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II. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR AND RELATED MATTERS

B. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/199

1. In introducing the report contained in document DP/1994/22, the Director of the Bureau for Programme Policy and Evaluation noted that General Assembly resolution 47/199 applied to the operational activities of the United Nations development system as a whole. Consequently, UNDP approached its implementation as a collective endeavour, involving the programme countries as well as the United Nations development system. A more comprehensive report would be submitted by the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council at its June 1994 session, in line with paragraph 54 of the resolution.
2. Some delegations expressed concern about the slow pace of implementing the resolution throughout the United Nations development system as a whole, an issue which would be raised at the next session of the Economic and Social Council.
3. Note was taken of the increased use of the modality of national execution although UNDP was cautioned against substituting the Office for Project Services for national execution in nationally executed projects. One delegation requested an evaluation of UNDP experience with national execution to date.

4. Representatives suggested that decentralization and delegation of authority to the country offices be accompanied by appropriate management and accountability control mechanisms. A brief paper describing the "Ten point decentralization" package developed by UNDP was also requested.
5. While conceding the importance of the country strategy notes, a few delegations emphasized that the notes must not be imposed on recipient countries.
6. One representative expressed concern about the increasing importance being attached to the Human Development Report which had no legislative mandate from the Executive Board. Another suggested that, to minimize the controversy surrounding the reports, UNDP might want to consider a joint pre-publication review of each report by Member States and the editorial team.
7. In response to questions raised, the Secretariat noted that the vast majority of resident coordinators were committed to implementing resolution 47/199 in their countries of service.
8. It was also explained that the country strategy note was being undertaken only in countries that so desired, as specified by the resolution. Examples of country strategy notes prepared so far would be made available to the Executive Board at its third regular session. Similarly, a brief report on the "Ten point decentralization" package would also be made available at that time.
9. The Executive Board took note of the report of the Administrator DP/1994/22 as presented.
