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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

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

Note by the secretariat

1. At its organizational meeting for 1990, by its decision 90/1 of 20 February 1990, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) agreed on the following schedule of meetings for the Council and its subsidiary bodies, which is set out in annex II:

1990

Plenary	28 May-1 June and 8-22 June
Committee of the Whole	30 May-1 June
Budgetary and Finance Committee (BFC)	28 May-19 June
Drafting Group	5-21 June

2. At its organizational meeting, the Governing Council elected the following officers to serve until the organizational meeting for 1991:

President	-	Mr. Ion Popescu (Romania)
Vice-President	-	Mr. Brian Babington (Australia)
Vice-President	-	Mr. David Hamadziripi (Zimbabwe)
Vice-President	-	Mr. Pedro Amado Morales Carballo (Cuba)
Vice-President	-	Mr. Romeo Reyes (Philippines)

3. In accordance with paragraph (a) of its decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981, the Council decided, at its organizational meeting for 1990, to hold the high-

level segment of the plenary from 5-7 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. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/209 of 22 December 1989, the organizational meeting for 1990 has set aside a period of time, scheduled to commence at 4.30 p.m. on Friday, 5 June, for the commemoration of forty years of multilateral technical co-operation for development within the United Nations system. It is expected that this commemoration will require an extension of the afternoon meeting, approximately until 7 p.m. Details of the speakers and other information connected with the commemoration will be provided in the context of the adoption of the agenda and organization of work on 28 May.

5. By its decision 90/1, the Council decided to open the list of speakers for the high-level segment of its session on 23 April and to close it on 5 June. In line with decision 87/50 of 19 June 1987, annex, statements during the general debate should be limited to 15 minutes. To allow for the 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 will also be announced in the course of the session.

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

7. 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 such a manner as to avoid simultaneous meetings by the sessional bodies dealing with the same matter.

8. The Budgetary and Finance Committee is scheduled to hold ten meetings during the first week of the session, five meetings during the second week, four meetings in the third week and three meetings in the fourth week. Thus, a total number of 22 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.

9. Furthermore, provision is being made for in-session, informal consultations on agenda items 4 (c) and 5 (c) in the third and fourth weeks. Mr. Pedro Amado Morales Carballo of Cuba will chair informal consultations on item 5 (c). Mr. Romeo Reyes of the Philippines is expected to chair the informal consultations on agenda item 4 (c). Interpretation services for the informal consultations in the third and fourth weeks will have to be assigned from the total allocation made to the regular session and will depend, therefore, on the progress of work in other sessional bodies of the Council. It is foreseen that the work of the Committee of the Whole will be completed by 1 June, and the Budgetary and Finance Committee will have completed its work in the third week, which should facilitate providing interpretation services to the informal consultations. However, in order to implement this schedule, night meetings may be required in the first and second weeks.

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 by 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 90/1 of 20 February 1990, decided to waive rule 22 of its rules of procedures for its meetings in 1990, 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 programming matters of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (13 UNFPA country programmes are foreseen), to be followed by UNDP programming matters.

13. The Council, by section VI of its decision 90/1 of 20 February 1990, and in accordance with its decision 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) Implementation of country programmes in various regions;
- (b) All country and intercountry programmes;
- (c) Global and interregional projects;

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- (d) Country and intercountry programmes of the United Nations Population Fund;
- (e) Evaluation.

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 28 May to 19 June 1990. At its 1990 organizational meeting, the Governing Council decided that Mr. Brian K. Babington of Australia, Vice-President of the Council, shall serve as Chairman of the Budgetary and Finance Committee. As regards the organization of work of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Council decided (decision 90/1 of 20 February 1990) to allocate to it item 9, sub-items (a) through (g), of the Council's provisional agenda. The Council further decided to allocate to the Budgetary and Finance Committee 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 decisions 81/37, paragraph 3 (k), 85/47 of 29 June 1985 and 87/50, annex, arrangements have also been made for the servicing of a Drafting Group of the Council during the thirty-seventh session of the Council, including the provision of interpretation services. Mr. David Hamadziripi of Zimbabwe will chair the Drafting Group. It is scheduled to meet during the period of 11 to 21 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 must 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:

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- (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

Draft provisional agenda  
Thirty-seventh session

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. High-level segment: policy review. <sup>1/</sup>
4. Programme implementation:
  - (a) Annual Report of the Administrator for 1989; <sup>2/</sup>
  - (b) Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at its previous sessions:
    - (i) Role of UNDP in the 1990s;
    - (ii) Report of the President on the outcome of the informal consultations foreseen by decision 89/20; <sup>3/</sup>
    - (iii) Elements for a funding strategy for the United Nations Development Programme;
    - (iv) Micro-capital grants;
    - (v) Promotion of national capacity: highly qualified staff;
    - (vi) Management Development Programme;
    - (vii) Non-governmental and grass-roots organizations;
    - (viii) Women in development;
    - (ix) Environment;

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- (x) Government execution;
  - (xi) Refugees and displaced persons - present and future role of UNDP in the field of refugee aid and development;
  - (xii) Review of the Committee of the Whole and its Working Group; <sup>4/</sup>
  - (xiii) Sectoral support;
  - (xiv) The role of UNDP in combating HIV and AIDS;
  - (c) Agency support costs
  - (d) Procurement from developing countries: procurement policies and practices;
  - (e) Special programmes:
    - (i) Assistance to national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity;
    - (ii) Role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990;
    - (iii) Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;
    - (iv) Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America;
    - (v) Assistance to the Palestinian people.
  - (f) Evaluation.
5. Programme planning:
- (a) Fourth programming cycle:
    - (i) Project Development Facility;
    - (ii) Questions relating to Namibia;

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- (b) Country, intercountry and global programmes:
    - (i) Reports on mid-term reviews of country, inter-country and global programmes;
    - (ii) Evaluation of the mid-term review process;
    - (iii) Implementation of selected country programmes;
    - (iv) Global and interregional projects;
    - (v) Country programmes;
  - (c) Preparations for the fifth programming cycle and net contributor status.
6. United Nations Population Fund.
7. United Nations technical co-operation activities.
8. Other funds and programmes:
- (a) United Nations Volunteers programme;
  - (b) Focal point for short-term advisory services;
  - (c) United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development;
  - (d) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;
  - (e) Progress report on the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian office;
    - (i) Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;
    - (ii) Recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;
  - (f) United Nations Development Fund for Women;
  - (g) Technical co-operation among developing countries:
    - (i) Report of expert committee;

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- (ii) Use of intercountry and global programme resources;

9. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters:

- (a) Annual review financial situation, 1989;
- (b) Revised budget estimates 1990-1991 and matters relating to decision 89/59; <sup>5/</sup>
- (c) Report on the status of management services;
- (d) Trust funds;
- (e) Audit reports;
- (f) Financial Regulations:
  - (i) Matters on which consensus has not yet been achieved;
  - (ii) Biennialization of financial statements;
- (g) Ex-post facto reporting;

10. Other matters:

- (a) United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures;
- (b) Steps taken by UNDP in response to General Assembly action at its forty-fourth session and other organizations of the United Nations system in 1989;
- (c) Operational activities for development: comprehensive triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;
- (d) Least developed countries;
- (e) Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit of interest to UNDP.

11. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1991.

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Notes

1/ In the context of this debate, scheduled for the period 5-7 June 1990, delegations may wish to address themselves to policy aspects related to other items on the agenda, including the preparation of the fifth programming cycle, implementation of the General Assembly resolution on operational activities for development, report of the Expert Group on agency support costs, and Government execution. Consideration will also be given to item 4 (a), annual report of the Administrator for 1989, and the contribution of UNDP to the commemoration of forty years of multilateral technical co-operation for development within the United Nations system.

2/ Includes information requested in Governing Council decision 89/23 as follows: Requests the Administrator to provide in his annual report to the Council at its thirty-seventh session (1990) an assessment of the impact of measures taken since 1985 to improve programme and project quality.

3/ Under this item the following two subjects will be covered: (a) notes on the first meeting of the ad hoc group of consultations on the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the 1990s: elements of a funding strategy; (b) consultations on the working methods of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, including governance. This item will be considered in conjunction with agenda item 4 (b) (xii).

4/ Governing Council decisions 87/20 and 89/25.

5/ Under this item, consideration will also be given, inter alia, to administrative and budgetary matters relating to the Office for Project Services and the review of the senior management structure.

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ANNEX II  
Week 1

	MONDAY 28 May 1990		TUESDAY 29 May 1990		WEDNESDAY 30 May 1990		THURSDAY 31 May 1990		FRIDAY 1 June 1990	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
COUNCIL (Plenary)	Opening Organizational matters(2) UNFPA (6) Introduction and general debate on annual report	UNFPA (6) General de- bate (cont'd)  Allocations to projects in 1989 (6)	UNFPA (6) Work plan 1991-1994 and approval authority  Status of CPs	UNFPA (6) Evaluation  Committee of the Whole immediately following plenary						UNIFEM (8 (f))  Sectoral support (4 (b) (xiii))  TCDC (8 (g))
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)					UNFPA (6)  Africa: 5 CPs  Arab States: 1 CP	UNFPA (6)  Asia: 3 CPs  Latin America & the Carib- bean: 4 CPs	UNDP (5 (b))  Overview of mid-term re- views (MTRs)  Africa:CP im- plementation Reports on MTRs  Asia: CP im- plementation MTR reports	UNDP (5 (b))  Approval of CPs for Fiji, India, Myan- mar, Tonga (Tentative)  Arab States: CP implemen- tation Reports on MTRs 2/	UNDP (5 (b)) Latin America & the Carib- bean: CP im- plementation MTR reports Evaluation of MTR process Global and interregional projects (5 (b) (iv)) Evaluation (4 (f)) 3/	
BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE 1/ (BFC)	Organizational matters Statement by Associate Administrator 1989 Annual finan- cial review 1989 (9 (a))	Cont'd.	Trust funds established by the Administrator (9 (d))	Cont'd.	Revised budget estimates 1990-1991 (9 (b))	cont'd	UNFPA (6)	UNFPA (6)	UNFPA (6)	Revised budget estimates 1990-1991 Cont'd.

1/ A more detailed timetable will be issued for the Budgetary and Finance Committee.

2/ A night meeting is foreseen as per para. 9 of this note.

3/ The Plenary will resume its work as soon as the Committee of the Whole has completed its work.

ANNEX II  
 Week 2

	MONDAY 4 June 1990		TUESDAY 5 June 1990		WEDNESDAY 6 June 1990		THURSDAY 7 June 1990		FRIDAY 8 June 1990	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
COUNCIL (Plenary)	H  O  L   I  D   A   Y		H I G H - L  Commemoration of forty years of multilateral technical co- operation <sup>2/</sup>	E V E L S E		G M E N T <u>1/</u>		Fifth prog- ramming cycle and net contributor status(5 (c))	Agency support costs (4 (c))  Operational activities for development (10 (c))  Government execution (4 (b) (x))	
BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (BFC)			Audit reports (9 (e))  Audit reports of agencies (9 (e))	Cont'd.			Status of management services (9 (c))	<u>Ex-post facto</u> (9 (g))	UNDP Financial Regulations (9 (f))	
DRAFTING GROUP (DG)			UNFPA (6)		Meeting	Meeting				

<sup>1/</sup> In the context of this debate, scheduled for the period 5-7 June 1990, delegations may wish to address themselves to policy aspects related to other items on the agenda, including preparations for the fifth programming cycle, implementation of the General Assembly resolution on operational activities for development, the report of the Expert Group on agency support costs, and Government execution. Consideration will also be given to item 4 (a), Annual report of the Administrator for 1989, and the contribution of UNDP to the commemoration of forty years of multilateral technical co-operation for development within the United Nations system.

<sup>2/</sup> The commemoration is scheduled to start at 4.30 p.m.

ANNEX II  
Week 3

	MONDAY 11 June 1990		TUESDAY 12 June 1990		WEDNESDAY 13 June 1990		THURSDAY 14 June 1990		FRIDAY 15 June 1990	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
COUNCIL (Plenary)	Role of UNDP in the 1990s (4 (b) (i))  Report of the President on decision 89/20 (4 (b) (ii))  Funding strategy (4 (b) (iii))	Review of the Committee of the Whole and its Working Group (4 (b) (xii))  Least developed countries (10 (d))	Items related to Africa: UNPAEERD (4 (e) (ii)) NLMs(4(e)(i)) UNSO (8 (e)) Transport & Communica- tions Decade (4 (e) (iii)) Questions relating to Namibia (5 (a) (ii))	Promotion of national capacity (4 (b) (v))  Special Plan for Central America (4 (e) (iv))  Refugees and displaced persons (4 (b) (xi))	UNV (8 (a))  Micro-capital grants (4 (b) (iv))	NGOs and grass-roots organizations (4 (b)(vii))  Procurement from develop- ing countries (4 (d))	United Nations technical co-operation activities(7)	PDF (5(a)(i)) STAS (8 (b)) UNFSTD (8(c)) UNRFNRE(8(d))  Women in Development (4 (b)(viii))	Management Development Programme (4 (b) (vi))  Assistance to the Palestin- ian people (4 (e) (v))  JIU reports of interest to UNDP (10 (e))	Environment (4 (b) (ix)) Role of UNDP in combating HIV and AIDS (4 (b) (xiv)) Response to General Assembly action (10(b)) United Nations technical co-operation expenditures (10 (a))
INFORMAL CONSULTATION										
BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (BFC)						Government execution (4 (b) (x))		Procurement from develop- ing countries (4 (d))	Other funds and programmes (8 (a)-(h))	Agency support costs (4 (c)) (financial aspects)
DRAFTING GROUP (DG)	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting		Meeting	Meeting		Meeting	

