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Role of qualified national personnel in the social and
economic development of developing countries

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 37/228 of 20 December 1982 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the question (DP/1982/9 and Add.1); invited Governments of Member States and relevant organizations of the United Nations system to continue to take appropriate action to promote the training of qualified national personnel; and requested the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of the resolution to the Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council.

2. The Secretary-General was also requested, in consultation with the executive heads of the organizations concerned, to ensure, within available resources, the preparation and distribution among Member States of periodic analytical surveys of national reports on the experience of all countries in the field of human resources development and international co-operation in training qualified personnel of developing countries. The Secretary-General was further requested to consult with Member States and relevant organizations of the United Nations system on possible elements of general guidelines on principles, objectives and structures of education and training of personnel of developing countries and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

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3. A subsequent review of the resolution indicated it would have financial implications. In this context it should be noted that, when the General Assembly adopted resolution 35/80 of 5 December 1980 on the same subject, a statement of the administrative and financial implications was submitted to the Second Committee of the Assembly. The Secretary-General indicated in that statement that the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) would be designated as lead agency for the implementation of the resolution, that UNDP would inform the Governing Council of the possible additional resource requirements that might arise, and that therefore there would be no financial implications for the regular budget of the United Nations. Subsequently the Governing Council, at its twenty-eighth session, approved the allocation of the required resources.

4. In 1983 the Secretary-General designated UNDP as lead agency with respect to the implementation of resolution 37/228, for which, it should be noted, no statement of administrative and financial implications had been submitted to the Second Committee at the time of its consideration of the matter. UNDP did not take immediate steps to implement the resolution. The Administrator has indicated, in a report submitted to the Governing Council of UNDP at its thirty-first session (DP/1984/65), that when the actions needed to be taken to implement the resolution were reviewed in detail it was concluded that such actions could not be carried out within existing staff resources. He has estimated that the additional resources needed to undertake the tasks requested would be approximately \$100,000. In these circumstances, the report of the Secretary-General requested by the General Assembly in resolution 37/228 cannot be submitted in 1984.

5. The Administrator has invited the Governing Council to determine whether the needed resources should be provided by UNDP or whether the matter should be referred back to the General Assembly for further consideration. The results of the Governing Council's determination on this matter will be reflected in the report of the Governing Council on its thirty-first session, which will be transmitted to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.
