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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION

Note by the secretariat

1. At its organizational meeting on 22 and 23 February 1984, the Governing Council adopted decision 84/1 on programme and organization of work of the Governing Council in 1984. In that connection, it approved the provisional agenda for the thirty-first session of the Governing Council of UNDP, scheduled to take place from 4 to 29 June 1984 at the United Nations Office at Geneva. This provisional agenda is contained in document DP/1984/L.3.

2. The Council further decided that the schedule of meetings during the thirty-first session shall be as follows:

Plenary	4 June 1984 (a.m.), 12-29 June 1984
Committee of the Whole	4 June 1984 (p.m.) - 8 June 1984
Budgetary and Finance Committee	4-29 June 1984
Drafting Group	18-28 June 1984

Annex I to this document provides a detailed schedule.

3. By operative paragraph 2 of section III.A. of decision 83/5, the Council had decided that, for a trial period of three years, it shall, in the context of regularly scheduled sessions, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, in order to:

- (a) Consider major issues related to programme matters;
- (b) Review country, regional, interregional and global programmes and projects;
- (c) Review programme and project implementation;
- (d) Consider reports on evaluation studies; and
- (e) Deal with other matters related to the programme management of UNDP.

4. Paragraph 3 of the same decision provided, inter alia, that the meetings of the Committee of the Whole shall be scheduled so as not to coincide with the meetings of the plenary and that a written report shall be submitted to plenary by the presiding officer, who shall be the President of the Council or another member of the Bureau designated by him.

5. At its organizational meeting for 1984, the Council agreed that, upon resolving itself, on June 4, into the Committee of the Whole, the Committee of the Whole would deal with agenda items 5(b), Programme planning: country and intercountry programmes and projects and 4(d), Programme implementation: evaluation.

6. The Council's Budgetary and Finance Committee (BFC) is scheduled to meet from 4 to 29 June 1984. At its organizational meeting, the Council allocated to the BFC items 9(a) through 9(i) of the Council's provisional agenda. The Council allocated also to the BFC the financial and administrative questions related to item 6, United Nations Fund for Population Activities, and to item 8, Other funds and programmes, in accordance with paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 36/200. In addition, the BFC will have to consider the reports on assistance to Namibia (item 4(c)) and on Government contributions to local office costs (item 4(b)).

7. In accordance with Council decisions 81/37, paragraph 3(k), and 83/42, arrangements will also be made for the servicing of a Drafting Group of the Council during the thirty-first session, including the provision of interpretation services. The Drafting Group is scheduled to meet during the period 18 to 28 June 1984. The Drafting Group will elaborate and finalize draft decisions on those items referred to it by the plenary for the ultimate adoption of such draft decisions by the Council. All draft decisions formulated by the Drafting Group and having financial implications would have to be referred to the BFC before action is taken by the Council. The Council may also assign to the Drafting Group other specific tasks, as required.

8. By its decision 84/1, section IV, the Council confirmed the principles contained in section III of its decision 83/1 which shall guide the deliberations of the Drafting Group:

(a) Consideration of draft decisions on the various items will begin only after the debate thereon in plenary has been closed;

(b) The Chairman of the Drafting Group will circulate working papers containing preliminary drafts on the various issues prepared, at his request, by the secretariat to facilitate the drafting of decisions;

(c) All delegations may 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 Drafting Group;

(d) In cases where both delegations and the Chairman have circulated draft texts, the Drafting Group will give precedence to the consideration of texts submitted by delegations;

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

9. Annex II to this document contains the tentative schedule of work for the Council as approved at the organizational meeting. This work 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 may wish, in any case, to decide that once it completes consideration of an item before an indicated date, it would move immediately to the next item on its work schedule, thereby avoiding loss of time and ensuring full utilization of available conference services.

10. 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.

11. By paragraph 3(a) of its decision 81/37, the Council decided to hold a short part of its annual sessions 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 agreed to designate four days, namely 12 to 15 June 1984, as the high-level segment devoted to policy review. In accordance with

the Council's decision, this year's policy review will focus on "Measures to be taken to meet the changing technical co-operation requirements of the developing countries". In the course of the consideration of this item, delegations may also wish to address themselves to policy aspects related to other items on the agenda, including item 4(a), Annual report of the Administrator for 1983, and item 5(c), Preparations for the fourth programming cycle.

12. In accordance with paragraph 3(h) of Council decision 81/37, the Council agreed that a list of speakers for the four-day general debate be opened on Monday, 7 May 1984, and closed at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 12 June 1984. Delegations are kindly requested to contact the UNDP Governing Council secretariat (One United Nations Plaza, Room 2160, Tel. 906-5754)) to inscribe their names on the list of speakers. 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 during the course of the session.

13. It may also be recalled that, at its organizational meeting, the Council elected, by acclamation, H. E. Mr. Leandro I. Verceles (Philippines) President for 1984. The Council elected the following other officers, also by acclamation, as Vice-Presidents: Mr. Jacques G. van Hellenberg Hubar (Netherlands), H. E. Mr. Miguel A. Albornoz (Ecuador) and H. E. Mr. Ahmed Ould Sid' Ahmed (Mauritania). Election of a Vice-President from the Eastern European Group of States was postponed to a later meeting.

14. Mr. van Hellenberg Hubar was designated Chairman of the Budgetary and Finance Committee and Mr. Ould Sid' Ahmed was named Chairman of the Drafting Group. It was further agreed that the President would preside over the meetings of the Committee of the Whole and that he, in conducting the proceedings of these and the plenary meetings, would be assisted by the Vice-Presidents.

15. As regards documentation, it may be recalled that the Council, by its decision 83/41, had set the indicative quota for documentation to be submitted to its thirty-first session, excluding documentation on country and intercountry programmes, at 1,300 pages, of which 300 pages were earmarked for policy papers and 1,000 pages for support papers. It may also be recalled that, by its decision 83/40, the Council adopted a number of measures concerning documentation prepared by the Administrator. The attention of the Members of the Council is also drawn to the forthcoming document A/INF/39/1 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 thirty-first session in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2438 (XXIV).

Annex I

Schedule of meetings of the Council and
its subsidiary bodies during the thirty-first session

(X: Two meetings a day; γ : a.m. meeting; π : p.m. meeting.)

	<u>First Week</u> 4-8 June	<u>Second Week</u> 12-15 June	<u>Third Week</u> 18-22 June	<u>Fourth Week</u> 25-29 June
Budgetary and Finance Committee	XXXXX	XXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
Committee of the Whole	π XXXX		γ	
Plenary	γ	XXXX	π XXXX	XXXXX
Drafting Group			XXXXX	XXXX

Annex II

Tentative schedule of work for the thirty-first session

First week: 4-8 June 1984
First plenary meeting: 4 June 1984

Monday, 4 June	a.m.	Opening of the session (1)
		Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (2)
		Introductory statement by the Administrator

At the conclusion of this meeting, the Council will resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole to deal with programme matters.

Committee of the Whole: 4 - 8 June 1984

Monday, 4 June	p.m.	Opening of the meeting
		Organizational matters
		Trends and problems in country programmes (5(b))

Tuesday, 5 June	a.m./p.m.	<u>Africa</u> (5(b))
		Consideration of country programme matters
		Implementation of selected country programmes
		Consideration and approval of country programmes

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Arab States (5(b))

Consideration of country programme matters

Implementation of selected country programmes

Consideration and approval of country programmes

Asia and the Pacific (5(b))

Consideration of country programme matters
(introduction only)

Implementation of selected country programmes

Consideration and approval of country programmes

Wednesday, a.m./p.m.
6 June

Consideration of country programme matters for Asia
and Pacific (cont'd.)

Latin America (5(b))

Consideration of country programme matters

Implementation of selected country programmes

Consideration and approval of country programmes

Europe (5(b))

Consideration of country programme matters

Implementation of selected country programmes

Thursday, a.m./p.m.
7 June

Consideration and approval of global and interregional
projects (5(b))

Evaluation (4(d))

Friday, a.m./p.m.
8 June

Evaluation (4(d))

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Second week: 12-15 June 1984
Plenary meetings

Tuesday,
12 June, a.m.
through Friday,
15 June, p.m.

Statement by the Administrator

Debate on the policy review item entitled
"Measures to be taken to meet the changing
technical co-operation requirements of the developing
countries" (3) and policy aspects of other items,
including:

Annual report of the Administrator for 1983 (4(a))

Preparations for the fourth programming cycle (5(c))

Third week: 18-22 June 1984
Plenary meetings

Monday, 18 June	a.m.	No meeting of plenary to enable Committee of the Whole to adopt its report
	p.m.	Consideration of the annual report of the Administrator for 1983 (4(a))
Tuesday, 19 June	a.m./p.m.	Consideration of the annual report of the Administrator for 1983 (4(a))
		Mid-term review of the third programming cycle, 1982-1986 (5(a))
		Preparations for the fourth programming cycle (5(c))
Wednesday, 20 June	a.m./p.m.	Conclusion of consideration of Preparations for the fourth Programming cycle (5(c))
Thursday, 21 June	a.m./p.m.	Special programmes of assistance (4(c))
		Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions (4(b))
Friday, 22 June	a.m.	Conclusion of consideration of Special programmes of assistance and Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions (4(c) and (b))
	p.m.	Other funds and programmes
		(a) Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (8(d)) (b) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (8(f))

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Fourth week: 25-29 June 1984
Plenary meetings

Monday, 25 June	a.m.	Introductory Statement on United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) (6)
	p.m.	UNFPA (6)
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Tuesday, 26 June	a.m./p.m.	UNFPA (6)
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Wednesday, 27 June	a.m./p.m.	Introductory statement on United Nations technical co-operation activities (7)
	p.m.	Consideration of United Nations technical co-operation activities (7)
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Thursday, 28 June	a.m./p.m.	Consideration of United Nations Volunteers (UNV), United Nations Capital Fund Development (UNCDF), United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (UNRFNRE), United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (UNFSSTD), and Programmes in energy development (8(a), (b), (c), (e) and (g))
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Friday, 29 June	a.m./p.m.	Consideration of previous items, if required
		United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures (10(a))
		Action taken by other organs of the United Nations system in 1983 (10(b))
		Adoption of the report of the Committee of the Whole
		Adoption of draft decisions submitted by the Drafting Group
		Adoption of the report of the BFC
		Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1985 (11)
