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PROGRAMME PLANNING

Draft resolution proposed by the Chairman

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 31/93 of 14 December 1976, 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 37/234 of 21 December 1982, 38/227 A and B of 20 December 1983 and 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976,

Recognizing the need to improve continuously the programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation process in the Organization and the need for the participation of Member States at an early stage throughout the process,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-seventh session (A/42/16, Part I and Add.1 and Part II),

Having considered also the relevant parts of the Economic and Social Council report for 1987 (A/42/3),

Taking note of the note by the Secretary-General on the preparation of the next medium-term plan (A/42/512),

Having considered also the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213 (A/42/234 and Corr.1) as well as the update of the progress report (A/C.5/42/2/Rev.1),

I

REGULATIONS AND RULES GOVERNING PROGRAMME PLANNING, THE PROGRAMME ASPECTS OF THE BUDGET, THE MONITORING OF IMPLEMENTATION AND THE METHODS OF EVALUATION

1. Endorses the amendments to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation as recommended by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-seventh session (A/42/16 (Part II), para. 74);
2. Stresses the need to implement fully all the provisions of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, in particular those relating to the determination of priorities;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to consider improvement in the format and presentation of the programme budget taking fully into account the relevant recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

II

PROGRAMME PLANNING

1. Reiterates the importance of the medium-term plan as the principal policy directive of the United Nations;
2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations and approves the proposals contained in paragraphs 100 to 102 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its twenty-seventh session (A/42/16 (Part II));
3. Praises the initiative taken by the Secretary-General to engage Member States in an early dialogue on the future activities of the Organization in accordance with section II, paragraph 3 (b), of resolution 41/213 and requests him to gather additional opinions, comments and suggestions of Member States on the subject with a view to the preparation of the draft introduction to the next medium-term plan and to issue the draft introduction as soon as possible;
4. Requests the Secretary-General, when submitting in 1988 the draft introduction to the next medium-term plan, to take into account all views expressed by Member States on the enclosure to his note on the preparation of the next medium-term plan (A/42/512), entitled "Some perspectives on the work of the United Nations in the 1990s", in particular during their discussions on this subject in the various intergovernmental organs;

III

EVALUATION

1. Stresses the importance and necessity of further integrating evaluation into the programme planning, budgeting and monitoring cycle with a view to improving and strengthening programme formulation and implementation;
2. Endorses the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination that evaluation studies should be appropriately timed in order to be relevant to the programme cycle, that evaluation methodologies should continue to be further refined and that evaluation reports should present recommendations in two separate categories, namely, those falling within the purview of the Secretary-General for implementation and those requiring consideration, approval or action by intergovernmental bodies;
3. Invites the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Industrial Development Board of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to consider the recommendations contained in the triennial review on the United Nations Development Programme-financed technical co-operation activities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in the field of manufacturers (E/AC.51/1987/3) together with the conclusions of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-seventh session (A/42/16, Part I and Add.1 and Part II);

IV

CROSS-ORGANIZATIONAL, PROGRAMME ANALYSES

1. Takes note of Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/79 of 8 July 1987 on the cross-organizational review of the medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system and programme analysis in the area of science and technology for development and 1987/86 of 8 July 1987 on the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development and system-wide co-ordination of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;
2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the cross-organizational review of the medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system and programme analysis in the area of science and technology for development (A/42/16 (Part I) paras. 268-275);
3. Agrees with the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination that a cross-organizational programme analysis on the advancement of women should be submitted to the Committee at its twenty-ninth session in 1989 with the understanding contained in paragraph 11 of the report of the Committee on its twenty-seventh session (A/42/16 (Part II));

V

JOINT MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION
AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION

1. Takes note of Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/82 of 8 July 1987 and 1987/85 of 8 July 1987;
2. Accepts, as recommended by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1987/194 that the topic for the twenty-third series of joint meetings of the two committees shall be "The response of the United Nations system to development problems, with special attention to the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990";

VI

OTHER CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Endorses the other conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-seventh session (A/42/16, Part I and Add.1 and Part II) which have not been approved by the General Assembly at its forty-second session;
2. Decides that the relevant conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, as well as the related portions of its report, should be brought to the attention of its Main Committees for information;
3. Reiterates the need to implement the provisions contained in section II (Improvement of the work of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination under its mandate) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/51 of 22 July 1986, in particular concerning priority setting;
4. Requests the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to keep under review its schedule of meetings, taking into account the new responsibilities assigned to it, and to report as necessary thereon through the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its forty-third session.
