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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

Item 4 (a)

Section 35

Development account

1. At its 19th meeting, on 23 June 2003, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 35, Development account, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.
2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 35 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the proposals under this section. It was emphasized that this section played an important role in supplementing development activities in accordance with its mandate. It was felt that the proposals were well defined and in line with the objectives contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.
4. A view was expressed that, in order to avoid duplication, it would be preferable that some projects be implemented by relevant specialized agencies. It was considered that while many projects were well formulated and valuable, others did not seem to be of great value.

Conclusion and recommendation

5. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 35, Development account, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.
