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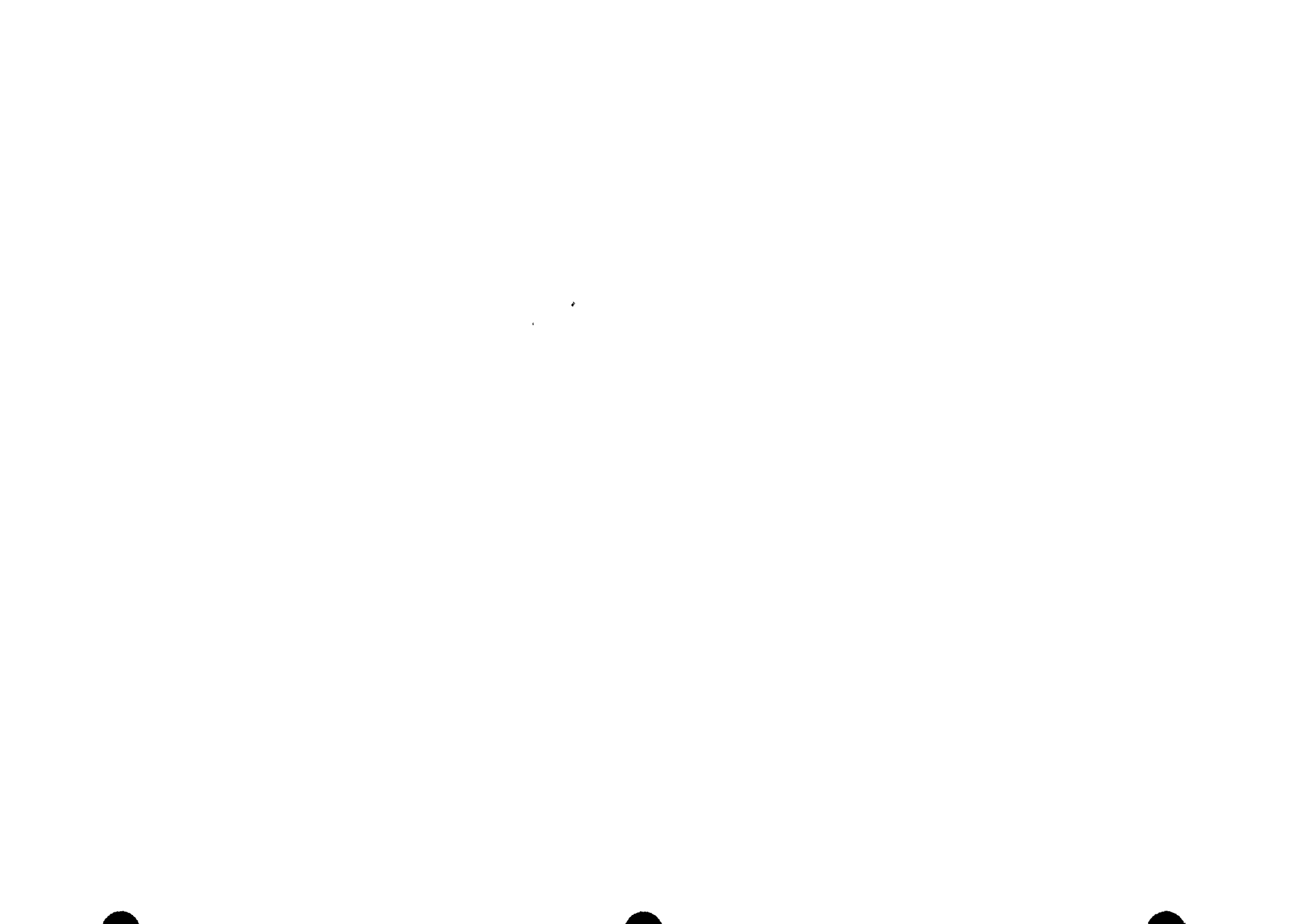
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71/23. UNDP (Special Fund) programme

44. At its 273rd meeting, the Governing Council:

- (a) Approved the programme consisting of 67 new projects and supplementary financing for 20 projects as recommended in document DP/SF/R.12 and its addenda 1-88;
- (b) Authorized the Administrator to make the appropriate arrangements with the Governments and Executing Agencies for the execution of those projects;
- (c) Approved the cancellation of the two projects referred to in paragraph 21 above - Promotion of Agricultural Production in the Ruzizi Plain (COK 19) and Veterinary Service, Rubino Institute (URU 10) - and cancelled the uncommitted earmarkings and the corresponding reserve for the Administrator's contingency authority of these projects;
- (d) Took note of the Administrator's report on the final adjustment to the original earmarkings approved for 51 completed projects whose final accounts were closed as at 31 December 1970;
- (e) Approved the Administrator's recommendation in paragraph 18 above for a reduction to \$2,934,000 of the earmarking for regional project, Asian Institute for Economic and Development Planning, Bangkok (Phase II) (REG 190), by reclassifying as Government's counterpart contribution in cash the amount of \$531,500 included in the earmarking authorized by the Council at its eighth session;
- (f) Concurred in the Administrator's recommendations:
  - (i) to waive local costs for the project, Burundi Development Bank (BDI 6)
  - (ii) to reduce to 1 per cent the assessment for the projects, Supplementary Assistance to the Development of Animal Production and Water Resources in Eastern Niger (NER 7), and Pilot Agricultural Development in the Dallol Maouri (NER 16);
  - (iii) to waive the local costs assessable on 20 projects submitted for approval at the twelfth session to the extent indicated in the recommendations contained in annex III to this report;

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- (iv) to reduce to 8.25 per cent the final assessment for project, Lake Kariba Fisheries Research Institute (REG 65) and to write off the equipment lost to the project in 1965.
- (v) to waive the outstanding balance of local costs in the amount of \$247,497 assessed to the Government of Somalia for the years 1968 through 1971 in relation to Special Fund assisted projects in that country.

273rd meeting  
9 June 1971

71/24. UNDP (Technical Assistance) programme

46. At its 273rd meeting, the Council approved the regional project recommendation of the Administrator (DP/TA/L.30).

273rd meeting  
9 June 1971

71/25. Provision for the restoration of the title resident representative

56. At its 275th meeting, the Governing Council decided that provision for the restoration of the title resident representative should be incorporated in the draft omnibus statute for the Programme for consideration by the General Assembly, and that pending approval by the General Assembly, the title of resident representative should be maintained on a de facto basis.

275th meeting  
10 June 1971

71/26. Progress report on the preparation of country programmes

57. At its 277th meeting, the Governing Council noted the progress report of the Administrator on the preparation of country programmes (DP/L.190).

277th meeting  
11 June 1971

71/27. Approval of projects

69. At its 277th meeting, the Governing Council decided to postpone its consideration of the Administrator's proposal (DP/L.173) until its thirteenth session. It further decided that the Administrator should continue to apply the existing procedure for the approval of Technical Assistance projects until January 1972.

277th meeting  
11 June 1971

71/28. Review of criteria to be followed in calculating indicative planning figures

84. At its 279th meeting, the Council adopted the following decision:

"The Governing Council,

"Recalling its decision taken at its eleventh session on the criteria to be followed in calculating indicative planning figures, as reflected in paragraph 71 (h) and (i) of the report on its eleventh session (E/4954),

"Having considered the note by the Administrator on that matter (DP/L.179),

"Requests the Administrator to report on this subject and make further recommendations to the Governing Council at its fourteenth session, taking into account the views and proposals presented by members of the Governing Council at its twelfth session."

279th meeting  
14 June 1971

71/29. Review of the IACB basic functions, methods of work and relations with the Governing Council in the light of the new system of country programming

93. At its 280th meeting, the Governing Council:

(a) Took note with appreciation of the interim report of the Administrator (DP/L.178);

(b) Requested the Administrator to communicate to the IACB the views expressed by the members of the Council in the course of the discussion of the report;

(c) Invited the Administrator to keep the Council informed about the activities and conclusions of the Board;

(d) Invited the Administrator to propose to the Council any other measures he deemed desirable in order to ensure that it derived maximum benefit from the Board.

280th meeting  
15 June 1971

71/30. Personnel for development assistance

142. At its 282nd meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

"The Governing Council,

"Having examined the Administrator's progress report on personnel for development assistance (DP/L.163), as supplemented by the progress report in document DP/L.181 and Add.1,

"Recalling the decisive importance for the success of the Programme of speedy recruitment of highly qualified personnel,

"Takes note of these progress reports; and

"Requests the Administrator, bearing in mind the observations made during the discussion by members of the Council, and in consultation with the Inter-Agency Consultative Board, to continue his study of personnel for development assistance, and to report to the Council not later than its fourteenth session."

282nd meeting  
16 June 1971



71/31. Draft omnibus statute for the Programme

125. At its 285th meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

"The Governing Council

"Takes note with appreciation of the reports of the Administrator (DP/L.177 and Add.1) concerning a possible form and content of an omnibus statute for the United Nations Development Programme;

"Requests the Administrator to complete the foregoing reports in the light of relevant decisions taken at the eleventh and twelfth sessions of the Governing Council, and to transmit to all participating States of the United Nations Development Programme and to its Participating and Executing Agencies the reports mentioned in the preceding paragraph any supplementary documentation prepared by the Administrator under this paragraph, and the summary records of the 284th and 285th meetings of the Governing Council, together with a request for comments, if any, by 31 October 1971;

"Further requests the Administrator to compile such comments and to submit them to the Governing Council at its thirteenth session."

285th meeting  
17 June 1971

71/32. Accounting systems

145. At its 285th meeting, the Governing Council took note of the report of the Administrator (DP/L.171).

285th meeting  
17 June 1971

71/33. Review of the existing arrangements for the assignment of Senior Agricultural Advisers/FAO Country Representatives in selected UNDP Field Offices

218. At its 285th meeting, the Council reached agreement by consensus on the following formulation for its decision:

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report by the Administrator (DP/L.187/Add.1) on the review of existing arrangements for the assignment of Senior Agricultural Advisers/FAO Country Representatives in selected UNDP field offices,

Taking into account the observations made during the discussion by members of the Council,

Approves the recommendations of the Administrator in paragraph 26 of document DP/L.187/Add.1, on the understanding that the financial implications of these recommendations will be considered when the Council discussed the United Nations Development Programme budget estimates for 1972 and that before finalizing his budget proposals, the Administrator will review with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations the number of Senior Agricultural Advisers/FAO Country Representatives in countries which require them,

Requests the Administrator to report at its thirteenth session on the arrangements in force or which might be contemplated to provide advice and support to resident representatives in other sectoral fields within the United Nations development system."

285th meeting  
17 June 1971

71/34. Role of UNDP in promoting follow-up investments

118. At its 286th meeting, the Governing Council adopted the following decision:

"The Governing Council

"Takes note of the Administrator's report (DP/L.180);

"Expresses its satisfaction at the Administrator's intention, in preparing his next report for submission to the Governing Council as early as possible in 1972, to give due consideration to the observations and suggestions made by members in the course of the discussion at the Council's twelfth session."

286th meeting  
18 June 1971

71/35. Report on the activities of UNDP in 1970

158. At its 287th meeting, the Governing Council took note, with appreciation, of the report of the Administrator on the activities of UNDP in 1970 (DP/L.168, DP/L.168/Annex, DP/L.168/Add.1-6); the resolution adopted by the Industrial Development Board at its fifth session (DP/L.195); and the statement of the Assistant Administrator in charge of the Bureau for Programme Co-ordination referring to the support UNDP had provided, and would continue to provide, to the programme of Special Industrial Services.

287th meeting  
18 June 1971

71/36. Financial position of UNDP for 1970 and  
report on the Revolving Fund

161. At its 288th meeting, the Council took note of documents DP/L.172 and Add.1.

288th meeting  
21 June 1971

71/37. Size and composition of the Operational Reserve

165. At its 288th meeting, the Council approved the continuation of the Operational Reserve at a level of \$150 million, on the understanding that the matter could be reviewed again whenever circumstances so required, possibly at the fourteenth session of the Council.

288th meeting  
21 June 1971

71/38. Arrangement for the custodianship of UNDP funds

170. At its 288th meeting, the Council decided to postpone to its thirteenth session consideration of the Administrator's proposals in DP/L.174 and requested the Administrator, bearing in mind the comments made at the twelfth session, to submit to the thirteenth session the detailed report referred to in the comments of ACABQ in DP/L.174/Add.1 in sufficient time to be examined by the Budgetary and Finance Committee to be established by the Council.

288th meeting  
21 June 1971

71/39. Agency overhead costs

173. At its 288th meeting, the Governing Council approved the recommendations of the Working Group, as follows:

"The Governing Council

"1. Took note of the Administrator's progress report contained in document DP/L.176 on the study currently in progress on new methods for the reimbursement of Executing Agencies for project implementation and for advisory services involved in programming, project formulation and policy development;

"2. Considered that, in view of its responsibilities for ensuring that UNDP's resources are employed with maximum effectiveness for the developing countries' benefit, it should have an early opportunity to consider the ACABQ's review of ACC recommendations, particularly on questions of basic policy, and should endeavour to reach conclusions and make recommendations on these questions to the Economic and Social Council on the interim and long-term arrangements which should be applied on a system-wide basis;

"3. Approved a time-table as follows:

Autumn 1971	- consideration of feasibility study by ACABQ and ACC
Late 1971	- ACABQ review of ACC recommendations
January 1972	- consideration by the Governing Council of UNDP
Remainder of 1972	- development of system design
June 1972	- consideration by the Governing Council of UNDP
July 1972	- consideration by Economic and Social Council
Spring 1973	- consideration of new system by ACC and transmittal to ACABQ
Late Spring 1973	- consideration by ACABQ
June 1973	- consideration by the Governing Council of UNDP
July 1973	- consideration by Economic and Social Council
Autumn 1973	- consideration by United Nations General Assembly
January 1974	- start-up of new system;

"4. Approved, for the years 1972-1973, reimbursement to Executing Agencies of the lump sum amounts calculated at 12 per cent of their expenditures for the United Nations Development Programme project costs, retaining the possibility of flexibility adjustments by the Governing Council to take account of the unusual difficulties of the smaller or newer agencies and of the special circumstances of those agencies which historically had an unusually heavy emphasis on Technical Assistance activities;

"5. Approved, for the year 1971, reimbursement to Executing Agencies under existing overhead arrangements, including for the second half of that year, adjustments (approximately \$710,000) resulting from the revised salary scales of professional staff, as adopted with effect from 1 July 1971 by the United Nations General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

"6. Approved, pending later determination of a revised basis for meeting overhead costs, a temporary overhead cost reimbursement factor of 1 per cent, for the period from 1 January 1972 to 31 December 1973, in addition to the standard rate of 12 per cent, and requested the Administrator to provide to the Governing Council at its thirteenth session detailed documentation on the basis on which overhead costs would be reimbursed during this interim period;

"7. Requested the Executing Agencies to provide full information in their budget documentation on the UNDP-financed and regular budget-supported expenditures for UNDP programmes."

288th meeting  
21 June 1971

71/40. Resources and programme costs for 1971

175. At its 288th meeting, the Council took note of the Administrator's statement of revised resources and programme costs for 1971 contained in document DP/L.188.

288th meeting  
21 June 1971

71/41. Possibility of establishing machinery to enable the Council to undertake a more detailed examination of the Administrator's proposal on such subjects as the budget, financial and related matters

198. At its 288th meeting, the Governing Council considered the report of the Working Group and, in its recommendation:

The Council decided that:

1. A Budgetary and Finance Committee of the Governing Council open to all members be established;
2. The purpose of the Budgetary and Finance Committee be to undertake, in co-operation with the Administration, an in-depth analysis of the budget estimates for administrative and programme support services, as well as other matters related to the financial management of the total Programme as decided by the Governing Council; to identify and crystallize the main issues related to budgetary and financial matters; and to report its findings and observations to the Council in order to assist that body in arriving at decisions;
3. All budgetary and financial matters be considered by the Budgetary and Finance Committee against the background of the over-all direction and rate of growth of the Programme;
4. The Budgetary and Finance Committee's deliberations be carried out in private session without summary records;
5. The Chairman of the Committee be the President of the Governing Council or such other representative of a member of the Council as may be designated by him after consultation with the Council. The Committee would elect other officers from among its members and work within the framework of the procedures of the Governing Council;
6. The time-table for the budgetary presentation and consideration by the Council and the Finance Committee be as follows:
  - (a) The Administrator should prepare for the January session, in general outline, an indication of his thinking about budgetary proposals for the following fiscal year;
  - (b) The Budgetary and Finance Committee would consider this outline in January and report to the Council;
  - (c) In the light of discussions in the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Council, the Administrator would prepare his budget proposals to be submitted in April to the Council and to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

- (d) The Administrator's proposed budget, together with the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on it, would be considered by the Budgetary and Finance Committee in June. The Committee would make specific recommendations to the Governing Council with respect to the budget proposals;
  - (e) The Council would then be called upon to approve the budget for the following fiscal year;
  - (f) The Council would also be asked to consider at its June session any proposals the Administrator might submit for supplementary estimates in respect of the current fiscal year;
7. This time-table for the consideration of the budget be reviewed from time to time by the Governing Council as it deemed appropriate;
  8. The new procedures for the consideration of the Administrator's budgetary proposals commence in January 1972 in respect of the budget for the fiscal year 1973;
  9. The Administrator's budgetary proposals for 1972 be considered by the Council at its January session in the traditional manner;
  10. For the time being, the Budgetary and Finance Committee meet just before or concurrently with the sessions of the Governing Council on specific dates determined by the Council, and subsequently on such other dates as may be determined from time to time by the Council in the light of experience with the operations of the Committee.

288th meeting  
21 June 1971



71/42. Question of timing of presentation to the Council of annual budget estimates for administrative and programme support services

207. At its 288th meeting, the Governing Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Administrator on the general policies in respect of budget estimates for the administrative and programme support services of UNDP for the year 1972 (DP/L.187);

(b) Approved the proposals made by the Administrator concerning the revised form of the budget (DP/L.187/Add.2).

288th meeting  
21 June 1971

71/43. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

224. At its 288th meeting, the Governing Council took note of the note by the Administrator on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (DP/L.182) and decided that future similar reports be considered together with the Administrator's annual report.

288th meeting  
21 June 1971

71/44. United Nations Volunteers

237. At its 288th meeting, the Council, recalling its decision to pronounce itself at its thirteenth session on the question of the headquarters of the United Nations Volunteers, took note of the report of the Administrator (DP/L.183 and Add.1 and 2) and also of the observations made by members of the Council in the course of the discussion on this item at its twelfth session.

288th meeting  
21 June 1971

71/45. Information papers on the regular programmes of technical assistance in 1970 of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

266. At its 288th meeting, the Council took note of document DP/L.169.

288th meeting  
21 June 1971

71/46. United Nations technical co-operation activities

249. At its 289th meeting, the Council took note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General (DP/RP/11).

289th meeting  
21 June 1971

71/47. Special natural resources advisory services

259. At its 289th meeting, the Governing Council,

(a) Requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to prepare a comprehensive report on the special natural resources advisory services and similar systems of short-term expert assignments in other areas of activity. In preparing this study, the Administrator and the Secretary-General would take into account the ideas and views expressed by members of the Governing Council, and the report would be presented to the thirteenth session of the Governing Council.

(b) Requested the Economic and Social Council to postpone until its fifty-second session consideration of this agenda item, thus allowing the Governing Council's views to be taken into account.

(c) Noted the Administrator's assurance that the Council's postponement until the thirteenth session of full consideration of these matters would in no way reduce the rapid and efficient provision of short-term advisory services in natural resources and other fields, using existing mechanisms of the United Nations Development Programme and the Participating and Executing Agencies.

289th meeting  
21 June 1971

**71/48. United Nations Capital Development Fund**

264. At its 289th meeting, the Council took note of the progress report of the Administrator (DP/L.175) and of his hope that his report to the thirteenth session of the Council would show more positive results.

289th meeting  
21 June 1971

**71/49. Development support information service**

273. At its 289th meeting, the Governing Council decided to consider Development Support Information Services and communication services to support UNDP-assisted projects and programmes at its thirteenth session and requested the Administrator in reporting on these questions to take into account the views expressed by members during the discussion at the twelfth session.

289th meeting  
21 June 1971

**71/50. Administrative and programme support services of UNDP**

274. At its 289th meeting, in view of the Governing Council's decision to hold its next regular session in January 1972, the Council authorized the Administrator to maintain during the first part of January 1972 a rate of expenditure in respect of the administrative budget of UNDP at a level not to exceed that approved for 1971, pending approval by the Governing Council, at its next regular session, of the administrative budget for 1972.

289th meeting  
21 June 1971

71/51. Date and place of the thirteenth session of the Governing Council

275. At its 289th meeting, the Council decided to hold its thirteenth session from 12 to 28 January 1972 at United Nations Headquarters.

289th meeting  
21 June 1971

71/52. Provisional agenda for the thirteenth session of the Governing Council

277. The draft provisional agenda for the thirteenth session reads as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. UNDP programme recommendations of the Administrator:
  - (a) Consideration of individual projects of the UNDP (Special Fund) programme in private meetings;
  - (b) Approval of UNDP (Special Fund) programme recommendations;
  - (c) Approval of UNDP (Technical Assistance) regional and interregional project recommendations of the Administrator.
5. Country and inter-country programming:
  - (a) Consideration and approval of country programmes;
  - (b) Consideration and approval of indicative planning figures.
6. Further consideration of the question of the approval of country projects.
7. Financial matters:
  - (a) Contributions;
  - (b) Resources and Programme costs for 1972;
  - (c) Initial estimates of resources for 1973-1977 and approval of their distribution;
  - (d) Waiver of local cost assessments for 1972;
  - (e) Review of the arrangements relating to custodianship of UNDP funds;
  - (f) Agency overhead costs;
  - (g) UNDP financial regulations and rules;
  - (h) Audit reports.
8. Administrative and budgetary matters:
  - (a) Budget estimates for the programme support and administrative services of UNDP for the year 1972;

- (b) Arrangements in force or which might be contemplated to provide advice and support to resident representatives in other (than agriculture) sectoral fields within the United Nations development system;
  - (c) Participation of UNDP in the "United Nations Staff College";
  - (d) General outline of the Administrator's ideas regarding the budget for the programme support and administrative services of UNDP for the year 1973.
9. Draft omnibus statute for the Programme for consideration by the General Assembly (General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV)).
  10. Paper on action taken in 1971 by organs of the United Nations and related agencies on matters relating to the United Nations Development Programme.
  11. United Nations regular programme of technical co-operation - Special Advisory Services in the field of natural resources and other fields.
  12. United Nations Volunteers.
  13. United Nations Capital Development Fund.
  14. Development support information service and communication services to support projects and country programmes.
  15. Date and provisional agenda of the fourteenth session of the Governing Council.
  16. Other matters.
  17. Draft report of the Governing Council to the fifty-third session of the Economic and Social Council.

289th meeting  
21 June 1971

71/53. Establishment and functioning of the Advisory Panel on Programme Policy

101. At its 290th meeting, the Council took note of the explanations given by the Administrator, the Assistant Administrator for Programme Analysis and Policy Planning and the Chairman of the Advisory Panel on Programme Policy of the policy planning mechanism which had been established within the Administration, consisting of the Bureau for Programme Analysis and Policy Planning, supplemented by the Advisory Panel. The Council recalled that it had decided at its eleventh session<sup>21/</sup> to undertake at its fourteenth session a comprehensive review of the organization, methods and general procedures of UNDP.

290th meeting  
23 June 1971

71/54. Reductions in the budget estimates for the administrative and programme support services of UNDP for the year 1971

202. At its 288th meeting, the Governing Council took note of the report of the Administrator on the reductions in the budget estimates for the administrative and programme support services of the United Nations Development Programme for the year 1971 (DP/L.186 and Corr.1).

288th meeting  
21 June 1971