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**WORK PROGRAMME ADVANCES FOR UNDP, UNIDO AND THE WORLD BANK
FOR THE YEAR 2000**

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FUND SECRETARIAT

1. UNDP, UNIDO and World Bank have submitted requests for partial funding of their 2000 work programmes which will be considered in March 2000.
2. UNDP, UNIDO and World Bank requested advances for a percentage of the project preparation included in their 2000 draft business plans. The requested amounts are provided in Table 1 along with the Secretariat's recommendation. The agencies have made this request with the understanding that the funds will be used for projects that would be consistent with the criteria for project preparation (Decision 23/51).

Table 1

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Agency	Activity/Project	Amount Requested (US \$)	Amount Recommended (US \$)	Agency Fees (US \$)	Total Cost to the Multilateral Fund (US \$)
UNDP	Project Preparation Advance	250,000	250,000	32,500	282,500
UNIDO	Project Preparation Advance	170,000	170,000	22,100	192,100
World Bank	Project Preparation Advance	357,450	357,450	46,469	403,919
Total		777,450	777,450	101,069	878,519

3. UNIDO and the World Bank requested 15 per cent and UNDP requested about 16.5 per cent of the total project preparation included in the business plans for project preparation. The total project preparation in the agencies business plans include project preparation for projects to be submitted in the year 2000 and projects included in the agencies' contingency table. The total project preparation for UNIDO and the World Bank includes project preparation for projects to be delivered after the year 2000.
4. On page 6 of the World Bank's draft 2000 business plan, the Bank indicated that it would like to request the Executive Committee to approve project preparation funds for the preparation of a CFC production project in Argentina as part of the 15 per cent advanced projects preparation funds.
5. The Executive Committee may wish to consider this request in light of Decision 19/36, para. (a) (ii) that requires *inter alia* "a technical audit of the production sector of the country concerned in conjunction with the preparation of the sector plan". The Committee may wish to consider if project preparation should proceed in advance of the results of a technical audit.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Fund Secretariat recommends approval of the project preparation advances with the understanding that all funds used will be in compliance with Decision 23/51 in the amounts as indicated in Table 1.
2. The Executive Committee may wish to consider if the World Bank may utilise its project preparation advance funds for the preparation of the Argentina production sector project in light of Decision 19/36.