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MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE  
GOVERNING COUNCIL IN 1985

ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-SECOND SESSION  
AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Note by the secretariat

1. Annex I to this document contains the draft provisional agenda for the thirty-second session of the Governing Council of UNDP, scheduled to take place from 4 to 28 June 1985 in New York. This draft provisional agenda is based on Council decision 84/44 entitled "Provisional agenda for the thirty-second session of the Governing Council and related matters".

2. By decision 84/45 entitled "Arrangements for meetings of the Governing Council in 1985" the Council decided that, subject, *inter alia*, to its own review at its organizational meeting, the arrangements for the thirty-second session shall be as follows:

Governing Council	4-28 June 1985
Committee of the Whole	4-7 June 1985
High-level segment	10-14 June 1985
Budgetary and Finance Committee	4-28 June 1985
Drafting Group	17-28 June 1985

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3. In accordance with the practice in 1984, it is suggested that the Council's thirty-second session be opened on 4 June 1985 a.m. and that the Committee of the Whole commence its work on 4 June 1985 p.m.. The Council may therefore wish to adopt the provisional schedule of meetings for the Council and its subsidiary bodies as contained in annex II.

4. Taking into account the provisions of paragraph 2 of section III.A of decision 83/5, whereby the Council had decided, that for a trial period of three years, it shall, in the context of its regularly scheduled sessions, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to deal with programme matters, the Governing Council may wish to allocate the following reports for consideration by the Committee of the Whole:

All reports dealing with evaluation matters;  
Relevant trends and problems in country programmes;  
reports on implementation of country programmes in various regions;  
Global and interregional projects; and  
All country programmes for the region of Asia and the Pacific and Latin America.

5. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of section III.A of decision 83/5, 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. It may be recalled that in 1984 the President of the Council presided over the meetings of the Committee of the Whole and that he, in conducting the proceedings of these and the plenary meetings, was assisted by the Vice-Presidents.

6. As regards the timetable and schedule of its work and that of the Committee of the Whole, the Council may wish to consider dealing with the various items as proposed in the tentative schedule of work contained in annex III. This work schedule might 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.

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7. 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.

8. 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 designated the period 10-14 June 1985 as the high-level segment devoted to policy review. In accordance with paragraph 2 of Council decision 84/44, the 1985 policy review will focus on "Co-ordination of external technical co-operation at the country level and examination of steps taken by the United Nations Development Programme to strengthen co-ordination in practice". 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.

9. In accordance with paragraph 3(h) of Council decision 81/37, it is proposed that a list of speakers for the five-day general debate be opened on Monday, 6 May 1985. 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 will be announced in the course of the session.

10. Delegations will note that it is proposed that the Council, as last year, take up separately the item related to programme implementation, including, inter alia, the annual report of the Administrator and JIU reports, so as to allow an in-depth consideration of these matters.

11. The Council's Budgetary and Finance Committee (BFC) is scheduled to meet from 4 to 28 June 1985. Taking into account past practice, the Governing Council may wish to decide that the First Vice-President of the Council shall serve as Chairman of the Budgetary and Finance Committee. As regards the programme of work of the Committee, the Council may wish to allocate to it items 9(a) through 9(g) of the Council's draft provisional agenda. The Council may further wish to allocate to the Budgetary and Finance Committee financial and administrative questions related to item 6, United Nations Fund for Population Activities and to item 8, Other funds and programmes. Finally, as in past years, the Budgetary and Finance Committee will review the financial implications of draft decisions before action is taken by the Council. In accordance with paragraph 4(a) of Council decision 81/37, the Budgetary and Finance Committee will have its own agenda and organization of work which will be issued in a separate document under the symbol DP/1985/BFC/L.1.

12. In accordance with Council decisions 81/37, paragraph 3(k), and 84/45, arrangements will also be made for the servicing of a Drafting Group of the Council during the thirty-second session, including the provision of interpretation services. The Drafting Group is scheduled to meet during the period 17 to 28 June 1985. 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 having financial implications would have to be referred to the Budgetary and Finance Committee before action is taken by the Council. The Council may also assign to the Drafting Group other specific tasks, as required. Similar to the practice followed last year, the Council may wish to designate one of its Vice-Presidents to chair the Drafting Group.

13. It may be recalled that by section III of its decision 83/1, the Council enunciated a number of principles which shall guide the deliberations of the Drafting Group:

(a) Consideration of draft decision 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 Budgetary and Finance Committee, 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.

14. As regards documentation, it may be recalled that the Council, by its decision 84/44, had set the indicative quota for documentation to be submitted to its thirty-second session, excluding documentation on country and intercountry programmes and projects, 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 decided about 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/40/1 regarding the control and limitation of documentation. This document will be made available to the Council at its thirty-second session in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2438 (XXIV).

Annex I

Draft provisional agenda

Thirty-second session

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Policy review: "Co-ordination of external technical co-operation at the country level and examination of steps taken by the United Nations Development Programme to strengthen co-ordination in practice".
4. Programme implementation:
  - (a) Annual report of the Administrator for 1984;
  - (b) Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions; 1/
  - (c) Special programmes of assistance: assistance to national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity; assistance to specific countries; assistance to the Palestinian people;
  - (d) Evaluation.
5. Programme planning:
  - (a) Preparations for the fourth programming cycle;
  - (b) Country and intercountry programmes and projects.
6. United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA).
7. United Nations technical co-operation activities.
8. Other funds and programmes:
  - (a) United Nations Volunteers (UNV);
  - (b) United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF);
  - (c) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (UNRFNRE);
  - (d) Technical co-operation among developing countries (TCDC);
  - (e) United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (UNFSSTD);

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- (f) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO):
    - (i) Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;
    - (ii) Recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sahel region;
    - (iii) Assistance to other drought-stricken countries;
  - (g) Programmes in energy development;
  - (h) United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries;
  - (i) Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women.
9. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters:
- (a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1984;
  - (b) Programme support and administrative services budget;
  - (c) Trust funds established by the Administrator;
  - (d) UNDP financial regulations;
  - (e) Audit reports;
  - (f) Sectoral support;
  - (g) Other matters.
10. Other matters:
- (a) United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures;
  - (b) Action taken by other organs of the United Nations system in 1984.
11. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1986.
12. Other matters.

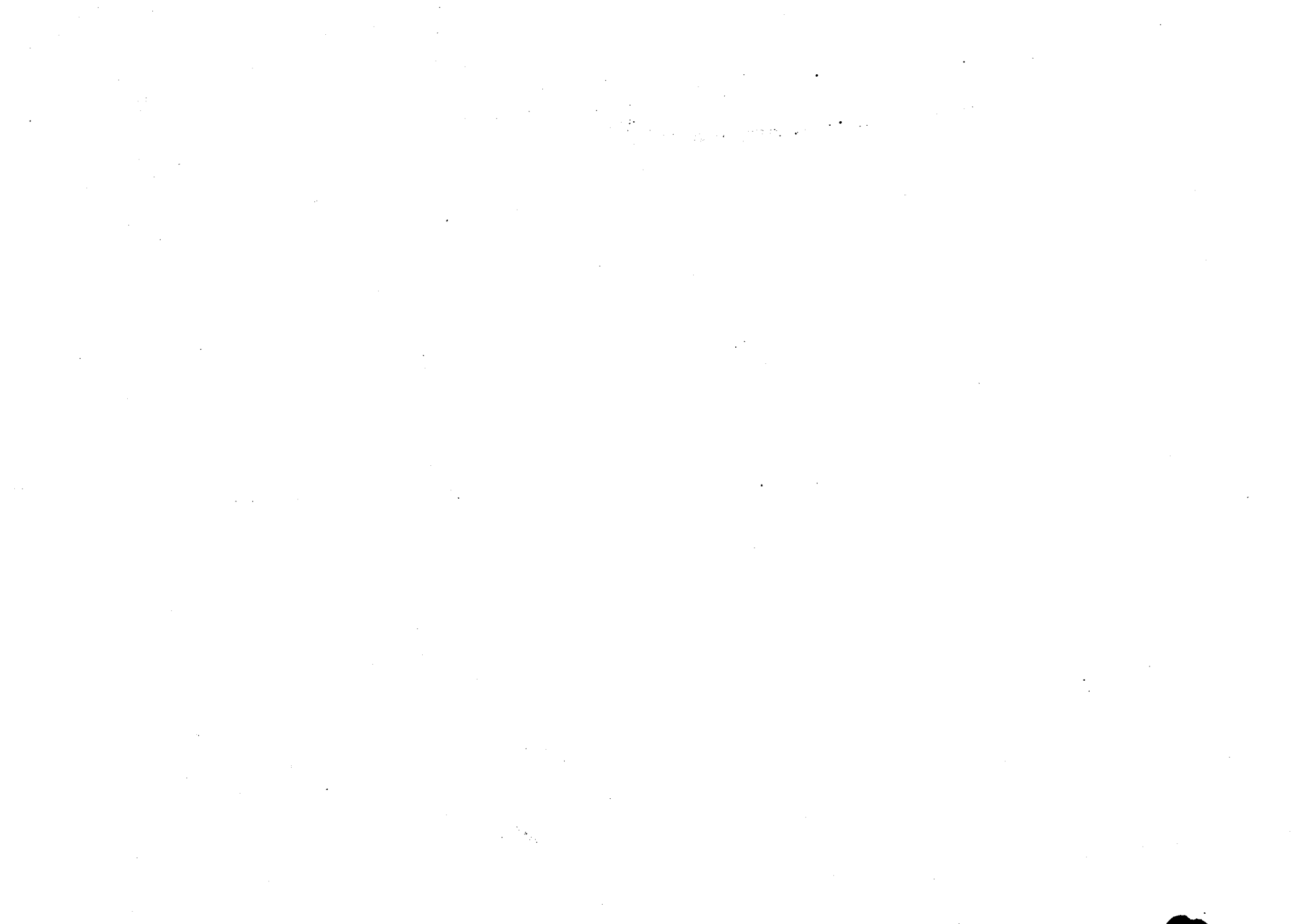
#### Notes

1/ The Council will have before it reports on the implementation of the following decisions:

- 84/7 Measures to promote better understanding of the role and activities of the United Nations Development Programme and of the resource needs of the Programme.
- 83/7 Recruitment and reduction of the cost of project professional personnel

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- 83/12 Evaluation programme: Women in Development
- 84/18 Economic and social crisis in Africa (Strengthening of field offices in Africa)
- 82/8 Government execution
- 84/4 Measures to be taken to meet the changing technical co-operation requirements of the developing countries: Human resources facility
- 84/14 Action taken to implement General Assembly resolution 38/201
- 84/10 Implementation of the **Substantial New Programme** of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries
- 82/10 UNDP Development Study Programme





Annex II

Proposal for a schedule of meetings of the  
 Council and its subsidiary bodies during the thirty-second session

	First Week 4-7 June	Second Week 10-14 June	Third Week 17-21 June	Fourth Week 24-28 June
Plenary	v	XXXXX	XXXX	XXXXX
Committee of the Whole	ΔXXX			
Budgetary and Finance Committee	ΔXXX	XXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
Drafting Group			XXXXX	XXXXX

X - two meetings a day  
 v - a.m. meeting  
 Δ - p.m. meeting



Annex III

Tentative schedule of work of the Governing Council  
and the Committee of the Whole

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First week: 4-7 June 1985  
Plenary meeting

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Tuesday,  
4 June

a.m.

Opening of the session (1)

Adoption of the agenda and other  
organizational matters (2)

Introductory statement by the  
Administrator

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Committee of the Whole

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Tuesday,  
4 June

p.m.

Opening of the meeting

Organizational matters

Trends and problems in country  
programmes (5(b))

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Wednesday,  
5 June

a.m./p.m.

Africa (5(b))

Implementation of selected  
country programmes

Arab States (5(b))

Implementation of selected  
Country programmes

Europe (5(b))

Implementation of selected  
country programmes

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

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Thursday,  
6 June

a.m./p.m.

Asia and the Pacific (5(b))

Consideration of country  
programme matters

Implementation of selected  
country programmes

Consideration and approval  
of country programmes

Latin America (5(b))

Consideration of country  
programme matters

Implementation of selected  
country programmes

Consideration and approval  
of country programmes

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Friday,  
7 June

a.m./p.m.

Evaluation (4(d))

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Second week: 10-14 June 1985  
Plenary meeting

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Monday,  
10 June

a.m./p.m.

Statement by the Administrator  
Beginning of the debate on the  
policy review item entitled  
"Co-ordination of external  
technical co-operation at the  
country level and examination  
of steps taken by the United  
Nations Development Programme  
to strengthen co-ordination in  
practice" (3) and policy aspects of  
other items, including item 5(a)  
Preparations for the fourth  
programming cycle.

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Tuesday,  
11 June through  
Friday,  
14 June

a.m./p.m.

Continuation of the debate on the  
policy review item (3) and policy  
aspects of other items

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Third week: 17-21 June 1985  
Plenary meeting

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Monday, 17 June	a.m./p.m.	Consideration of the annual report of the Administrator for 1984 (4(a))  Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions (4(b)): decisions 84/7, 83/7, 83/12, 82/8, 84/4, 84/14 and 82/10
Tuesday, 18 June	a.m./p.m.	Programme planning: preparations for the fourth programming cycle (5(a))
Wednesday, 19 June	a.m./p.m.	Programme planning: preparations for the fourth programming cycle (5(a))
Thursday, 20 June	a.m./p.m.	Special programmes of assistance (4(c))  Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions (4(b)): decisions 84/10 and 84/18
Friday, 21 June	a.m./p.m.	Consideration of United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) (8(f)) and Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (TCDC) (8(d))

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Fourth week: 24-28 June 1985  
Plenary meeting

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Monday,  
24 June

a.m./p.m.

Introductory statement by the  
Executive Director of the United  
Nations Fund for Population  
Activities and consideration of  
item (6) UNFPA

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Tuesday,  
25 June

a.m./p.m.

UNFPA (6) (continued)

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Wednesday,  
26 June

a.m./p.m.

United Nations technical co-operation  
activities (7):  
Introductory statement and  
consideration of item

Consideration of United Nations  
Volunteers (UNV), United Nations  
Capital Development Fund (UNCDF),  
United Nations Revolving Fund for  
Natural Resources Exploration  
(UNRFNRE), United Nations Financing  
System for Science and Technology  
for Development (UNFSSID),  
Programmes in energy development,  
United Nations Special Fund for  
Land-locked Developing Countries,  
Voluntary Fund for the United Nations  
Decade for Women, 8(a), (b), (c), (e),  
(g), (h) and (i)

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Thursday,  
27 June

a.m./p.m.

Continuation of consideration of UNV,  
items 8(a), (b), (c), (e), (g),  
(h) and (i)

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Friday,  
28 June

a.m./p.m.

Consideration of previous items,  
if required

United Nations system regular/  
extrabudgetary technical  
co-operation expenditures (10(a))

Action taken by other organs of the  
United Nations system in 1984  
(10(b))

Adoption of the recommendations  
by the Committee of the Whole

Adoption of draft decisions  
submitted by the Drafting Group

Adoption of the report of the  
Budgetary and Finance Committee (BFC)  
(9)

Matters relating to the work of  
the Council in 1986 (11)

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