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United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

Report of the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 36/200 of 17 December 1981, the General Assembly decided that, beginning in 1983, a broad policy review of those funds and programmes which were under the guidance of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and managed by the Administrator of the Programme should be undertaken on a biennial basis.
2. In accordance with that resolution, a report on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries was not prepared for the consideration of the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session. On 20 December 1982, the Assembly adopted resolution 37/230 on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries, in which it, *inter alia*, urged all Member States to give due consideration to the special constraints affecting the economic and social development of land-locked developing countries; appealed to all Member States and to multilateral and bilateral financing institutions to contribute significantly and generously to the Fund; requested the Administrator of UNDP, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the executive heads of other related bodies, to continue to pursue action in favour of land-locked developing countries within the framework of the interim arrangements for the Fund, bearing in mind that each country concerned should receive appropriate technical and financial assistance; and requested the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the implementation of the resolution.

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3. The first biennial report on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries was submitted to the Governing Council at its thirtieth session, held in New York from 6 to 24 June 1983, by the Administrator of UNDP, who currently administers the Fund in close collaboration with the Secretary-General of UNCTAD. The report, inter alia, provided information regarding projects approved and completed during the biennium 1981-1982 and reviewed the resource position of the Fund.

4. Having considered the Administrator's report, the Governing Council, in its decision 83/28, requested the Administrator to submit to the Council at its thirty-second session a report on the resources of the Fund and on its activities since its inception and on the various reasons for the very low level of resources of the Fund and to make pertinent suggestions; and appealed in the meantime in the light of both General Assembly resolution 36/175 on the specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries and of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade as it pertained to land-locked developing countries, to all countries to review their position with respect to the Fund and to contribute urgently and generously to it.

5. At its sixth session, held at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, from 6 June to 2 July 1983, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), having considered UNCTAD activities in the field of land-locked developing countries, adopted resolution 137 (VI) in which it, inter alia, requested developed countries and developing countries in a position to do so to pledge substantial contributions to the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries.

6. The Secretary-General shares the concern for the future of the Fund expressed by the Administrator in his biennial report and concludes that resolution 37/230 cannot be considered to have been implemented.

7. Pursuant to resolution 36/200, the next biennial report on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries will be prepared in 1985 for submission to the Governing Council at its thirty-second session and will be brought to the attention of the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

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