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Approval authority

Report of the Executive Director

1. According to the procedures authorized by the Governing Council at its sixteenth session in 1973, 1/ the Executive Director requests full approval authority for the first year (1981) of the revised Work Plan 1981-1984, which is being submitted to the twenty-seventh session (DP/464), and partial approval authority for the second and third years (1982 and 1983), in order to allow approval of projects for more than one year.
2. The revised Work Plan 1981-1984, presented in the report by the Executive Director on 1979 activities and the future programme, describes the planned utilization of resources, analyzes the needs for assistance to population activities and presents estimated expenditures and anticipated resources.
3. Since approval in 1973 of the UNFPA "rolling plan" financial system of programming, UNFPA has been given each year as approval authority for the second year of the plan one-half of the amount authorized for the first year of the plan, and for the third year of the plan only one-quarter of the authority for the first year of the plan. In view of the magnitude of the demand for project funding, identified by the UNFPA planning system, and of the need for two to three-year budgeting for greater efficiency in project execution, the Executive Director recommends that an increased approval authority be authorized for the second and third years of the plan period. It is suggested that UNFPA be authorized to approve for the second year of the plan the same level of funding as in the first year of the plan, and in the third year of the plan one-half of the first year.

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement no. 2A, (E/5365/Rev.1), paragraph 247.

4. The Executive Director therefore requests that the Governing Council authorize the net additional approval authority, as listed below, for the years 1981, 1982 and 1983.

Request for approval authority
(in \$ thousands)

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
Full approval authority required for Work Plan	<u>159.0</u>	<u>182.0</u>	<u>210.0</u>
Approval authority requested of the twenty-seventh session	159.0	159.0	79.5
<u>Less</u> approval authority previously granted	<u>69.0</u>	<u>34.5</u>	<u>-</u>
Net additional approval authority requested	90.0	124.5	79.5

5. The Executive Director recommends that the Governing Council authorize the net additional approval authority in accordance with the revised Work Plan 1981-1984 contained in document DP/464 in the amounts of:

(a) \$90 million for 1981, to bring the total for 1981 to \$159 million; and

(b) \$124.5 million for 1982 and \$79.5 million for 1983, to permit the approval of projects for more than one year.

6. The Executive Director wishes to reassure the Governing Council that, in accordance with the decisions of the Council, all approvals of projects will be limited to the availability of resources.
