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The meeting was called to order at 5.30 p.m.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF ACTION TAKEN BY OTHER ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM  
(agenda item 9) (continued)

(a) ACTION TAKEN IN 1979 BY ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE  
UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM (DP/489) (continued)

1. Mr. FRANZI (Italy), referring to Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/21, paragraph 2, said that his delegation hoped that the Administration of the Programme would continue to collaborate with and assist the United Nations Social Defence Research Institute at Rome with projects in areas of interest to UNDP.

OTHER FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES (agenda item 7) (continued)

(b) UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS (DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.29/Rev.1) (continued)

2. Mr. BOURGOIS (Secretary of the Governing Council) drew attention to the typographical error in the penultimate line of paragraph 4 of draft decision DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.29/Rev.1. The last phrase of the paragraph should read "and to report on the preparations ...".

3. Draft decision DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.29/Rev.1 was adopted.

4. Mr. HUTTON (Canada), supported by Mr. CHRISTENSEN (Observer for Sweden), Mr. KELLAND (Denmark), Mr. TØRAASEN (Norway) and Mr. RUSO (Finland), said that it was his understanding that paragraph 6 of the draft decision just adopted would have no financial implications either now or in the future, and that the new title of the post of Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers Programme would be chosen from among those already in common use within the United Nations system. The procedure referred to in paragraph 6 was unusual and an agreement must be reached in the Council on the matter.

5. Mr. MORSE (Administrator) assured the Council that paragraph 6 of the draft decision would not give rise to any financial implications. Consultations had been held that morning on the title of the post of Co-ordinator but no agreement had been reached as yet. He reminded all members of the Council that the recommendation to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, would be made only after consultation with interested delegations.

(g) INTERIM FUND FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT  
(DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.28/Rev.1) (continued)

6. Draft decision DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.28/Rev.1 was adopted.

(h) UNITED NATIONS TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION ACTIVITIES (DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.32)  
(continued)

7. Mr. BOURGOIS (Secretary of the Governing Council) said that the word "field" in the last line of paragraph 3 of the draft decision in the English text should be corrected to read "fields". The second line of paragraph 4 should be amended to read "through 1981 pending the outcome of the review by the Governing Council and the Economic and Social Council".

8. Draft decision DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.32, as amended, was adopted.

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (agenda item 4)(continued)

(a) ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR (DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.33)(continued)

9. Mr. BOURGOIS (Secretary of the Governing Council) said that, following consultations, it had been agreed to amend the first part of paragraph 5 of the draft decision to read: "Appeals to all Governments to renew their efforts to provide the United Nations Development Programme with the necessary resources to enable it to achieve the target set for the 1977-1981 development cycle, which is predicated on an annual growth rate of 14 per cent, thereby providing ...".

10. Draft decision DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.33, as amended, was adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
(DP/L.336 and Adds. 1-6)

11. Mr. BOURGOIS (Secretary of the Governing Council) asked the Council whether it would prefer to consider the documents already approved by the Budgetary and Finance Committee at the current meeting or to wait until the Committee had completed consideration of its entire report. The Council could then take its decisions on that report as a whole at the same meeting as it considered its own draft report.

12. Mr. PREUSS (Federal Republic of Germany) suggested that the meeting should be suspended for a brief period to give members time to read the documents already approved by the Budgetary and Finance Committee.

13. It was so decided.

The meeting was suspended at 6 p.m. and resumed at 6.20 p.m.

Document DP/L.336

14. Mr. BOURGOIS (Secretary of the Governing Council) said that in document DP/L.336 and its addenda the draft decisions frequently began with the words "The Budgetary and Finance Committee". He suggested that in the cases where it lay with the Council to adopt the draft decision those words should be replaced by "The Governing Council".

15. It was so agreed.

16. Document DP/L.336, as amended, was adopted.

Document DP/L.336/Add.1

17. Mr. BOURGOIS (Secretary of the Governing Council) recalled that, in respect of agenda item 4(c), the Governing Council had already taken a decision incorporating the paragraph concerning the financial authorization.

18. Document DP/L.336/Add.1 was adopted.

19. Mr. BOURGOIS (Secretary of the Governing Council) pointed out that documents DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.7 and 11 also dealt with the question of the Sahel and that they could be adopted forthwith if the Governing Council so wished. In paragraph 4 of document DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.7, the words "from an allocated fund" should be inserted between the words "grant" and "the countries".

20. Document DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.7, as amended, was adopted.

21. Mr. PREUSS (Federal Republic of Germany) said he would like the record to show that the countries referred to in paragraph 4 of draft decision DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.7 were Mauritania and Senegal.

22. The PRESIDENT said that that would be done.

23. Mr. BOURGOIS (Secretary of the Governing Council) drew the Council's attention to the fact that draft decision DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.11 had no financial implications.

24. Draft decision DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.11 was adopted.

Document DP/L.336/Add.2

25. Document DP/L.336/Add.2 was adopted.

Document DP/L.336/Add.3

26. Mr. BOURGOIS (Secretary of the Governing Council), referring to the decision concerning agenda item 4(b), said that the text in question had already been included in a decision taken by the Governing Council the previous day. There was therefore no need for action by the Council on that paragraph. Nor was there need for action with regard to the draft decision on agenda item 7 (f), since the Council had just adopted a decision in that connexion.

27. Document DP/L.336/Add.3, as amended, was adopted.

Document DP/L.336/Add.4

28. Mr. BOURGOIS (Secretary of the Governing Council) suggested that the Council should postpone consideration of the document, since he had to study the relationship between it and the draft decisions in documents DP/GC/XXVII/CRP.6 and 27 to determine whether any amendments were necessary.

29. It was so agreed.

Document DP/L.336/Add.5

30. Mr. RAMONDT (Netherlands) said that in the Budgetary and Finance Committee his delegation had put forward an amendment to the draft decision on the United Nations Capital Development Fund, proposing the addition of a paragraph relating to the question of fund raising. He would like to see that reflected in the document under consideration.
31. Mr. BOURGOIS (Secretary of the Governing Council) said that there was no need for the Council to take action on the first draft decision in the document, since it had already adopted a text which included the proposal made by the Netherlands.
32. In response to a question by Mr. LIPTAU (Federal Republic of Germany), concerning the second draft decision in the document Mr. VINDE (Secretary of the Budgetary and Finance Committee) said that the Intergovernmental Working Group on Support Costs had concluded its work by taking a decision and adopting a report. The Budgetary and Finance Committee had approved the decision and adopted the report of the Working Group.
33. Mr. LIPTAU (Federal Republic of Germany) recalled that his delegation had had some difficulty concerning the decision of the Intergovernmental Working Group, but it had shown a spirit of compromise and had not opposed the decision. He asked that the concern expressed by his delegation should be reflected in the report.
34. The PRESIDENT said that that would be done.
35. In reply to a point raised by Mr. GAGLIARDI (Brazil), Mr. BOURGOIS (Secretary of the Governing Council) said that in document DP/L.336/Add.5 it was proposed that the Governing Council should approve the contents of document DP/WGOC/32/Add.1, which recommended the text of a draft decision for adoption by the Council. It would therefore be necessary for the Governing Council to amend the draft decision in such a way as to show that it formally adopted that part of document DP/WGOC/32/Add.1.
36. It was so decided.
37. Document DP/L.336/Add.5, as amended, was adopted.

Document DP/L.336/Add.6

38. Mr. BOURGOIS (Secretary of the Governing Council) suggested that as the document was not yet available in all languages, the Council should postpone its consideration until the next meeting.
39. It was so agreed.
40. Mr. GAGLIARDI (Brazil) said that consideration of the draft report of the Budgetary and Finance Committee would be facilitated if in the future the lay-out of the various documents made it clear, as did documents DP/L.336/Add.2 and 6, which decisions had been adopted by the Budgetary and Finance Committee and which ones were recommended for adoption by the Governing Council.
41. The PRESIDENT said that that would be done in the future.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR

42. Mr. MORSE (Administrator) said that, since he would not be able to attend the closing meeting of the session, he wished to thank the Council and the UNDP and Conference staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the session. The work accomplished would enable UNDP to enter the 1980s and its third development co-operation cycle with its resources radically reallocated under an IPF system which was a landmark in the history of the Programme. He thanked the President and members of the Bureau and the Chairmen of the various working groups for their conscientious efforts, which had made the session a success. He expressed his gratitude to Mr. Brown, Deputy Administrator, for his excellent work with the Working Group on IPFs and the Budgetary and Finance Committee.

43. It was with some sadness that he announced the forthcoming retirement of three of UNDP's ablest senior officers: Mr. Valdés, Director of the Regional Bureau for Latin America; Mr. Olver, Director of the Bureau for Finance and Administration, and Mr. Anderson, Director of the European Office in Geneva. He thanked them all for their tireless contribution to the Programme's work. Mr. Ziehl, Director of the Programme's Division of Finance, whose expertise had been of great help to the Programme, would also be leaving. Mr. Vegega, who had served during the past year as Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Special Activities, would be going on to new and high responsibilities in the Programme. He paid a special tribute to Mr. Bourgois, Secretary of the Governing Council and Senior Director of the Division of External Relations, who would also be moving to another post of high responsibility within UNDP.

44. In conclusion, he thanked the representatives for their hard work and dedication, their confidence in the Programme, their valuable counsel and their support for the growing and challenging work of UNDP.

45. The PRESIDENT, personally and on behalf of the Bureau, thanked the Administrator and his staff for their devotion to the important task of carrying out the Governing Council's decisions for the benefit of the developing world.

46. Mr. VAZQUEZ DIAZ (Mexico), speaking also on behalf of the Latin American group of States in the Council, expressed appreciation to the Administrator and to the Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Latin America for their efforts.

The meeting rose at 7.20 p.m.