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President: Mr. MANGWAZU (Malawi)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (continued)

1. The PRESIDENT recommended that the Governing Council should designate Mr. Sjoerd Leenstra (Netherlands) First Vice-President and Chairman of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, and Mr. Soemadi Brotodiningrat (Indonesia) Chairman of the Drafting Group. He further recommended that the other Vice-Presidents, Mr. Juan Salazar-Sancisi (Ecuador) and Mr. Janusz Zielinski (Poland), should assist him in conducting the proceedings of the Council and the Committee of the Whole, as well as in conducting informal consultations as appropriate. If there were no objections, he would take it that the Council accepted his recommendations.

2. It was so decided.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
(DP/1988/L.1/Add.1)

3. The PRESIDENT noted that in paragraph (b) of its decision 86/1, the Council had decided that the members of the Working Group would be elected for a term of one year and would be eligible for re-election at the end of their term; the election would take place during the Council's organizational meeting. In its decision 87/3, the Council had elected the members of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole for a one-year term, beginning upon election and expiring on the day preceding the Council's organizational meeting for 1988. Accordingly, the Council had to elect a new membership at its current organizational meeting, in accordance with paragraph (a) of decision 86/1.

4. The regional groups had agreed on the following candidates for membership in the Working Group: Burkina Faso, Burundi, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Sudan and Zimbabwe (for the African States); China, India, Republic of Korea, Syrian Arab Republic and Thailand (for the Asian and Pacific States and Yugoslavia); Brazil, Cuba, Ecuador and Peru (for the Latin American and Caribbean States); Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Spain and United States of America (for the Western European and other States); and Poland and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (for the Eastern European States).

5. If there were no objections, he would take it that the Council wished to dispense with a secret ballot.

6. It was so decided.

7. The PRESIDENT said that if there were no objections, he would take it that the Council wished to elect the following States by acclamation as members of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole for a one-year term: Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, China, Cuba, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, India, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Netherlands, Norway, Peru,

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Poland, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America and Zimbabwe.

8. It was so decided.

MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL IN 1988 (DP/1988/L.3)

9. The PRESIDENT said that delegations had received copies of a revised draft provisional agenda and a revised work programme as proposed by the Bureau. The proposal reflected the suggestions and observations formulated at the 1st meeting, held on 16 February.

10. If there were no objections, he would take it the Council agreed that the thirty-fifth session should be held at Geneva from 6 June to 1 July 1988.

11. It was so decided.

12. The PRESIDENT said that if there were no objections, he would take it that the Council wished to adopt the provisional agenda contained in annex I to the document just distributed, subject to any changes which might result from decisions adopted by the Council at its special session.

13. It was so decided.

14. The PRESIDENT said that if there were no objections, he would take it that the Council wished to endorse the proposed schedule of work, on the understanding that it was provisional, so that the Council would have greater flexibility in considering the items; he would also take it that the Council wished to have the Bureau adjust the schedule within the overall allocation of services.

15. It was so decided.

16. Mr. PAYTON (New Zealand) said that, at its thirty-fourth session, the Governing Council had requested a report on the Geneva Office. Since that question was not reflected in the provisional agenda, he requested clarification.

17. Mr. D'ORVILLE (Secretary of the Council) said that the question came under item 9 (a). Both in 1987 and in 1988, a consolidated report had been submitted on various questions which the Budgetary and Finance Committee had asked to have reviewed.

18. Mr. TETTAMANTI (Argentina), referring to the Governing Council's recommendation to the Economic and Social Council, at its special session regarding improvements in its operation, said that it had been agreed that not more than two meetings should be held simultaneously and, in particular, that every effort should be made to avoid concurrent meetings of the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group. That arrangement would be especially important during the final week of the session.

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19. Mr. D'ORVILLE (Secretary) recalled that in its original proposal, the secretariat had provided for three simultaneous meetings but that many delegations had asked for greater flexibility at the thirty-fifth session. The Bureau had therefore decided that it would be appropriate to allocate more meetings to the Drafting Group. The additional meetings did not necessarily have to be used by the Drafting Group; that would depend on what was decided during the informal consultations. In that connection he drew attention to the text of the note which stated that when three meetings were scheduled to take place simultaneously, arrangements could be made for a night meeting with interpretation services, so as to reduce as far as possible the number of times when more than two meetings would be held concurrently.

20. The PRESIDENT said that, if there were no objections, he would take it that the Council wished to waive the quorum requirement referred to in rule 22 of the the rules of procedure.

21. It was so decided.

22. The PRESIDENT said that, with regard to the reports which the Committee of the Whole would have to consider in June 1988, he would take it that there was no objection to the suggestions contained in paragraph 11 of document DP/1988/L.3.

23. It was so decided.

24. The PRESIDENT said that, if there were no objections, he would take it that the Council wished to defer until 24 February the decision on whether the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole should hold another session.

25. It was so decided.

26. The PRESIDENT, referring to the selection of a theme for the high-level segment of the thirty-fourth session, said that if there were no objections, he would take it that the Council agreed that the annual report of the Administrator for 1987 and other policy issues listed in the document which had just been circulated should be considered during the high-level segment.

27. It was so decided.

28. The PRESIDENT said that, if there were no objections, he would take it that the Council wished to open a list of speakers for the high-level segment, which was scheduled to take place from 13 to 15 June. The list would be opened on 25 April and would be closed on 13 June.

29. It was so decided.

30. The PRESIDENT said that, if there were no objections, he would take it that the Council agreed that, as had been done in previous years, statements made during the high-level segment would be limited to 15 minutes.

31. It was so decided.

32. The PRESIDENT said that, if there were no objections, he would take it that the Council wished to allocate the items listed in paragraph 19 of document DP/1988/L.3 to the Budgetary and Finance Committee.
33. It was so decided.
34. The PRESIDENT said that, if there were no objections, he would take it that the Council wished to reiterate the principles which would guide the deliberations of the Drafting Group and which were outlined in decision 83/1, section III.
35. It was so decided.
36. The PRESIDENT said that, if there were no objections, he would take it that the Council wished to waive the 10-week rule for the documents referred to in document DP/1988/8.
37. It was so decided.
38. Mr. CHEKAY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation had not opposed the decision concerning the waiver of the 10-week rule, on the understanding that the decision would apply only to the forthcoming session.
39. Mr. FREE (Canada) recalled that, at the start of the session, it had been said that there would be an opportunity to comment on the statement by the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA). The Executive Director had pointed out that UNFPA was planning to approve project allocations with new resources programmable in 1988 in the light of the estimated income for 1988. He wondered why the Council approved the level of UNFPA's approval authority every year if the Fund was able to raise the level of that authority in the light of changing circumstances. He was not questioning the need for the Fund to have a higher level of approval authority and he agreed that UNFPA should, and indeed must, plan its activities in the light of its estimated income for 1988. His delegation was not sure what was meant by the term "approval authority" and hoped that, when the Executive Director of UNFPA reported to the Council on the subject in June, consideration would be given to the definition of the terminology used by UNFPA so as to have a precise idea of the Council's function.
40. Mr. TETTAMANTI (Argentina) asked for an informal list of the decisions which the Council had just taken and proposed that, in future, a list of the decisions to be adopted should be circulated prior to the session.
41. Mr. D'ORVILLE (Secretary), replying to the representative of Canada, said that the representative of UNFPA could give the necessary clarifications. In response to the request made by the representative of Argentina, he said that efforts would be made to circulate such a list on Monday or Tuesday of the following week.

CLOSURE OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

42. The PRESIDENT said that the Council had completed its consideration of item 5 and he declared the organizational meeting for 1988 closed.

The meeting rose at 10.30 a.m.