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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS
FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Spain*: draft resolution

Policy guidance on operational activities for development
to the funds and programmes

The Economic and Social Council

1. Decides, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/162, to provide to the United Nations funds and programmes the following policy guidance on operational activities for development:

I

PRIORITY SETTING

2. Requests the United Nations funds and programmes to continue to give high priority in their budget allocations to the least developed countries, low-income countries and Africa;

3. Also requests the funds and programmes to ensure that their sectoral priorities take fully into account the relevant conclusions of United Nations conferences in the economic, social and related fields, in accordance with their respective mandates and comparative advantages;

* On behalf of the States Members of the European Union and in accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

II

COUNTRY PROGRAMMING

4. Requests the heads of the funds and programmes to ensure that there is an improved link between their country programmes, the country strategy note, where in place, and with the programming framework of other external donors, particularly the Bretton Woods institutions;

5. Takes note of decision 1995/8 concerning country programming, adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on 6 February 1995, 1/ and requests other funds and programmes to consider both a similar approach, in the light of the experience of the United Nations Children's Fund, and joint or consecutive meetings on country programmes in order to ensure a more integrated consideration of the country programmes of different funds and programmes in an individual country;

III

MONITORING, EVALUATION AND IMPACT

6. Requests the heads of the funds and programmes to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1996, through their Executive Boards, on the steps taken to further refine and effectively apply procedures for monitoring, evaluation and impact, with greater emphasis on their overall impact and on performance measurement, and to ensure that higher priority is given to monitoring and evaluation activities as well as the implementation of recommendations and findings;

IV

REPORTS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
ON OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

7. Requests the Executive Boards, in their reports to the Council, to identify specific problems, opportunities and areas in which the Council must provide cross-sectoral coordination and overall guidance on a system-wide basis and to make appropriate proposals, which should be summarized in the annual report of the Secretary-General called for in paragraph 5 of Council resolution 1994/33;

8. Invites the specialized agencies to identify specific problem areas for consideration by the Council in line with paragraph 7 above;

1/ E/1995/33 (Part I), chap. III.

9. Requests the funds and programmes to report jointly to the Council on questions relating to coordination, cooperation, the division of labour, common procedures and guidelines and on other issues they consider appropriate;

V

COMMON ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

10. Requests the funds and programmes, and invites the specialized agencies, to explore the scope of using common administrative services at the field level and to report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 1996.
