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APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Confirmation of the appointment of the Executive Director of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

Note by the Secretary-General

1. According to article 6, paragraph 1, of the statute of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 31/177, annex), the Executive Director of the Fund shall be appointed by the Secretary-General subject to confirmation by the General Assembly.

2. As requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 31/177 of 21 December 1976, the Fund has been managed up to the present by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in close collaboration with the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

3. In its resolution 32/113 of 15 December 1977, the General Assembly authorized the Administrator of UNDP to propose, in close collaboration with the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, interim arrangements to implement the aims and purposes laid down in the statute of the Fund until it became operational, in the manner specified in Assembly resolution 31/177, subject to approval of such arrangements by the Governing Council of UNDP.

4. In its decision 25/15 of 28 June 1978, $\underline{1}$ / the Governing Council of UNDP adopted the interim arrangements submitted by the Administrator.

5. In its resolution 33/85 of 15 December 1978, the General Assembly took note of the interim arrangements adopted by the Governing Council of UNDP in its decision 25/15.

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6. The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development adopted resolution 123 (V) of 3 June 1979, 2/ by which, in paragraph 9, it endorsed the interim arrangements under which the Special Fund was being managed by the Administrator of UNDP in close co-operation with the Secretary-General of UNCTAD. These interim arrangements remain in force.

7. The level of contributions to the Fund has been consistently very low since its establishment. The General Assembly has also consistently expressed its deep concern at this situation, most recently in 38/174 of 19 December 1983.

8. At the 1983 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, held on 8 and 9 November 1983, an amount of \$50,518 was pledged by 11 countries to the Fund. At the 1984 Pledging Conference, held on 7 November 1984, an amount of \$36,455 was pledged by 12 countries to the Fund.

9. In the circumstances outlined above, the Secretary-General is not submitting an appointment for confirmation by the General Assembly.

Notes

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53/Rev.1), chap. XX.

2/ See TD/260, part one, sect. A.