Thirty-fifth session
6 June - 1 July 1988, Geneva
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER
ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Note by the secretariat

1. In accordance with section I of its decision 88/1 of 19 February 1988, the Governing Council will hold its thirty-fifth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 6 June to 1 July 1988. At its organizational meeting for 1988, the Council elected the following officers for 1988:

   President: H.E. Mr. Timon Sam Mangwazu (Malawi)

   First Vice-President: Mr. Sjoerd Leenstra (Netherlands)

   Second Vice-President: Mr. Soemadi Brotodiningrat (Indonesia)

   Third Vice-President: Mr. Juan Salazar-Sancisi (Ecuador)

   Fourth Vice-President: Mr. Janusz Zielinski (Poland).

2. By section V of decision 88/1, the Governing Council, at its organizational meeting for 1988, further approved the provisional agenda for the thirty-fifth session of the Council, as orally amended (see annex I).
3. Annex II to the present document contains the provisional programme of work for the plenary, the Committee of the Whole, the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group as approved by the Governing Council at its organizational meeting for 1988 (decision 88/1, section V). The consideration of the various items by the plenary, the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group is arranged in such a manner that an overlap of meetings by the various sessional bodies dealing with the same question will be avoided. In agreeing to this structure and the programme of work, the Governing Council intended to increase the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the Council's work, taking into account the various provisions set out in the annex to decision 87/50 of 19 June 1987 and in section I of decision 87/20 of the same date, while retaining a degree of flexibility in the arrangements. This programme of work should therefore 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 programme of work. By decision 88/1, section V, the Council specifically granted flexibility to the President of the Council to ensure a smooth and proper conduct of the session.

4. In accordance with the provisional programme of work, the Governing Council will begin its session with the consideration of item 6, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). After one and a half days of plenary meetings, the Council will then resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole to deal with programme matters, beginning with UNFPA programming matters (pursuant to decision 87/20, section I) and followed by UNDP matters. The three-day high-level segment is scheduled for the first half of the session's second week, namely, 13-15 June 1988.

5. All meetings will normally be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. In that context, it may be recalled that by section I, paragraph 3(j), of its decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981, the Governing Council decided that its meetings should start promptly at their scheduled times. Furthermore, by section III of decision 88/1, the Council decided to waive rule 22 of its rules of procedure, inasmuch as that rule refers to the requirement of a quorum of one third of the members of the Governing Council present to open a meeting or to proceed with a debate.

6. Pursuant to its decisions 83/5 of 24 June 1983, section III,A, 86/23 of 27 June 1986 and 87/20 of 19 June 1987, section I, the Governing Council decided by section VI of its decision 88/1 to allocate to the Committee of the Whole the following items:
(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;

In accordance with subparagraph (j) of Council decision 86/1 of 18 February 1986, the Committee of the Whole will also receive a statement by the Chairman of the Working Group reporting on the work of the Group in February 1988.

7. Pursuant to section III.A, paragraph 3, of decision 83/5, a written report will be submitted to plenary by the presiding officer of the Committee of the Whole, who would be the President of the Governing Council or another member of the Bureau designated by him. It may be recalled that ever since 1984 the Presidents of the Council chaired the meetings of the Committee of the Whole and, in conducting the proceedings of these and the plenary meetings, they were assisted by the Vice-Presidents.

8. As in past years, the Administration will make arrangements for the participation of resident representatives in the deliberations of the Committee of the Whole and the Governing Council on country programme matters and other issues, such as employment programmes, environment, poverty-oriented strategies and United Nations Volunteers. Moreover, audio-visual presentations are planned in connection with some of these and other items, both in the context of the Committee of the Whole and the plenary.

9. By section I, paragraph 3(a), of its decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981, 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 which could provide the necessary dynamism to technical co-operation activities carried out under the supervision of the Council. At its organizational meeting for 1988, the Council decided that the high-level segment in 1988 would be devoted to a consideration of item 3, Annual report of the Administrator for 1987. In the context of this debate, scheduled to be held from 13 to 15 June 1988, delegations are also expected to address themselves to all major policy issues on the agenda, such as implementation of General Assembly resolution 42/196 of 11 December 1987 on operational activities for development, United Nations Volunteers and Africa-related issues.

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10. As agreed by the Governing Council in section IX of decision 88/1, the list of speakers for the three-day high-level segment of its session will be opened on Monday, 25 April 1988 and closed on Monday, 13 June 1988. Moreover, the Council decided that all statements, those made by delegations and the secretariat alike, during the debate shall be limited to 15 minutes. 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.

11. At its organizational meeting for 1988, the Governing Council decided that the First Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Sjoerd Leenstra of the Netherlands, be designated as Chairman of the Budgetary and Finance Committee. By decision 88/1, section VII, the Council allocated to that Committee item 9 of the Council's provisional agenda. The Council further allocated to the Committee budgetary and financial matters related to item 6, United Nations Population Fund, and financial and administrative questions related to item 8, Other funds and programmes. As in past years, the Committee 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. In accordance with section I, 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 contained in a separate document (DP/1988/BFC/L.1).

12. In accordance with Governing Council decisions 81/37, section I, paragraph 3(k), 85/47 of 29 June 1985 and 87/50 of 19 June 1987, annex, arrangements will also be made for the servicing of a Drafting Group of the Council during the thirty-fifth session, including the provision of interpretation services. At its organizational meeting for 1988, the Governing Council designated Mr. Soemadi Brotodiningrat of Indonesia, Second Vice-President of the Council, as Chairman of the Drafting Group. The schedule of meetings for the Drafting Group is outlined in annex II to this document. 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.

13. It may be recalled that, by section III of its decision 83/1 of 14 February 1983, the Governing Council endorsed a number of principles which would guide the deliberations of the Drafting Group and which the Council reaffirmed by its decision 88/1, section VIII:

(a) Consideration of draft decisions on the various items allocated to the Group 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 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 Governing 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. The attention of the Governing Council is also drawn to the forthcoming document regarding the control and limitation of documentation (A/INF/43/1). This document will be made available to the Council at its thirty-fifth session in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2538 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969.

Notes


Annex I

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION
OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

1. Opening of the session.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.


4. Programme implementation:

   (a) Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at
       previous sessions:

      (i) Review of programme and project activities:

          a. Programme and project quality;
          b. Government execution;
          c. Proposals for standard modalities of technical
             co-operation;
          d. Project Development Facility;
          e. Project personnel;

      (ii) Procurement from developing countries;

      (iii) Support to drug control programmes;

      (iv) Liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operations Trust
           Fund;

   (b) Special programmes:

      (i) Assistance to national liberation movements recognized in
          its area by the Organization of African Unity (OAU);

      (ii) Assistance to the Palestinian people;

      (iii) Role of the United Nations Development Programme in the
            implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for

   (c) Evaluation;

   (d) Pre-investment activities;

   (e) United Nations Development Programme co-operation with
       non-governmental organizations and grass-roots organizations;

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(f) Women in development;
(g) Experience in human resources development since 1970;
(h) Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries.

5. Programme planning:
(a) Fourth programming cycle:
   (i) Mid-term review of resources;
   (ii) Net contributor status;
(b) Country and intercountry programmes and projects:
   (i) Implementation of selected country programmes;
   (ii) Trends and problems in country programmes;
   (iii) Consideration and approval of country programmes;
   (iv) Consideration of regional programmes.


7. United Nations technical co-operation activities.

8. Other funds and programmes: a/
(a) Review of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV);
(b) New arrangements in the United Nations Development Programme in the field of science, technology and energy;
(c) Replenishment of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;
(d) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO):
   (i) Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;
   (ii) Recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sahel region;
(e) United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM);
(f) Strengthening of the capacity of the United Nations Development Programme to promote and support Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, including its financing.
9. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters:

(a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1987;
(b) Revised budget estimates for 1988-1989;
(c) Trust funds;
(d) Financial Regulations of the United Nations Development Programme;
(e) Audit reports;
(f) Agency support costs;
(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 1987;\(^ b/\)
(c) Issues of concern to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme arising from action by the General Assembly at its forty-second session.\(^ c/\)


Notes

\(^a/\) 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 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 the last broad policy review of those funds and programmes in 1987.

\(^b/\) In this context, the Governing Council may wish to consider its response to resolution 4(IX) of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development, adopted on 7 August 1987, whereby intergovernmental bodies within the United Nations system were invited to consider the report of the Secretary-General on policy guidelines for the harmonization of activities of the organizations of the United Nations system in science and technology for development (A/CN.11/84), and to offer their comments with a view to making it more relevant and useful to the United Nations system as a whole.
C/ In this context, the Governing Council may wish to consider, inter alia, the implications of General Assembly resolution 42/196 of 11 December 1987 on operational activities for development and of other resolutions, including resolution 42/187 of the same date on the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development.
### Annex II
#### Provisional Programme of Work

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