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66/1. Rules of procedure of the Governing Council

19. At its 17th meeting the Council adopted its rules of procedure, as contained in annex III of this report.

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66/2. Review of activities of the Special Fund

100. At the conclusion of the discussion on item 5 of its agenda, the Governing Council decided:

(a) To take note of the statements by the Administrator (DP/L.8) and Co-Administrator (DP/L.9);

(b) To take note of the Administrator's report on the implementation of programmes approved by the Governing Council of the Special Fund at its second through fourteenth sessions (DP/SF/L.1 and Corr.1, DP/SF/L.1/Add.1-2, DP/SF/L.1/Add.3 and Corr.1).

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13 January 1966

66/3. Organization of work of the Governing Council and the Inter-Agency Consultative Board

122. At the conclusion of its discussion of item 6 of the agenda, the Council agreed on the following decisions:

(a) The Council decided to hold its two annual sessions in January and June. It also agreed to hold its January session in New York and its June session in Geneva, unless it decided otherwise. With regard to the question whether an ad hoc meeting of the Council should be held in November 1966 to approve the biennial technical assistance programme for 1967-1968 and to allocate funds for that programme, the Council requested the Administrator to submit a report on practical implications to the second session, at which time it would take a decision.

(b) The Council agreed with the Administrator's proposal that the agenda, while reflecting the distinctions between the Special Fund and Technical Assistance components of the Programme, should be drawn up in a manner permitting questions to be grouped under broad items in order to facilitate the appropriate consideration of the Programme as a whole, on the one hand, and of its individual components, on the other. The Council also requested the Administrator to annotate its agenda as appropriate. It decided to place on the agenda of its second session an item entitled: "Basic principles, organization and methods of work of UNDP and the Governing Council, including the desirability of establishing special committees, such as a programme committee". In this connexion the Council agreed to consider at its second session a report to be prepared by the Administrator, in the light of the discussion at the Council's first session, the experience which would have been gained under the merger and the experience of the governing councils of other international organizations, suggesting appropriate methods of enabling the Council to obtain a fuller understanding of the documentation relating to the projects and programmes submitted to it.

(c) The Council decided that the officers who were previously designated Chairman and Vice-Chairmen should henceforth be called "President" and "Vice-Presidents" respectively. In addition, the Rapporteur should also be elected as an officer of the Council for a period of one year.

(d) The Council requested that every effort should be made to adhere to the six-weeks rule for the distribution of Council documents in the working languages. Efforts should also be made to ensure advance distribution, as Council documents in the working languages, of policy statements such as those made during the current Council session by senior members of the UNDP secretariat, and of more detailed information on administrative and financial matters. The Council also requested the Administrator to facilitate its study of UNDP documentation by providing a brief summary of the contents of major documents as well as a list of points, to be provided at the beginning of all documents, on which Council action was required.

(e) The Council agreed to consider further at its second session, on the basis of a report to be submitted by the Administrator, the possibility of reaching some degree of procedural uniformity with respect to the presentation and approval of programmes and projects.

(f) The Council decided to consider, at its second session, proposals by the Commissioner for Technical Assistance regarding the most appropriate manner of dividing between the two annual sessions of the Council its discussion and action on the United Nations regular programme of technical assistance.

(g) The Council also requested the Administrator to consult with the Inter-Agency Consultative Board, and report to the Council, on ways of enabling it to be fully informed of the size and composition of the regular technical assistance programmes of the participating agencies.

(h) It was requested that the Administrator should consult the Inter-Agency Consultative Board, at its first session in March 1966, concerning the possibility of arranging consultations between the officers of the Council and the members of the Board (along the same lines as those which had been arranged between the officers of the Economic and Social Council and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination).

#### 66/4. Administrative budget

The Governing Council,

Noting that the vast majority of Council members participating in the discussion expressed concern at the increase in the administrative budget estimates for 1966,

Noting the reservations and comments of some members on these estimates,

Noting the Administrator's assurance that he would endeavour to limit the administrative costs of the programme to the utmost,

Decides:

(a) To approve the estimates of 1966 requirements for the UNDP secretariat in a total amount of \$13,201,100 (net) as submitted in document DP/L.2;

(b) To authorize the Administrator to transfer funds between items, and posts between organizational units, and to administer parts I and II of the budget together;

(c) To authorize, in order to finance the 1966 requirements, allocations in amounts of \$3,417,021 (net) and \$4,784,079 (net) respectively from the resources of the Special Fund and Technical Assistance components of the Programme.

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#### 66/5. Revision of the Financial Regulations

155. After discussion, the Council approved the revised text of articles 1, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 24 and 25 of the Financial Regulations as proposed in document DP/SF/L.3 (see annex IV of this report).

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66/6. Programme recommendations of the Administrator:  
UNDP(Special Fund) programme

174. The Council, subject to the observations and reservations expressed on some projects in closed session, and without prejudice to the rules which may be adopted concerning the procedure to be followed in approving the programme, decided:

- (a) To approve at this session the proposed programme as a whole (see annex II);
- (b) To earmark for each of the projects listed in annex II the sum shown in the fourth column of that same annex;
- (c) To authorize the Administrator to make appropriate arrangements with Governments and executing agencies for the execution of these projects;
- (d) To earmark an additional \$10,483,720 (equivalent to 10 per cent of the total shown in the fourth column of annex II) as a reserve for the Administrator's contingency authority;
- (e) To earmark the sum of \$80,000 to cover the cost in 1966 of financing preparatory assistance missions which do not result in projects approved by the Governing Council.

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19 January 1966

66/7. Action taken by organs of the United Nations system and related agencies in 1965 on matters relating to UNDP

177. The Council decided to take note of document DP/L.6.

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66/8. Expanded scheme for using associate experts in United Nations technical assistance programmes

187. The Council decided, in view of the shortage of time available, to postpone a final decision on this matter until its next session in June 1966 and to place the matter on its agenda for that session. It noted that the Secretary-General would meanwhile intensify his efforts under Economic and Social Council resolution 849 (XXXII) to meet the requests of developing countries for associate experts. In addition he would seek the views of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency on the proposals contained in annex II of document DP/RP/L.1. In the light of those consultations and the further experience gained in providing associate experts under Economic and Social Council resolution 849 (XXXII), he would submit a report on the subject to the Governing Council at its next session, at which the Governing Council would take a final decision on the matter and, if necessary, refer the matter to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-first session.

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66/9. Date and place of the second session of the Governing Council

188. The Governing Council decided to accept an invitation from the Government of Italy to hold its second session in Rome. The Council also agreed to convene its second session on 8 June 1966, leaving it to the Administrator to inform Council members if, in the light of arrangements to be made with the Italian Government, a change in this date were required.

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