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COMPREHENSIVE POLICY REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF
THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The present addendum complements the 1989 annual report on operational activities of the United Nations system (A/44/324-E/1989/106) and provides information obtained from member states in compliance with the request made by the General Assembly in its resolution 43/197 of 20 December 1988 on the fulfilment of the target for official development assistance.
2. The target of 0.7 per cent of gross national product (GNP) of developed countries for official development assistance was adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 on the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and reaffirmed in its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980 on the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade.
3. A target of 0.15 per cent of the GNP of donor countries for official development assistance to the least developed countries, i.e., the doubling of official development assistance to those countries, was advanced in the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries. 1/

Notes

1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect. A.

ANNEX

Report of the Director-General for Development and International
Economic Co-operation on fulfilment of the target for official
development assistance

1. In its resolution 43/197 the General Assembly requested the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to include, in his report for the triennial policy review of operational activities for development, information on compliance with the resolution.
2. In implementation of that request, a note verbale dated 11 April 1989 was sent to all Permanent Representatives of Member States asking them to provide, at their earliest convenience but not later than 15 May 1989, the required information presented in accordance with a table annexed to the note verbale.
3. Twenty Member States responded to the note verbale. Information based on the responses of 16 developed countries is presented in the three following tables. Four developing countries - Kiribati, Nepal, Dominican Republic and Saint Lucia - also provided information, primarily on official development assistance received.

Table 1. Official development assistance to developing countries
 (in million of current US dollars)

Countries	1970	1975	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988
Australia	212	561	667	749	752	627	1 081
Austria	11	64	178	248	198	201	302
Canada	346	879	1 625	1 631	1 695	1 885	2 330
Czechoslovakia a/	c/	c/	c/	423	576	621	c/
Denmark	63	205	468	440	695	859	922
Finland	7	48	111	211	313	432	610
France b/	c/	1 254	2 360	2 770	3 508	4 488	4 477
German Democratic Republic a/	c/	c/	c/	681	1 024	1 283	c/
Germany, Federal Republic of	601	1 691	3 566	2 942	3 831	4 390	c/
Japan	458	1 148	3 304	3 797	5 634	7 454	c/
Netherlands	360	773	1 639	1 909	2 157	2 146	2 231
Norway	37	184	486	574	789	890	988
Sweden	117	566	962	840	1 090	1 756	1 822
Switzerland	30	104	253	303	422	547	615
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics a/	c/	c/	c/	13 529	21 298	18 433	22 112

Source: Replies by Member States to the Secretary-General's note verbale dated 11 April 1989.

a/ Based on official exchange rates at the end of each calendar year.

b/ With regard to France, figures recorded in the table exclude official development assistance to French overseas departments and territories. Should the latter be included, the figures would read as follows: 1975 - 2,093; 1980 - 4,053; 1985 - 3,995; 1986 - 5,105; 1987 - 6,524; 1988 - 6,948.

c/ Not available.

Table 2. Official development assistance to developing countries
 (as percentage of GNP)

	1970	1975	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988
Australia	0.62	0.67	0.48	0.49	0.47	0.33	0.46
Austria	0.07	0.17	0.23	0.38	0.21	0.17	0.24
Canada	0.42	0.55	0.50	0.49	0.48	0.47	0.50
Czechoslovakia ^{a/}	b/	b/	b/	0.91	1.08	1.03	b/
Denmark	0.38	0.58	0.72	0.80	0.89	0.88	0.89
Finland	0.07	0.17	0.22	0.40	0.45	0.49	0.59
France ^{c/}	b/	0.38	0.36	0.54	0.48	0.51	0.50
German Democratic Republic ^{a/}	b/	b/	b/	0.86	0.89	0.89	b/
Germany, Federal Republic of	0.33	0.40	0.44	0.47	0.43	0.39	0.39
Italy	b/	b/	b/	b/	b/	b/	0.37
Japan	0.23	0.23	0.32	0.29	0.29	0.31	b/
Netherlands	0.61	0.75	0.97	0.91	1.01	0.98	0.98
Norway	0.32	0.66	0.87	1.01	1.17	1.09	1.12
Sweden	0.35	0.78	0.78	0.86	0.95	0.88	0.87
Switzerland	0.14	0.18	0.24	0.31	0.30	0.31	0.32
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics ^{a/}	b/	b/	b/	1.50	1.91	1.45	1.40

Source: Replies by Member States to the Secretary-General's note verbale dated 11 April 1989 on official development assistance to developing countries.

^{a/} Percentages given by Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics relate to total national income produced rather than GNP.

^{b/} Not available.

^{c/} Percentages recorded in the table exclude official development assistance to French overseas departments and territories. Total French official development assistance including French overseas departments and territories over GNP gives the following percentages: 1975 - 0.62; 1980 - 0.62; 1985 - 0.78; 1986 - 0.70; 1987 - 0.74; 1988 - 0.73.

Table 3. Official development assistance to developing countries
 (as percentage of GNP for least developed countries)

	1970	1975	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988
Australia	0.013	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04
Austria	a/	a/	0.01	0.04	0.03	0.03	a/
Canada	a/	a/	0.11	0.14	0.13	0.13	a/
Czechoslovakia b/	a/	a/	a/	a/	a/	a/	a/
Denmark	0.04	0.13	0.27	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.25
Finland	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.10	0.10	0.14
France c/	a/	a/	0.10	0.16	0.13	0.14	a/
German Democratic Republic d/	a/	a/	a/	a/	a/	a/	a/
Germany, Federal Republic of	a/	0.09	a/	0.13	0.11	0.11	a/
Italy	a/	a/	a/	a/	a/	a/	a/
Japan	a/	a/	a/	0.074	0.077	0.065	a/
Netherlands	a/	a/	0.19	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.19
Norway	a/	a/	a/	0.33	0.36	0.36	0.28
Sweden	a/	a/	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.25	a/
Switzerland	0.01	0.03	0.08	0.11	0.08	0.05	0.07
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics b/	a/	a/	a/	0.22	0.25	0.21	0.21

Source: Replies by Member States to the Secretary-General's note verbale dated 11 April 1989 on official development assistance to developing countries.

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