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**REPORT ON PROGRAMME SUPPORT COSTS OF BILATERAL COOPERATION
PROJECTS (DECISION 42/45 (C))**

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1. During its consideration of the administrative cost regime, the Executive Committee decided *inter alia* to:

“Request the Secretariat, in consultation with bilateral agencies, to compile historical data of the rates of programme support costs of the bilateral cooperation projects and the methodology used for the calculation of such rates with a view to examining the applicability of the current administrative cost regime established by Decision 38/68 to bilateral agencies, and to report thereon to the 42nd Meeting.” (Decision 41/94, para. (c))

2. The Fund Secretariat submitted a paper to the 42nd Meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/42/50) that provided a brief history of bilateral contributions and programme support costs, a discussion of the applicability of the current administrative cost regime established by Decision 38/68 to bilateral agencies, and the views expressed by bilateral agencies on the subject including the views of Australia, Canada, Germany, Israel, and Italy as requested by the Secretariat, and Japan by way of its comments at the 41st Meeting.

3. At its 42nd Meeting, the Executive Committee decided to defer further consideration of the programme support costs of bilateral cooperation projects until its 43rd Meeting and invited bilateral agencies to make further submissions giving their views on the matter in order to facilitate discussion at the 43rd Meeting (Decision 42/45).

4. The Secretariat requested input from bilateral agencies but as of this writing, 4 June 2004, no input was received.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Committee may wish to consider any changes to the current administrative cost regime for bilateral agencies as indicated in Decision 26/41 based on its discussion during the 43rd Meeting.
