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AGENCY SUPPORT COSTS

Request by the International Telecommunication Union  
for additional support cost reimbursement for 1980

Addendum

At the request of the Secretary-General of ITU, Resolution No. 857, adopted by the Administrative Council at its 36th session, is being brought to the attention of the Governing Council and is attached hereto.

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION  
**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**

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RESOLUTION

(approved at the first meeting of Committee 3)

R No. 857 SUPPORT COSTS FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

The Administrative Council,

considering number 19 of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) and Resolution No. 16 annexed to the Convention;

having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on support costs for technical cooperation activities, together with the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) concerning the arrangements that shall apply to the reimbursement by UNDP of agency support costs for the financial years 1982-1991 (Document No. 5619/CA36);

recognizing

- a) the concern of the Governing Council of UNDP, as endorsed by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, that the level of support costs should be kept at a minimum consistent with satisfactory implementation of the Programme;
- b) the importance of the concept of partnership between the ITU as an executing agency and UNDP as a funding organization and the need to operate this partnership in an effective and flexible manner;
- c) the fact that the ITU as an executing agency operates under particular constraints;

recognizing further

- a) that the cost of providing expert services in the field varies with the location of the technical cooperation project and the project budget is modified in accordance with the conditions prevailing in the host country;
- b) that the cost of providing project support services varies in a similar manner depending upon the location of the support personnel and that the ITU has encountered particular difficulty in controlling support costs due to its Headquarters location;

endorses the conclusions in paragraph 5 of the report of the Secretary-General (Document No. 5619);

instructs the Secretary-General

- a) to continue his review of the organization and methods of the Technical Cooperation Department to ensure that the support costs incurred in carrying out the UNDP programmes are kept to a minimum and to report to the Administrative Council at its 37th session;
- b) to continue to cooperate with UNDP in keeping support costs for the implementation of technical cooperation activities to a minimum and to adopt all possible measures to further improve the efficiency of the Union's supporting activities;
- c) to bring this Resolution to the attention of the Governing Council of the UNDP at its 28th session in June 1981;

invites the Governing Council of the UNDP, to take account of the particular position of the ITU, and the factors outlined in this Resolution, in determining the level of support costs to be reimbursed to the ITU for 1980 and future years.