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## MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL IN 1984

### ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

#### Note by the secretariat

1. Annex I to this document contains the draft provisional agenda for the thirty-first session of the Governing Council of UNDP, scheduled to take place from 4 to 29 June 1984 at the United Nations Office at Geneva. This draft provisional agenda is based on Council decision 83/41 entitled "Provisional agenda for and matters related to the thirty-first session of the Governing Council".
2. By paragraph 2 of section III.A. of decision 83/5, the Council had decided that, for a trial period of three years, it shall, in the context of regularly scheduled sessions, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole in order to:
  - (a) Consider major issues related to programme matters;
  - (b) Review country, regional, interregional and global programmes and projects;
  - (c) Review programme and project implementation;
  - (d) Consider reports on evaluation studies; and
  - (e) Deal with other matters related to the programme management of UNDP.
3. Paragraph 3 of the same decision provides, *inter alia*, that the meetings of the Committee of the Whole shall be scheduled so as not to coincide with the meetings of the plenary and that a written report shall be submitted to plenary by the presiding officer, who shall be the President of the Council or another member of the Bureau designated by him.

4. Accordingly, it is proposed that the Governing Council allocate the following reports to the Committee of the Whole:

- All reports dealing with evaluation matters;
- Mid-term review of the third cycle;
- Relevant trends and problems in country programmes;
- All reports on implementation of selected country programmes in the various regions;
- Global and interregional projects; and
- All country programmes for Africa, the Arab States, Asia and Pacific, and Latin America.

5. On the basis of this work programme, the Committee of the Whole could then be invited to adopt a timetable along the lines set out in annex II to this note.

6. As regards the schedule of meetings for the thirty-first session, annex III contains a proposal whereby the Committee of the Whole would be meeting simultaneously with the Budgetary and Finance Committee (BFC) one week prior to the opening of the Governing Council's plenary meeting, i.e., from 4 to 8 June 1984, and would consider and adopt its report on Monday, 18 June 1984. The plenary then would take up the reports of both the Committee of the Whole and the BFC at the end of the session, i.e., on 29 June 1984.

7. As regards the timetable and schedule of work for the plenary meetings, the Council may wish to consider dealing with the various items as proposed in the tentative schedule of work contained in annex IV. 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 full utilization of available conference services.

8. 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.

9. By paragraph 3(a) of its decision 81/37, the 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. The Council may therefore wish to designate five days at the beginning of the thirty-first session plenary meetings, namely 11 to 15 June 1984, as the high-level segment devoted to policy review. In accordance with the Council's decision, this year's policy review will focus on "Measures to be taken to meet the changing technical co-operation requirements of developing countries". In the course of the consideration of this item, delegations may also wish to address themselves to policy aspects related to other items on the agenda, including item 5(c), Preparations for the fourth programming cycle.

10. Delegations will note that it is proposed that the Council take up separately the item related to programme implementation, including, inter alia, the annual report of the Administrator and JIU reports, so as to allow an in-depth consideration of these matters. Furthermore, the Council will have to consider a report by the Administrator, pursuant to a request by the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session regarding action taken to implement the resolution concerning the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and the allocation of its remaining balance.

11. In accordance with paragraph 3(h) of Council decision 81/37, it is proposed that a list of speakers for the four-day general debate be opened on Monday, 7 May 1984, and closed at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 12 June 1984. 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.

12. The Council's Budgetary and Finance Committee (BFC) is scheduled to meet from 4 to 29 June 1984. 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 9(a) through 9(i) of the Council's draft provisional agenda. The Council may further wish to allocate to the BFC financial and administrative questions related to item 6, United Nations Fund for Population Activities and to item 8, Other funds and programmes, in accordance with paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 36/200. Finally, as in past years, the BFC will 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 a separate document under the symbol DP/1984/BFC/L.1.

13. In accordance with Council decisions 81/37, paragraph 3(k), and 83/42, arrangements will also be made for the servicing of a Drafting Group of the Council during the thirty-first session, including the provision of interpretation services. The Drafting Group is scheduled to meet during the period 18 to 28 June 1984. The Drafting Group would 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 BFC before action is taken by the Council. The Council may also assign to the Drafting 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 Drafting Group.

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

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

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

(c) All delegations may 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 Drafting Group;

(d) In cases where both delegations and the Chairman have circulated draft texts, the Drafting Group would 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.

15. As regards documentation, it may be recalled that the Council, by its decision 83/41, had set the indicative quota for documentation to be submitted to its thirty-first session, excluding documentation on country and intercountry programmes, at 1,300 pages, of which 300 pages were earmarked for policy papers and 1,000 pages for support papers. It may also be recalled that, by its decision 83/40, the Council decided about a number of measures concerning documentation prepared by the Administrator. The attention of the Members of the Council is also drawn to the forthcoming document A/INF/39/1 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 thirty-first session in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2438 (XXIV).

Annex I

Draft provisional agenda

Thirty-first session

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
3. Policy review: Measures to be taken to meet the changing technical co-operation requirements of the developing countries
4. Programme implementation
  - (a) Annual report of the Administrator for 1983
  - (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 specific countries; assistance to the Palestinian people; implementation of General Assembly resolution concerning the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and the allocation of its remaining balance.
  - (d) Evaluation
5. Programme planning
  - (a) Mid-term review of the third programming cycle, 1982-1986
  - (b) Country and intercountry programmes and projects
  - (c) Preparations for the fourth programming cycle, 1987-1991
6. United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA)
7. United Nations technical co-operation activities
8. Other funds and programmes 2/
  - (a) United Nations Volunteers (UNV)
  - (b) United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)

- (c) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (UNRFNRE)
- (d) Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (TCDC)
- (e) United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (UNFSSTD)
- (f) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO)
  - (i) Plan of Action to Combat Desertification
  - (ii) Recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sahel region
  - (iii) UNSO-UNDP/UNEP joint venture
  - (iv) Assistance to other drought-stricken countries

9. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

- (a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1983
- (b) Revised budget estimates for the biennium 1984-1985
- (c) Extrabudgetary posts
- (d) Trust funds established by the Administrator
- (e) UNDP financial regulations
- (f) Agency support costs
- (g) Audit reports
- (h) Sectoral support
- (i) 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 1983
11. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1985
12. Other matters

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

- 83/5, Section III, C.2, Understanding of the role and activities of UNDP and of its resource needs;
- 83/9 Implementation of SNPA;
- 82/9 Pre-investment activities;
- 82/10 UNDP Development Study Programme.
- 82/18 Government contributions to field offices;

2/ By paragraph 11 of its resolution 36/200, 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 should 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.





Annex II

Tentative schedule of work for the  
Committee of the Whole

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DATE	TIME	ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED
Monday, 4 June	a.m./p.m.	Opening of the meeting  Organizational matters  Mid-term review of the third (5(a)) cycle  Trends and problems in country programmes (5(b))
Tuesday, 5 June	a.m./p.m.	<u>Africa</u> (5(b))  Consideration of country programme matters  Implementation of selected country programmes  Consideration and approval of country programmes  <u>Arab States</u> (5(b))  Consideration of country programme matters  Implementation of selected country programmes  Consideration and approval of country programmes

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Asian and the Pacific (5(b))

Consideration of country programme matters (introduction only)

Implementation of selected country programmes

Consideration and approval of country programmes

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Wednesday,  
6 June

a.m./p.m.

Consideration of country programme matters for Asia and Pacific

Latin America (5(b))

Consideration of country programmes matters

Implementation of selected country programmes

Consideration and approval of country programmes

Europe (5(b))

Consideration of country programmes matters

Implementation of selected country programmes

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Thursday,  
7 June

a.m./p.m.

Consideration and approval of global and interregional projects(5(b))

Evaluation (4(d))

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Friday,  
8 June

a.m./p.m.

Evaluation (4(d))

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Monday,  
18 June

a.m.

Consideration and adoption of the report

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Annex III

Proposal for a schedule of meetings of the  
Council and its subsidiary bodies during the thirty-first session

	Week 1 4-8 June	Week 2 11-15 June	Week 3 18-22 June	Week 4 25-29 June
Budgetary and Finance Committee	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
Committee of the Whole	XXXXX		Y	
Plenary		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
Drafting Group			XXXXX	XXXX

X: two meetings a day

Y: a.m. meeting

X: p.m. meeting

Annex IV

Tentative schedule of work for plenary meetings  
of the Governing Council

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First week: 11 - 15 June 1984

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Monday,  
11 June

a.m.

Opening of the session (1)

Adoption of the agenda and other  
organizational matters (2)

Introductory statement by the  
Administrator

p.m.

Beginning of the debate on the policy  
review item entitled "Measures to be  
taken to meet the changing technical  
co-operation requirements of the  
developing countries" (3)

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Tuesday,  
12 June through  
Friday,  
15 June

Continuation of the debate  
on the policy review item (3)

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Second week: 18 - 22 June 1984

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Monday, 18 June	a.m.	No meeting to enable Committee of the Whole to adopt its report
	p.m.	Consideration of the annual report of the Administrator (4(a))
Tuesday, 19 June	a.m.	Consideration of the annual report of the Administrator (4(a))
	p.m.	Programme planning; preparations for the fourth cycle, 1987-1991
Wednesday, 20 June	a.m./p.m.	Programme planning; preparations for the fourth cycle, 1987-1991 (5(c))
Thursday, 21 June	a.m./p.m.	Special programmes of assistance (4(c))
		Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions (4(b))
Friday, 22 June	a.m.	Conclusion of consideration of Special programmes of assistance and implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions (4(c) and (b))
	p.m.	Introductory statements on (a) UNFPA (6)  (b) United Nations technical co-operation activities (7)

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Third week: 25 - 29 June 1984

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Monday, 25 June	a.m./p.m.	UNFPA (6)
Tuesday, 26 June	a.m./p.m.	UNFPA (6)
Wednesday, 27 June	a.m./p.m.	Consideration of United Nations technical co-operation activities (7)  Consideration of TCDC and UNSO (8(d) and (f))
Thursday, 28 June	a.m./p.m.	Consideration of UNV, UNCDF, UNRFNRE, UNFSSTD (8(a), (b), (c) and (e))
Friday, 29 June	a.m./p.m.	Consideration of previous items, if required  United Nations system regular/extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures (10 (a))  Action by other organs of the United Nations system (10(b))  Adoption of the report of the Committee of the Whole  Adoption of draft decisions submitted by the Drafting Group  Adoption of the report of the BFC (9)  Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1985 (11)

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