Thirty-sixth session
5-30 June 1989, New York
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Provisional agenda and organization of work
of the thirty-sixth session

Note by the secretariat

1. At its organizational meeting for 1989, by its decision 89/1 of
21 February 1989, the Governing Council agreed on the following schedule of
meetings for the Council and its subsidiary bodies, which is set out in annex II:

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2. At its organizational meeting, the Governing Council elected the following
officers to serve until the organizational meeting for 1990:

H.E. Mr. Nitya Pibulsonggram (Thailand) - President

Mr. Dominik Langenbacher (Switzerland) - Vice-President

Mr. Edward Obeng Kufuor (Ghana) - Vice-President
3. In accordance with paragraph (a) of its decision 81/37, the Council decided, at its organizational meeting for 1989, to hold the high-level segment of the plenary from 12 to 14 June. This segment of the Council affords senior policy-makers an opportunity to consider important issues which could provide the necessary dynamism to technical co-operation carried out under the policy guidance of the Council.

4. The Council, by paragraph 8 of its decision 88/15 of 1 July 1988, decided to devote the high-level segment of its thirty-sixth session to the issue of the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the 1990s. In the context of this debate, scheduled for the period 12-14 June, delegations may also wish to address themselves to policy aspects related to other items on the agenda and certain reports submitted on the implementation of Council decisions adopted at previous sessions, e.g. women in development, co-operation with non-governmental and grass-roots organizations, successor arrangements, the Working Group as well as the Committee of the Whole of the Governing Council, and Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (TCDC). Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 43/182 of 20 December 1988, delegates may wish to address themselves to the question of preparations for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade. They may also wish to address other issues emanating from the decisions of the General Assembly at its forty-third session, including operational activities for development and the environment.

5. By its decision 89/1, the Council decided to open the list of speakers for the high-level segment of its session on 24 April and to close it on 12 June. In line with decision 87/50, annex, statements during the general debate should 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 agenda items as appropriate, and as will be announced in the course of the session.

6. Annex I to the present document contains the provisional agenda for the thirty-sixth session of the Governing Council, as approved by the Council at its organizational meeting.

7. For the consideration of a few agenda items, arrangements are being made for audio-visual presentations. Details will be announced in the course of the session.

8. Annex II contains the proposed organization of work as agreed by the Council at its organizational meeting. It shows the proposed schedule for the plenary, the Committee of the Whole, the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group. The consideration of the various items in plenary, the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group are scheduled in a manner as to avoid simultaneous meetings by the sessional bodies, dealing with the same matter.

9. The Budgetary and Finance Committee is scheduled to hold 10 meetings during the first week of the session, 9 meetings during the second week and will then alternate its meetings with those of the Drafting Group, thereby avoiding
simultaneous meetings. Thus, a total number of 30 meetings are scheduled for the Budgetary and Finance Committee during the session. Towards the end of the session, when the plenary is expected to be in recess, simultaneous meetings of the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group are envisaged, in order to complete their respective work programmes.

10. 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 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. As in the past, the Council has entrusted its Bureau with the task of adjusting the schedule of meetings, within the overall allocation of services, as may be required due to the exigencies of the session.

11. Meetings will normally be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. In that context, it may be recalled that, by paragraph 3 (j) of its decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981, the Council decided that its meetings should start promptly at their scheduled times. The Council, by its decision 89/1 of 21 February 1989, decided to waive rule 22 of its rules of procedures for its meetings in 1989, in so far 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.

12. After two days of plenary meetings for the consideration of UNFPA items, the Council is expected to resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole. The Committee of the Whole will begin with UNFPA programming matters (15 UNFPA country programmes are foreseen), to be followed by UNDP programming matters.

13. The Council, by its decision 89/1, section VI of 21 February 1989, and in accordance with its decisions 83/5, section III.A of 24 June 1983, 86/23 of 27 June 1986, and 87/20, section I of 19 June 1987, allocated to the Committee 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) UNFPA country and intercountry programmes.

14. Pursuant to paragraph 3, section III.A of decision 83/5, a written report will be submitted to plenary by the presiding officer of the Committee of the Whole, who will be the President of the Council, or another member of the Bureau designated by him. It may be recalled that, 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.
15. The Budgetary and Finance Committee is scheduled to meet from 5 to 28 June 1989. At its 1989 organizational meeting, the Governing Council decided that Mr. Dominik Langembacher of Switzerland, Vice-President of the Council, shall serve as Chairman of the Budgetary and Finance Committee. As regards the organization of work of BFC, the Council decided (decision 89/1 of 21 February) to allocate to it item 9, sub-items (a) through (g), of the Council's provisional agenda. The Council further decided to allocate to BFC financial and administrative questions related to item 6 (United Nations Population Fund) and to item 8 (Other funds and programmes). As in past years, the Committee will review the financial implications of draft decisions before action is taken by the Council, especially in light of decision 86/53. Moreover, the Council, at the beginning of its regular session, may refer a number of items on its agenda having financial implications to the Budgetary and Finance Committee, for prior consideration of these aspects.

16. In accordance with decision 81/37, paragraph 3 (k) and 87/50, annex, arrangements have also been made for the servicing of a Drafting Group of the Council during the thirty-sixth session of the Council, including the provision of interpretation services. Mr. Edward Obeng Kufuor of Ghana will chair the Drafting Group. It is scheduled to meet during the period of 12 to 29 June. 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.

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

(a) Consideration of draft decisions 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, in order to facilitate the drafting of decisions;

(c) 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.
Annex I

Revised draft provisional agenda of the thirty-sixth session

1. Opening of the session.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.


4. Programme implementation:

   (a) Annual report of the Administrator for 1988;

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

      (i) Agency accountability;

      (ii) Support to drug abuse control programmes;

      (iii) Review of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole;

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

      (v) Women in development;

      (vi) Environment;

      (vii) Expert group on agency support cost;

   (c) Procurement from developing and under-utilized donor countries;

   (d) Special programmes:

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

      (ii) Assistance to the Palestinian people;


      (iv) Transport and Communication Decades;

   (e) Evaluation.

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5. Programme planning:

(a) Fourth programming cycle:
   (i) Mid-term resource situation;
   (ii) Assistance to Lebanon;
   (iii) Questions relating to Namibia;
   (iv) Management Development Programme;

(b) Country and regional programmes:
   (i) Reports on mid-term reviews;
   (ii) Implementation of selected country programmes;
   (iii) Global and interregional projects;
   (iv) Consideration and approval of country programmes;

(c) Arrangements for the fifth programming cycle.


7. United Nations technical co-operation activities.

8. Other funds and programmes:

(a) Focal point for short-term advisory services;

(b) United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development and Energy Account;

(c) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;

(d) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office:
   (i) Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;
   (ii) Recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

(e) United Nations Development Fund for Women;

(f) United Nations Capital Development Fund;

(g) Technical co-operation among developing countries;
9. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters:

(a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1988;

(b) Budget estimates for 1990-1991;

(c) Trust funds;

(d) Audit reports;

(e) Other matters.

10. Other matters:

(a) United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures;

(b) Issues of concern to the Governing Council arising from General Assembly action at its forty-third session and from other organs of the United Nations system in 1988:

(i) Steps taken by UNDP in response to Geneva Assembly action at its forty-third session and other organs of the United Nations system in 1988;

(ii) International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;

(iii) Arrangements for the Governing Council: venue, change of name, and timing of sessions;

(iv) Refugees, returnees and displaced persons;

### Annex II

#### Provisional organization of work

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**HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT**

The Role of U.N.D.P. in the 1990s (3)**

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