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COORDINATION, PROGRAMME AND OTHER QUESTIONS:
REPORTS OF COORDINATION BODIES

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the
Council, Mr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), on the basis
of informal consultations

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination
on the work of its thirty-ninth session

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and
Coordination on the work of its thirty-ninth session, 1/

1. Takes note of the report of the Committee for Programme and
Coordination on the work of its thirty-ninth session;

I

Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee
for Programme and Coordination

2. Welcomes the effort to improve the working methods and procedures
of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and requests the Committee to
take steps to ensure further improvement;

1/ A/54/16.

3. Urges the Committee for Programme and Coordination, given the importance of its work in the areas of coordination, programming, planning and evaluation, to schedule its spring session so as to make its report available well in advance of the substantive session of the Council in order to allow the Council to devote adequate time to its consideration;

II

Programme planning

4. Re-emphasizes the importance of the planning, programming and coordination functions carried out by the Committee for Programme and Coordination in accordance with its mandate and in the context of a continuing need for greater efficiency and effectiveness in the United Nations system;

5. Reiterates that the effectiveness of the instruments at the disposal of the Committee to fulfil its functions, inter alia, in-depth evaluations and triennial reviews of the implementation of its recommendations thereon, annual overview reports of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, programme budget mechanisms and medium-term plans, should continue to be improved;

6. Invites the specialized intergovernmental bodies, as well as the Economic and Social Council and the Main Committees of the General Assembly, to include in their programme of work an agenda item on programme planning for the review of the proposed medium-term plan and its revisions;

III

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001

7. Takes note of the improved format and the timely submission of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 to the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

8. Notes that the general level of resources was lower than indicated in the proposed budget outline;

9. Notes a trend towards an increasing use of extrabudgetary funds for activities that should be funded under the regular budget;

IV

Annual overview report of the
Administrative Committee on Coordination

10. Takes note of the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1998; 2/

V

United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for
the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda
for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

11. Takes note of the progress report of the Secretary-General 3/ and of the results achieved in the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;

12. Invites the Administrative Committee on Coordination to consider broadening the coverage of countries and clusters of priority areas to reflect the original commitment in the New Agenda;

13. Takes note of the contribution of the funds, programmes and organizations of the United Nations system and, in particular, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to follow up the New Agenda and recommends that they continue their important role in assisting African countries in that regard;

14. Welcomes the closer collaboration between the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries, the Economic Commission for Africa and the secretariat of the Special Initiative and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that those entities work closely on the harmonization of the various initiatives on Africa, and to enhance the linkages and common elements among them;

VI

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit

15. Concurs with the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination that the Secretary-General should expedite the comments by the

2/ E/1999/48.

3/ A/54/133-E/1999/79.

Administrative Committee on Coordination for due consideration of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit by the Committee for Programme and Coordination and take concrete steps to ensure the full implementation of the recommendations contained in the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit as approved by the General Assembly.

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