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## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

### Note by the Secretariat

1. At its organizational meeting for 1983 on 14 February 1983, the Governing Council approved the tentative schedule of work for its thirtieth session as contained in the annex to this document. It was understood that this schedule will be considered as provisional and indicative in character so that the Council may be in a position to take up various items on a more flexible basis. In accordance with past practice, the Council also decided that once it completes consideration of an item before an indicated date, it will move immediately to the next item on its work schedule, thereby avoiding loss of time and ensuring a full utilization of available conference services.
2. All meetings will normally be scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. In that context it may be recalled that by paragraph 3 (j) of its decision 81/37, the Council decided that its meetings should start promptly at the scheduled times.
3. By paragraph 3 (a) of its decision 81/37, the Council decided to hold a short part of its annual session at a high, senior policy-maker level for the purpose of considering issues which could provide the necessary dynamism to technical co-operation activities carried out under the supervision of the Council. The Council designated three days at the beginning of the thirtieth session, namely 7 to 9 June 1983, as the high-level segment devoted to policy review. In accordance with Council decision 82/41, this year's policy review will focus on "Measures to mobilize increased resources for UNDP on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis." In addition, delegations may wish to address themselves in the course of the general debate during the high-level segment to other policy issues on the agenda, such as item 4, Programme implementation and the policy aspects of item 6, Other funds and programmes.

4. In accordance with paragraph 3 (h) of Council decision 81/37, a list of speakers for the three-day general debate will be opened on Monday, 9 May 1983, and closed at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 June 1983. Delegations are kindly requested to contact in that regard the Division of External Relations, UNDP Headquarters telephone number (212) 906-5754. To allow for smooth planning and efficient conduct of the Council's business, separate lists of speakers will also be opened and closed for all other agenda items as appropriate, and as announced in the course of the session.
5. The Council's Budgetary and Finance Committee (BFC) is scheduled to meet from 31 May to 23 June 1983. At its organizational session, the Governing Council decided that the First Vice-President of the Council shall serve as Chairman of the Budgetary and Finance Committee. The Council also decided to allocate to the Committee items 7 (a) through 7 (g) of the Council's provisional agenda. The Council further agreed to allocate to the BFC the financial and administrative questions related to items 6 (b), United Nations Fund for Population Activities, 6 (c), United Nations Volunteers, and 6(i) (i), UNSO: Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian Region. The Council also agreed that item 8 (a), United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures, should, on a preliminary basis, be considered in the BFC before being taken up in plenary. Lastly, the BFC will, as in past years, have to review the financial implications of draft decisions before the Council can take action thereon. In accordance with paragraph 4 (a) of Council decision 81/37, the BFC will have its own agenda and organization of work which will be issued in separate documents under the symbols DP/1983/BFC/L.1 and L.2.
6. In accordance with Council decisions 81/37, paragraph 3 (k), and 82/42, arrangements have been made for the servicing of one working group of the Council during the thirtieth session, including the provision of interpretation services. The Working Group is scheduled to meet during the period 13 to 24 June 1983. As decided by the Council at its organizational session, the Working Group will elaborate and finalize draft decisions on all items referred to it by the Plenary. All draft decisions formulated by the Working Group having financial implications will have to be referred to the BFC before action by the Council. The Council may also assign to the Working Group other specific tasks, as required. Similar to the practice followed last year, the Council agreed to designate the Second Vice-President to chair the Working Group.
7. Taking into account last year's experience, the Council also agreed on a number of principles which shall guide the deliberations of the Working Group:
  - (a) Consideration of draft decisions on the various items referred to the Working Group would begin only after the debate thereon in Plenary had been closed;
  - (b) The Chairman of the Working Group would circulate working papers containing draft decisions on the various issues prepared, at his request, by the secretariat to facilitate the drafting of decisions;
  - (c) All delegations could submit draft decisions on any agenda item not specifically allocated for consideration by the BFC, including subjects already covered in the working papers of the Chairman of the Working Group;

(d) In cases where both delegations and the Chairman have circulated draft texts, the Working Group would give precedence to the consideration of texts from delegations; and

(e) Unless otherwise decided by the Council, draft decisions submitted or sponsored by delegations on items referred to the Working Group would be taken up directly by the Working Group. The final text of such draft decisions as approved by the Working Group would, however, be submitted by the Chairman of the Working Group on its behalf to the Plenary without identifying particular sponsors.

8. It may be recalled that at its organizational meeting, the Council, in accordance with paragraph 3 (n) of its decision 81/37, also authorized its Bureau, in consultation with the Administrator, to review and, if required, adjust the organizational arrangements for the thirtieth session provisionally agreed to by the Council at its organizational meeting, taking into account any new developments which might have a bearing on this session.

9. As regards documentation, it may be recalled that the Council by its decision 82/41 had set the indicative quota for documentation to be submitted at its thirtieth session, excluding documentation on country and intercountry programmes, at 1300 pages, of which 300 pages were earmarked for policy papers and 1000 pages for support papers. In that connexion, the attention of the Members of the Council is also drawn to document A/INF//38/1 which contains in a consolidated fashion the rules and regulations laid down by the General Assembly regarding the control and limitation of documentation. This document will be made available to the Council at its thirtieth session in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2538 (XXIV).



Annex

Tentative schedule of work for the thirtieth  
session of the Governing Council

DATE	TIME	AGENDA ITEM
Monday 6 June	a.m.	1. Opening of the session  2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters. Statement by the Administrator  3. Policy review: measures to mobilize increased resources for UNDP on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis
	p.m.	No meeting to allow the High-level Committee on TCDC to hold meeting for adoption of its report
Tuesday 7 June	a.m./p.m.	Policy review: general debate
Wednesday 8 June	a.m./p.m.	Policy review: general debate (continued)
Thursday 9 June	a.m./p.m.	Policy review: general debate (continued)
Friday 10 June	a.m./p.m.	5 (b) Country and intercountry programmes and projects
Monday 13 June	a.m./p.m.	5 (b) Continued
Tuesday 14 June	a.m./p.m.	5 (b) Continued and concluded

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Wednesday 15 June	a.m./p.m.	4 (b) Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions
		4 (d) Evaluation programme
		5 (a) Revised illustrative IPFs for certain countries
Thursday 17 June	a.m./p.m.	4 (d) and 5 (a) continued, if necessary
		4 (c) Special programmes of assistance
Friday 17 June	a.m./p.m.	4 (c) continued, if necessary
		6 (a) United Nations technical co-operation activities
		6 (b) UNFPA: Introductory statement
Monday 20 June	a.m./p.m.	6 (b) UNFPA (continued)
Tuesday 21 June	a.m./p.m.	6 (b) UNFPA (continued)
Wednesday 22 June	a.m./p.m.	6 (f) Technical co-operation among developing countries
		6 (c) United Nations Volunteers
		6 (d) United Nations Capital Development Fund
		6 (e) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

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Thursday  
23 June

a.m./p.m.

- 6 (d) and (e) continued, if necessary
- 6 (i) Activities of the United Nations Sudan Sahelian Office and other assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa
- 6 (g) United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development
- 6 (h) Programmes in energy development
- 6 (j) United Nations Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

Friday  
24 June

a.m./p.m.

- 8 (a) United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures
- 8 (b) Action taken by other organs of the United Nations system in 1982
- Report of the Working Group
- Report of the BFC
9. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1984

Closure of the session.

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