As a follow-up to GA Resolution 44/211 of December 1989 and GA Resolution A/RES/47/199 of 22 December 1992, the UNCT has been working very hard over the past three years towards creating a more cost effective and efficient UN programme in Suriname. Currently, UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF are housed in “Common Premises” and PAHO/WHO has a separate office.

The three UN agencies that are housed in the common premises have made much progress on several fronts and this is reflected in a recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This MOU aims to reflect a “consultative and coordinated effort of all the UN entities participating in the common premises for the adequate and sound management of common services, under the leadership of the UNRC”.

In the sharing of services, the following joint agreements and mechanisms are in place:

- A jointly signed lease agreement for the common premises and their administration
- A common yearly budget, with a breakdown by UN agency, covering security, utilities, cleaning and other maintenance services, local communications and common equipment
- A Common Premises Management Committee
- A Contracts and Procurement Committee
- Participation in each other’s interview panels for recruitment of agency specific staff
- Inter-agency short listing and interview panels for recruitment of common premises staff
- A Security Management Team
- Informal transport pool
- Common cleaning services
- Common UN promotional activities
- Common Receptionist/ Librarian