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2006/1 UNDP multi-year funding framework

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the report on timeline for the preparation of the UNDP end-of-cycle assessment of performance, 2004-2007, (DP/2006/3);
2. *Invites* the Administrator to submit the envisaged paper on the emerging strategic vision, programme directions and organizational strategy, for discussion during its annual session in June 2006;
3. *Requests* the Administrator to submit an annotated outline of the new multi-year funding framework (MYFF), 2008-2011, to the Executive Board at its first regular session in January 2007, and a draft version of the MYFF, 2008-2011, to the Board at its annual session in June 2007.

27 January 2006

2006/2 Report of the UNDP assessment mission to Myanmar

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the note of the Administrator on assistance to Myanmar (DP/2006/4) and of the report submitted by the independent assessment mission to Myanmar, in particular the key challenges and recommendations mentioned therein;
2. *Notes* that the Human Development Initiative is highly relevant to improving the situation of the rural poor in Myanmar, and *requests* the Administrator to take account of and implement the findings of the independent assessment mission, as appropriate;
3. *Recommends* that UNDP continue to administer the United Nations HIV/AIDS Fund and to engage the international community in supporting the fight against HIV/AIDS in Myanmar.

27 January 2006

2006/3 Evaluation of gender mainstreaming and the gender action plan (UNDP)

The Executive Board,

Having considered the evaluation of gender mainstreaming in UNDP (DP/2006/5) and the management response to the evaluation of gender mainstreaming at UNDP (DP/2006/7),

Having reviewed the progress report on the implementation of the 2005 gender action plan (DP/2006/8) and the gender action plan, 2006-2007 (DP/2006/9),

Recalling the definition of gender mainstreaming (ECOSOC/1997/2) as “a strategy for making women’s as well as men’s concerns and experiences an integral dimension of the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all policies and programmes in all political, economic and societal spheres so that women and men benefit equally and inequality is not perpetuated” and noted that “the ultimate goal (of such a strategy) is to achieve gender equality”,

Taking note with appreciation of the steps taken in 2005 to proactively promote a clear-cut, results-oriented gender mainstreaming strategy for UNDP at all levels,

1. *Welcomes* the contribution made by all the above decisions and actions to preparing UNDP for success in achieving and reporting on gender equality results in its programmes and strategies;
2. *Stresses* the importance of empowerment of women for gender equality and requests the UNDP to take this issue into account while devising and implementing gender equality strategies;
3. *Requests* that the annual report of the Administrator and the annual report on the multi-year funding framework (MYFF) include reporting on progress in achieving gender equality results, particularly at the outcome and impact levels, as an integral element;
4. *Endorses* the gender action plan, 2006-2007, and *requests* the Administrator to make sure that the gender action plan is translated by the regional and thematic bureaux into multi-year gender action plans for their respective regions or thematic areas;
5. *Commends* the UNDP policy on gender balance and diversity and *requests* the Administrator to set benchmarks towards reaching a 50/50 gender balance in senior management by 2010;
6. *Also commends* UNDP for allocating \$10 million, including two additional core posts, to support the implementation of the gender action plan, 2006-2007;
7. *Requests* that UNDP urgently address the competency deficit by increasing the number of senior gender equality experts both at headquarters and in regional and key country offices and by developing appropriate competency profiles for all staff within the announced budget;
8. *Requests* UNDP to configure the Atlas system to track both allocations and expenditures for gender equality results and to develop clear reporting guidelines on the 'gender driver' in the MYFF by December 2006;
9. *Stresses* that allocation of resources by UNDP for gender mainstreaming as a driver of development effectiveness is, like the other drivers, part of the core business of UNDP; and in this regard *requests* the Administrator to report on the overall status of core resources at the second regular session 2006;
10. *Welcomes* the decision by the Administrator to establish and chair a gender steering and implementation committee to review results in gender mainstreaming and the achievement of gender equality results, and *requests* the Administrator to take additional steps to create enabling incentive and accountability systems for staff at all operational levels as well as to maintain senior management commitment to ensuring that UNDP makes every possible effort to maximize its achievement of gender equality results;
11. *Urges* the Administrator to identify further measures, including evaluating the position and mandate of the gender unit in BDP, to increase the profile of the UNDP gender policy and the attention given to its implementation;
12. *Requests* the Administrator, as Chair of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG), to advocate for and support the strengthening of United Nations Country Team capacity for the achievement of gender equality results within United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks;
13. *Requests* UNDP to speed up implementation of the relevant elements of General Assembly resolution 59/250 on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review, especially those focusing on

gender equality and gender mainstreaming, and to make use, wherever possible, of gender disaggregated data and quantitative and qualitative information;

14. *Requests* the Administrator, both as Administrator of UNDP and as Chair of UNDG, to ensure that the greatest possible attention is given to the achievement of gender equality results in the process of reforming and strengthening the United Nations;

15. *Requests* the Administrator to report on progress in implementing this decision, the management response and the gender action plan at the first regular session in January 2007 and, in particular, on progress in implementing the commitments in the management response (paragraphs 48 to 51) concerning the clarification of the respective roles and responsibilities of UNDP and UNIFEM.

27 January 2006

2006/4

UNCDF budgeting and programming decision-making processes

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the report on UNCDF budgeting and programming decision-making processes (DP/2006/10);
2. *Welcomes* the appointment of the new Executive Secretary;
3. *Notes* the progress that UNCDF has made so far in implementing the business plan;
4. *Encourages* UNCDF to continue its strategic review of the business plan and complete its detailed investment plan for the 2006-2007 period;
5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Executive Board at its annual session in June 2006 on the status of the strategic review and implementation of the business plan, including, in particular, the business development strategy; the managing-for-results strategy; the organizational structure, staffing arrangements and budgetary arrangements set forth therein;
6. *Requests* the Administrator and the Executive Secretary to work closely to finalize a memorandum of understanding between the two organizations setting forth the key elements of their strategic, operational and financial partnership, and report their arrangements to the Board at its annual session in June 2006;
7. *Reiterates* its call upon UNDP to assist UNCDF in mobilizing the resources necessary to sustain its current local development and microfinance activities;
8. *Also reiterates* its call upon donor countries and other countries in a position to do so to provide and sustain additional funding support for UNCDF programmes and activities in the least developed countries.

27 January 2006

2006/5

Organizational assessment of UNIFEM

The Executive Board

1. *Recalls* ECOSOC resolution 2005/54 of 27 July 2005, General Assembly resolutions 59/250 of 22 December 2004, and 60/137 of 16 December 2005;
2. *Takes note of* the report commissioned by the UNIFEM Consultative Committee (A/60/62-E/2005/10), 'Organizational assessment: UNIFEM past, present and future';

3. *Appreciates* the efforts of the UNIFEM Consultative Committee to stimulate debate on the challenges involved in mainstreaming gender equality in the context of United Nations reform;
4. *Welcomes* the efforts of UNIFEM to strengthen coordination and technical support on gender equality to United Nations country teams through the United Nations Development Group in line with the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review and in this regard *also welcomes* the contributions that the Fund has made in supporting initiatives of Member States, United Nations organizations and non-governmental organizations to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women;
5. *Encourages* Member States in a position to do so to increase their contributions to UNIFEM, in particular to core resources, in order to enable it to reach its goals and targets under the multi-year funding framework;
6. *Request* the Administrator to report to the Executive Board his views on the 'Organizational assessment: UNIFEM past, present and future', taking into account ongoing discussion on United Nations reform and the overall gender architecture, at the annual session in June 2006;
7. *Also requests* the Administrator to take steps to ensure that UNIFEM gains access to relevant United Nations forums in order to better achieve its contribution to United Nations objectives in gender equality and women's empowerment in accordance with its mandate, and to report on the progress to the Executive Board at its second regular session 2006;
8. *Further requests* the Administrator to strengthen the collaboration at the programme level between UNDP and UNIFEM, so that UNIFEM can continue to discharge its entire mandate, including its innovative and catalytic role, to bring a gender equality perspective to coordination mechanisms such as United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks and national poverty reduction strategies.

27 January 2006

2006/6

Activities of UNOPS

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the progress report of the Executive Director, a.i., on the activities of UNOPS (DP/2006/11);
2. *Welcomes* the progress made and action taken by UNOPS in execution of decision 2005/36 of 9 September 2005, and *also welcomes* the transparent approach of UNOPS to making management decisions;
3. *Further welcomes* the determination of UNOPS to improve its accuracy in costing, as well as its drive to enhance business efficiency.

27 January 2006

2006/7

Working methods of the Executive Board

The Executive Board,

Recalling decision 2005/32 on the working methods of the Executive Board,

Recalling also its rules of procedure and *underlining* the importance of their observance,

1. *Decides* to continue discussion and consultations on the working methods of the Executive Board as an ongoing process of improving and streamlining the work of the Executive Board and *requests* UNDP and UNFPA, in consultation with Member States, to present suggestions at the annual session 2006 on further enhancing the working methods, including on the early election of the Bureau at the last meeting of the second regular session in September.

27 January 2006

2006/8

Follow-up reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the biennium 2002-2003 (UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS)

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the progress made by UNDP and UNOPS in implementing the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the biennium ended 31 December 2003, as contained in document DP/2006/13, and of the specific efforts made by management to improve transparency and to promote managerial accountability and ownership in dealing with audit recommendations;
2. *Also takes note of* the further actions taken or planned by UNFPA in implementing the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium 2002-2003, as contained in the annex to document DP/FPA/2006/1;
3. *Requests* the management of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to build on progress achieved and to continue to implement the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and strengthen management and control systems, including risk-management systems, that conform to best practices in monitoring compliance with the respective codes of ethics and professional conduct of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS;
4. *Also requests* the management of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, in light of the current scrutiny of all United Nations voluntary funds and programmes, to intensify fraud-prevention and anti-corruption measures and to communicate to all staff members and partner organizations, a zero-tolerance attitude with regard to the mismanagement of funds, and to further strengthen systems for reporting and investigating possible fraud or misuse of funds.

27 January 2006

2006/9

Cost-efficient approaches to providing programme-level data

The Executive Board

1. *Having considered* the conference room paper on cost-efficient approaches to providing programme-level data (DP/2006/CRP.2 and DP/FPA/2006/CRP.1);
2. *Acknowledges* that systems are in place within UNDP and UNFPA to capture programme data, including data on activities, costs and results;
3. *Notes* that both UNDP and UNFPA make extensive use of self-assessed programme-level reports in their aggregate and corporate strategic reporting;

4. *Also takes note* of current efforts by UNDP and UNFPA to harmonize programming, financial and administrative processes;
5. *Notes* that within UNDP, the quality of the various systems for data collection at programme and country office level is routinely monitored as part of the comprehensive management audit and oversight provided by the regional bureaux;
6. *Notes with appreciation* that within UNFPA, consideration is being given to expanding the scope of the audit in order to assure the quality of programme-related data;
7. *Also notes with appreciation* that within UNDP and UNFPA, consideration is being given to increasing the relevance of reports in regard to performance assessment by proposing outcome indicators that are more closely attributable to the organization, notwithstanding the importance of data on impact;
8. *Encourages* the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNFPA to pursue their efforts to improve the results-based management systems of their respective organizations and to interact proactively with the Executive Board in this regard;
9. *Requests* the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNFPA to ensure that country and regional programme results and performance data consolidated over the programme duration are made available at the end of the country and regional programme cycles, respectively.

27 January 2006

2006/10 Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its first regular session 2006

The Executive Board

Recalls that during the first regular session 2006, it:

Item 1

Elected the following members of the Bureau for 2006:

President:	H.E. Mr. Valeriy Kuchinsky (Ukraine)
Vice-President:	Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan)
Vice-President:	H.E. Mr. Crispin Grey-Johnson (Gambia)
Vice-President:	H.E. Ms. Adiyatwidi Adiwoso Asmady (Indonesia)
Vice-President:	Mr. George W. Talbot (Guyana)

Approved the agenda and work plan for its first regular session 2006 (DP/2006/L.1);

Approved the report of the second regular session 2005 (DP/2006/1);

Approved the annual work plan 2006 (DP/2006/CRP.1);

Approved the tentative work plan for the annual session 2006;

Agreed to the following schedule of forthcoming sessions of the Executive Board in 2006:

Annual session 2006:	12-23 June 2006
Second regular session 2006:	11-15 September 2006

UNDP segment

Item 2

UNDP multi-year funding framework

Adopted decision 2006/1 of 27 January 2006 on the UNDP multi-year funding framework;

Item 3

Country programmes and related matters

Adopted decision 2006/2 of 27 January 2006 on the report of the UNDP assessment mission to Myanmar;

Approved the following regional programme documents:

Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, 2006-2010;
Arab States, 2006-2009;

Approved the following country programme documents:

Africa: Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, Ghana, Namibia, Swaziland and Uganda;
Arab States: Libyan Arab Jamahiriya;
Asia and the Pacific: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Indonesia and Viet Nam;
Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States: Albania, Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Turkey and Ukraine;
Latin America and the Caribbean: Guyana, Peru and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Items 4 and 5

Evaluation and gender in UNDP

Adopted decision 2006/3 of 27 January 2006 on the evaluation of gender mainstreaming and the gender action plan;

Item 6

United Nations Capital Development Fund

Adopted decision 2006/4 of 27 January 2006 on the UNCDF budgeting and programming decision-making processes;

Item 7

United Nations Development Fund for Women

Adopted decision 2006/5 of 27 January 2006 on the organizational assessment of UNIFEM;

Item 8

United Nations Office for Project Services

Adopted decision 2006/6 of 27 January 2006 on the activities of UNOPS;

Joint UNDP/UNFPA segment

Item 1

Organizational matters

Adopted decision 2006/7 of 27 January 2006 on the working methods of the Executive Board;

Item 9

Recommendations of the Board of Auditors

Adopted decision 2006/8 of 27 January 2006 on the follow-up reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the biennium 2002-2003 (UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS);

Item 10

Reports to the Economic and Social Council

Took note of the joint report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to the Economic and Social Council (E/2006/5);

Item 11

Programming process

Adopted decision 2006/9 of 27 January 2006 on cost-efficient approaches to providing programme-level data;

UNFPA segment

Item 12

Country programmes and related matters

Approved the following country programme documents:

Africa: Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, Ghana, Namibia, Swaziland and Uganda;

Asia and the Pacific: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Indonesia and Viet Nam;

Arab States and Europe: Albania, Georgia, Occupied Palestinian Territory, Turkey and Ukraine;

Latin America and the Caribbean: Peru.

Item 13

Other matters

Held the following informal briefings and consultations:

Informal briefing on contributing to the Millennium Development Goals through research and development in sexual and reproductive health: the role of the human reproduction programme (UNDP/UNFPA/WHO/World Bank);

Presentation on the United Nations Development Assistance Framework process in Madagascar;

UNDP gender event;

Presentation on post-conflict peacebuilding: role of UNDP and UNFPA in Angola and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Joint meeting

Held a joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP on 20 and 23 January 2006, which addressed the following topics: (a) capacity-building and capacity development; (b) transition from relief to development, focusing on natural disasters; (c) HIV/AIDS: follow-up to the recommendations of the Global Task Team; and (d) simplification and harmonization, with a special focus on the programming process.

2006/11

Evaluation (UNFPA)

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the periodic report on evaluation (DP/FPA/2006/5);
2. *Welcomes* UNFPA efforts to adopt and comply with internationally recognized evaluation criteria and quality standards for all future UNFPA evaluation activities;
3. *Looks forward to* reviewing compliance with those criteria and standards at the annual session 2007.

16 June 2006

2006/12

Annual report of the Executive Director for 2005 and funding commitments to UNFPA

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the documents that make up the report of the Executive Director for 2005 (DP/FPA/2006/2 (Part I), DP/FPA/2006/2 (Part I, Add. 1) and DP/2006/17/Add. 1-DP/FPA/2006/2 (Part II));
2. *Welcomes* the analytical elements in the annual report of the Executive Director for 2005, including the UNFPA commitment to accountability, and requests that future annual reports of the Executive Director include an even greater emphasis on results, achievements, challenges and lessons learned;
3. *Also takes note of* the report on funding commitments to UNFPA (DP/FPA/2006/3);
4. *Welcomes* the substantial increase in the 2005 regular income level as well as the increase in the 2005 co-financing income, resulting, inter alia, from increased contributions from a number of donors, and also welcomes the contributions made by programme countries, which have enabled UNFPA to reach its highest ever number of donors;
5. *Recognizes* that sustaining and improving the UNFPA funding level will require countries that are in a position to do so to augment their funding efforts during the period of the UNFPA multi-year funding framework, 2004-2007, and encourages all countries in a position to do so to make contributions early in the year and to make multi-year pledges;

6. *Emphasizes* that UNFPA needs strong political and financial support, as well as increased and predictable core funding, in order to enhance its assistance to countries to fully integrate the agenda of the International Conference on Population and Development into national development strategies, in line with the 2005 World Summit Outcome;

7. *Reiterates* that regular (core) resources are essential to maintaining the multilateral, neutral and universal nature of UNFPA work, and *encourages* UNFPA to further mobilize these resources while also continuing to mobilize supplementary resources for its programmes.

16 June 2006

2006/13

Internal audit and oversight: UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the UNDP report (DP/2006/31), the UNFPA report (DP/FPA/2006/4) and the UNOPS report (DP/2006/32) on internal audit and oversight and the creation of an independent audit and oversight committee in UNDP and in UNFPA, respectively; as well as the more detailed analysis of important risk areas, such as those described in DP/2006/31;

2. *Reiterates* the need for timely submission of the reports;

3. *Recalls* its decision 2005/19, *welcomes* the progress made in executing the decision, and *requests* that UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS take further steps to comply with it;

4. *Expresses support for* continued strengthening of the internal audit and oversight services of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, and *requests* an assessment of the resources required;

5. *Recognizes* the need to strengthen ongoing monitoring systems in order to address audit findings;

6. *Expresses support for* the initiatives of the audit offices in promoting a risk-management culture in UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, and *requests* them to accelerate the development of appropriate, compatible enterprise risk management systems, taking into account the costs and benefits of introducing such systems;

7. *Takes note of* the new reporting format of UNFPA, and *requests* UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to take further steps to include clearer, more analytical content, so that the reports presented to the Board identify risk areas, show the evolution of the risk areas, analyse the causes of the risk, and recommend systems for improvement;

8. *Requests* that the findings as well as the risk-based analyses be included in the reports presented to the Board;

9. *Requests* the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Directors of UNFPA and UNOPS to also include in their respective annual audit and oversight reports: (a) a summary containing *key and recurrent findings*, (b) a table identifying the unresolved audit findings by *year and prioritization category*, and (c) an explanation of findings that have remained unresolved for 18 months or more;

10. *Urges* the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Directors of UNFPA and UNOPS to take further steps to harmonize their audit and management response systems, including by standardizing the audit terms and definitions referred to in annex 6 of DP/2006/31, and aligning them with internationally recognized standards; and to provide an interim report at the annual session 2007;

11. *Requests* the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Directors of UNFPA and UNOPS to provide separate management responses to the key and recurring issues identified in their annual internal audit reports;

12. Taking into account the necessity to mitigate the high-risk areas identified in DP/2006/31, DP/FPA/2006/4 and DP/2006/32, *requests* the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Directors of UNFPA and UNOPS to inform the Board, at its annual session 2007, on the development of measures to promote, to the fullest extent possible, the use of national execution, bearing in mind the importance of building national capacity, simplifying procedures and aligning them with national procedures; and fostering appropriate financial management of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS operational activities.

16 June 2006

2006/14

Election of the Bureau of the Executive Board

The Executive Board,

Recalling its decisions 2005/32 and 2006/7 on improving its working methods,

1. *Encourages* regional groups to recommend candidates for the Bureau during the second regular session 2007;
2. *Encourages* the Bureau to invite the recommended candidates mentioned in paragraph 1 above to participate as observers in the monthly meetings of the Bureau in order to become better informed about the ongoing work and better prepared to execute their future functions in the Bureau;
3. *Decides* to convene in early January of each year, starting in 2007, the first meeting of its subsequent first regular session, for the sole purpose of electing a new President and other members of the Bureau, in accordance with rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure, and *requests* UNDP and UNFPA to submit a draft work plan for each subsequent year at the second regular meeting of the Board in September.

22 June 2006

2006/15

United Nations Capital Development Fund

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the results-oriented annual report of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) (DP/2006/23);
2. *Notes with appreciation* the progress that UNCDF has made so far in implementing the business plan; and commends UNCDF efforts to expand its donor base and improve burden-sharing, while noting with concern that UNCDF resource mobilization has fallen short of the requirements set forth in its investment plan and in the business plan;
3. *Stresses* the need to strengthen the financial situation of UNCDF, and reiterates its call to donor countries and other countries in a position to do so to provide and sustain additional funding support for UNCDF programmes and activities in the least developed countries;
4. *Also reiterates* its call to UNDP to assist UNCDF in mobilizing the resources necessary to sustain UNCDF activities and implementation of its investment plan;

5. *Requests* the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Secretary of UNCDF to work closely to finalize the strategic agreement between UNDP and UNCDF, setting forth the key elements of their strategic, operational and financial partnership, and to report their arrangements to the Board at its first regular session 2007;
6. *Also requests* the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Secretary of UNCDF to explore ways to cooperate on strategic planning, funding, programming arrangements and the results framework in the context of the preparation of the UNDP MYFF for the period 2008-2011.

22 June 2006

2006/16

Evaluation of the role and contribution of UNDP in the HIV and AIDS response in Southern Africa and Ethiopia

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Evaluation Office on the role and contributions of UNDP in the HIV and AIDS response in Southern Africa and Ethiopia (DP/2006/29);
2. *Encourages* UNDP to address the recommendations made therein, in particular the need for capacity-building, for national ownership and for working closely with other key stakeholders.

23 June 2006

2006/17

United Nations Office for Project Services

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the appointment of the new Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS);
2. *Takes note of* the annual report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNOPS in 2005 (DP/2006/22);
3. *Welcomes* the significant level of business acquisitions in 2005, demonstrating the continuing demand for the services of the UNOPS;
4. *Also welcomes* the further progress made by UNOPS in the execution of decision 2005/36 of 9 September 2005, and *encourages* UNOPS to continue to focus on the work areas contained therein;
5. *Requests* that UNOPS make further efforts to improve its accuracy in costing as well as to enhance business efficiency;
6. *Requests* UNOPS to inform the Board, at its second regular session 2006, of the progress achieved in implementing the action plan, so as to ensure the availability of certified statements by 30 November 2006.

22 June 2006

2006/18 United Nations Volunteers

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the biennial report of the Administrator (DP/2006/24) on the United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV) detailing its significant growth and diversification over the period;
2. *Acknowledges* the efforts made by UNV in promoting volunteerism for development, including the mobilization of volunteers;
3. *Welcomes* UNV efforts in developing and applying a business model and results framework that highlight UNV areas of distinct contribution to development and peace, and allow for enhanced analysis and understanding of UNV activities and impact on the achievement of the MDGs, and *invites* the Administrator to pay particular attention to the achievement of results and sustainability in their further implementation, as well as in his reporting;
4. *Acknowledges in this regard* the alignment of the UNV results framework with the UNDP multi-year funding framework, including its distinctive contributions to the UNDP drivers of development effectiveness, while ensuring adaptability to the results frameworks of the United Nations departments, agencies, funds and programmes with which UNV partners;
5. *Welcomes* the increased involvement of nationally recruited volunteers in UNV activities and encourages continued efforts in this direction, noting its potential for capacity development and sustainability;
6. *Encourages* UNV, in this regard, to continue to increase its focus on assisting programme countries in developing sustainable national capacities, to mobilize volunteers domestically through, inter alia, national volunteer schemes, volunteer centres and networks, where appropriate;
7. *Takes special note of* the commitment of UNV to continue strengthening gender equality in all its work, including increasing the percentage of women among serving UNV volunteers;
8. *Reaffirms* the importance of the Special Voluntary Fund for UNV and urges donor countries to continue to support, and other countries in a position to do so to join in supporting the Fund;
9. *Reaffirms its support* for UNV in its role as focal point for the follow-up to the International Year of Volunteers, in line with General Assembly resolution 60/134;
10. *Invites* the Administrator to report on the implementation of this decision in his next biennial report, to be submitted to the Executive Board at its annual session 2008.

23 June 2006

2006/19 Annual report of the Administrator on evaluation

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the annual report of the Administrator on evaluation (DP/2006/27) and the identification of key organizational lessons;
2. *Welcomes* the measures taken to improve the quality of the evaluation function, in particular the codification of an evaluation policy;

3. *Recognizes* the progress made in the conduct and use of evaluation during the year, and *commends* UNDP for the considerable increase in the number of outcome evaluations conducted in comparison with 2004;
4. *Acknowledges* that, during the course of the year, UNDP used evaluation as a basis for improving results-based management, and *encourages* the Administrator to make better use of evaluations;
5. *Encourages* the Administrator to further enhance his efforts to strengthen the quality, efficiency and utility of decentralized evaluations;
6. *Requests* the Administrator to provide a separate management response to the key and recurring issues identified in the annual reports on evaluation;
7. *Approves* the evaluation agenda for 2006-2007.

23 June 2006

2006/20

Evaluation policy

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the evaluation policy contained in document DP/2006/28 as an important step towards establishing a common institutional basis for increasing transparency, coherence and efficiency in generating and using evaluative knowledge for organizational learning and effective management for results, to support accountability and to ensure impartiality;
2. *Requests* UNDP to conduct evaluations of its operations at the country level, in close consultation with national governments;
3. *Approves* this evaluation policy and *notes* that the mandate of the Evaluation Office is to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of UNDP programmes and results;
4. *Requests* UNDP to provide, for information, an evaluation plan developed in consultation with the respective national government as an annex to programme documents submitted to the Executive Board;
5. *Requests* that, as of the annual session 2009, UNDP submit a triennial review of the evaluation policy;
6. *Requests* the Administrator to further strengthen the evaluation function based on the evaluation policy;
7. *Stresses* the need for UNDP to assist governments in developing national evaluation capacities.

23 June 2006

2006/21

The United Nations Development Fund for Women

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) on implementing its multi-year funding framework, 2005 (DP/2006/25) and of the report of the

Administrator on the *Organizational assessment: UNIFEM past, present and future* (DP/2006/26);

2. *Recalls* the decision on the evaluation of gender mainstreaming in UNDP (2006/3) and the decision on the organizational assessment of UNIFEM (2006/5);
3. *Recognizes* the focused efforts of UNIFEM to support programme countries in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, including by harmonizing these efforts with other gender-equality commitments such as the Beijing Platform for Action, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and regional and national plans of action to achieve gender equality;
4. *Encourages* UNIFEM to continue to contribute to bringing a gender-equality perspective to coordination mechanisms such as United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks and national poverty reduction strategies through stronger partnerships with UNDP and United Nations country team members and in line with the recommendations of the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System;
5. *Also encourages* UNIFEM to continue to track progress on its multi-year funding framework according to the goals, outcomes and indicators in its results frameworks, and *requests* that future annual reports of the Executive Director include an even greater emphasis on results, achievements, challenges and lessons learned;
6. *Encourages* all countries in a position to do so to assist UNIFEM in reaching the targeted level of regular resources, including through multi-year pledges;
7. *Requests* the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNIFEM to explore ways to cooperate on strategic planning, funding, programming arrangements and the results framework in the context of the preparation of their multi-year funding frameworks for the period 2008-2011.

23 June 2006

2006/22

MYFF performance and results for 2005

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the report on 2005 performance and results for the multi-year funding framework (DP/2006/17), which features capacity development as its main theme;
2. *Reaffirms* its commitment to results-based management;
3. *Emphasizes* that the report should be based on clear, measurable MYFF indicators, ensuring that the country and regional programme results and performance data consolidated at the end of the respective programming cycles are drawn upon;
3. *Requests* the Administrator to continue to include in future reports analytical information about strategic outcomes based on MYFF indicators, as well as explanations in regard to significant deviations from the results expected;
4. *Requests* UNDP to continue to strengthen the following drivers of development effectiveness: advocating for and fostering an enabling policy environment, forging partnerships for results, and developing national capacities;

5. *Notes with concern* the low degree of emphasis on the following drivers of development effectiveness: enhancing national ownership, seeking South-South solutions, and promoting gender equality, and requests UNDP to increase its emphasis on those drivers.

23 June 2006

2006/23

UNDP multi-year funding framework: report on the emerging strategic vision

The Executive Board

1. *Recalls* its decision 2006/1 requesting the Administrator to submit an annotated outline of the MYFF, 2008-2011, to the Executive Board at its first regular session 2007, and a draft version of the MYFF, 2008-2011, to the Board at its annual session 2007;
2. *Encourages* UNDP to hold informal meetings with Member States on the preparation of the MYFF, 2008-2011, including on the existing practice areas, service lines and drivers of development effectiveness, in order to better understand how they shape programming.

23 June 2006

2006/24

Funding commitments to UNDP

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the report on the status of regular funding commitments to UNDP and its associated funds and programmes for 2006 and onward (DP/2006/18);
2. *Welcomes* the fact that UNDP has achieved the second (2005) annual funding target of its second multi-year funding framework (MYFF) covering the period 2004-2007;
3. *Notes with concern* that current projections suggest that contributions in 2006 will fall short of the third (2006) annual MYFF funding target;
4. *Requests* all countries that have not yet done so to provide contributions to regular resources for 2006, and further requests those that have already made their contributions to consider supplementing their 2006 contributions – if they are in a position to do so – so as to maintain the momentum that has been established in rebuilding the regular resource base of UNDP;
5. *Requests* Member States to give priority to regular ('core') resources over other ('non-core') resources; and also requests UNDP to continue its efforts to reduce its dependency on a few large donors and to broaden its donor base;
6. *Stresses* that core resources, because of their untied nature, continue to be the bedrock of UNDP finances, and requests Member States to give due consideration to the needs of UNDP in this respect, in particular with a view to achieving the annual MYFF targets;
7. *Encourages* Member States in a position to do so to announce multi-year pledges and payment schedules over the period of the second MYFF, and to adhere to such pledges and payment schedules thereafter.

23 June 2006

2006/25

Improving the working methods of the Executive Board

The Executive Board,

Recalling decision 2005/32 on the working methods of the Executive Board,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 48/162, in particular section III. A. 3 contained in the annex thereto,

Reaffirming its rules of procedure,

1. *Takes note of* the guidelines on the working methods of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund contained in the annex, and emphasizes that they are non-binding in nature;
2. *Decides* to review periodically the working methods of the Executive Board with the aim of further improving and streamlining its work.

23 June 2006

Annex: Guidelines on the working methods of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

I. Principles

1. These guidelines on the working methods of the Executive Board are supplementary to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board and are non-binding in nature. The purpose of the guidelines is to facilitate the work of the Executive Board in accordance with its Rules of Procedure. The guidelines are derived from experiences made over years of Executive Board meetings, and are intended to give guidance to current and future members of the Board.

II. Sessions

2. Informal meetings between sessions could be more widely used to provide background information on agenda items as part of the preparatory process for the consideration of these agenda items by the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA.
3. Presentation under agenda items should focus on issues and recommendations that require consideration and action by the Board.

III. Agenda and documentation

4. The official documentation relating to items of the provisional agenda should clearly highlight the issues and recommendations that may require consideration and action by the Board, providing options for action, reporting options and financial implications, as appropriate.
5. Documentation, including draft decisions, prepared under agenda items in response to Executive Board decisions should be within the mandate deriving from those decisions.

IV. Decision-making

6. The decision-making process should be transparent and participatory. The Bureau should help highlight the issues and recommendations that require consideration and action by the Board.
7. In this regard, the Bureau could, in advance of the sessions of the Board:

(a) As early as possible after each Board session, suggest what items of the provisional agenda for the succeeding session could require action by the Board and communicate an indicative list of possible decisions to all Board members, and ask UNDP and UNFPA to prepare draft decision templates;

(b) Organize and chair informal meetings as required to familiarize Board members with the issues and recommendations that require consideration and action by the Board during the succeeding session;

(c) Appoint facilitators early on, preferably in tandem with the informal meetings on the agenda item at hand.

8. The Bureau could, during the sessions of the Board:

(a) Request facilitators to make presentation of elaborated draft decisions as soon as possible to allow the executive board members to have ample time to discuss the decisions.

(b) Allot adequate time for informal consultations, including 'informal' informal consultations, on decisions during the session, and ensure the presence of the appropriate officials at the consultation when necessary.

9. On the basis of official documentation, the secretariat should prepare a compendium of draft decisions, preferably to be presented at the pre-session informal open-ended meeting that is convened at least two weeks before each session.

10. During each session of the Board, the Bureau representative of each regional group should consult with the members of its regional group, with a view to solicit proposals and amendments to the draft decisions contained in the compendium, and report back to the Bureau. The Bureau should inform the facilitator, as appropriate, on any proposals or amendments.

11. The secretariat could, in consultation with the Bureau and the facilitator, issue revised draft decisions as needed during the session.

V. Conduct of business

12. With a view to streamlining meeting procedures, the Chair may choose to invite UNDP and UNFPA to respond to questions and comments from the floor at regular intervals during the debate.

13. Presentations by the secretariat should be clear, concise and as brief as possible.

14. Any delegation has the possibility of making a statement on behalf of several delegations.

15. Hold ample 'informal' informal meetings during Executive Board sessions to facilitate the exchange of views among delegations and expedite the adoption of decisions.

2006/26

South-South cooperation

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the report on the implementation of the third cooperation framework for South-South cooperation (DP/2006/21);

2. *Recognizes* the importance of strengthening intra- and interregional South-South cooperation in areas such as trade, investment, health, disaster risk reduction and early warning systems, communications, and transport and transit infrastructure, with a particular focus on least developed countries;

3. *Notes with concern* the low degree of emphasis on the driver seeking South-South solutions, and requests UNDP to make further efforts to enhance the degree of emphasis on this driver and to promote its further impact, drawing upon experience with implementing other drivers in the current multi-year funding framework (MYFF);
4. *Requests* UNDP to report to the Executive Board, at its annual session 2007, on further efforts to mainstream the driver seeking South-South solutions into its current MYFF;
5. *Requests* the Administrator to report to the Executive Board, at its annual session 2007, on progress achieved in implementing the third cooperation framework for South-South cooperation and its efforts to mobilize additional resources from donors and other voluntary sources, as well as through triangular cooperation, for enhancing South-South cooperation;
6. *Encourages* all countries in a position to do so to contribute to the United Nations Fund for South-South Cooperation (formerly called the Voluntary Trust Fund for the Promotion of South-South Cooperation), which is now included in the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;
7. *Requests* the Administrator to support the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation in fostering cooperation among developing countries, and in seeking support for such efforts through partnerships within the United Nations system, and through triangular cooperation.

23 June 2006

2006/27

Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its annual session 2006

The Executive Board

Recalls that during its annual session 2006, it:

Item 1

Organizational matters

1. Approved the agenda and work plan for its annual session 2006 (DP/2006/L.2);
2. Approved the report of the first regular session 2006 (DP/2006/15); and
3. Agreed to the following schedule of future sessions of the Executive Board in 2006 and 2007:

Second regular session 2006:	11 to 13 September 2006
First regular session 2007:	19 to 26 January 2007
Annual session 2007:	11 to 22 June 2007 (New York)
Second regular session 2007:	10 to 14 September 2007

4. Adopted decision 2006/25 on improving the working methods of the Executive Board.

UNFPA segment

Items 2 and 3

Annual report of the Executive Director and funding commitments

Adopted decision 2006/12 on the annual report of the Executive Director for 2005 and funding commitments to UNFPA.

Item 4

Country programmes and related matters

Took note of the following draft country programme documents and the comments made thereon:

Africa

Draft country programme document for Ethiopia (DP/FPA/DCP/ETH/6)

Draft country programme document for Guinea (DP/FPA/DCP/GIN/6)

Draft country programme document for Mozambique (DP/FPA/DCP/MOZ/7)

Draft country programme document for Sao Tome and Principe (DP/FPA/DCP/STP/5)

Arab States and Europe

Draft country programme document for Egypt (DP/FPA/DCP/EGY/8)

Draft country programme document for the Republic of Moldova (DP/FPA/DCP/MDA/1)

Draft country programme document for Morocco (DP/FPA/DCP/MAR/7)

Draft country programme document for the Syrian Arab Republic (DP/FPA/DCP/SYR/7)

Draft country programme document for Tunisia (DP/FPA/DCP/TUN/8)

Draft country programme document for Yemen (DP/FPA/DCP/YEM/4)

Asia and the Pacific

Draft country programme document for Thailand (DP/FPA/DCP/THA/9)

Took note of the one-year extensions of country programmes for the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Rwanda and Togo (DP/FPA/2006/6)

Took note of the one-year extensions of country programmes for Lebanon and Sudan (DP/FPA/2006/7)

Took note of the one-year extensions of country programmes for Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka (DP/FPA/2006/8)

Took note of the one-year extensions of country programmes for Haiti, Mexico and Nicaragua (DP/FPA/2006/9)

Took note of the report on the implementation of the UNFPA special programme of assistance to Myanmar (DP/FPA/2006/10)

Item 5

Evaluation

Adopted decision 2006/11 on evaluation.

UNDP segment

Item 6

Annual report of the Administrator

Adopted decision 2006/22 on multi-year funding framework performance and results for 2005 (DP/2006/17 and Corr.1, Add.1* and Add.2).

Item 7

Funding commitments

Adopted decision 2006/24 on the status of regular resources funding commitments to UNDP and its associated funds and programmes for 2006 and onwards (DP/2006/18).

Item 8
Human Development Report

Took note of the update on Human Development Report consultations (DP/2006/19).

Item 9
Country programmes and related matters

Took note of the following draft country programme documents and the comments made thereon:

Draft country programme document for Ethiopia (DP/DCP/ETH/1)

Draft country programme document for Gabon (DP/DCP/GAB/1)

Draft country programme document for Guinea (DP/DCP/GIN/1)

Draft country programme document for Mozambique (DP/DCP/MOZ/1)

Draft country programme document for Sao Tome and Principe (DP/DCP/STP/1)

Draft country programme document for Thailand (DP/DCP/THA/1)

Draft country programme document for Egypt (DP/DCP/EGY/1)

Draft country programme document for Morocco (DP/DCP/MAR/1)

Draft country programme document for the Syrian Arab Republic (DP/DCP/SYR/1)

Draft country programme document for Tunisia (DP/DCP/TUN/1)

Draft country programme document for Yemen (DP/DCP/YEM/1)

Draft country programme document for the Republic of Moldova (DP/DCP/MDA/1)

Took note of the one-year extensions of the country programmes for Bhutan, Costa Rica, Haiti, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malawi, Nepal, Nicaragua, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago;

Approved the second one-year extension of the country programmes for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Liberia.

Item 10
South-South cooperation

Adopted decision 2006/26 on the implementation of the third cooperation framework for South-South cooperation.

Item 11
United Nations Office for Project Services

Adopted decision 2006/17 on the annual report of the Executive Director (DP/2006/22) and took note of the update on the status of the implementation of UNOPS transition measures (DP/2006/CRP.3).

Item 12
United Nations Capital Development Fund

Adopted decision 2006/15 on the results-oriented annual report of UNCDF (DP/2006/23).

Item 13
United Nations Volunteers

Adopted decision 2006/18 on the report of the Administrator on the United Nations Volunteers Programme (DP/2006/24).

Item 14

United Nations Development Fund for Women

Adopted decision 2006/21 on implementing the UNIFEM multi-year funding framework 2005 (DP/2006/25) and on the report of the Administrator on the *Organizational assessment: UNIFEM past, present and future* (report of the advisory panel to the UNIFEM Consultative Committee) (DP/2006/26).

Item 15

Evaluation

Adopted decision 2006/19 on the annual report of the Administrator on evaluation (DP/2006/27);

Adopted decision 2006/20 on the evaluation policy of UNDP (DP/2006/28);

Adopted decision 2006/16 on the role and contribution of UNDP in the HIV and AIDS response in Southern Africa and Ethiopia (DP/2006/29), and took note of the management response thereto (DP/2006/30).

Joint UNDP/UNFPA segment

Item 16

Internal audit and oversight

Adopted decision 2006/13 on the UNDP report on internal audit and oversight (DP/2006/31); the UNFPA report on internal audit and oversight activities in 2005 (DP/FPA/2006/4); and the UNOPS report on internal audit and oversight (DP/2006/32).

Item 17

Programming process

Took note of the report on the implementation experience of joint programming and joint programmes by UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF since 2004 (DP/2006/33-DP/FPA/2006/11);

Postponed consideration of the report on options for improving the harmonized country programme approval process (DP/2006/34-DP/FPA/2006/12).

Item 18

Field visits

Took note of the report on the joint UNDP/UNFPA field visit to Tanzania (DP/FPA/2006/CRP.5-DP/2006/CRP.3);

Postponed consideration of the joint UNDP/UNFPA field visit to Indonesia (DP/2006/CRP.4-DP/FPA/2006/CRP.2).

Item 19

UNDP multi-year funding framework

Adopted decision 2006/23 on the UNDP multi-year funding framework, 2008-2011.

Item 20

Other matters

Held the following informal briefings and consultations:

UNFPA

UNFPA special event: panel discussion on population and poverty eradication;

Informal consultations on the medium-term strategic plan;
 Informal briefing on regionalization;
 Informal briefing on the UNFPA corporate strategy for humanitarian response;

UNDP

Informal briefing on the UNDP strategy for Central Asia, including the Central Asia human development report;

Joint UNDP/UNFPA

Joint informal briefing on the humanitarian response;

Joint informal briefing on international migration;

Joint informal briefing on the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the decade 2001-2010.

23 June 2006

2006/28

Annual review of the financial situation, 2005 (UNDP)

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the annual review of the financial situation, 2005 (DP/2006/37) and the detailed information relating thereto (DP/2006/37/Add.1);
2. *Reiterates*, as stated in its decision 2006/24, the encouragement that all Member States in a position to do so to increase regular resources funding, bearing in mind the 2007 MYFF target of \$1.1 billion in line with the rebuilding of regular resource base put forward by the Administrator;
3. *Recognizes* that predictability and timeliness of contributions are important factors in effective programming and liquidity management, and *encourages* Member States in a position to do so to announce multi-year funding pledges.

13 September 2006

2006/29

Report of the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Office for the biennium 2004-2005

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the report on the activities of the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Office (IAPSO) for the biennium 2004-2005 (DP/2006/39) and its continuing self-financed status;
2. *Encourages* IAPSO to continue to develop its procurement capabilities so that it remains a credible resource for procurement capacity development for the UNDP, other United Nations organizations, and partner governments;
3. *Recommends* that IAPSO continue its efforts to improve the quality and cost effectiveness of the procurement outcomes it achieves in the global supply markets in which it regularly procures on behalf of the UNDP and other eligible clients;

13 September 2006

2006/30 Determination of cost-recovery rates

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the report on the current practice of determining specific cost-recovery rates and criteria (DP/2006/41) submitted by UNDP pursuant to Executive Board decision 2005/18;
2. *Reiterates* that UNDP must ensure full recovery, at an aggregate level, of all actual costs incurred in implementing activities financed from UNDP third-party cost sharing, trust fund contributions and programme country cost sharing;
3. *Stresses* that regular resources, because of their untied nature, inter alia, are the bedrock of the operational activities of UNDP, and, in this regard, *notes with concern* that the relative share of regular resources available to UNDP has decreased, and *encourages* all donors to strive to increase contributions to regular resources;
4. *Stresses* that other resources should support the multi-year funding framework (MYFF) priorities and that regular resources should not subsidize the support costs for programmes funded by other resources;
5. *Encourages* UNDP to apply procedures that reduce transaction costs for programmes funded by other resources;
6. *Asserts* that the basic objectives of simplification, harmonization and fiscal prudence should guide the recovery policy;
7. *Reiterates* its request to UNDP to carry out a review of its cost-recovery policy in time for the MYFF, 2008, as requested in decision 2004/30, and *requests* UNDP to report to the Board earlier than had been anticipated in that decision, namely, at its annual session in June 2007;
8. *Emphasizes* that this policy review should include lessons learned from the cost-recovery policy and should provide sufficient detailed analysis for the Board to make a decision, as appropriate, on a new, comprehensive cost-recovery policy. In this regard, the Board *requests*, to the extent possible:
 - (a) A detailed financial and substantive analysis on the current cost-recovery practices and the estimated costs incurred in providing general management support, including by funding modality, execution modality and nature of project;
 - (b) In line with the findings of the review, a proposal for cost-recovery policy options, indicating the projected income and the impact on UNDP and on the harmonization process, taking into account country-specific circumstances as well as the fact that the allocation system of income from cost recovery is presented and discussed in the biennial support budget;
9. *Requests* the Administrator, in close cooperation with the members of the United Nations Group, to present a status report in 2007 on the progress towards harmonization on cost recovery, including information on cost-recovery methodologies.

13 September 2006

2006/31 Assistance to Myanmar

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the present document and of the report submitted by the independent assessment mission to Myanmar, in particular the strategic challenges and recommendations mentioned therein;

2. *Requests* that the Administrator take account of and implement the findings of the independent assessment mission, as appropriate, under the Human Development Initiative;
3. *Approves* the extension of the current phase of the Human Development Initiative for the period 2008-2010, to be prepared in 2007, with the understanding that formal presentation will be made to the Executive Board in September 2007.

13 September 2006

2006/32 Welcoming the Republic of Montenegro

The Executive Board,

Welcoming the Republic of Montenegro as a new programme country in the United Nations Development Programme,

Authorizes the Administrator to proceed with programme development in the country at the request of the Government and in close cooperation with the Government and other relevant stakeholders, taking into account other development activities being undertaken in the Republic of Montenegro.

13 September 2006

2006/33 United Nations Office for Project Services

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the progress report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS);
2. *Appreciates* the efforts under way to resubmit the 2004-2005 financial statements, and *requests* UNOPS to present a report on its financial, administrative and operational situation at the first regular session 2007.

13 September 2006

2006/34 Annual financial review, 2005 (UNFPA)

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the annual financial review, 2005 (DP/FPA/2006/13);
2. *Welcomes* the encouraging increase in the UNFPA income level while *recognizing* the growing demand for UNFPA activities in support of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, as well as the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;
3. *Further recognizes* that increased, predictable and timely payment of contributions is essential to maintaining liquidity and to facilitating continuous programme implementation;
4. *Reiterates* that regular (core) resources are essential to maintaining the multilateral, neutral and universal nature of UNFPA work;
5. *Encourages* all Member States in a position to do so to increase their funding, and to give priority to regular resources over other resources;

6. *Calls upon* Member States in a position to do so to make multi-year contributions and announce payment schedules, and to adhere to such contributions and payment schedules thereafter.

13 September 2006

2006/35

UNFPA role in emergency preparedness, humanitarian response, and transition and recovery

The Executive Board

1. *Recognizes* the critical role of UNFPA in emergency preparedness, humanitarian response, and transition and recovery and *encourages* UNFPA to continue to strengthen its efforts in this area;
2. *Endorses* the UNFPA strategy for emergency preparedness, humanitarian response, and transition and recovery programmes at national, regional and international levels, as the basis for strengthening UNFPA activities in this area;
3. *Requests* UNFPA to provide further information to the Executive Board at its first regular session 2007, on the following issues:
 - (a) resource needs, funding modalities and staff required to implement the strategy;
 - (b) coordination between UNFPA and other United Nations organizations, funds and programmes, including Inter-Agency Standing Committee roles and responsibilities;
 - (c) the monitoring and evaluation framework of the strategy;
4. *Encourages* UNFPA to align the strategy for emergency preparedness, humanitarian response, and transition and recovery with the medium-term strategic plan, to be approved in 2007;
5. *Agrees* to maintain the emergency fund at \$3 million a year, funded from regular resources;
6. *Encourages* contributions to UNFPA to implement the strategy.

13 September 2006

2006/36

Review of the country programme approval process

The Executive Board,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 59/250 of 22 December 2004 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

Decides that:

1. In order to decrease the time frame for the country programme approval process and to create more scope for synchronization with the length of national programme cycles, draft country programme documents will continue to be presented for discussion at the annual session of the Executive Board, as per existing practice. The revised country programme documents will then be posted on the website of the organization no later than six weeks after the discussion, and a hard copy of the revised documents will be provided, upon request, to Board Members by the secretariat. The country programmes will then be approved by the Board at its second regular session, on a no-objection basis without presentation or discussion, unless at least five

members have informed the secretariat in writing before the session of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Executive Board. Approval of country programmes for which revised country programme documents were not posted within six weeks will be postponed to the first regular session of the Executive Board, the following year;

2. The submission and approval of country programmes by the Executive Board will continue to follow the guidelines for length and content adopted in its decision 2001/11. Continued efforts should be made to improve results-based planning and management, and to strengthen the alignment of country programmes with national strategies and with the approved medium-term strategic plan. The UNDP and UNFPA country programme documents should clearly contribute to and derive from the national plan and strategies, as well as from the outcomes established in the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), in countries where the UNDAF exists.

13 September 2006

2006/37

Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its second regular session 2006

The Executive Board

Recalls that during its second regular session 2006, it:

Item 1

Organizational matters

Approved the agenda and work plan for the second regular session 2006 (DP/2006/L.3);

Approved the report of the annual session 2006 (DP/2006/35);

Agreed to the following schedule of sessions of the Executive Board in 2007:

First regular session 2007:	19 to 26 January 2007
Annual session 2007:	11 to 22 June 2007 (New York)
Second regular session 2007:	10 to 14 September 2007

UNDP segment

Item 2

Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

Adopted decision 2006/28 of 13 September 2006 on the annual review of the financial situation, 2005 (UNDP);

Adopted decision 2006/29 of 13 September 2006 on the report of the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Office for the biennium 2004-2005;

Adopted decision 2006/30 of 13 September 2006 on the determination of cost recovery rates.

Item 3
Country programmes and related matters (UNDP)

Adopted decision 2006/31 of 13 September 2006 on assistance to Myanmar;

Adopted decision 2006/32 of 13 September 2006 on welcoming the Republic of Montenegro;

Took note of the following draft country programme documents and the comments made thereon:

Draft country programme document for the Central African Republic (DP/DCP/CAF/1)

Draft country programme document for Eritrea (DP/DCP/ERI/1)

Draft country programme document for the Gambia (DP/DCP/GMB/1)

Draft country programme document for Senegal (DP/DCP/SEN/1)

Draft country programme document for Seychelles (DP/DCP/SYC/1)

Draft country programme document for South Africa (DP/DCP/ZAF/1)

Draft country programme document for the United Republic of Tanzania (DP/DCP/TZA/1)

Draft country programme document for Zambia (DP/DCP/ZMB/1)

Draft country programme document for Zimbabwe (DP/DCP/ZWE/1);

Draft country programme document for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DP/DCP/PRK/2)

Draft country programme document for the Lao People's Democratic Republic (DP/DCP/LAO/1)

Draft country programme document for Mongolia (DP/DCP/MNG/1);

Draft country programme document for Algeria (DP/DCP/DZA/1)

Draft country programme document for Saudi Arabia (DP/DCP/SAU/1)

Draft country programme document for Somalia (DP/DCP/SOM/1);

Draft country programme document for Croatia (DP/DCP/HRV/2)

Draft country programme document for the Republic of Montenegro (DP/DCP/MGO/1);

Draft country programme document for Belize (DP/DCP/BLZ/1)

Draft country programme document for Brazil (DP/DCP/BRA/1)

Draft country programme document for Chile (DP/DCP/CHL/1)

Draft country programme document for the Dominican Republic (DP/DCP/DOM/1)

Draft country programme document for El Salvador (DP/DCP/SLV/1)

Draft country programme document for Honduras (DP/DCP/HND/1)

Draft country programme document for Jamaica (DP/DCP/JAM/1)

Draft country programme document for Panama (DP/DCP/PAN/1)

Draft country programme document for Paraguay (DP/DCP/PRY/1)

Draft country programme document for Uruguay (DP/DCP/URY/1);

Approved the two-year extension of the country programme for Sudan for the period 2007-2008 (DP/2006/42/Rev.1);

Took note of the first one-year extensions of the first country programmes for Colombia, Equatorial Guinea and Suriname (DP/2006/42/Rev.1);

Took note of the first one-year extensions of the regional programmes for Africa and for Asia and the Pacific (DP/2006/42/Rev.1).

Item 5
United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)

Adopted decision 2006/33 of 13 September 2006 on the progress report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNOPS.

UNFPA segment

Item 9
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters (UNFPA)

Adopted decision 2006/34 of 13 September 2006 on the annual financial review, 2005.

Item 10
UNFPA role in emergency preparedness, humanitarian response, and transition and recovery

Adopted decision 2006/35 of 13 September 2006 on the UNFPA role in emergency preparedness, humanitarian response, and transition and recovery.

Item 11
Country programmes and related matters (UNFPA)

Took note of the following draft country programme documents and the comments made thereon:

- Draft country programme document for the Central African Republic (DP/FPA/DCP/CAF/6)
- Draft country programme document for Eritrea (DP/FPA/DCP/ERI/3)
- Draft country programme document for Gabon (DP/FPA/DCP/GAB/5)
- Draft country programme document for the Gambia (DP/FPA/DCP/GMB/6)
- Draft country programme document for Senegal (DP/FPA/DCP/SEN/6)
- Draft country programme document for South Africa (DP/FPA/DCP/ZAF/3)
- Draft country programme document for the United Republic of Tanzania (DP/FPA/DCP/TZA/6)
- Draft country programme document for Zambia (DP/FPA/DCP/ZMB/6)
- Draft country programme document for Zimbabwe (DP/FPA/DCP/ZWE/5);
- Draft country programme document for Algeria (DP/DCP/FPA/DZA/4);
- Draft country programme document for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DP/FPA/DCP/PRK/4)
- Draft country programme document for the Lao People's Democratic Republic (DP/FPA/DCP/LAO/4)
- Draft country programme document for Mongolia (DP/FPA/DCP/MNG/4)
- Draft programme of assistance for Myanmar (DP/FPA/DCP/MMR/2)
- Draft country programme document for Brazil (DP/FPA/DCP/BRA/4)
- Draft country programme document for the Dominican Republic (DP/FPA/DCP/DOM/4)
- Draft country programme document for El Salvador (DP/FPA/DCP/SLV/6)
- Draft country programme document for the English- and Dutch-speaking Caribbean countries (DP/FPA/DCP/CAR/4)
- Draft country programme document for Honduras (DP/FPA/DCP/HND/6)
- Draft country programme document for Panama (DP/FPA/DCP/PAN/1)

Draft country programme document for Paraguay (DP/FPA/DCP/PRY/6)
Draft country programme document for Uruguay (DP/FPA/DCP/URY/1).

Joint UNDP/UNFPA segment

Item 6

Follow-up to the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meeting

Took note of the joint report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (DP-FPA/2006/1-E/ICEF/2006/20);

Other

Attended a video conference by the United Nations Board of Auditors on the audit findings of the financial statements for UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS for the biennium that ended 31 December 2005.

Item 7

Programming process

Adopted decision 2006/36 of 13 September 2006 on the review of the country programme approval process.

Item 8

Field visits

Took note of the report on the joint field visit to Indonesia (DP-FPA/2006/CRP.2-E/ICEF/2006/CRP.16).

Item 12

Other matters

Held the following informal briefings and consultations:

UNFPA

Informal briefing on regionalization;

Informal briefing on the global programme to enhance reproductive health commodity security.

UNOPS

Informal discussion on the situation of UNOPS.

13 September 2006

**TENTATIVE WORK PLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP/UNFPA
FIRST REGULAR SESSION 2007
(19 to 26 January 2007, New York)**

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
Date to be determined	10:00 to 10:30 a.m.	1	<p style="text-align: center;">ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Election of the Bureau of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board
Friday, 19 January	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.		<p style="text-align: center;">JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF AND WFP</p> <p>Theme: TBD</p>
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.		<p style="text-align: center;">JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF AND WFP (cont'd)</p> <p>Theme: TBD</p>
Monday, 22 January	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.		<p style="text-align: center;">JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF AND WFP (cont'd)</p> <p>Theme: TBD</p>
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.		<p style="text-align: center;">JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF AND WFP (cont'd)</p> <p>Theme: TBD</p>
Tuesday, 23 January	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adoption of the agenda and work plan for the session ○ Adoption of the report of the second regular session 2006 ○ Adoption of the annual work plan 2007 of the Executive Board <p style="text-align: center;">UNDP SEGMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR</p>
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.	2	<p>MULTI-YEAR FUNDING FRAMEWORK, 2008-2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annotated outline of the MYFF, 2008-2011
		3	<p>PROGRAMMING PROCESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assessment of programming arrangements, 2004-2007
Wednesday, 24 January	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.		<p style="text-align: center;">UNFPA SEGMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</p>
		9	<p>FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report on UNFPA regionalization, including financial implications ○ Report of the ACABQ on UNFPA regionalization, including financial implications
	3:00 to 4:00 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>
	4:00 to 5:00 p.m.	9	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (cont'd)
		10	<p>COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approval of country programme documents
	5:00 to 6:00 p.m.		<i>Informal consultation on UNFPA regionalization</i>

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
Thursday, 25 January	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	6	UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd) UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Progress report of the Administrator on follow-up to decisions 2006/3 and 2006/5 on the Organizational assessment of UNIFEM
		7	UNITED NATIONS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strategic agreement between UNDP and UNCDF (dec. 2006/15)
		4	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approval of country programme documents
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>
	3 – 4 p.m.	8	UNOPS
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	5	EVALUATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries ○ Management response to the evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries ○ Evaluation of the National Human Development Report system ○ Management response to the evaluation of the National Human Development Report system 	
Friday, 26 January	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	9,11	JOINT UNDP/UNFPA SEGMENT FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report on the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS)
		12	RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2004-2005
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.	13	REPORTS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joint report of the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNFPA to the Economic and Social Council
	14	OTHER MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending decisions 	
	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adoption of the tentative work plan for the annual session 2007 	