in 1984 (DP/1985/52 and Add.1),

Taking note of General Assembly resolutions 39/173 of 17 December 1984 on the implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy, and 39/176, of 17 December 1984, on the development of the energy resources of developing countries,

Noting the catalytic role played by the Energy Account in mobilizing additional resources, both multilateral and bilateral, to implement energy projects and the existing close co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in matters of energy,

Further noting that donors have found the Energy Account mechanism for channelling additional funds useful, especially since it has led to increased participation on the part of bilateral and multilateral programmes in energy activities,

Recalling the central funding and co-ordinating role of the United Nations Development Programme,

1. Authorizes the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to continue with an Energy Account within the United Nations Development Programme, as established by Governing Council decision 80/27 of 26 June 1980, as long as it receives adequate funding support from donors;

2. Calls upon all Governments that are in a position to do so to contribute on an increasing basis to the Energy Account in order that it may continue on a more stable basis;

3. Notes with satisfaction the progress achieved in assisting the countries of the South Pacific through the Regional Energy Development Programme, including financing of services of energy planners from the Energy Account;

4. Also notes with satisfaction the assistance provided to a number of countries in conducting energy sector assessments;

5. Requests the Administrator to continue to support the priority energy requirements of the Pacific and other regions;

6. Requests the Administrator to report in detail to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session (1986) on the results of the activities financed from the Energy Account, especially on the extent to which the Account has contributed to playing a catalytic role in mobilizing additional resources to implement the Nairobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy.

38th meeting
29 June 1985

85/32. United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked
Developing Countries

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries (DP/1985/53),

Concurring with the Administrator's conclusion that the Fund will cease to be viable during the biennium 1985-1986,

1. Recommends to the General Assembly that, in the absence of any prospect for increased contributions to the Fund, steps should be taken to dissolve the Fund in an orderly manner;

2. Further recommends to the General Assembly that the Fund should be declared closed for further contributions with effect from 1 January 1986 and that, following completion of all activities in respect of projects approved by that date, any uncommitted resources should be transferred to the general resources of the United Nations Development Programme.

37th meeting
28 June 1985

85/33. United Nations Development Fund for Women

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984, by which the Assembly decided, inter alia, that the activities of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women should be continued through establishment of a separate and identifiable entity, designated the United Nations Development Fund for Women, in autonomous association with the United Nations Development Programme, and that the modalities for future management arrangements as contained in the annex to resolution 39/125, should enter into force at the latest on 1 January 1986,

Noting the United Nations Development Programme proposal of the Administrator to classify the post of Director of the Fund at the D-1 level,

1. Welcomes the arrangements made by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to accept responsibility for the United Nations Development Fund for Women as of 1 July 1985;

2. Requests the Administrator to prepare the 1986-1987 biennial budget estimates in respect of the Fund for review by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions at its continuing fortieth session, September-December 1985;

3. Decides to consider the 1986-1987 biennial budget proposal for the Fund, as well as staffing matters, at its organizational meeting for 1986, to be held in February of that year;

4. Authorizes the Administrator to maintain the current level of staffing and budgetary expenditures, pending approval by the Governing Council of the 1986-1987 biennial budget;

5. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council on an annual basis on the establishment of administrative arrangements relating to the association of the United Nations Development Fund for Women with the United Nations Development Programme.

38th meeting
29 June 1985

85/34. Annual review of the financial situation, 1984

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the review of the financial situation of 1984 (DP/1985/54 and Add.1),

Taking into account the observations and comments made by its members on that report,

Noting with interest the information provided by the Administrator concerning the management of a global cash management system,

1. Expresses its concern at the decline in programme delivery in recent years, despite the availability of resources;

2. Expresses its further concern at the high level of financial holdings by the United Nations Development Programme;

3. Takes note of the measures undertaken by the Administrator to improve programme delivery and performance, and urges their early implementation by the Programme and executing agencies in order to achieve full delivery at the recognized programming targets for the third cycle;

4. Requests the Administrator to report further on the subject of cash management, taking into account the views expressed by delegations;

5. Invites member States to expedite project-related actions awaiting their approval and concurrence;

6. Further urges all Governments to increase their voluntary contributions to the Programme and to make prompt and early payment of pledges;

7. Further takes note of the Administrator's intentions regarding the use of the Reserve for Construction Loans to Governments and related matters.

38th meeting
29 June 1985

85/35. Revised 1984-1985 budget

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the 1984-1985 biennial budget estimates of the Programme and the funds administered by it (DP/1985/57 and Add.1),

1. Takes note with appreciation of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1985/56);

2. Approves revised appropriations in the amount of \$318,552,200 (gross), to be allocated from the resources indicated in the annex below to finance the 1984-1985 biennial budget, and resolves that the income estimates in an amount of \$75,212,100 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations, resulting in net appropriations of \$243,340,100, as indicated in the annex below;

3. Authorizes the Administrator to implement the results of the job classification exercise and the new salary scale for General Service staff of the United Nations Development Programme at headquarters when such results are implemented by the Secretary-General for the United Nations General Service and with the same effective date.

Annex

1984-1985 BIENNIAL BUDGET

	<u>Gross</u> <u>appropriations</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>income</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>appropriations</u>
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(United States dollars)

Resources

United Nations Development
Programme

(i) Core activities	278 528 600	53 986 500	224 542 100
(ii) Office for Project Execution	15 254 500	15 254 500	1/m

	<u>Gross</u> <u>appropriations</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>income</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>appropriations</u>
	(United States dollars)		
(iii) Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit	2 072 700	2 072 700	1/m
(iv) United Nations Volunteers	6 027 800	1 026 200	5 001 600
(v) United Nations Sudano- Sahelian UNDP/UNEP joint venture (institutional support)	2 255 500	1 268 900	986 600
(vi) Information Referral System for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries	632 500	46 800	585 700
(vii) Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research	900 000	1/m	900 000
Total	<u>305 671 600</u>	<u>73 655 600</u>	<u>232 016 000</u>
<u>United Nations Capital</u> <u>Development Fund</u>	5 595 600	689 000	4 906 600
<u>United Nations Revolving Fund</u> <u>for Natural Resources</u> <u>Exploration</u>	3 199 600	377 900	2 821 700
<u>United Nations Sudano-Sahelian</u> <u>Office</u>	4 085 400	489 600	3 595 800
Total appropriations	<u><u>318 552 200</u></u>	<u><u>75 212 100</u></u>	<u><u>243 340 100</u></u>

38th meeting
29 June 1985

85/36. 1986 budget

The Governing Council,

Having considered the 1986-1987 biennial budget estimates of the United Nations Development Programme and the funds administered by the United Nations Development Programme (DP/1985/57),

1. Takes note with appreciation of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1985/56);

2. Approves appropriations in an amount of \$170,319,100 (gross), to be allocated from the resources indicated in the annex below to finance the 1986 budget, and resolves that the income estimates in an amount of \$24,946,000 shall be

used to offset the gross appropriations, resulting in net appropriations of \$145,373,100, as indicated in the annex below;

3. Decides that of the appropriation for Programme resources approved in paragraph 2 above, \$3.0 million shall be reflected as a separate appropriation line within the 1986 budget, entitled "Africa strengthening" and that those resources shall take the form of a subvention to the extrabudgetary account for "Strengthening field offices in Africa" and shall be reimbursed to the extent that contributions are made by donors for that purpose;

4. Calls upon member States to make further pledges to the extrabudgetary account in order to ensure that the resources of the United Nations Development Programme are devoted to their primary purpose - namely, technical co-operation, to the maximum extent possible;

5. Strongly urges those organizations of the United Nations system which either benefit from the services being provided by the field offices of the United Nations Development Programme in Africa or whose mandates and substantive involvement render them most suitable for providing assistance to Africa (for example, within the United Nations, the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs and the Economic Commission for Africa), to make available to the United Nations Development Programme suitable resources in cash or in kind through redeployment from within their own provisions for the purpose of strengthening co-ordination and emergency functions in Africa by the United Nations system, and in particular the United Nations Development Programme; and decides that such contributions shall be treated as a credit to the extrabudgetary account for strengthening field offices in Africa referred to in paragraph 3 above, and would be an appropriate reflection of the principle that all agencies of the United Nations system should share in the response to Africa;

6. Requests the Administrator to continue his efforts in that regard with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and with the heads of the specialized agencies of the United Nations system, with a view to securing the co-operation outlined in the preceding paragraph;

7. Urges States members of the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system to ensure that the requests contained in the three preceding paragraphs are met to the maximum extent possible;

8. Requests the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the United Nations Secretariat to submit to the Governing Council at its organizational session in (February) 1986, proposed adjustments to the guidelines endorsed by the Council in the exercise of its authority to establish guidelines for the regular programme of technical co-operation (sect. 24 of the United Nations programme budget), which would enable the Department to play its full and appropriate part in addressing the emergency situation in Africa, as well as the long-term development needs of that continent;

9. Notes that no decision was taken at the current session concerning the closure of the field office at Belgrade, and that the issue is to be reconsidered at the thirty-third session;

10. Authorizes the Administrator to implement the reclassification results for international Professional posts effective 1 January 1986.

Annex

1986 BUDGET

	<u>Gross</u> <u>appropriations</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>income</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>appropriations</u>
(United States dollars)			
Resources			
<u>United Nations Development Programme</u>			
(i) Core activities	146 761 100	15 306 100	131 455 000
(ii) Office for Project Execution	8 171 100	8 171 100	1/m
(iii) Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit	964 600	964 600	1/m
(iv) United Nations Volunteers	3 092 700	1/m	3 092 700
(v) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian UNDP/UNEP joint venture (institutional support)	996 300	504 200	492 100
(vi) Information Referral System for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries	359 000	1/m	359 000
(vii) Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research	450 000	1/m	450 000
(viii) Africa strengthening	3 000 000	1/m	3 000 000
Total	<u>163 794 800</u>	<u>24 946 000</u>	<u>138 848 000</u>

	<u>Gross</u> <u>appropriations</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>income</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>appropriations</u>
(United States dollars)			
<u>United Nations Capital</u> <u>Development Fund</u>	3 032 200	1/m	3 032 200
<u>United Nations Revolving Fund</u> <u>for Natural Resources</u> <u>Exploration</u>	1 468 600	1/m	1 468 600
<u>United Nations Sudano-Sahelian</u> <u>Office</u>	2 023 500	1/m	2 023 500
Total appropriations	<u>170 319 100</u>	<u>24 946 000</u>	<u>145 373 100</u>

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29 June 1985

85/37. Trust funds established by the Administrator in 1984

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on trust funds established by him in 1984 (DP/1985/59 and Corr.1), the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1985/56), and the information provided orally by the Associate Administrator,

Bearing in mind the views expressed on trust funds by delegations,

Requests that the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme provide the Governing Council with information on individual projects, equivalent to that contained in annex II to document DP/1985/59, financed by trust funds restricted to use in the donor country, and with summary information on the status of all trust funds established by him since 1981 which are still financially active.

38th meeting
29 June 1985

85/38. Financial regulations: matters on which consensus
was not achieved at the thirty-first session

The Governing Council,

Having considered the note by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme contained in document DP/1985/60,

1. Approves the texts proposed by the Administrator in 1981 as financial regulations 3.5, 3.6, 12.3 and 12.4 for inclusion in the financial regulations as regulations 4.5, 4.7, 13.3 and 13.4, respectively, in place of the former regulations 6.4, 6.6, and 4.2 and 4.3, which had remained in force pending agreement on those matters;

2. Decides that the Budgetary and Finance Committee will consider during its meetings at the thirty-third session of the Governing Council, within the framework of the provisional agenda for the thirty-third session, proposed financial regulation 4.6, remaining in brackets (see DP/1985/60, annex III), as well as those other matters on which consensus was not achieved at the thirty-second session of the Council (see DP/1985/60, annex II), with a view to facilitating the resolution of those issues by the Council.

38th meeting
29 June 1985

85/39. Financial regulations: guidelines for the procurement of equipment, supplies and services

The Governing Council,

Having considered the note by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (DP/1985/61) and the information provided orally by the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Special Activities,

1. Notes with appreciation the efforts undertaken by the United Nations Development Programme and the executing agencies to harmonize their practices in procurement of equipment, supplies and services;

2. Requests the Programme and the executing agencies to continue their co-operation to achieve uniformity in their procurement practices and to reflect such common practices in the General Business Guide issued by the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit so as to make the United Nations system's procurement process both more accessible and more transparent;

3. Urges the United Nations Development Programme and the executing agencies to increase their efforts to expand the geographical distribution of the sources of supply, including under-utilized donors and developing countries;

4. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to consult with the executing agencies on the possibility of producing, for the information of the Governing Council, a more specific analysis of replies to the questionnaire on the procurement practices of those agencies;

5. Requests the Administrator to make an oral report to the Council at its thirty-third session (1986) on the results achieved in the implementation of the present decision.

38th meeting
29 June 1985

85/40. Audit reports

The Governing Council,

Having considered the note by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme containing the audited accounts of the executing agencies for the financial period ending 31 December 1983, the reports of the external auditors thereon, the Administrator's comments on substantive observations made by the external auditors and a description of the action taken by the Administrator in response to Governing Council decision 84/40 (DP/1985/62 and Add.1),

Having also considered the audited financial statements of the United Nations Development Programme for the year 1983 and of the United Nations for the biennium 1982-1983, and the relevant reports of the United Nations Board of Auditors (A/39/5/Add.1 and A/39/5, vol. I), copies of which had been made available to the Council at its thirty-second session,

1. Expresses its appreciation for the increasing emphasis given by the external auditors to the preparation of long-form narrative audit reports which include observations on the effectiveness of the financial management of projects;

2. Requests the Administrator to bring this decision, and the views expressed by the Committee in the course of its discussion of this subject, to the attention of the Panel of External Auditors, and to continue his efforts, in consultation with the Panel, to ensure that long-form narrative audit reports are submitted in respect of every executing agency which carries out a significant volume of UNDP-financed activities;

3. Further requests the Administrator in future years to expand the scope of his comments on the audit reports received so as to include a summary of the most significant observations contained in audit reports of UNDP itself and of the United Nations, as well as of the comments made and follow-up actions taken by the respective administrations in response to those observations.

38th meeting
29 June 1985

85/41. Sectoral support

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 84/41 of 29 June 1984 in which it approved the allocation of funds, subject to resource availability, through 1986 for both the sectoral support programme with smaller agencies and the Senior Industrial Development Field Adviser Programme with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in the amounts of \$912,000 and \$2,031,000, respectively,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on sectoral support (DP/1985/63) and the views and comments of members thereon,

1. Endorses the proposals of the Administrator contained in paragraphs 21 and 22 of his report concerning the continuation with improved management measures of the sectoral support programme with smaller agencies through the fourth cycle, 1987-1991;

2. Requests the Administrator to undertake the necessary review of the policy of the United Nations Development Programme in regard to the Senior Industrial Development Field Adviser Programme in the fourth cycle, taking due account of the possible change of status of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to a specialized agency, and to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session on the results of that review;

3. Further decides to consider and decide on the United Nations Development Programme support in the fourth cycle for the Senior Industrial Development Field Adviser Programme at its thirty-third session.

38th meeting
29 June 1985

85/42. Other matters: the financial structure
of the system administered by the
United Nations Development Programme

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the financial structure of the system administered by the Programme (DP/1985/64),

1. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to review the current organizational arrangements that characterize his management of the funds under his authority and to provide a report to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session containing proposals whereby the current organizational arrangements for the management of those funds may be made more effective and efficient;

2. Takes note of the Administrator's intention to make available to the cost-sharing programmes the interest earned on cost-sharing balances after the costs to the United Nations Development Programme relating to the respective programmes have been met;

3. Authorizes the Administrator, further to paragraph 3, section IV, of Council decision 82/5, of 18 June 1982, for those agencies which did not respond to paragraph 4 of decision 80/44 of 27 June 1980 or paragraph 2, section IV, of decision 82/5, to lower the support cost reimbursement rate relating to a project financed either by a trust fund or cost-sharing when it is determined by the Administrator that the agency concerned had indicated its willingness to accept a lower rate for the same project;

4. Recommends to the General Assembly that it endorse the proposals contained in paragraph 7 of the report of the Administrator (DP/1985/64) relating to the closure as of 31 December 1985 of the Fund of the United Nations for the Development of West Irian, the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency - Residual Assets, the United Nations Relief Operations in Bangladesh and the Trust Fund Programme for the Republic of Zaire.

38th meeting
29 June 1985

85/43. Other matters: request by the International Telecommunication Union for additional support cost reimbursement

The Governing Council,

Having considered information provided by representatives of the International Telecommunication Union and the United Nations Development Programme concerning a request made by the Union for additional reimbursement of support costs relating to activities financed by the Programme,

Taking into account the observations and comments made by its members thereon,

Reaffirms its decision 84/31 of 29 June 1984, in paragraph 6, of which it decided that support cost reimbursement to executing agencies, including the International Telecommunication Union, should continue to be made in accordance with the provision of Governing Council decisions 80/44 of 27 June 1984 and 81/40 of 30 June 1981.

38th meeting
29 June 1985

85/44. Other matters: currency exchange rates applicable to activities of the United Nations Development Programme

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on exchange rates to be used by the Programme (DP/1985/7),

Having heard the statements made at its thirty-second session by the Permanent Representative of Somalia and by the Administrator on that subject,

Expresses the hope that further consultations would be fruitful.

38th meeting
29 June 1985

85/45. Measures to be taken concerning the documentation of the Governing Council

The Governing Council,

Considering the concerns expressed regarding the problems resulting from frequent lateness in receipt of documentation and the reluctance of members to continue to operate in such disorganized fashion,

Deploing the serious gaps which still exist regarding the translation and simultaneous distribution of documents in all the official languages,

1. Takes note of the note of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (DP/1985/69) on the replies to the survey of Governing Council members to ascertain the usefulness of documents issued for the thirty-first session, as requested in paragraph 4 of its decision 84/5;

2. Requests members of the Governing Council who have not yet done so to respond to the Administrator's questionnaire on the usefulness of documents issued for the Governing Council, on the basis of which the Secretariat will prepare a report, so that the Governing Council may examine the matter at its organizational session in February 1986;

3. Reaffirms its previous decisions 79/33 of 2 July 1979 and 83/40 of 1983 with respect to the preparation and timely distribution of documents of the Governing Council and strongly insists that the Administrator take decisive action to solve the problem once and for all, and to report to the February 1986 organizational session on the measures that have been taken;

4. Requests the Administrator to continue the efforts he has already made to improve the quality, reduce the quantity and accelerate the distribution of the Council's documentation;

5. Decides to continue the practice established in paragraph 4 of decision 83/40 and to allocate up to \$200,000 per biennium for the editing, translation, typing and production of documents for the Governing Council, with a view to circulating documents to delegations at the earliest possible time.

37th meeting
28 June 1985

85/46. Provisional agenda for the Governing Council at its thirty-third session, and related matters

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 81/37 of 27 June 1981 and 84/44 of 29 June 1984,

1. Approves the following provisional agenda for its thirty-third session (1986):

Provisional agenda for the thirty-third session h/

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of officers i/
3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

h/ Prepared in accordance with Governing Council decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981. Sub-items will be added and annotations prepared in the light of other decisions adopted by the Council at its thirty-second session and relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1985 and by the General Assembly at its fortieth session and any other matters requiring the consideration of the Governing Council, in accordance with rule 8 of its rules of procedure (DP/1/Rev.4).

i/ In accordance with section I, paragraph 3 (d), of Governing Council decision 81/37 and rules 1 and 11 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council (DP/1/Rev.4), the election of officers will take place at the organizational meeting for 1986.

4. Policy review
5. Programme implementation
6. Programme planning
7. United Nations Fund for Population Activities
8. United Nations technical co-operation activities
9. Other funds and programmes
10. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters
11. Other matters
12. Date and provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session;

2. Decides that the subject of policy review for discussion during the high-level segment of the session shall be "The unique role of the United Nations Development Programme in human resources development and development co-operation in the 1980s";

3. Also decides that the indicative quota for the documentation to be submitted to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session, excluding documentation on country and intercountry programmes and projects, shall be 1,300 pages - 300 pages for policy papers and 1,000 pages for support papers - and calls upon the Administrator to undertake all steps to reduce the volume of documentation even further.

38th meeting
29 June 1985

85/47. Arrangements for meetings of the Governing Council in 1986

The Governing Council

1. Decides that, subject to confirmation by the Committee on Conferences and the General Assembly, as well as its own review at its organizational meeting, the arrangements for its meetings in 1986 shall be as follows:

Organizational meeting and special session j/	February 1986, United Nations Headquarters (dates to be set)
Governing Council including:	June 1986, United Nations Office at Geneva (four weeks)
Budgetary and Finance Committee	June 1986, United Nations Office at Geneva (four weeks)
Committee of the Whole	June 1986, United Nations Office at Geneva (1 week)
High-level segment	June 1986, United Nations Office at Geneva (1 week)
Drafting Group	June 1986, United Nations Office at Geneva (2 weeks)

j/ See para. 1 of decision 87/17, on programming.

2. Also decides that, in addition, meetings of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole, established in paragraph 3 of decision 85/17 on programming, will be scheduled.

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29 June 1985

85/48. Other reports considered by the Governing Council at its thirty-second session

The Governing Council

Takes note of the following reports:

(a) Report of the Administrator on Implementation of General Assembly resolution 38/201 concerning the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operations Trust Fund and the allocation of its remaining balance (DP/1985/15);

(b) Oral reports of the Director of the Division of External Relations and the Secretary of the Governing Council on the UNDP Development Study Programme;

(c) Report of the Administrator on assistance to specific countries (DP/1985/19);

(d) Report of the Administrator on evaluation (DP/1985/13);

(e) Reports of the Administrator on regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures in the United Nations system (DP/1984/65 and 66);

(f) Note by the Administrator on action taken by other organs of the United Nations system in 1983 (DP/1985/66 and Add.1).

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29 June 1985

Annex II

REPRESENTATION AT THE MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL HELD IN 1985

A. Representation at the organizational meeting for 1985 of the Governing Council

1. The following members of the Governing Council were represented: Argentina; Australia; Austria; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Belgium; Benin; Brazil; Canada; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Cuba; Denmark; Ethiopia; Finland; France; Gambia; German Democratic Republic; Germany, Federal Republic of; Hungary; India; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Lesotho; Mauritania; Mexico; Nepal; Netherlands; Norway; Pakistan; Philippines; Poland; Saudi Arabia; Swaziland; Sweden; Switzerland; Togo; Tunisia; Turkey; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United Republic of Tanzania; United States of America; Venezuela; Yugoslavia.
2. The following States were represented by observers: Afghanistan; Algeria; Bahamas; Barbados; Bhutan; Bulgaria; Burma; Burundi; Cameroon; Colombia; Costa Rica; Cyprus; Czechoslovakia; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Democratic Yemen; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Gabon; Ghana; Greece; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; Indonesia; Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Jordan; Kenya; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lebanon; Liberia; Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; Mali; Malta; Mauritius; Mongolia; Morocco; Mozambique; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Nigeria; Oman; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Portugal; Republic of Korea; Romania; Rwanda; Saint Christopher and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Sao Tome and Principe; Senegal; Singapore; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Syrian Arab Republic; Thailand; Trinidad and Tobago; Uganda; Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic; United Arab Emirates; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia.
3. Observers for the following national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity attended: African National Congress (South Africa); Pan Africanist Congress of Azania; South West Africa People's Organization.
4. The following United Nations Secretariat units and the United Nations bodies were represented: Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation; Department of Technical Co-operation for Development; United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations; Office of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia; Regional Commissions Liaison Office; Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator; World Food Council; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; United Nations Centre for Human Settlements; World Food Programme; Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; United Nations Fund for Population Activities.
5. The following specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system were represented: International Labour Organisation; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; World Health Organization; World Bank; International Telecommunication Union; World Meteorological Organization; International Maritime Organization; International Fund for Agricultural Development.

6. Observers for the following intergovernmental organizations participated: African Development Bank; Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee; European Communities; Inter-American Development Bank; League of Arab States; Organization of American States.

**B. Representation at the thirty-second session
of the Governing Council**

7. The following members of the Governing Council were represented: Argentina; Australia; Austria; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Belgium; Benin; Brazil; Canada; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Cuba; Denmark; Ethiopia; Finland; France; Gambia; German Democratic Republic; Germany, Federal Republic of; Hungary; India; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Lesotho; Mauritania; Mexico; Nepal; Netherlands; Norway; Pakistan; Philippines; Poland; Saudi Arabia; Swaziland; Sweden; Switzerland; Togo; Tunisia; Turkey; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United Republic of Tanzania; United States of America; Venezuela; Yugoslavia.

8. The following States were represented by observers: Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Bahamas; Barbados; Bhutan; Bolivia; Botswana; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Burma; Burundi; Cape Verde; Colombia; Costa Rica; Cyprus; Czechoslovakia; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Democratic Yemen; Djibouti; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; Equatorial Guinea; Fiji; Ghana; Greece; Guatemala; Guinea; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; Indonesia; Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Jordan; Kenya; Lebanon; Liberia; Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Mali; Malta; Mauritius; Mongolia; Morocco; Mozambique; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Nigeria; Oman; Panama; Paraguay; Peru; Portugal; Qatar; Republic of Korea; Romania; Rwanda; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Sao Tome and Principe; Singapore; Somalia; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Syrian Arab Republic; Thailand; Trinidad and Tobago; Uganda; Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic; United Arab Emirates; Uruguay; Viet Nam; Zambia; Zimbabwe.

9. The Palestine Liberation Organization was represented by observers.

10. Observers for the following national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity attended: South West Africa People's Organization; African National Congress (South Africa); Pan Africanist Congress of Azania.

11. The following United Nations Secretariat units and the United Nations bodies were represented: Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation; Department of International Economic and Social Affairs; Department of Technical Co-operation for Development; Office of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia; Regional Commissions Liaison Office; Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator; World Food Council; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; United Nations Centre for Human Settlements; United Nations Children's Fund; Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; United Nations Fund for Population Activities; United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development.

12. The following specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system were represented: International Labour Organisation; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; International Civil Aviation Organization; World Health Organization; World Bank; International Monetary Fund; Universal Postal Union; International Telecommunication Union; World Meteorological Organization; World Intellectual Property Organization; International Maritime Organization; International Trade Centre; International Atomic Energy Agency; World Tourism Organization.

13. Observers for the following intergovernmental organizations participated: African Development Bank; Asian Development Bank; European Economic Community; Inter-American Development Bank; Intergovernmental Committee for Migration; OPEC Fund for International Development; Organization of African Unity; Organization of American States; Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development; Organization of the Islamic Conference.

14. Observers for the following non-governmental organizations participated: Industry Council for Development; International Planned Parenthood Federation; International Union for the Scientific Study of Population; Population Institute.

Annex III

AGENDA FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL HELD IN 1985

A. Agenda of the organizational meeting for 1985 adopted by the Governing Council

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Progress report on rationalization of the work of the Governing Council.
5. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1985.
6. Other matters.

B. Agenda of the special meeting adopted by the Governing Council

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Preparations for the fourth programming cycle.
3. Technical co-operation among developing countries (TCDC): use of country indicative planning figures (IPFs) for TCDC.

C. Agenda for the thirty-second session adopted by the Governing Council

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Policy review: co-ordination of external technical co-operation at the country level and examination of steps to be taken by the United Nations Development Programme to strengthen co-ordination in practice.
4. Programme implementation:
 - (a) Annual report of the Administrator for 1984;
 - (b) Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions;
 - (c) Special programmes of assistance: assistance to national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity; assistance to specific countries; assistance to the Palestinian people;
 - (d) Evaluation.

5. Programme planning
 - (a) Preparations for the fourth programming cycle;
 - (b) Country and intercountry programmes and projects.
6. United Nations Fund for Population Activities.
7. United Nations technical co-operation activities.
8. Other funds and programmes: a/
 - (a) United Nations Volunteers;
 - (b) United Nations Capital Development Fund;
 - (c) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;
 - (d) Technical co-operation among developing countries;
 - (e) United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (UNFSSTD);
 - (f) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office:
 - (i) Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;
 - (ii) Recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;
 - (iii) Assistance to other drought-stricken countries;
 - (g) Programmes in energy development;
 - (h) United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries;
 - (i) Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women.

a/ By paragraph 11 of its resolution 36/200, the General Assembly decided that, beginning in 1983, a broad policy review of those funds and programmes which are under the guidance of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and managed by the Administrator of the Programme should be undertaken on a biennial basis, on the understanding that a brief report, including a financial statement, on those funds and programmes should be made available to the Governing Council in the intervening years, and invited the Governing Council to act accordingly.

9. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters:

- (a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1984;
- (b) Revised budget estimates for the biennium 1986-1987;
- (c) Trust funds established by the Administrator;
- (d) UNDP financial regulations;
- (e) Audit reports;
- (f) Sectoral support costs;
- (g) Other matters.

10. Other matters:

- (a) United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures;
- (b) Action taken by other organs of the United Nations system in 1984.

11. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1986.

12. Other matters.

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