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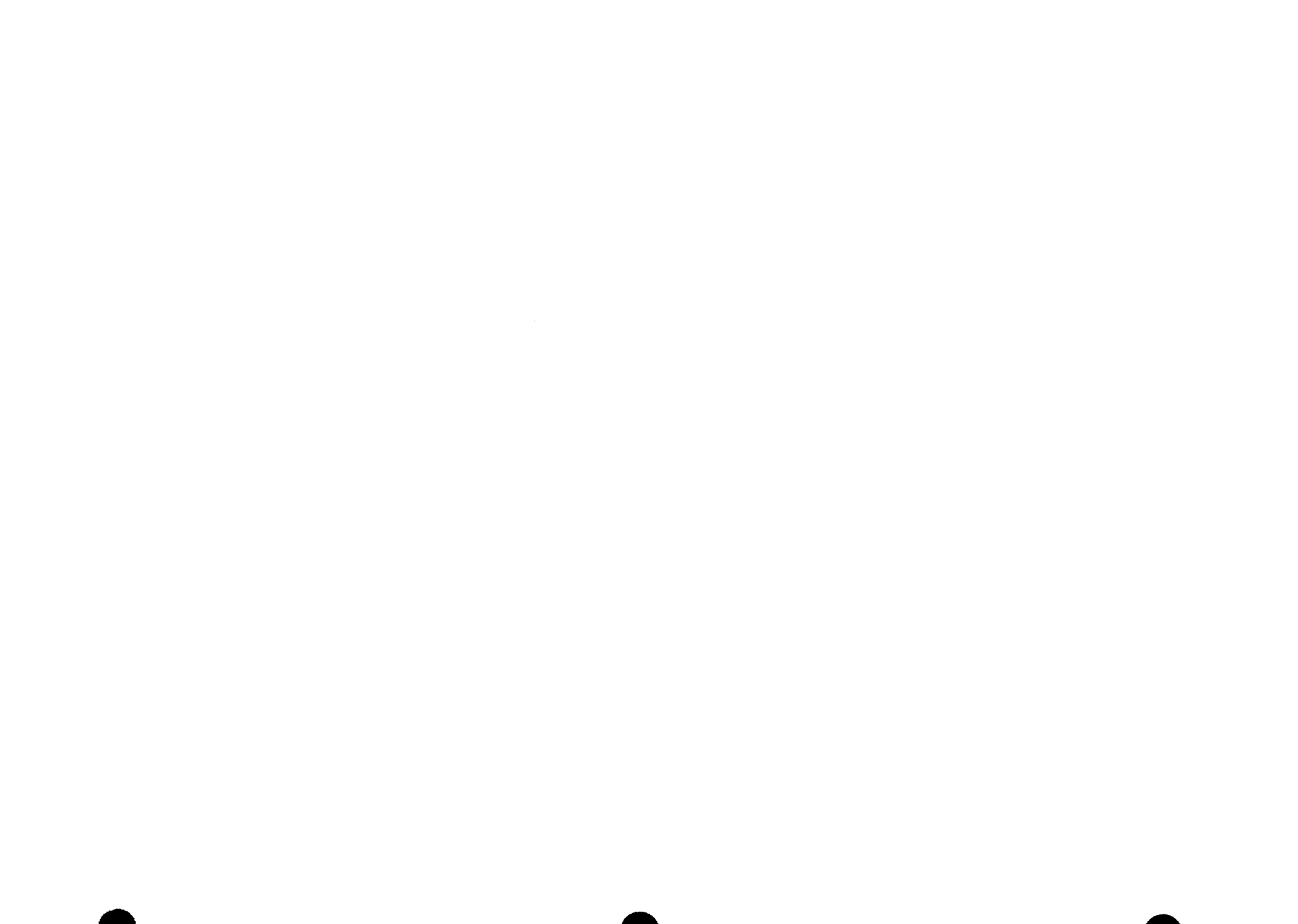
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**72/1. UNDP programme recommendations of the Administrator for countries which have not yet submitted country programmes: projects of the former Special Fund type**

52. At its 295th meeting, the Governing Council:

(a) Approved the country, regional and inter-regional projects consisting of 106 new projects and supplementary financing for 12 projects as listed in annex II to this report;

(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 four projects referred to in paragraph 40 above - Improvement of Tick Control Methods, Kwanza (TAN 25), Development of Pasture Lands and Fodder Crops, St. Lakhdad and Bou Saada-Djelfa Areas (ALG 16) Rural Development in Eastern Algeria (ALG 22) and Development of Dry-Farming Areas, Phase II (MCR 32);

(d) Noted the redesignation of the Phase II project Supplementary Assistance for Higher Level Management, Technical and Productivity Training (HMT 18) as a new and separate project on the understanding that the objectives and cost of the project as approved by the Council at its twelfth session, remain unaltered.

295th meeting  
14 January 1972

**72/2. UNDP programme recommendations of the Administrator for countries which have not yet submitted country programmes: projects of the former Technical Assistance type**

64. At its 297th meeting, the Governing Council approved the regional and inter-regional project recommendations of the Administrator for projects of the former Technical Assistance type (DP/TA/L.31 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1).

297th meeting  
17 January 1972

72/3. Approval of country programmes

72. At its 299th meeting, following the consideration of individual country programmes by the Ad Hoc Group, the Governing Council:

(a) Approved the proposed UNDP country programmes for Algeria, Bulgaria, Chad, Colombia, Cyprus, Fiji, Ghana, Hungary, Kenya, Laos, Lesotho, Malaysia, Mauritius, Panama, Philippines, Togo, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, and Zaire, within the limit of their approved indicative planning figures and for the duration of their respective programme period; and

(b) Authorized the Administrator to proceed with appraisal and approval action on requests for assistance falling within the outlines of the country programmes, and calling for planned expenditures which may be contained within their approved IPFs and the financial resources currently available at any given time.

299th meeting  
21 January 1972

72/4. Question of the approval of country projects

107. At its 299th meeting, the Council adopted the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Taking into account the coming into effect of indicative planning figures as of 1 January 1972, and the desirability of permitting the speedy approval of projects for all countries on an equal basis,

Authorizes for a period of two years the Administrator and, through him, the Resident Representatives to follow the same procedures for project approval for all countries, on the understanding that projects approved for countries which have not yet submitted country programmes should be clearly related to the development objectives of the country concerned and clearly fit into its future country programme and that projects coming under categories referred to in paragraphs 8 (a), (b) as amended, and (c) in document DP/L.198 should be presented by the Administrator to the Council for prior approval. The Administrator is requested to inform the Council at its next session, in each case, of each project approval decision taken by him and by the Resident Representatives in the exercise of their delegated authority.

299th meeting  
21 January 1972

72/5. Indicative planning figures

101. At its 302nd meeting, the Governing Council decided to defer further consideration of indicative planning figures until its fourteenth session.

302nd meeting  
24 January 1972

72/6. United Nations regular programme of technical co-operation

258. At its 305th meeting, the Council took note of the Secretary-General's report (DP/RP/12), after having heard the views expressed during the discussion.

305th meeting  
25 January 1972

72/7. United Nations Capital Development Fund

274. At its 306th meeting, the Council took note of the Administrator's progress report (DP/L.216).

306th meeting  
26 January 1972

72/8. Co-operation between the Organization of African Unity and UNDP

281. At its 306th meeting, the Governing Council authorized the Administrator to conclude an agreement with the Organization of African Unity along the lines described in document DP/L.214.

306th meeting  
26 January 1972

72/9. Waiver of local cost assessments for 1972

164. At its 308th meeting, the Governing Council, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, took note of document DP/L.207 and requested the Administrator to submit a report to the fourteenth session of the Council on the specific criteria evolved by him in regard to the question of waivers of local cost assessments.

308th meeting  
27 January 1972

72/10. Agency overhead costs

177. At its 308th meeting, the Governing Council, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee:

(a) Took note of documents DP/L.212 and DP/L.212/Add.1;

(b) Authorized the Administrator to make additional overhead payments totalling a maximum of \$536,292 to IMCO, ITU, UNCTAD, UPU and WHO under flexibility arrangements;

(c) Decided to continue consideration of the question of overhead costs on the basis of a progress report by the Administrator at its fourteenth session;

(d) Expressed the wish that the Joint Inspection Unit's advice would be available to the Administrator in the preparation of the necessary technical studies, and that in the light of these studies he would undertake as a matter of urgency an independent, in-depth study of the whole question of overhead costs of all organizations concerned in order to determine precisely their overhead costs and to prepare a rational, equitable and economical solution, and present a report thereon to the Council at its fifteenth session.

308th meeting  
27 January 1972

72/11. Audit reports

197. At its 308th meeting, the Governing Council took note of the audit reports (A/8407/Add.1).

308th meeting  
27 January 1972



72/12. Special advisory services in the field of natural resources and other fields

262. At its 308th meeting, the Governing Council took note of document DP/L.219 and authorized the Administrator to consult Participating and Executing Agencies with a view to making arrangements for short-term advisory services in fields other than natural resources.

308th meeting  
27 January 1972

72/13. Draft omnibus statute

266. At its 308th meeting, the Governing Council decided to defer detailed consideration of the draft omnibus statute until its fifteenth session.

308th meeting  
27 January 1972

72/14. Action taken in 1971 by organs of the United Nations and related agencies

270. At its 308th meeting, the Council took note of the action taken by the organs and agencies of the United Nations system in 1971 on matters relating to UNDP (DP/L.218).

308th meeting  
27 January 1972

72/15. Special measures in favour of least developed countries

306. At its 308th meeting, the Council took note of document DP/L.210. (See also the decision taken by the Council, in paragraph 164 above, in connexion with document DP/L.207 on the waiver of local cost assessments.)

308th meeting  
27 January 1972

72/16. Assistance in the establishment of inter-institutional links in science and technology

308. At its 308th meeting, the Governing Council took note of document DP/L.202.

308th meeting  
27 January 1972

72/17. Report of the Administrator on the twelfth session of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board (IACB)

311. At its 308th meeting, the Governing Council took note of the report of the Administrator on the twelfth session of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board (DP/L.208).

308th meeting  
27 January 1972

72/18. Country and intercountry programming

93. At its 310th meeting, the Governing Council:

Took note of the Administrator's report (DP/L.199);

Requested the Administrator in presenting the next group of country programmes to take into account the observations made in the Council in the course of the consideration of item 4 (a); and

Further requested the Administrator to prepare for the fourteenth session a progress report on the additional experience gained in country programming.

310th meeting  
28 January 1972

72/19. Estimates of resources and programme costs for 1973-1977

157. At its 310th meeting, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Governing Council:

Took note of

(a) The unused resources of \$149.9 million estimated to be available on 31 December 1971 after establishment of the Operational Reserve at its approved level of \$150 million;

(b) The estimate of new resources totalling \$291.5 million anticipated to be available during 1972;

(c) The continued use for the purpose of forward programming of an estimated average annual increase of 9.6 per cent in voluntary contributions, resulting in an estimate of new resources totalling \$1,885.3 million, which would be available during the period 1973-1977;

(d) The Administrator's intention to provide more detailed forecasts of resources and programme costs at the fourteenth session, and annually thereafter, at the January session of the Council.

Authorized the Administrator, within the total resources estimated to be available, after provision for UNDP programme support and administrative costs, to allocate funds to the Participating and Executing Agencies to permit them to enter into commitments for the full cost to completion of approved projects, including the related agency overhead costs, and to incur expenditure for carrying out project activities in the year 1972.

310th meeting  
28 January 1972

72/20. Arrangements for custodianship of UNDP funds

168. At its 310th meeting, the Governing Council, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee:

(a) Took note of document DP/L.215;

(b) Requested the Administrator to report to the fifteenth session of the Governing Council on the question of arrangements of custodianship of UNDP funds.

310th meeting  
28 January 1972

72/21. UNDP Financial Regulations and Rules

195. At its 310th meeting, the Governing Council, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee:

(a) Approved, subject to comments and reservations made by several members to certain sections, the text of the provisional financial regulations submitted by the Administrator in document DP/L.201 and Add.1, with the following changes:

Regulation 7.2: Counterpart contributions required from recipient Governments towards the costs of projects shall normally be made both in cash and in kind. The level and nature of such counterpart contributions will be determined in agreement with the recipient Government and in the light of policies established by the Governing Council. The level, nature and timing of such counterpart contributions will be described, as appropriate, in the relevant project document.

Regulation 7.3: The Governing Council shall establish the level for cash contributions required from recipient Governments towards local costs. The assessment of such local cost obligations may be waived in full or in part in cases of hardship.

Regulation 7.4: deleted

Regulation 11.3: There shall be established an Operational Reserve the purposes of which are to guarantee under all circumstances the financial liquidity and integrity of the Programme, to compensate for uneven cash inflows, and to meet such other requirements as may be decided upon by the Governing Council.

Regulation 13.2: Projects shall be executed, whenever possible, by the United Nations, by the specialized agencies concerned, or by the International Atomic Energy Agency. First consideration shall normally be given to these organizations in the selection of the agent by which UNDP assistance to each project will be implemented. Agreements shall be entered into between the Administrator and each Participating and Executing Agency in which the general terms and conditions which are to govern the financing and execution of such projects are specified.

(b) Took note of the provisional financial rules to be promulgated by the Administrator, it being understood that these would be amended to reflect changes agreed during discussion of the item by the Budgetary and Finance Committee, including definitions of "local costs" and "counterpart contributions" as defined hereunder.

"Local costs" means an assessed contribution made by Governments to the general resources of the UNDP to help meet expenses of a general nature incurred by UNDP in local currencies in the execution of projects.

"Counterpart contributions" means the agreed contributions of Governments made in cash or in kind for the cost of specific services and facilities as set out in individual project documents.

310th meeting  
28 January 1972

72/22. Budget estimates for the administrative and programme support services of UNDP for the year 1972

225. At its 310th meeting, the Governing Council, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee:

(a) Approved the estimates of 1972 requirements for administrative and programme support services of the UNDP secretariat in a total amount of \$33,452,400 (net) as submitted in document DP/L.200, subject to the observations and reservations made by members during the discussion, and the understanding that the Administrator shall report to the fourteenth session on savings which are envisaged. The estimates comprise the following appropriations sections:

Section 1 - Salaries and wages . . . . .	\$24 718 800
Section 2 - Common staff costs . . . . .	7 888 300
Section 3 - Travel and transportation . . . . .	1 694 800
Section 4 - Permanent equipment . . . . .	548 000
Section 5 - Other general expenses . . . . .	3 864 800
Section 6 - Subventions . . . . .	<u>673 000</u>
	Gross Total
	\$39 387 700
Less:	
Section 7 - Estimated income . . . . .	<u>\$ 5 935 300</u>
	Net Total
	<u><u>\$33 452 400</u></u>

(b) Decided that the Administrator may transfer credits between sections only with the authorization of the Governing Council, such authorization to be obtained, if necessary, by canvassing members through correspondence.

(c) In order to finance these requirements, authorized an allocation in the amount of \$33,452,400 (net) from the resources of the UNDP.

(d) Further authorized the Administrator to redeploy staff resources and redefine previously established posts within the total approved appropriation under Section 1 (Salaries and wages), and requested him to report to the Council at its fourteenth session on the actions taken in this regard.

310th meeting  
28 January 1972

72/23. Sectoral support to resident representatives

230. At its 310th meeting, the Governing Council, on the recommendation of the Sessional Committee:

(a) Took note of the report of the Administrator on arrangements to provide advice and support to Resident Representatives in sectoral fields within the United Nations development system (DP/L.209 and Corr.1 and Add.1) and of the observations made thereon during the discussion of this item;

(b) Requested the Administrator to submit an interim report to the Council at its fourteenth session and a comprehensive report at its fifteenth session.

310th meeting  
28 January 1972

72/24. Participation of UNDP in the United Nations staff college

240. At its 310th meeting, the Governing Council, under item 10 (c) of its agenda, subject to the observations and reservations made by members during the discussion, approved, in principle, the idea of UNDP participation in a United Nations staff college and deferred further consideration of the proposal until its fifteenth session in January 1973, the approval in principle should not be taken as committing, at this stage, the UNDP to any particular arrangements for sharing in the costs of financing the core budget of the college.

310th meeting  
28 January 1972

72/25. General outline of the Administrator's ideas regarding the budget for UNDP administrative and support services for 1973

250. At its 310th meeting, the Governing Council, under item 10 (d) of its agenda, took note of document DP/L.217 and requested the Administrator, in formulating his budget estimates for the administrative and programme support services of UNDP for 1973, to take into account the comments and observations made in the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Council on this item.

310th meeting  
28 January 1972

72/26. Headquarters premises of UNDP

251. At the same meeting, the Governing Council:

Preoccupied about the substantial increase in expenditures for rent and maintenance of the offices of UNDP,

(a) Requested the Administrator to undertake a study of measures that could be taken in order to provide the Administration with convenient and economical premises, taking into account the resources that could possibly be appropriated for the financing of new premises;

(b) Further asked the Administrator to undertake this study jointly with the study the Secretary-General was commissioned with by General Assembly resolution 2895 (XXVI);

(c) Decided to take up this question on the occasion of its fifteenth session.

310th meeting  
28 January 1972



72/27. United Nations Volunteers

128. At its 311th meeting, the Governing Council, on the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, took the following decision:

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the Administrator's report (DP/L.205 and Add.1) and the views expressed by members of the Council,

(a) Requested the Administrator to give effect to establishing, not later than the fourteenth session of the Governing Council, the Co-ordinator's Office in Geneva and an appropriate Liaison Office at UNDP headquarters in order to resolve the issue of the final location of the Co-ordinator's Office in conformity with the decisions of the Governing Council at its eleventh and twelfth sessions;

(b) Approved in principle the Administrator's staffing proposals contained in paragraph 36 of document DP/L.205 on the understanding that the Administrator would exercise maximum economy in their implementation and report on the savings achieved to the Council at its fourteenth session.

311th meeting  
28 January 1972

72/28. Development Support Communication Services

138. At its 311th meeting, the Governing Council, subject to observations and reservations expressed by members:

(a) Approved the continued financing, in accordance with existing procedures, of development support communication services for the Asia and Far East region during 1972, as detailed in table 1 of document DP/L.203.

(b) Requested the Administrator, with respect to future arrangements for the Development Support Communication Service in Asia and the progressive supplying of necessary similar services to groups of projects and countries in other regions (as outlined in paragraph 37 of document DP/L.203), to examine in more detail the alternative financing methods discussed at the thirteenth session, and to report to the fourteenth session on the respective merits of such methods for financing all or part of the expenditures for these services as from 1 January 1973, in order to enable the Governing Council to take a comprehensive decision at its fourteenth session.

311th meeting  
28 January 1972

72/29. Development Support Information Service

142. At its 311th meeting, the Governing Council took note of section III of the Administrator's report (DP/L.203) and endorsed the relevant budgetary implications contained in paragraph 162 of document DP/L.200.

311th meeting  
28 January 1972

72/30. Date and place of the fourteenth session of the Governing Council

339. At its 311th meeting, following arrangements worked out by the Administrator with the Director-General of WHO, the Governing Council decided to hold its fourteenth session from 6 to 23 June 1972 at WHO headquarters in Geneva. It was also agreed that the Budgetary and Finance Committee would convene at WHO headquarters on 5 June.

311th meeting  
28 January 1972

72/31. Provisional agenda for the fourteenth session of the Governing Council

340. At the same meeting the Council agreed on the following provisional agenda for its fourteenth session:

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Country and intercountry programming and projects:
  - (a) Review of criteria to be followed in calculating indicative planning figures
  - (b) Further consideration of indicative planning figures
  - (c) Further assessment of the experience in country programming
  - (d) Further consideration of the special measures in favour of the least developed among developing countries
  - (e) Consideration, in private meetings, of individual country programmes
  - (f) Approval of country programmes
  - (g) Approval of projects
4. Report by the Administrator on projects approved between the thirteenth and fourteenth sessions of the Governing Council
5. Comprehensive review of:
  - (a) The organization of the United Nations Development Programme
  - (b) Its methods and general procedures
6. Personnel for development assistance
7. Report of the Administrator on the activities of the United Nations Development Programme in 1971 with relevant supplementary documentation and reports of the Joint Inspection Unit
8. The role of UNDP in promoting investment follow-up
9. Role of UNDP in promoting industrial development:
  - (a) Progress report in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1617 (LI)
  - (b) Report of the ad hoc Committee set up by the General Assembly under resolution 2823 (XXVI)
10. Financial matters:
  - (a) Financial position of UNDP for 1971 and final report on the Revolving Fund
  - (b) Size and composition of the Operational Reserve
  - (c) Agency overhead costs
  - (d) Revised estimates of resources and programme costs for 1972 and initial estimates of resources and programme costs for 1973-1977
  - (e) Waiver of local cost assessments

11. Administrative and budgetary matters:
  - (a) Budget estimates for the programme support and administrative services of UNDP for the year 1973
  - (b) Review of progress of the administration of the 1972 budget: report of the Administrator on savings envisaged
  - (c) Progress report by the Administrator on arrangements to provide advice and support to Resident Representatives in sectoral fields within the United Nations development system
12. Future arrangements, including methods of financing, of communication services to support projects and programmes
13. United Nations technical co-operation activities
14. United Nations Volunteers
15. United Nations Capital Development Fund
16. Information papers on the regular programmes of technical assistance in 1971 of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency
17. Other matters
18. Date and provisional agenda for the fifteenth session of the Governing Council
19. Draft report of the Governing Council to the fifty-third session of the Economic and Social Council

311th meeting  
28 January 1972