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United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

Note by the Secretary-General

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this note is to bring to the attention of the General Assembly the action taken by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) regarding the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries.

ACTION BY THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

2. In its resolution 123 (V) on specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries, adopted at its fifth session at Manila, UNCTAD, keeping in view the meagre resources available to the Fund:

(a) Urged the international community, and particularly developed countries and other countries in a position to do so, to contribute generously to the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries;

(b) Endorsed the interim arrangements by which the Special Fund is managed by the Administrator of UNDP in close collaboration with the Secretary-General of UNCTAD;

(c) Invited the Administrator of UNDP to ensure that the resources of the Special Fund are used in ways which are in addition to, and generally different from, the types of activities which UNDP normally finances;

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(d) Welcomed the growing support of UNDP for technical assistance projects aimed at improving the transit and transport situation of land-locked developing countries;

(e) Emphasized the necessity of equitable distribution of the resources of the Fund among the developing land-locked countries taking into account the special needs of the least developed of the land-locked countries.

ACTION BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNDP

3. The Governing Council of UNDP, at its twenty-sixth session, considered a report by the Administrator (DP/387) dealing with the financial and other arrangements for the Special Fund following approval by the Council at its twenty-fifth session ^{1/} of the administrative arrangements for managing the Fund, activities being financed and potential assistance requirements which the Fund could help to meet, as well as other measures by UNDP to alleviate the specific problems of land-locked developing countries. The Administrator reported that the Fund had become operational.

4. In its decision the Governing Council:

(a) Took note of the report submitted by the Administrator on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries (DP/387);

(b) Reiterated, in the light of General Assembly resolution 33/85 of 15 December 1978 and of UNCTAD resolution 123 (V) on specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries as it pertains to the Special Fund, the appeal made at its twenty-fifth session to Governments and international organizations to contribute generously to the Special Fund;

(c) Requested the Administrator to report to the Council at its twenty-seventh session on the activities of the Fund. ^{2/}

^{1/} See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53/Rev.1), chap. XX.

^{2/} See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 10 (E/1979/40), chap. XXI.