

2003/13. Implementation of the modified system for allocation of regular resources for programmes

The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the “Report on implementation of the modified system for allocation of regular resources for programmes” as contained in document E/ICEF/2003/P/L.21;
2. *Welcomes* the progress made in implementing the modified system, and reiterates the need to give high priority to the needs of children in low-income countries, in particular to the special needs and circumstances of the least developed countries (LDCs) and those of sub-Saharan Africa;
3. *Reaffirms* the principles of eligibility of all recipient countries on the basis of the fundamental characteristics of the operational activities of the United Nations development system, in line with relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;
4. *Notes* that the target of 60 per cent of the allocation of regular resources to the LDCs is not yet met, and *requests* the Executive Director to intensify efforts to reach the target of 60 per cent of regular resources to be allocated to the LDCs, and to maintain at least 50 per cent for sub-Saharan Africa;
5. *Requests* the Executive Director to report back to the Board on the implementation of these efforts, including an analysis of the utilization of regular and other resources by country and by aggregate for each priority area of the medium-term strategic plan, no later than the second regular session of 2004;
6. *Decides* to continue to apply the modified system for allocation of regular resources for programmes in accordance with Executive Board decision 1997/18 (E/ICEF/1997/12/Rev.1);
7. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue to review the modified system for allocation of regular resources for programmes, taking into consideration views expressed by delegations, and considering the need to explore ways to contribute to the sustainability of the progress achieved in programme countries in all regions, especially in the context of the preparation of the next medium-term strategic plan for 2006-2009.

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