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ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA
AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Note by the secretariat

1. At its organizational meeting for 1985 the Governing Council decided that its thirty-second session would begin on 3 June 1985 instead of 4 June 1985 as originally envisaged by Council decision 84/45 entitled "Arrangements for meetings of the Governing Council in 1985". Taking into account this change the schedule of meetings during the thirty-second session will be as follows:

Governing Council	3-28 June 1985
Committee of the Whole	3-7 June 1985
High-level segment	10-14 June 1985
Budgetary and Finance Committee	3-28 June 1985
Informal consultations on the fourth programming cycle	17-20 June 1985
Drafting Group	21-28 June 1985

2. The Council may wish to note that the advanced opening date of the Governing Council's session will necessitate a slight change in the arrangements for the session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries which is currently scheduled to adopt its report on 3 June 1985. Taking into account the time which is likely to be required for the processing of the substantive report of the High-Level Committee, the secretariat will now make provision for the final meeting at which the report will be adopted to take place on Tuesday, 4 June or Wednesday, 5 June 1985.

3. Annex I to this document contains the provisional agenda for the session of the Governing Council. This provisional agenda is based on Council decision 84/44 entitled "Provisional agenda for the thirty-second session of the Governing Council and related matters".

4. In accordance with the practice in 1984, it is suggested that the Council's thirty-second session be opened on 3 June 1985 at 10.30 a.m. and that the Committee of the Whole commence its work immediately upon adjournment of this meeting in the morning of 3 June 1985. The Council may therefore wish to adopt the schedule of meetings for the Council and its subsidiary bodies as contained in annex II, which reflects the discussions at the Council's organizational meeting for 1985 and which was endorsed by the Council's Bureau.

5. 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 would, 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:

- (a) All reports dealing with evaluation matters;
- (b) Relevant trends and problems in country programmes;
- (c) Reports on implementation of country programmes in various regions;
- (d) Global and interregional projects; and
- (e) All country programmes for the region of Asia and the Pacific and Latin America;
- (f) Programming aspects of the fourth programming cycle.

6. 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. The President of the Council announced at the organizational meeting for 1985 that he intended to preside over the meetings of the Committee of the Whole and that he, in conducting the proceedings of those and the plenary meetings, would be assisted by the Vice-Presidents.

7. 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, which takes into account the various observations made during the Council's organizational meeting for 1985 and which was fully endorsed by the Council's Bureau.

8. It should be strongly emphasized that the tentative work schedule is only provisional and indicative in character so that the Council will be in a position to take up various items on a more flexible basis. In particular, once it completes the consideration of an item before an indicated date, it could move immediately to the next item on its work schedule.

9. All meetings will normally be scheduled from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 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.

10. 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, such as the economic and social crisis in Africa, the preparations for the fourth programming cycle and the question of human resource development.

11. In accordance with paragraph 3(h) of Council decision 81/37, a list of speakers will be opened for the five-day general debate on Monday, 6 May 1985 and closed on Tuesday, 11 June 1985. Delegations are kindly requested to contact UNDP's Division for External Relations and the Governing Council Secretariat (One UN Plaza, Room 2160, Telephone 906-5740) in that regard. 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.

12. 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 Joint Inspection Unit reports, so as to allow an in-depth consideration of these matters.

13. The Council's Budgetary and Finance Committee (BFC) is scheduled to meet from 3 to 28 June 1985. At its organizational meeting for 1985 the President designated Mr. Richard Mann of Canada as First Vice-President who shall also 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 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.

14. 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 21 to 28 June 1985. The services earmarked for the Drafting Group from 17 to 20 June will be allocated for informal consultations on the fourth programming cycle. 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.

15. It may be recalled that, by section III of its decision 83/1, the Council enunciated a number of principles which should 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.

16. 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

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; a/
 - (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);
 - (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) Budget estimates for the biennium 1986-1987;
 - (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

a/ 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
- 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 III

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF WORK OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

NOTE: This tentative work schedule is provisional and indicative in character so that the Council may be in a position to take up various items on a more flexible basis. Once it completes consideration of an item before an indicated date, it will move immediately to the next item on its work schedule.

First week: 3-7 June 1985
Plenary meeting

Monday, 3 June	a.m.	Opening of the session (1)
		Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (2)
		Introductory statement by the Administrator

Committee of the Whole

Monday, 3 June	Immediately fol- lowing the adjourn- ment of the plenary meeting/p.m.	Opening of the meeting
		Organizational matters
		Trends and problems in country programmes (5(b))
		<u>Africa</u> (5(b))
		Implementation of selected country programmes

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Second week: 10-14 June 1985

Plenary meeting

Monday, 10 June	a.m.	Opening of the high-level segment
	3 - 5 p.m.	Statement by the Administrator Commemorative meeting: Thirty-fifth anniversary of United Nations technical co- operation activities
	5 - 6 p.m.	Beginning of the high-level 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 items 5(a) Preparations for the fourth programming cycle, 4 (b) Economic and social crisis in Africa and the question of human resource development

Tuesday,
11 June through
Friday, 14 June

a.m./p.m.

Continuation of the high-level
debate

Note: Should the Council conclude its high-level debate earlier, it will immediately proceed to the consideration of the next item, now scheduled for Monday, 17 June 1985, namely item 4 (a) Consideration of the annual report of the Administrator for 1984

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Third week: 17-21 June 1985
Plenary meeting

Note: From Monday, 17 June 1985 until Thursday, 20 June 1985 services and facilities will be made available for informal consultations on the fourth programming cycle to be held simultaneously with the plenary meetings. The Drafting Group will begin its meetings only on 21 June 1985.

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)):

- Measures to promote better understanding of the role and activities of UNDP (decision 84/7)
- Recruitment and reduction of the cost of project professional personnel (decision 83/7)
- Government execution (decision 82/8)
- Measures to be taken to meet the changing technical co-operation requirements of the developing countries: human resources facility (decision 84/4)
- Action taken to implement General Assembly resolution 38/201 (decision 84/14)
- UNDP Development Study Programme (decision 82/10)

Tuesday, 18 June	a.m./p.m.	Continuation of consideration of item 4(a) as listed above, if required Special programmes of assistance 4 (c) Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions (4 (b)): Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action (SNPA) for the 1980s for Least Developed Countries
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Wednesday, 19 June	a.m./p.m.	SNPA (continued, if required) Economic and social crisis in Africa (implementation of Council decision 84/18): Strengthening of field offices in Africa
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Thursday, 20 June	a.m./p.m.	Economic and social crisis in Africa (continued, if required) Consideration of United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) (8(f)) and Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (TCDC) (8(d)) Time permitting, the Council will also take up consideration of items 8 (b) United Nations Capital Development Fund, 8 (c) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration and 8 (e) United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development.
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Friday, 21 June	a.m./p.m.	Fourth programming cycle (5 (a))
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Fourth week: 24-28 June 1985
Plenary meeting

Monday, 24 June	a.m./p.m. and evening	Introductory statement by the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and consideration of item (6) UNFPA
Tuesday, 25 June	a.m./p.m./evening	UNFPA (6) (continued)
Wednesday, 26 June	a.m./p.m.	United Nations technical co-operation activities (7): Introductory statement and consideration of item Time permitting: Consideration of United Nations Volunteers (UNV), 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)

(If required, the secretariat will undertake to secure a further night meeting for the consideration of the item on UNFPA).

Thursday, 27 June	a.m./p.m.	Continuation of consideration of UNV, items 8(a), (g), (h) and (i)
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)
