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Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In paragraph 22 of part B of its resolution 1240 (XIII) of 14 October 1958 on the establishment of the Special Fund, the General Assembly provided that the Secretary-General, after consulting the Governing Council of the Special Fund, would appoint the Managing Director, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. This procedure has been construed as applying also to the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and, accordingly, the Secretary-General has consulted members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme before submitting the appointment of the Administrator for confirmation to the General Assembly.
2. At its 2017th plenary meeting, on 14 December 1971, the General Assembly confirmed the appointment of Mr. Rudolph A. Peterson as Administrator Designate of the United Nations Development Programme, with effect from 1 January 1972, on the understanding that Mr. Peterson would take over as Administrator of the Programme, with effect from 15 January 1972, for a term of office ending on 31 December 1975. ^{1/} The General Assembly also agreed to the extension of the appointment of Mr. Paul G. Hoffman to 15 January 1972 to enable him to attend the opening meeting of the thirteenth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme which commenced on 12 January 1972.
3. Having consulted the members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, the Secretary-General now proposes the appointment of Mr. Bradford Morse, at present Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs, as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, with effect from 16 January 1976, for a term of office ending on 31 December 1979. He further proposes that, in order to provide an overlap of some two weeks, the term of office of Mr. Peterson be extended until 15 January 1976 and that Mr. Morse be appointed Administrator Designate from 1 to 15 January 1976. It should be mentioned, in this connexion, that the twentieth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme begins on 15 January 1976.

^{1/} See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 29 (A/8429), p. 21, item 44 (e).