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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Economic and Social Council, by resolution 1986/73, requested the Secretary-General, taking into account earlier studies and the discussions to be held at the twenty-second series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to submit a report on human resources development and on the activities of the United Nations system as a whole in this field, with conclusions and recommendations, to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, for consideration and appropriate action.
2. In response to the above-mentioned request, the Secretary-General wishes to draw to the attention of the Council and the Assembly a number of recently issued reports that provide Member States with information on the activities of the United Nations system in the area of human resources development:
  - (a) The twenty-second series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination are scheduled to be held on 22 and 23 June 1987. At those meetings, the two Committees will have before them an informal paper, entitled "Co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations system in human resources development and its contribution to

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meeting the economic and social objectives of the developing countries", which was prepared by the International Labour Organisation in close consultation with all concerned organizations of the United Nations system. The two Committees will also have before them a short note by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination which contains a list of the questions that could be explored in some depth at the Joint Meetings;

(b) The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), scheduled to meet from 16 May to 19 June 1987, will have before it a short report on the role of UNDP and its executing agencies in the development of human resources, entitled "Annual review of thematic programmes established by the Council: human resources" (DP/1987/75 and Add.2);

(c) The Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1987, will have before it the summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1986 (E/1987/60). Part two of the summary of the survey contains a review of the problems, policies and perspectives in the area of human resources development in Asia and the Pacific, particularly as regards the fields of population, nutrition and health, education, equality in access to services and the exchange of information;

(d) The Council will also have before it a progress report of the Secretary-General on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries (A/42/275-E/1987/76).

3. The Secretary-General wishes also to note that an inter-agency task force is currently preparing documentation for the International Conference on Human Resources Development in Africa, which will be held in Gabon in October 1987.

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