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Subcontracts awarded and major equipment ordered in 1996

The Administrator is pleased to make available to the Executive Board at its current session the <u>Annual Statistical Report</u> recently received from the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Office. The report may be obtained in the language of submission on request from the Executive Board Secretariat, DC1-1954 (telephone 906-5748).

In previous years, this information was provided to the Executive Board in the form of addenda to the annual report of the Administrator, i.e., subcontracts awarded and major equipment ordered. To avoid duplication of effort and to ensure rapid dissemination of the information to the Board, the present report combines the information previously contained in those two addenda.

The main purpose of the report is to provide details on equipment ordered and subcontracts awarded in 1996. The columns entitled "Headquarters and name of contractor" and "Location and name of supplier" are intended to indicate only the country in which the subcontractor and supplier of equipment is located. In an increasingly globalized world, it is clear that the nationality of the subcontractor or supplier is not necessarily the same as the country of location. For this reason, the value of equipment ordered or subcontract placed in a given country cannot be taken as indicating the amount of investment in that country.

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