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Agenda item 34.1

COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS - GENERAL MATTERS
(Draft resolution proposed by the Rapporteurs)
UNDP-supported activities - Financial situation



The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on UNDP-financed activities executed by WHO, and on the current financial situation of the United Nations Development Programme;

Noting with concern the severe liquidity crisis in which the UNDP finds itself which has made it necessary to envisage a significant curtailment of UNDP-financed project expenditures in 1976 and which may have serious consequences for WHO's programme as a whole and more particularly for the Organization's UNDP-financed technical co-operation with and services to developing countries;

Recalling that UNDP-financed projects can be executed by WHO only on the basis of a firm commitment by the UNDP to furnish on a continuing basis the necessary funds to cover all approved expenditures incurred by the Organization on behalf of UNDP;

1. EXPRESSES the hope that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme will find ways and means in the immediate future to solve UNDP's liquidity problem in order to avoid drastic programme reductions which might otherwise have serious long-term effects on many approved activities in the developing countries;

2. ENCOURAGES initiatives by the United Nations Development Programme to establish financial policies and practices which would prevent sudden reductions in UNDP supported activities; and
3. REQUESTS the Director-General:
 - (1) to ensure that adjustments to any approved UNDP-financed project for which WHO is the responsible executing agency are made only after full consultation between the government concerned, UNDP, and the Organization;
 - (2) to make arrangements with the Administrator of UNDP for effective consultation procedures in programme and financial policy matters which would appropriately reflect the partnership between UNDP and WHO in which the two parties have contractual obligations towards recipient governments and towards each other, and which would prevent the Organization from being committed without prior knowledge or consultation to situations which might affect its own programmes or resources;
 - (3) to consider, in the light of circumstances prevailing during the early part of 1976, and of any consultations with individual governments, such action on the part of the Organization as may be necessary to safeguard certain UNDP-financed health projects of special importance, including the possibility of their being financed from the Regular budget or from other resources available to the Organization;
 - (4) to call the attention of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to this resolution; and
 - (5) to report on further developments in this matter to the Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly.