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Note by the secretariat

Corrigendum

In annex III, the tentative schedule of work of the Governing Council and the Committee of the Whole for the third and fourth weeks of the thirty-fourth session should read as follows:

Third week: 8-12 June 1987 Plenary meetings		
Monday, 8 June a.m./p.m.	Special programmes of assistance (4 (b))	
	Programme planning (5 (a))	
Committee of t	he Whole	
Tuesday, 9 June a.m/p.m.	Organizational matters	
	Statement by the Chairman of the Working Group	
	Trends and problems in country programmes (5 (b))	
	Asia and Pacific (5 (b))	
	Implementation of selected country programmes	
	Consideration of country programmes	

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Wednesday, 10 June	a.m./p.m.	Asia and Pacific (5 (b))
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11 June	a.m./p.m.	Africa (5 (b)) (continued)
Friday,		
12 June	a.m./p.m.	Africa (5 (b)) (continued)
		Arab States (5 (b))
		Implementation of selected
		country programmes
		Consideration of country
		programmes
		Consideration of regional
		programme

Efforts will be made to secure additional evening and/or Saturday meetings for the Committee of the Whole, as required; however, this cannot be assured in view of the critical financial situation of the Organization.

	Fourth week: 15-19	June 1987
	Committee of the	Whole
Monday,		
15 June	a.m./p.m.	Arab States (5 (b)) (continued)
		Europe (5 (b))
		Implementation of selected country programmes
		Consideration of country programmes
Tuesday,	**************************************	
16 June	a.m./p.m.	<u>Latin America and the</u> <u>Caribbean</u> (5 (b))
		Implementation of selected country programmes
		Consideration of country programmes
Wednesday,		
17 June	a.m./p.m.	Latin America and Caribbean (continued)
		Global and interregional projects (5 (b))
Thursday,		
18 June	a.m./p.m.	<pre>Implementation of decisions adopted at previous sessions (4 (a))</pre>
		Evaluation (4 (c))
		Implementation of decisions adopted at previous sessions (4 (a)): decisions 83/5 and 86/23

Plenary meetings			
Friday, 19 June	a.m./p.m.	Adoption of the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole	
		Implementation of decisions adopted at previous sessions (4 (a)): decisions 83/5 and 86/23	
		Consideration of item 10 (c) Response to Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112	
		United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures (10 (a))	
		Action taken by other organs of the United Nations system in 1986 and 1987 (10 (b))	
	-	Adoption of draft decisions submitted by the Drafting Group	
		Adoption of the report of the Budgetary and Finance Committee (9)	
		Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1988 (11)	



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Note by the secretariat

1. At its organizational meeting for 1987, the Governing Council agreed by decision 87/1 of 17 February 1987 to the following provisional schedule of meetings for the Council and its subsidiary bodies, which is also reflected in annex I:

1987

Plenary 26 May-9 June and 19 June

Committee of the Whole 9-18 June

Budgetary and Finance Committee (BFC) 26 May-19 June

Drafting Group 2 June (p.m.)-17 June

- 2. Further, the Governing Council endorsed the proposal by the General Assembly that the biennial session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries which traditionally precedes the Governing Council be held from 18 to 22 May 1987 in New York.
- 3. At the organizational meeting, the Governing Council elected the following officers to serve until the organizational meeting for 1988:
 - H.E. Mr. Bjorn Olsen (Denmark) President
 - Mr. Even Fontaine-Ortiz (Cuba) Vice-President
 - Mr. Hassen Elghouayel (Tunisia) Vice-President
 - H.E. Mr. Winston Thompson (Fiji) Vice-President
 - Mr. Anton Baramov (Bulgaria) Vice-President.

- 4. The Governing Council also agreed to the following new structure in the organization of work for the thirty-fourth session:
- (a) On an experimental basis, the first week of the Council session will be devoted to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, United Nations technical co-operation activities and other funds under the authority of the Administrator. This arrangement is intended to ensure a smooth consideration of the various items by plenary, the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group without undue time constraints and in a sequential order without overlapping meetings by the various bodies dealing with the same question. Moreover, this order is expected to result in a more even flow of in-session documentation and its availability in all required languages, avoiding the accumulation of a large volume of documentation towards the end of the session when its due processing cannot be quaranteed.
- (b) To this end, the activities of the Drafting Group will begin as early as the middle of the second week of the session and conclude in the middle of the fourth week.
- (c) In a change from the organization of work of the past years, the Council will resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole only after the plenary has completed consideration of all substantive items. Thus, the Committee of the Whole will meet towards the end of the session but will be allocated eight full days in order to provide for sufficient time for the consideration of the country programmes before it.
- (d) The high-level segment will take place, as in past years, during the second week of the session. It is limited to two and a half days and will, for the first time, not focus on a specific theme but concentrate on the annual report of the Administrator and policy aspects of other items (see para. 11).
- 5. Annex II to the present document contains the provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), as approved by the Council at its organizational meeting.
- 6. All meetings will be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. In this context, it may be recalled that by paragraph 3 (j) of its decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981, 1/ the Governing Council decided that its meetings should start promptly at their scheduled times. Furthermore, as a measure to reduce time lost owing to late starting of meetings, the Council, by its decision 86/1 of 18 February 1986, 2/ decided to waive rule 22 of its rules of procedure inasmuch as it refers to the requirement of a quorum of one third of the members of the Governing Council being present to open a meeting or to proceed with a debate.
- 7. The Governing Council also agreed to deal with the various items as shown in the tentative schedule of work contained in annex III. This work schedule should 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 particular,

once it completes consideration of an item before an indicated date, the Council could move immediately to the next item on its work schedule. The Council also agreed that the President be given flexibility to ensure a smooth and proper conduct of the Council's work.

- 8. Pursuant to section III.A of its decision 83/5 of 24 June 1983 3/ and decision 86/23 of 27 June 1986, 3/ the Governing Council decided to allocate to the Commmittee of the Whole the following subjects for consideration:
 - (a) Relevant trends and problems in country programmes;
 - (b) Implementation of country programmes in various regions;
 - (c) All country and intercountry programmes;
 - (d) Global and interregional projects;
 - (e) Evaluation matters.
- 9. In accordance with Governing Council decision 86/1, paragraph (j), the Committe of the Whole will further hear a statement by the Chairman of its Working Group reporting on the work of the Group at its meeting in April 1987.
- 10. Pursuant to section III.A, paragraph 3, of decision 83/5, a written report will be submitted to the plenary by the Committee's presiding officer, who is the President of the Council or another member of the Bureau designated by him.
- 11. By paragraph 3 (a) of its decision 81/37, the Governing Council decided to hold a short part of its annual sessions at a high, senior policy-maker level for the purpose of considering issues that could provide the necessary dynamism to technical co-operation activities carried out under the supervision of the Council. At its organizational meeting, the Council agreed that the high-level segment in 1987 be devoted to a policy review focusing on item 3 (Annual report of the Administrator for 1986), being the first of the Administrator, Mr. William H. Draper III. In the context of this debate, scheduled for the period from 2 to 4 June 1987, delegations may also wish to address themselves to policy aspects of other items on the agenda, in particular the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/171 of 5 December 1986 on operational activities for development and Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112 of 6 February 1987 concerning the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields.
- 12. In accordance with paragraph 3 (h) of Governing Council decision 81/37, the Council agreed at its organizational meeting to open a list of speakers for the three-day general debate on Monday, 27 April 1987. 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.

- 13. The Governing Council decided that, as in previous years, there shall be a time-limit of 15 minutes for all interventions, delegations and secretariat alike, taking into account the limited time available for the general debate.
- 14. The Council's Budgetary and Finance Committee (BFC) is scheduled to meet from 26 May to 19 June 1987. At its organizational meeting, the Governing Council decided that Mr. Even Fontaine-Ortiz of Cuba, Vice-President of the Council, shall serve as Chairman of the Budgetary and Finance Committee. As regards the programme of work of BFC, the Council decided in February 1987 (decision 87/2) to allocate to it item 9, sub-items (a) through (g), of the Council's draft provisional agenda. The Council further decided to allocate to BFC financial and administrative questions related to item 6 (United Nations Fund for Population Activities) and to item 8 (Other funds and programmes). As in past years, BFC will also have to review the financial implications of draft decisions before action is taken by the Council, especially in the light of decision 86/53 of 27 June 1986. 2/ In accordance with paragraph 4 (a) of Council decision 81/37, BFC will have its own agenda and organization of work which will be issued in a separate document under the symbol DP/1987/BFC/L.1.
- 15. In accordance with paragraph 3 (k) of Governing Council decision 81/37 and decision 85/47 of 29 June 1985, 4/, arrangements will also be made for the servicing of a Drafting Group of the Council during the thirty-fourth session, including the provision of interpretation services. The Drafting Group will be chaired by Mr. Hassen Elghouayel of Tunisia, Vice-President of the Council, and is scheduled to meet during the period from 2 June (p.m.) to 17 June 1987. 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 BFC before action is taken by the Council. The Council may also assign to the Drafting Group other specific tasks, as required.
- 16. It may be recalled that by section III of its decision 83/1 of 14 February 1983, 3/ the Governing Council enunciated a number of principles which would guide the deliberations of the Drafting Group and which were confirmed by the Council at its organizational meeting:
- (a) Consideration of draft decisions on the various items will begin only after the debate thereon in plenary meetings 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 in order to facilitate the drafting of decisions;
- (c) All delegations may submit draft decisions on any agenda item not specifically allocated for consideration by 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.
- 17. The attention of the Governing Council is drawn to the forthcoming document regarding the control and limitation of documentation (A/INF/42/1). This document will be made available to the Council at its thirty-fourth session in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2538 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969.

Notes

- 1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement
 No. 11 (E/1981/61/Rev.1), annex I.
 - 2/ <u>Ibid.</u>, 1986, Supplement No. 9 (E/1986/29), annex I.
 - 3/ <u>Ibid.</u>, <u>1983</u>, <u>Supplement No. 9 (E/1983/20)</u>, annex I.
 - 4/ <u>Ibid.</u>, <u>1985</u>, <u>Supplement No. 11</u> (E/1985/32), annex I.

Annex I

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AND ITS
SUBSIDIARY BODIES DURING THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION

	First week 26-29 May	Second week 1-5 June	Third week 8-12 June	Fourth week 15-19 June
Plenary	xxxx	xxxxx	x	x
Committee of the Whole			xxxx	XXXX
Budgetary and Finance Committee	∨ xxxx	xxxxx	xxxxx	xxxx
Drafting Group		∧ xxx	xxxxx	xxx

X Two meetings a day.

p.m. meeting.

Annex II

PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

- 1. Opening of the session.
- 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
- 3. Policy review: annual report of the Administrator for 1986 and policy aspects of other items, including implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/171 on operational activities for development and Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112.
- 4. Programme implementation:
 - (a) Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions:
 - (i) Annual report of programme and project activities; a/
 - (ii) Annual review of thematic programmes established by the Council; b/
 - (iii) Implementation of other decisions; c/
 - (b) Special programmes of assistance:
 - (i) Assistance to African national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity;
 - (ii) Assistance to the Palestinian people;
 - (iii) Implementation by the United Nations Development Programme of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990;
 - (c) Evaluation.
- 5. Programme planning:
 - (a) Fourth cycle Indicative Planning Figures (IPFs) and other resource utilization (including IPF for Namibia; matters relating to net-contributor status; special programme resources; and special needs of island developing countries);
 - (b) Country and intercountry programmes and projects.
- 6. United Nations Fund for Population Activities.
- 7. United Nations technical co-operation activities.

- 8. Other funds and programmes: d/
 - (a) Organizational and financial structure of the UNDP-administered system;
 - (b) United Nations Volunteers;
 - (c) United Nations Capital Development Fund;
 - (d) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;
 - (e) United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development and the Energy Account;
 - (f) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office:
 - (i) Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;
 - (ii) Recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sahel region;
 - (g) United Nations Development Fund for Women;
 - (h) Technical co-operation among developing countries: matters arising from the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries.
- 9. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters:
 - (a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1986;
 - (b) Budget estimates for 1988-1989;
 - (c) Trust funds;
 - (d) Guidelines for procurement;
 - (e) Audit reports;
 - (f) Sectoral support;
 - (q) 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 1986 and 1987;

- (c) Submission to the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields, pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112, paragraph (i).
- 11. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1988.

Notes

 \underline{a} / Under this item the Council will receive in 1987 a single report focusing on the implementation of the following decisions:

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85/9 Government execution;*

(para. 9)

86/18 Implementation of measures to improve programme and project quality: preparatory assistance and project development facility* (and para. 3);

85/10 Recent trends in the recruitment cost and utilization of (para. 9)

Recent trends in the recruitment cost and utilization of project personnel working in development co-operation;*

86/15 UNDP experience in financing equipment.

(para. 9)
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b/ Under this item the Council will receive in 1987 a single report focusing on the implementation of the following decisions:

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85/3 Co-ordination;*

(para. 12)

86/15
(para. 1)

86/19 Women in development;
(paras. 2 and 4)

86/14 Role of UNDP in human resources development.
(para. 2)
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<u>c</u>/ The Council will further receive reports on the implementation of the following Governing Council decisions and General Assembly resolution:

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86/22 Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action (para. 6) for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries;
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^{*} Reports dealing with these issues were considered earlier by the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole.

85/15

Notes (continued)

Focal point for short-term advisory services;

82/10	UNDP Development Study Programme;
86/25 (para. 6)	Procurement from developing countries;*
86/47 (paras. 2 and 3)	Guidelines for the procurement of equipment, supplies and services;
83/5	Measures to mobilize increased resources for the United Nations Development Programme on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis - review of decision 83/5, section III, on the establishment of the Committee of the Whole of the Governing Council with a view to examining the possibility of establishing a programme committee;
86/23	The future of the Committee of the Whole and of its Working Group; General Assembly resolution 40/213: Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries.

d/ By paragraph 11 of its resolution 36/200 of 17 December 1981, the General Assembly decided that, beginning in 1983, a broad policy review of those funds and programmes which are under the guidance of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and managed by the Administrator of the Programme should be undertaken on a biennial basis, on the understanding that a brief report, including a financial statement, on those funds and programmes should be made available to the Governing Council in the intervening years, and it invited the Governing Council to act accordingly. The Council conducted a broad policy review of those funds and programmes in 1985.

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, the Council will move immediately to the next item on its work schedule.

First week: 26-29 May 1987 Plenary meetings		
Tuesday, 26 May	a.m./p.m.	Opening of the session (1) Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (2) United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) (6): introductory statement by the Executive Director and consideration of the item
Wednesday, 27 May	a.m./p.m.	United Nations Fund for Population Activities (6) (continued)
Thursday, 28 May	a.m./p.m.	United Nations Fund for Population Activities (6) (continued)
Friday, 29 May	a.m./p.m.	United Nations technical co-operation activities (7)
		Organizational and financial structur of the UNDP-administered system (8 (a

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Thursday, ll June	a.m./p.m.	Africa (5 (b)) (continued)
Friday,	a.m./p.m.	Arab States (5 (b))
12 June		Implementation of selected country programmes
		Consideration of country programmes
en e		Consideration of regional programme

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Fourth week: 15-19 June 1987

Monday, 15 June	a.m./p.m.	Asia and Pacific (5 (b))	
13 Julie		Implementation of selected country programmes	
		Consideration of country programmes	
		Europe (5 (b))	
		Implementation of selected country programmes	
		Consideration of country programmes	
Tuesday, 16 June	a.m./p.m.	Latin America and the Caribbean (5 (b))	
		Implementation of selected country programmes	
		Consideration of country programmes	

Wednesday, 17 June	a.m./p.m.	Latin America and the Caribbean (5 b)) (continued)
Thursday, 18 June	a.m./p.m.	Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions (4 (a))
		Evaluation (4 (c))
		Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions (4 (a)): decisions 83/5 and 86/23
	Plenary	meetings
Friday, 19 June	a.m./p.m.	Adoption of the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole
		Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions (4 (a)): decisions 83/5 and 86/23
		Consideration of item 10 (c): Response to Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112
		United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures (10 (a))
		Action taken by other organs of the United Nations system in 1986 and 1987 (10 (b))
		Adoption of draft decisions submitted by the Drafting Group
		Adoption of the report of the Budgetary and Finance Committee (9)
		Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1988 (11)

