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EXTENSION OF THE FIFTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR TONGA

Note by the Administrator

1. The fifth country programme for Tonga was approved by the Governing Council at its thirty-seventh session (1990) for a period of five years (1991-1995). The Government has requested an extension of the programme for one year, through 1996. The extension will make it possible to harmonize the UNDP country cooperation framework for Tonga with those for the rest of the Pacific island countries and with the cooperation framework for the Pacific subregion, including the Pacific multi-islands. It will also enable harmonization, as recommended by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/199, with the programming cycles of the Joint Consultative Group on Policy (JCGP) agencies in Tonga - the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Maximum advantage will thus be derived from the linkages between programmes and countries, particularly since Pacific countries face common development challenges and constraints.

2. Since the resources of the current country programme are fully programmed, the extension will also allow for the consolidation and completion of ongoing programme activities with the resources provided under the current indicative planning figure allocation. The programme objectives remain valid.

3. The succeeding country cooperation framework will be submitted to the Executive Board at its third regular session 1996.

4. The Administrator wishes to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the fifth country programme for Tonga for a period of one year beginning 1 January 1996.
