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ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 1240 B (XIII) of 14 October 1958, the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on the work of its seventh and eighth sessions^{1/} are before the General Assembly. The Economic and Social Council, which considered the reports at its forty-seventh session, took note of them in resolution 1431 (XLVII); a summary of the discussion in the Economic and Social Council on the work of UNDP will be found in chapter X, section A, of its annual report to the Assembly.^{2/}
2. The budget estimates of UNDP for 1969 (DP/L.89 and Add.1), which were approved by the Governing Council at its seventh session, are available to the Assembly under resolution 1240 B (XIII). When approving the estimates, the Governing Council took into account the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions at the twenty-third session of the General Assembly.^{3/}
3. On the proposal of the Governing Council at its eighth session, the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 1432 (XLVII) on procedures for implementation of new arrangements for regional and inter-regional projects under the Technical

^{1/} Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-seventh Session, documents E/4609 and E/4706.

^{2/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/7603).

^{3/} Ibid., Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 44, document A/7453.

Assistance component of UNDP. The Council resolution, which recommends a draft resolution for adoption by the Assembly, reads as follows:

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1250 (XLIII) of 26 July 1967 and General Assembly resolution 2279 (XXII) of 4 December 1967 concerning the introduction of revised programming procedures for the Technical Assistance component of the United Nations Development Programme,

Recalling the decision taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its sixth session to eliminate the system of agency targets for regional and inter-regional projects and believing that this decision should facilitate the planning of assistance on a regional basis,

Taking into account the decision of the Governing Council at its eighth session concerning procedures for implementation of new arrangements for regional and inter-regional technical assistance projects,^{1/}

1. Decides that the following procedures relating to regional and inter-regional projects under the Technical Assistance component of the United Nations Development Programme should supersede those specified for this purpose in the annex to Council resolution 1250 (XLIII) for the planning, approval and implementation of the programme beginning with the year 1971:

(a) The Governing Council shall review the Administrator's assessment of the priority for regional and inter-regional projects and determine each year a single global target for the following year and authorize earmarkings for the current year corresponding to the global amount available for regional and inter-regional projects;

(b) The Governing Council shall fix the limit within which the Administrator is authorized to review and approve regional and inter-regional projects or their extension if the anticipated cumulative cost of the project including its eventual extension is within the limit fixed by the Council; this authorization shall be in force with immediate effect;

(c) The Governing Council shall review and approve regional and inter-regional projects or the extension of such projects recommended by the Administrator after

^{1/} Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Forty-seventh Session, document E/4706, para. 68.

consultation with the Inter-Agency Consultative Board, if the anticipated cumulative cost of the project including its eventual extension is over the limit fixed by the Governing Council;

(d) Savings accruing on regional and inter-regional projects during the course of the operational year and any balance of the amount earmarked by the Governing Council remaining unprogrammed at the end of the programme year should be surrendered to the central Technical Assistance account and added to the general resources available for the Technical Assistance programme for the ensuing year;

2. Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its eighth session and Economic and Social Council resolution 1432 (XLVII) of 25 July 1969 concerning the revised programming procedures for regional and interregional projects for the Technical Assistance component of the Programme,

"Recalling its resolution 2279 (XXII) of 4 December 1967 concerning the new programming procedures for the Technical Assistance component of the Programme,

"Approves the procedures recommended by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme for regional and interregional projects under the Technical Assistance component of the Programme beginning with the year 1971." 1/

./ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Forty-Seventh Session, document E/4706, para. 68.