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First regular session

1999/1. Election of Executive Board representatives to  
the joint committees for the 1999-2000 biennium

The Executive Board

1. Decides to elect the following members and alternates to the World Health Organization/UNICEF/United Nations Population Fund Coordinating Committee on Health for the 1999-2000 biennium:

(a) From the African group of States, Dr. Attiyat Mustapha (Sudan) as member;

(b) From the Asian group of States, H.E. Mr. Mohamed Al-Sindi as member and Mr. Walid Al-Ethary as alternate (Yemen);

(c) From the Eastern European group of States, Dr. Pavel Biskup (Czech Republic) as member;

(d) From the Latin American and Caribbean group of States, Mr. Samuel Aymer (Antigua and Barbuda) as member;

(e) From the Western European and Others group of States, Dr. Birte Holm Sorensen (Denmark) as member;

2. Decides to elect the following members and alternates to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education for the 1999-2000 biennium:

(a) From the African group of States, Mr. Souef Amine as member and Mr. Ahamada Hamadi as alternate (Comoros);

(b) From the Asian group of States, H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury as member and Mr. Muhammad Ali Sorcar as alternate (Bangladesh);

(c) From the Eastern European group of States, Mrs. Fatma Abdullazadeh (Azerbaijan) as member;

(d) From the Latin American and Caribbean group of States, Mrs. Celsa Bareiro (Paraguay) as member;

(e) From the Western European and Others group of States, Ms. Myra Harrison as member and Mr. Steve Packer as alternate (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

3. Agrees that the candidates to be proposed by the regional groups that have not yet submitted nominations to the joint committees will be considered elected upon receipt by the secretariat of a letter from the Chairman of the respective regional group confirming the nominations.

First regular session  
19 January 1999

1999/2. Private Sector Division work plan and proposed budget for 1999

A. Private Sector Division budgeted expenditures for the 1999 season

The Executive Board

1. Approves for the fiscal year 1 January to 31 December 1999 budgeted expenditures of \$88.8 million as detailed below and summarized in column II of table 7 to document E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.5:

	(In millions of United States dollars)
Commissions - field offices	2.5
Cost of goods delivered	35.4
Marketing expenditures	21.3
Support Services	16.6
Market Development Programme (MDP)	4.0
Fund-raising Development Programme (FDP)	8.5
Central and Eastern European National Committees Development Programme	<u>0.5</u>
Total expenditures, consolidated <u>a/</u>	<u>88.8</u>

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a/ For details, see E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.5, table 2.

2. Authorizes the Executive Director:

(a) To incur expenditures as summarized in column II of table 7 to document E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.5 and to increase the expenditures up to the level indicated in column III of the same table should the apparent proceeds from product sales and/or private sector fund-raising increase to the levels indicated in column III, and accordingly, to reduce expenditures below the level indicated in column II to the extent necessary, should the net proceeds decrease;

(b) To redeploy resources between the various budget lines (as detailed in paragraph 1 above) up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the amounts approved;

(c) To spend an additional amount between Executive Board sessions, when necessary, up to the amount caused by currency fluctuations, to implement the 1999 approved work plan.

B. Budgeted income for the 1999 season

The Executive Board

Notes that for the period 1 January to 31 December 1999, Private Sector Division (PSD) net proceeds are budgeted at \$284.3 million (general resources) as shown in column II of table 7 to document E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.5.

C. Policy issues

The Executive Board

1. Approves the changes in posts with a net decrease of four posts as indicated in annexes I and III to document E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.5;

2. Renews MDP with \$4.0 million established for 1999;

3. Renews FDP with \$8.5 million established for 1999;
4. Renews the Central and Eastern European National Committees Development Programme, which includes nine countries, with a budget of \$0.5 million established for 1999;
5. Authorizes the Executive Director to incur expenditures in the 1999 fiscal period related to the cost of goods delivered (production/purchase of raw materials, cards and other products) for the 2000 fiscal year up to \$37.1 million as indicated in the PSD medium-term plan (see table 6 of document E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.5).

D. Medium-term plan

The Executive Board

Approves the PSD medium-term plan.

First regular session  
20 January 1999

- 1999/3. Report on progress in implementing the biennial support budget for 1998-1999

The Executive Board

Takes note of the "Report on progress in implementing the biennial support budget for 1998-1999" (E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.1).

First regular session  
21 January 1999

- 1999/4. Financial matters

The Executive Board

Takes note of the following reports:

(a) "UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 December 1997 and report of the Board of Auditors" (A/53/5/Add.2);

(b) "Report to the United Nations Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgeting Questions" (E/ICEF/1998/AB/L.9).

First regular session  
21 January 1999

- 1999/5. 1999 UNICEF Maurice Pate Award

The Executive Board

1. Decides to present the 1998 UNICEF Maurice Pate Award to the Tanzanian non-governmental organization kuleana;

2. Approves an allocation of \$25,000 from general resources for that purpose.

First regular session  
21 January 1999

The Executive Board

1. Notes that in its discussion of the reports of the Executive Director to the Economic and Social Council in 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999 (E/ICEF/1996/10 (Part I), E/ICEF/1997/10 (Part I), E/ICEF/1998/4 (Part I) and E/ICEF/1999/4 (Part I) respectively), the Executive Board called for more analytical and problem-oriented reporting, including in decision 1998/1 (E/ICEF/1998/6/Rev.1), for future reports to include and identify issues which would require particular consideration of the Executive Board and the Economic and Social Council;
2. Welcomes the progress towards this goal, but notes that more is needed;
3. Recalls Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/27 of 28 July 1998, which, inter alia, requests the Executive Boards of the United Nations funds and programmes to ensure that the heads of these funds and programmes include in their annual reports to the Economic and Social Council a thorough analysis of problems encountered and lessons learned;
4. Requests the Executive Director to ensure that future reports to the Economic and Social Council advance the Executive Board's wish for greater analytical effort, selected focus on key issues, problem-oriented reporting and discussions of lessons learned;
5. Requests the Executive Director to transmit document E/ICEF/1999/4 (Part I) to the Economic and Social Council, together with the comments made by delegations at the present session;
6. Welcomes the statement of the Executive Director that, as called for in Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/27, she will join in providing to the Council, in consultation with other members of the United Nations Development Group, a concise, consolidated list of issues that are central to the improved coordination of related operational activities.

First regular session  
22 January 1999

1999/7. Revised elements for inclusion in part II of the Executive Director's annual report

The Executive Board

1. Welcomes recent proposals by the Executive Director regarding the contents of this year's annual report;
2. Decides that, starting from 2000:
  - (a) Information in part II of the Executive Director's report should be presented to the Executive Board in a way that facilitates monitoring of progress in achieving the objectives in programmes and activities within the framework of organizational priorities in the medium-term plan (MTP);
  - (b) The Executive Director's annual report (part II) should be developed as an analytical report of annual global progress in the priority areas of the MTP in a manner that links planning, programming, budgeting and outcomes, and should include a review of the following:
    - (i) Objectives and results achieved, aggregated qualitatively and/or quantitatively, in areas of action set out in the organizational priorities of the MTP, in particular those which respond to national priorities reflected in UNICEF country programmes of cooperation;

- (ii) An estimate of financial resources applied to these areas of action;
- (iii) Main obstacles encountered;
- (iv) Main lessons learned and implications for the future work of UNICEF;
- (v) Other issues of special interest to the Executive Board (such as how UNICEF collaboration with other United Nations agencies, including through the United Nations Development Assistance Framework, affects the success of specific country programmes).

First regular session  
22 January 1999

1999/8. Resource mobilization strategy

The Executive Board

1. Decides to adopt this resource mobilization strategy in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/227 of 24 May 1996 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/59 of 24 July 1997;
2. Welcomes the resource mobilization strategy of UNICEF in support of its role as the lead United Nations agency for children, especially with regard to supporting national efforts to reach the goals of the World Summit for Children and to implement the Convention on the Rights of the Child;
3. Welcomes the UNICEF medium-term plan (MTP) as a core element in the resource mobilization strategy and as a flexible, evolving, multi-year strategic framework that integrates a vision for children for the next century, and lays down the organizational priorities and major areas of action of UNICEF and the financial framework;
4. Notes, in this context, that the financial part of the MTP for 1998-2001 forecasts an annual growth in income of 3 to 4 per cent to be used for planned organizational expenditures, and further notes that the plan's estimated funding target of an annual growth in income of 7 per cent is established for the purpose of resource mobilization and to achieve UNICEF programme priorities;
5. Endorses the funding target of an annual growth in income of 7 per cent, to reach \$1.5 billion by 2005, as a challenge for the mobilization of general resources and supplementary funds from Governments and from the private sector and all other donors;
6. Expresses appreciation to the National Committees for UNICEF for their invaluable contribution to UNICEF, which accounts for about one third of the organization's total income, and requests the secretariat, especially through the Regional Office for Europe, the Private Sector Division and the Division of Communication, to continue to support the Committees' efforts;
7. Decides that UNICEF shall adopt and develop a multi-year funding framework (see annex) that conceptually integrates UNICEF organizational priorities and major areas of action, resources, budget and outcomes:
  - (a) With the objectives of:
    - (i) Increasing general resources, making general resources more assured and predictable and improving burden-sharing among donors, while maintaining the voluntary nature of contributions to UNICEF;

(ii) Strengthening the planning of activities with the formulation of overall objectives for areas of action in the MTP, with an estimate of UNICEF financial resources applied to these areas and with annual reporting on the outcome of these areas, while taking into account the specificity of UNICEF country programmes;

(b) And further taking into account the following principles:

(i) The multi-year funding framework shall maintain the priorities and respect the mandate of UNICEF;

(ii) The framework shall not introduce any conditionality or result in distortions of priorities or changes in the current system of resource allocation;

8. Decides, to this end, to adopt the following measures:

(a) At the first regular session each year Governments which are able to do so will:

(i) Announce their voluntary contributions to UNICEF general resources, as follows: a firm funding commitment for the current year; for those in a position to do so, a firm contribution or indication of the contribution for the following year, and a firm or tentative contribution for the third year;

(ii) Announce their payment schedules for the current year. Early payments should be encouraged;

(b) Governments which are not able to take the action described in subparagraphs (a)(i) and (ii) above at the first regular session will communicate their contribution to the Executive Board and the secretariat once their budgetary processes are complete, if possible no later than April;

(c) In the context of the MTP, the secretariat, as appropriate, will hold consultations with individual Governments on the possibility of increased contributions to general resources;

(d) To strengthen the multi-year funding framework, UNICEF will develop part II of the annual report of the Executive Director in accordance with decision 1999/7;

(e) As an element of part II of the annual report, the secretariat will prepare an analysis of the payments received against payment schedules, to be included in an analysis of the availability of resources, their predictability, as well as obstacles, constraints and future potential introduced by the multi-year funding framework. This analysis will be discussed by the Executive Board at its annual session;

9. Further decides that UNICEF shall adopt the following measures concerning contributions to supplementary funds:

(a) For regular supplementary funds:

(i) In its consultations with donor Governments, the secretariat will explore thematic, multi-country approaches and will report annually on the results of these efforts as well as on traditional contributions to supplementary funds;

(ii) The secretariat will develop a new reporting system with donor Governments and National Committees and propose it to the Executive Board;

(b) For emergency contributions:



- (i) Where possible, Governments will provide an early indication and commitment of planned contributions for emergency programmes for the year, upon receipt of consolidated appeals from the Office of the Coordinator for Humanitarian Assistance;
- (ii) Wherever possible, UNICEF and donor Governments will establish framework agreements, to be discussed in the course of consultations;
- (iii) Governments will consider providing maximum flexibility in using funds for the most urgent needs as they emerge in rapidly shifting emergency situations, giving UNICEF greater discretion in moving funds between sectors or within regions. These measures could include, for example, leaving 20 per cent of a contribution as non-earmarked;
- (iv) The secretariat will explore what level of flexibility will be possible for each government donor and report on the results of these discussions;
- (v) A revised reporting system will be developed and proposed to the Board, to provide an overall general report for each specific appeal, accompanied by a summary of contributions from various sources and of total expenditures, broken down by sector;

10. Requests the Executive Director to propose at the first regular session in 2000 a plan on the timing of the presentation to the Executive Board of the various elements of the multi-year funding framework, with a view to enhancing their interlinkages;

11. Further requests the Executive Director to make oral reports to the Board at its remaining sessions in 1999 about progress in the preparation of the proposals mentioned in paragraph 10 above;

12. Finally requests the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board each year, in part II of her annual report to the Board, on the progress made to date in the implementation of the present decision.

#### Annex

The UNICEF multi-year funding framework is an approach to resource mobilization composed of the following elements:

- (a) The four-year MTP which integrates UNICEF organizational priorities, resources and budget;
- (b) The biennial support budget;
- (c) An analytical annual report by the Executive Director (part II) that facilitates monitoring of progress in achieving the objectives identified for the areas of activities set out in the organizational priorities of the MTP;
- (d) The announcement by Governments of their voluntary contributions for a particular current year, together with firm or indicative contributions for future years, as well as a discussion by the UNICEF Executive Board of an analysis prepared by the secretariat about the availability of resources;
- (e) The holding of consultations by the secretariat with individual Governments on their contributions to general resources.

First regular session  
22 January 1999

Annual session

1999/9. Progress report on follow-up to the World Summit for Children

The Executive Board

1. Notes with satisfaction the overall progress being made in the implementation of the Declaration of the World Summit for Children and its contribution to the realization of children's rights;
2. Recognizes that extraordinary efforts are needed to accelerate progress towards the end-decade goals and, in this context, urges Governments in programme countries to adopt appropriate strategies and to allocate to the maximum extent possible resources for action;
3. Also recognizes the economic and social difficulties faced by developing countries and countries with economies in transition in achieving the goals of the World Summit for Children, especially for countries facing a debt burden;
4. Encourages Governments to conduct periodic national and subnational reviews of progress in achieving the World Summit for Children goals, and in the broader context of the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child;
5. Requests donor Governments, in their endeavours to reverse the decline in official development assistance, to allocate to the maximum extent possible resources to support the achievement of the World Summit for Children goals and to ensure universal access to basic social services;
6. Requests the Executive Director to continue to advocate for and support efforts by national Governments and other relevant actors in civil society to achieve the end-decade goals, within the framework of national and subnational programmes of action;
7. Requests the Executive Director to continue to work with Governments to strengthen further national capacities for the collection and use of data to monitor progress towards the end-decade goals;
8. Requests the Executive Director to support the Secretary-General in the preparation of the end-decade review in 2001, including an overall assessment of progress achieved and lessons learned during the decade, an analysis of the main factors that have inhibited progress, an overview of remaining challenges and issues, and specific recommendations for the future;
9. Further requests the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board on the implementation of the present decision at the 2000 annual session.

Annual session  
11 June 1999

Second regular session

1999/10. Financial medium-term plan for the period 1999-2002

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the medium-term plan (MTP) (E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.11) as a flexible framework for supporting UNICEF programmes;

2. Approves the MTP as a framework of projections for 1999-2002 (summarized in table 5 of E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.11), including the preparation of up to \$656 million in programme expenditures from regular resources to be submitted to the Executive Board in 2000 (shown in table 4, item 3 of E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.11). The amount is subject to the availability of resources and to the condition that estimates of income and expenditure made in this plan continue to be valid.

Second regular session  
7 September 1999

1999/11. Report to the United Nations Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

The Executive Board

Takes note of the "Report to the United Nations Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions" (E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.8).

Second regular session  
8 September 1999

1999/12. UNICEF support to the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on the follow-up to the World Summit for Children in 2001 and additional events

The Executive Board

Decides:

That a supplementary-funded budget of \$2,000,000 is approved for the year 2000, subject to availability of specific-purpose contributions, as follows:

(In United States dollars)

Staff costs	900 000
Operating costs	250 000
Communication	350 000
Country support	350 000
Meeting services and support	<u>150 000</u>
Total	<u>2 000 000</u>

Second regular session  
8 September 1999

1999/13. Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation

The Executive Board

1. Approves the following recommendations of the Executive Director for programme cooperation as summarized in document E/ICEF/1999/P/L.16 and Corr.1:

(a) \$129,276,724 for general resources funding and \$127,598,000 for supplementary funding for programme cooperation in Africa, as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>General resources</u>	<u>Supplementary funds</u>	<u>Document E/ICEF/1999/</u>
Botswana	2000-2002	2 073 000	1 782 000	P/L.17
Burundi	2000	2 266 000	4 400 000	P/L.18
Burundi	1999	102 724	-	P/L.18
Cape Verde	2000-2004	3 115 000	2 250 000	P/L.9/Add.1
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2000-2002	46 030 000	19 500 000	P/L.21
Ethiopia	2000-2001	30 790 000	27 150 000	P/L.19
Niger	2000-2004	31 672 000	13 500 000	P/L.10/Add.1
Sierra Leone	2000-2001	4 837 000	9 548 700	P/L.22
Uganda	2000	-	11 967 300	P/L.20
Zimbabwe	2000-2004	8 391 000	37 500 000	P/L.8/Add.1

(b) \$7,640,000 for general resources funding and \$37,250,000 for supplementary funding for programme cooperation in the Americas and the Caribbean, as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>General resources</u>	<u>Supplementary funds</u>	<u>Document E/ICEF/1999/</u>
Colombia	2000-2001	1 666 000	4 000 000	P/L.23 and Corr.1
Guyana	2000	655 000	250 000	P/L.24
Haiti	2000-2001	3 902 000	7 000 000	P/L.25
Paraguay	2000-2001	1 417 000	1 000 000	P/L.26
Central America subregional	1999-2001	-	25 000 000	P/L.27

(c) \$26,461,000 for general resources funding and \$18,000,000 for supplementary funding for programme cooperation in Asia, as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>General resources</u>	<u>Supplementary funds</u>	<u>Document E/ICEF/1999/</u>
Afghanistan	2000-2002	26 461 000	18 000 000	P/L.28

(d) \$45,828,515 for general resources funding and \$58,938,000 for supplementary funding for programme cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and the Baltic States, as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>General resources</u>	<u>Supplementary funds</u>	<u>Document E/ICEF/1999/</u>
Armenia	2000-2004	3 430 000	7 000 000	P/L.12/Add.1
Azerbaijan	2000-2004	4 519 000	11 756 000	P/L.13/Add.1
Kazakhstan	2000-2004	4 500 000	7 500 000	P/L.15/Add.1
Kyrgyzstan	2000-2004	4 038 000	2 500 000	P/L.15/Add.1
Romania	2000-2004	3 625 000	8 932 000	P/L.14/Add.1
Tajikistan	2000-2004	6 080 000	1 500 000	P/L.15/Add.1
Turkmenistan	2000-2004	4 288 000	1 250 000	P/L.15/Add.1
Uzbekistan	2000-2004	8 070 000	12 500 000	P/L.15/Add.1
Uzbekistan	1999	278 515	-	P/L.15/Add.1
Central and Eastern Europe/CIS/Baltic States multi-country	2000-2001	7 000 000	6 000 000	P/L.29

(e) \$9,722,000 for general resources funding and \$2,500,000 for supplementary funding for programme cooperation in the Middle East and North Africa, as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>General resources</u>	<u>Supplementary funds</u>	<u>Document E/ICEF/1999/</u>
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2000-2004	9 722 000	2 500 000	P/L.11/Add.1

2. Approves the amount of \$5,815,077 from general resources to cover expenditures against write-off as summarized in table 4 of E/ICEF/1999/P/L.16.

Second regular session  
8 and 9 September 1999

1999/14. Intercountry programmes

Resolution 1

General resources programme budget estimates for the 2000-2001 biennium

The Executive Board

Decides:

(a) That a general resources programme budget of \$21.1 million is approved (other than the Emergency Programme Fund) for 2000-2001 as per the following details:

(In thousands of United States dollars)

Headquarters

Health	1 604
Nutrition	1 388
Education	1 584
Water, environment and sanitation	790
Child protection	573
Intersectoral	2 915
Advocacy and communication	3 260
Planning, evaluation and monitoring	2 404
Emergency	<u>1 395</u>
Subtotal	<u>15 913</u>

## Regions

West and Central Africa	1 007
Eastern and Southern Africa	600
The Americas and the Caribbean	745
Middle East and North Africa	760
South Asia	800
East Asia and the Pacific	644
Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States	<u>600</u>
Subtotal	<u>5 156</u>
Total	<u>21 069</u>

(b) That the budget for the Emergency Programme Fund for 2000-2001 is approved for \$25 million;

(c) That the Executive Director be authorized to administer the funds in the most efficient manner under the provision of each of the funds. The Executive Director may, without further authorization from the Executive Board, transfer, if necessary, between the programme fields an amount not exceeding 10 per cent of the approved budget of the fund to which the transfer is being made.

## Resolution 2

### Supplementary-funded programme budget estimates for the 2000-2001 biennium

#### The Executive Board

##### Decides:

(a) That a supplementary-funded programme budget of \$237 million is approved for the 2000-2001 biennium, subject to availability of specific-purpose contributions, as follows:

	<u>Headquarters</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Total</u>
(In thousands of United States dollars)				
<u>Regional offices</u>				
West and Central Africa	-	4 100	-	4 100
Eastern and Southern Africa	-	14 800	-	14 800
The Americas and the Caribbean	-	8 000	-	8 000
Middle East and North Africa	-	2 000	-	2 000
South Asia	-	6 700	-	6 700
East Asia and the Pacific	-	9 000	-	9 000
Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States	-	<u>2 000</u>	-	<u>2 000</u>
Subtotal	-	<u>46 600</u>	-	<u>46 600</u>

Health	5 137	-	76 400	81 537
Nutrition	9 328	-	3 700	13 028
Education	2 861	-	2 000	4 861
Water, environment and sanitation	400	-	3 000	3 400
Child protection	2 550	-	2 900	5 450
Intersectoral	5 800	-	3 400	9 200
Advocacy and communication	12 440	-	-	12 440
Emergency	6 700	-	30 000	36 700
Planning, evaluation and monitoring	6 793	500	1 500	8 793
Information technology and the Programme Manager System	<u>11 000</u>	<u>1 000</u>	<u>3 000</u>	<u>15 000</u>
Subtotal	<u>63 009</u>	<u>1 500</u>	<u>125 900</u>	<u>190 409</u>
Total	<u>63 009</u>	<u>48 100</u>	<u>125 900</u>	<u>237 009</u>

(b) That for the biennium 2000-2001, a total recommendation of \$237 million for supplementary funding is approved. If necessary, funds in excess of indicated amounts for specific programme areas and regions can be received provided that the total amount of funds received is within the approved limit.

Second regular session  
9 September 1999

1999/15. Internal audit activities in 1998

The Executive Board

Takes note of the report on "Internal audit activities in 1998" (E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.14).

Second regular session  
9 September 1999

1999/16. Report on the seventh meeting of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education

The Executive Board

Takes note of the report on the seventh meeting of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education, as contained in document E/ICEF/1999/18, and of the recommendations contained therein.

Second regular session  
9 September 1999

1999/17. Financial matters

The Executive Board

Takes note of the following reports:

(a) "Interim financial report and statements for the year ended 31 December 1998, the first year of the biennium 1998-1999" (E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.12);

(b) "Private Sector Division - financial report and statements for the year ended 31 December 1998" (E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.13).

Second regular session  
9 September 1999

1999/18. International Child Development Centre: progress report and proposed activities for 2000-2002

The Executive Board,

Having reviewed the report on the "International Child Development Centre: progress report and proposed activities for 2000-2002" (E/ICEF/1999/16),

Authorizes a three-year extension for the Centre for the period 2000-2002 with a total allocation of \$12.8 million in supplementary funding, of which the Government of Italy has pledged to provide a minimum of 10.5 billion lire (approximately \$6 million) for the Centre's core activities, with the remainder to be sought from other donors for specific activities.

Second regular session  
9 September 1999

1999/19. Programme of work for Executive Board sessions in 2000

The Executive Board

Adopts the following programme of work for Executive Board sessions in 2000 as contained in document E/ICEF/1999/19:

First regular session  
(17-21 January)

- Report of the Executive Director (Part I): Annual report to the Economic and Social Council (1995/5, 1998/1 and 1999/6)
- Private Sector Division (PSD) work plan and proposed budget for 2000 (1998/1)
- Country notes (1995/8)
- Multi-year funding framework (1999/8)
- Pledging event
- Report on the second meeting of the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health
- UNICEF Maurice Pate Award for 2000
- Joint meeting with UNDP/UNFPA on United Nations Development Assistance Framework



Annual session  
(22-26 May)

- Report of the Executive Director (Part II) (1999/7 and 1999/8)
- Medium-term plan for the period 2000-2003 (1990/1, 1998/22)
- The future global vision for children - imperatives for the twenty-first century
- Follow-up to the World Summit for Children (1998/13 and 1999/9)
- Oral report on the United Nations General Assembly Special Session 2001
- UNICEF emergency operations (1997/7)
- Summary of mid-term reviews and major evaluations of country programmes (1995/8)
- Field visits of Executive Board members
- Oral report on decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council (1995/38 and E/ICEF/1995/9/Rev.1, para. 470)

Second regular session  
(18-22 September)

- Country programme recommendations (1995/8)
- PSD financial report/statements
- Internal audit activities (1997/28)
- Report on the Financial Regulations and Rules of UNICEF
- UNICEF financial report and statements for the biennium ended 31 December 1999 and report of the Board of Auditors\*
- Report to the United Nations Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions\*
- Programme of work for 2001

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\* If the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is not available for review by the Executive Board at this session, the items will be included in the agenda of the first regular session of 2001.

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1999/20. Biennial support budget for 2000-2001

The Executive Board,

Having considered the biennial support budget for 2000-2001, as contained in document E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.7,

1. Takes note of the 2000-2001 biennial support budget estimates of UNICEF, as contained in document E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.7, as well as of the report of

the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.10) and the comments made by delegations during the consideration of the biennial support budget;

2. Approves gross appropriations in the amount of \$545,513,700 for purposes indicated below and resolves that the income estimates of \$52,000,000 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations, resulting in estimated net appropriations of \$493,513,700:

(In thousands of  
United States dollars)

Programme support:	
Country and regional offices	279 116.8
Headquarters	<u>79 628.4</u>
Subtotal	<u>358 745.2</u>
Management and administration of the organization	<u>186 768.5</u>
Total gross appropriations	<u>545 513.7</u>
<u>Less:</u> Estimated income to the budget	<u>52 000.0</u>
Estimated net appropriations	<u>493 513.7</u>

3. Authorizes the Executive Director to redeploy resources between appropriation lines up to a maximum of 5 per cent of the appropriation to which the resources are redeployed.

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1999/21. Amendments to the UNICEF financial regulations

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) (E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.10), in particular paragraphs 36-39;

2. Approves the proposed changes to the financial regulations as contained in document E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.9;

3. Decides to examine the implications of these amendments, in particular regulation 8.6 on accounting and financial reporting of cash assistance to Governments, in connection with the report of the Board of Auditors for 1998/1999, which will be presented to the Executive Board;

4. Accepts the recommendation of ACABQ, contained in paragraph 7 of E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.10, and requests UNICEF to amend the relevant financial regulations and rules accordingly.

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