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Views of Member States on continuation of the activities of the  
Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for women

Report of the Secretary-General

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VIEWS OF MEMBER STATES

ITALY

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1. ... The Government of Italy, which has for several years contributed to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women, has initiated forms of closer collaboration with the Fund which the Government trusts will prove proficuous.
2. The Government of Italy hopes therefore that, the Fund will be able to continue its activities in the future without basic changes in its present set-up.
3. With regard to the various options for such a continuation of activities, the Italian Government - noting the good results of the collaboration between the Fund and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) - would prefer that the existing co-operation of the Fund with UNDP be strengthened.

JAMAICA

[Original: English]

[19 October 1984]

1. Since the inception of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for women, Jamaica has been a contributor to its resources and has benefited from its activities. Jamaica has also been the representative since 1977 of the Latin American/Caribbean region in the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for women. Because of what may be considered a special relationship, Jamaica attaches great importance to any decision which concerns the future programme and operation of the Fund.
2. The catalytic and innovative role of the Fund in the area of development and technical assistance for the most disadvantaged women is well documented. The Fund's contribution to the goals of the Decade and its efficient functioning were recognized by the General Assembly when it unanimously decided, in its resolution 36/129 of 14 December 1981, that the Fund should continue its activities beyond the Decade.
3. It is vital that the present level of expertise developed by the Fund in implementing projects for women in developing countries be maintained and, where possible, expanded. Jamaica supports all attempts to broaden its financial base. The modalities should be investigated to keep the operating costs to a minimum, thereby allowing the scarce resources of the Fund to be used to the advantage of the poorest women in developing countries.

4. Jamaica therefore welcomes the present practice of the Fund of maintaining close collaboration with UNDP in the areas of technical assistance, disbursement of funds and project delivery. This exchange has proven to be beneficial to the Fund while at the same time expanding UNDP activities for women.
5. It is the view of Jamaica that the strengthening of this relationship between UNDP and the Fund would benefit United Nations activities for women in development which are to be continued beyond the Decade.
6. At the same time, the Fund should not be allowed to lose its distinct identity which it has evolved as a Fund for women.
7. Any future plan for the Fund should emphasize its unique components, namely, its character as an autonomous and independent financial and technical co-operation mechanism for women; and, secondly, its practice of utilizing UNDP expertise and infrastructure for the implementation of projects.
8. An autonomous operational unit which functions within a formalized relationship and in close, physical proximity to UNDP is indicated.
9. Jamaica holds the view that an arrangement of this type would be most suitable for the Fund's continued success, and would wish to see such an arrangement put into effect.

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