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Addendum

II. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR AND RELATED MATTERS

D. Role of UNDP in the implementation of the United Nations
New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

1. In introducing document DP/1994/12, the Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa highlighted two areas of activity of UNDP in Africa: aid coordination and support to governance initiatives. UNDP assistance in the area of governance was restricted to the provision of technical cooperation to build the necessary institutional infrastructure strictly in accordance with country priorities and upon the request of the Government.
2. Representatives commended the support UNDP was giving to African development efforts and welcomed the ongoing mid-term reviews of the National Long-term Perspective Studies and the African Capacity-Building Foundation. They expressed interest in receiving the related reports at the third regular session 1994 of the Executive Board.
3. Some delegations called on UNDP to focus its activities to achieve greater impact. One representative strongly encouraged UNDP to undertake an in-depth study of the main programmes, especially the national technical cooperation assessment and programmes (NatCAP) exercise and to consider reporting to the Executive Board on a limited number of activities at each session rather than reviewing all of its activities each year.

4. Some representatives referred to the declining levels of resources available for African programmes and called for efforts to address the situation.

5. The Board adopted the following decision:

94/13. Role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator contained in document DP/1994/12;
2. Encourages the Administrator, African countries and the international community to continue to support the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;
3. Also encourages the United Nations Development Programme to continue to participate in dialogue on resolving Africa's debt problems;
4. Requests the Administrator to report annually to the Executive Board on the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s.

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