

# UNDP backs J'ca's flood

## aid bid

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The Governing Council of the UNDP has unanimously recommended approval of Jamaica's application for assistance in the implementation of a rehabilitation and reconstruction programme, following the devastating floods of recent weeks.

Enthusiastic support was voiced by over 30 speakers, following the presentation made by Deputy Prime Minister P.J. Patterson, to the UNDP Governing Council, on Monday.

Mr. Patterson, who had travelled to New York for the meeting, said that the level of support was gratifying, and observed that the \$1 million assistance

which will result from the application was not as important as the doors to long-term aid which this UNDP approval would eventually open.

In his representation the Deputy Prime Minister detailed the extent of the damage and suffering caused by the floods, as well as the untold harm that the resultant costs

will occasion Jamaica's economy. The Minister pointed out that the catastrophe came at a time when we were about to avert the decline in the economy, as a result of the sacrifices by the Jamaican people and government and a number of international agencies and countries.

Earlier on Monday Mr. Patterson met with the United Nations Secretary-General and discussed international topics of mutual interest. Dr. Waldheim requested that Mr. Patterson convey to the Jamaican people and government his sincere regrets and wishes for an early recovery from the effects of the floods.

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