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MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE
GOVERNING COUNCIL IN 1983

ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE THIRTIETH SESSION
AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Note by the secretariat

1. Annex I to this document contains the draft provisional agenda for the thirtieth session of the Governing Council of UNDP, scheduled from 6 to 24 June 1983 at United Nations Headquarters, which is based on Council decision 82/41 entitled "Provisional agenda for and matters related to the thirtieth session of the Governing Council." The Council may wish to consider dealing with the various items as proposed in the tentative schedule of work contained in annex II. This work schedule might 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 accordance with past practice, the Council may wish, in any case, to decide that once it completes consideration of an item before an indicated date, it would move immediately to the next item on its work schedule, thereby avoiding loss of time and ensuring a full utilization of available conference services.
2. All meetings will normally be scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.. In that context it may be recalled that by paragraph 3 (j) of its decision 81/37, the Council decided that its meetings should start promptly at the scheduled times.
3. By paragraph 3 (a) of its decision 81/37, the Council decided to hold a short part of its annual session 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. The Council may therefore wish to designate three days at the beginning of the thirtieth session, namely 7 to 9 June 1983, as the high-level segment devoted to policy review. In accordance with Council decision 82/41, this year's policy review will focus on "Measures to mobilize increased resources for UNDP on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis."

In addition, delegations may wish to address themselves in the course of the general debate during the high-level segment to other policy issues on the agenda, such as item 4, Programme implementation, and the policy aspects of item 6, Other funds and programmes.

4. In accordance with paragraph 3 (h) of Council decision 81/37, it is proposed that a list of speakers for the three-day general debate be opened on Monday, 9 May 1983, and closed at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 June 1983. 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 announced in the course of the session.

5. The Council's Budgetary and Finance Committee (BFC) is scheduled to meet from 31 May to 23 June 1983. Taking into account past practice, the Governing Council may wish to decide that the First Vice-President of the Council shall serve as Chairman of the Budgetary and Finance Committee. As regards the programme of work of the Committee, the Council may wish to allocate to it items 7 (a) through 7 (g) of the Council's draft provisional agenda. The Council may further wish to allocate to the BFC the financial and administrative questions related to items 6 (b), United Nations Fund for Population Activities, 6 (c), United Nations Volunteers, and 6 (i) (i), UNSO: Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian Region. Lastly, the BFC will, as in past years, have to review the financial implications of draft decisions before the Council can take action thereon. In accordance with paragraph 4 (a) of Council decision 81/37, the BFC will have its own agenda and organization of work which will be issued in separate documents under the symbols DP/1983/BFC/L.1 and L.2.

6. In accordance with Council decisions 81/37, paragraph 3 (k), and 82/42, arrangements will be made for the servicing of one working group of the Council during the thirtieth session, including the provision of interpretation services. The Working Group is scheduled to meet during the period 13 to June 1983. The Working Group would elaborate and finalize draft decisions on all items considered in plenary sessions for the ultimate adoption of such draft decisions by the Council, except for those agenda items directly allocated for consideration by the BFC and where the Council decides otherwise. All draft decisions formulated by the Working Group having financial implications would have to be referred to the BFC before action by the Council. The Council may also assign to the Working Group other specific tasks, as required. Similar to the practice followed last year, the Council may wish to designate one of its Vice-Presidents to chair the Working Group.

7. Taking into account last year's experience, the Council may wish to agree on a number of principles which should guide the deliberations of the Working Group:

(a) Consideration of draft decisions on the various items would begin only after the debate thereon in Plenary had been closed;

(b) The Chairman of the Working Group would circulate working papers containing draft decisions on the various issues prepared, at his request, by the secretariat to facilitate the drafting of decisions;

(c) All delegations could submit draft decisions on any agenda item not specifically allocated for consideration by the BFC, including subjects already covered in the working papers of the Chairman of the Working Group;

(d) In cases where both delegations and the Chairman had circulated draft texts, the Working Group would give precedence to the consideration of texts from delegations;

(e) Unless otherwise decided by the Council, draft decisions submitted or sponsored by delegations on items referred to the Working Group would be taken up directly by the Working Group. The final text of such draft decisions as approved by the Working Group would, however, be submitted by the Chairman of the Working Group on its behalf to the Plenary without identifying particular sponsors.

8. Under item 5 (b) of the draft provisional agenda, the Council would be required to consider and approve some 25 country and intercountry programmes at its thirtieth session. Taking into account the heavy programme of work at this session, the Council may wish to consider whether it deems the proposed allocation of three days for country and intercountry programmes sufficient in the light of concern expressed in the past by various delegations about lack of time available for this subject. Should the Council consider it desirable to have more time at its disposal for country and intercountry programmes it may wish to review this matter at the end of its special meeting in February 1983, drawing on the experience gained during this meeting when it will have dealt with a similar number of country and intercountry programmes.

9. The Council, in accordance with paragraph 3 (n) of its decision 81/37, may also wish to authorize its Bureau, in consultation with the Administrator, to review and, if required, adjust the organizational arrangements for the thirtieth session provisionally agreed to by the Council at its organizational meeting, taking into account any new developments which might have a bearing on this session.

10. As regards documentation, it may be recalled that the Council by its decision 82/41 had set the indicative quota for documentation to be submitted at its thirtieth session, excluding documentation on country and intercountry programmes, at 1300 pages, of which 300 pages were earmarked for policy papers and 1000 pages for support papers. In that connection, the attention of the Members of the Council is also drawn to the forthcoming document A/INF/38/1 which contains in a consolidated fashion the rules and regulations laid down by the General Assembly regarding the control and limitation of documentation. This document will be made available to the Council at its thirtieth session in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2538 (XXIV).

Annex I

Draft provisional agenda

for the thirtieth session of the Governing Council

6-24 June 1983

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
3. Policy review: Measures to mobilize increased resources for UNDP on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis.
4. Programme implementation:
 - (a) Annual report of the Administrator for 1982
 - (b) Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions 1/
 - (c) Special programmes of assistance: Assistance to national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity; assistance to the Palestinian people; assistance to specific countries 2/
 - (d) Evaluation programme
5. Programme planning: The third programming cycle, 1982-1986
 - (a) Illustrative IPF for Lebanon
 - (b) Country and intercountry programmes and projects
6. Other funds and programmes: 3/
 - (a) United Nations technical co-operation activities *
 - (b) United Nations Fund for Population Activities *
 - (c) United Nations Volunteers **
 - (d) United Nations Capital Development Fund **
 - (e) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration **
 - (f) Technical co-operation among developing countries **
 - (g) United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development **

(h) Programmes in energy development **

(i) Activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian office (UNSO) and other assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa **

(i) UNSO: Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian Region

(ii) UNSO: Implementation of the medium-term and long-term economy and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

(iii) Other assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa

(j) United Nations Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries **

7. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

(a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1982

(b) Revised budget estimates for the biennium, 1982-1983 and budget estimates for the biennium, 1984-1985

(c) UNDP financial regulations

(d) Agency support costs

(e) Audit reports

(f) Sectoral support

(g) Other matters

8. 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 1982

9. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1984

Notes

1/ The Council will have before it reports on the implementation of the following decisions:

82/4 B "Use of programme resources for equipment;"

82/7 "Recruitment of project professional staff and consultants;"

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82/9 "Pre-investment activities;"

82/10 "UNDP Development Study Programme;"

82/11 "United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries."

2/ Follow-up to relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and decisions of the Governing Council, inter alia, decision 82/14 on the implementation of UNDP assistance to Uganda.

3/ One asterisk (*) indicates a fund or programme under the guidance of the Governing Council. A double asterisk (**) indicates a fund or programme under the guidance of the Governing Council and managed by the Administrator.

Annex II

Tentative schedule of work for the thirtieth
session of the Governing Council

DATE	TIME	AGENDA ITEM
Monday 6 June	a.m.	1. Opening of the session 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters. Statement by the Administrator 3. Policy review: measures to mobilize increased resources for UNDP on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis.
	p.m.	No meeting to allow the High-level Committee on TCDC to hold meeting for adoption of its report
Tuesday 7 June	a.m./p.m.	Policy review: general debate
Wednesday 8 June	a.m./p.m.	Policy review: general debate (continued)
Thursday 9 June	a.m./p.m.	Policy review: general debate (continued)
Friday 10 June	a.m./p.m.	5 (b) Country and intercountry programmes and projects
Monday 13 June	a.m./p.m.	5 (b) Continued
Tuesday 14 June	a.m./p.m.	5 (b) Continued and concluded
Wednesday 15 June	a.m./p.m.	4 (b) Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions 4 (d) Evaluation programme 5 (a) Illustrative IPF for Lebanon

Thursday 16 June	a.m./p.m.	4 (d) and 5 (a) continued, if necessary 4 (c) Special programmes of assistance
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Friday 17 June	a.m./p.m.	4 (c) continued, if necessary 6 (a) United Nations technical co-operation activities 6 (b) UNFPA: Introductory statement
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Monday 20 June	a.m./p.m.	6 (b) UNFPA (continued)
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Tuesday 21 June	a.m./p.m.	6 (b) UNFPA (continued)
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Wednesday 22 June	a.m./p.m.	6 (f) Technical co-operation among developing countries 6 (c) United Nations Volunteers 6 (d) United Nations Capital Development Fund 6 (e) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration
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Thursday 23 June	a.m./p.m.	6 (d) and (e) continued, if necessary 6 (i) Activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office and other assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa 6 (g) United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development 6 (h) Programmes in energy development 6 (j) United Nations Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries
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Friday
24 June

a.m./p.m.

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

8 (b) Action taken by other organs of the
United Nations system in 1982

Report of the Working Group

Report of the BFC

9. Matters relating to the work of the Council
in 1984

Closure of the session.

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