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THE ENVIRONMENT FUND

MANAGEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS AND OTHER FUNDS

Report of the Executive Director

Addendum

DEVELOPMENTS 1 JANUARY - 30 APRIL 1985

This report updates information contained in document UNEP/GC.13/14 in the light of developments over the period 1 January to 30 April 1985 and should be read in conjunction with that document.

Suggested action by the Governing Council

The suggested action in relation to trust funds is given in the annex hereto.

INTRODUCTION

1. Between 1 January and 30 April 1985 one new trust fund, the Technical Assistance Trust Fund to promote Technical Co-operation and Assistance in Industrial, Environmental and Raw Material Management Financed by the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA), was established in accordance with the United Nations procedures set out in the Secretary-General's Bulletins ST/SGB/188 and ST/AI/285, by which the Controller, on behalf of the Secretary-General, delegated authority to establish technical assistance trust funds to the Executive Director of UNEP. During the same period, one other trust fund, the Interim Special Account for the Establishment of the Special Commission on the Environment Perspective to the year 2000 and Beyond, was closed, thereby bringing the current total number of trust funds administered by UNEP to fifteen.

I. TRUST FUNDS

A. Regional Trust Fund for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates

2. The fourth meeting of the Council for the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment, which was held in Kuwait from 24 to 25 April 1985, requested the Executive Director to seek the consent of the Secretary-General to an extension of the Trust Fund until 30 June 1987. The Governing Council is asked to approve this request.

B. Trust Fund for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution

3. There have been no new developments since 31 December 1984, but it will be recalled that the Extraordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention which was held in Athens from 10 to 13 April 1984, requested the Executive Director to seek the consent of the Secretary-General to an extension of the Trust Fund until 31 December 1987. The Governing Council is asked to approve this request.

C. Trust Fund for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

4. The Contracting Parties, at the Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, held in Buenos Aires from 22 April to 3 May 1985, asked the Executive Director to request the Secretary-General to extend the Trust Fund until 31 December 1987. The Governing Council is asked to approve this request.

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D. Trust Fund for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the West and Central African Region

5. On the recommendation of the Steering Committee for the Marine Environment of West and Central Africa, the First Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Abidjan Convention for Marine Environment of West and Central Africa, held in Abidjan from 18 to 20 April 1985, asked the Executive Director to request the Secretary-General to extend the Trust Fund until 31 December 1987. The Governing Council is asked to approve this request.

E. Regional Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme

6. The Third Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme which was held in Cancun, Mexico, from 24 to 26 April 1985, requested the Executive Director to seek authority from the Governing Council to ask the Secretary-General to extend the Trust Fund until 31 December 1987. The Governing Council is asked to approve this request.

F. Regional Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Action Plan for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the East Asian Seas

7. The Fourth Meeting of the Co-ordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia, held in Manila from 22 to 23 April 1985, requested the Executive Director to seek authority from the Governing Council to ask the Secretary-General to extend the Trust Fund until 31 December 1987. The Governing Council is asked to approve this request.

G. Regional Seas Trust Fund for the Eastern African Region

8. There are no new developments to report but, as already indicated, (UNEP/GC.13/14, para. 18), the Executive Director is seeking authorization from the Governing Council, on a contingency basis, to establish a trust fund and assume responsibility for its administration, if requested to do so by the forthcoming Conference of Plenipotentiaries.

H. Trust Fund for Regional Training Workshops on Environmental Management

9. This Trust Fund is to be closed following finalization of the 1984 year-end expenditure report. In February 1985, part of the balance of the Trust Fund, \$116,937, was transferred to the newly established "Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Promote Technical Co-operation and Assistance in Industrial, Environmental and Raw Material Management Financed by the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA)". The remaining part of the balance will be transferred in due course.

I. Special Purpose Trust Fund for the Provision of Junior Professional Officers for the Government of Denmark

10. The Government of Denmark has agreed to the extension of one of the Junior Professional Officers until 30 April 1986. The concurrence of the Government for the extension of the second Junior Professional Officer until 31 August 1986 is still pending.

J. Special Purpose Trust Fund for the Provision of Junior Professional Officers for the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany

11. Negotiations are proceeding in regard to extension of the Junior Professional Officer until 31 December 1986.

K. Special Purpose Trust Fund for the Provision of Junior Professional Officers for the Government of Norway

12. There are no new developments to report.

L. Trust Fund for the Sasakawa Environment Prize

13. Although the selection of recipient(s) for the 1985 Sasakawa Prize was made in April 1985, the identity of the person(s) has not yet been announced. The Prize, consisting of \$50,000, will be awarded in June 1985.

M. Trust Fund for the Environment Stamp Conservation Fund

14. Between 1 January and 30 April 1985, an additional sum of \$162,000 was committed for three projects, thereby bringing the total commitments incurred to \$447,000 for five projects.

N. Interim Special Account for the Establishment of the Special Commission on the Environment Perspective to the year 2000 and Beyond

15. After remitting a balance of \$5,648 to the Commission, this Trust Fund was officially closed on 18 April 1985.

O. Technical Assistance Trust Fund for the Provision of Short-Term Experts to Developing Countries

16. Consultants have now been recruited and charged to the funds provided under this Trust Fund.

P. Technical Assistance Trust Fund for an Integrated Pilot Project on Environmental Management and Protection of Andean Ecosystems (Cajamarca/Peru)

17. The project document was signed by the Government of Peru on 20 February 1985 and implementation of the project has been initiated.

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Q. Technical Assistance Trust Fund to promote Technical Co-operation
and Assistance in Industrial, Environmental and Raw Material
Management Financed by the Swedish International
Development Authority (SIDA)

18. This Trust Fund was established in February 1985 with \$116,937, being part of the Trust Fund for Regional Training Workshops on Environmental Management. The Governing Council is asked to note the Executive Director's action in establishing this Trust Fund at the request of SIDA.

Annex

SUGGESTED ACTION BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

As part of its decision on the Environment Fund, the Governing Council may wish to:

1. Take note of the reports on the management of trust funds and other funds;
2. Express its appreciation to Governments that have pledged to increase their contributions to the various trust funds and other funds for 1985 and for subsequent years;
3. Urge Governments to support Fund programme activities in which they are particularly interested by making counterpart contributions to individual projects under rule 204.1 of the Financial Rules of the Fund;
4. Approve the extension of trust funds established under the rules of the Environment Fund, as follows:
 - (a) Regional Trust Fund for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates until 30 June 1987;
 - (b) Trust Fund for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution until 31 December 1987;
 - (c) Trust Fund for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora until 31 December 1987;
 - (d) Trust Fund for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the West and Central African Region until 31 December 1987;
 - (e) Regional Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme until 31 December 1987;
 - (f) Regional Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Action Plan for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the East Asian Seas until 31 December 1987;
5. Approve, on a contingency basis, the establishment, subject to the consent of the Secretary-General, of a Regional Seas Trust Fund for the Eastern African Region should the Governments concerned so request;

6. Take note of the establishment by the Executive Director, under authority delegated by the Secretary-General, of technical assistance trust funds as follows:

(a) Technical Assistance Trust Fund for the Provision of Short-Term Experts to Developing Countries;

(b) Technical Assistance Trust Fund for an Integrated Pilot Project on Environmental Management and Protection of Andean Ecosystems (Cajamarca/Peru) for a three year period;

(c) Technical Assistance Trust Fund to promote Technical Co-operation and Assistance in Industrial, Environmental and Raw Material Management Financed by the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA);

7. Again urge Governments to pay their contributions to the trust funds promptly as near as possible to the beginning of the calendar year to which the contribution applies.