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MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL IN 1986

Waiver of the 10-week rule for certain documents to be submitted to the Council at its thirty-third session, 2-27 June 1986

Note by the secretariat

Summary

In accordance with the request of the Coverning Council, this note provides information on documents to be submitted at the thirty-third session and which are unable to meet the 10-week rule for transmission to the Department of Conference Services.

In view of the reasons set forth, the secretariat requests the Council to waive the 10-week rule for the documents concerned.

- 1. In accordance with Governing Council decision 83/40, operative paragraph 5, adopted at its thirty-first session, $\underline{1}$ / the secretariat has drawn up a schedule for the timely preparation of documents and steps have been taken to ensure that the deadlines for the transmission of the majority of documents to the Department of Conference Services (DCS) will be met. 2/
- 2. However, as in previous years, financial and other data included in some of the reports will not be available before mid-March or April. This means that some documents cannot be submitted to the DCS 10 weeks before the start of the session of the Governing Council, as recommended in decision 83/40, operative paragraph 5 (b). It should be stressed that an effort has been made to limit the number of documents falling into this category by using estimated data whenever possible or by foreseeing addenda containing more complete information to be submitted at a later date. In a few cases, reports may also be updated orally at the Council session in June. Details regarding each of these documents are provided below.

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Title

Policy review: unique role of UNDP in human resources development and development co-operation in the 1980s: addendum

Reason for delay
The addendum will report on the outcome of the Tokyo Workshop on
Human Resources Development scheduled for 2-5 April 1986

4 (a) Annual report of the Administrator: Addenda 1, 2 (Part I), 3, 4, 5 (Parts I and II) and 6

Reason for delay

The information required will not be available until the beginning of April. The time required for narrative analysis and integration of the data into the appropriate sections of the report means that the addenda will not be ready before mid-April, resulting in a delay of two to three weeks beyond the 10-week deadline.

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- 6 UNFPA
 - Workplan for 1987-1990 and request for approval authority
 - Status of financial implementation of Governing Council approved UNFPA country programmes and projects
 - Report on implementation of personnel decisions
 - Annual financial review

Reason for delay

All these documents depend on financial data provided by UNDP financial services. These data cannot be provided in a useful form before mid-April or possibly later.

9 (a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1985

Reason for delay

The deadline for data submitted by agencies is 10 March. The time required for analysis and interpretation will push the deadline more than five weeks beyond the 10 week out-off date.

9 (a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1985: Net flow of contributions

Reason for delay

The deadline for data submitted by agencies is 10 March. The time required for analysis and interpretation will push the deadline more than five weeks beyond the 10-week cut-off date.

9 (a) Final review of the financial situation, 1985: Report on cash management

Reason for delay

Comments from central banks of donor countries regarding UNDP cash management practices are expected to delay the submission of this report until the first week of April.

9 (c) Trust funds

Reason for delay

This report depends on data from agencies and cannot be ready for submission before the end of April.

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9 (c) Trust funds conditioned on procurement from donor countries: addendum

Reason for delay

The addendum will cover the period October 1985-February 1986 and is expected to be ready for submission in the second week of April.

9 (f) Agency support costs

Reason for delay

Agencies can supply the required data only by mid-April. Analysis and interpretation will move the deadline for submission to mid-May, about seven weeks beyond the 10-week deadline.

10 (a) United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical ∞ -operation expenditures

Reason for delay

Data from agencies are available only in early May. Preparation of the report requires four weeks, moving submission to 30 May.

5. In light of the information provided above with regard to the late submission of the documents in question, the Council is invited to waive its requirements that they be submitted to the Department of Conference Services at least 10 weeks before the Council's thirty-third session. Even with this waiver, the secretariat will continue to do its utmost to ensure the timely distribution of these documents.

Notes

^{1/} Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 9 (E/1983/20), annex I.

²/ In accordance with its decision 85/45, para. 3, the Council will be informed orally of steps taken to improve documentation.