Organizational meeting for 1986
18 February 1986, New York
Item 3 of the provisional agenda

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of officers

In accordance with its rules of procedure (DP/1/Rev.4), the Council will elect a Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents. Pursuant to rule 11 (footnote 2), "In electing the Bureau, due account should be taken of the need to ensure equitable
geographical representation. In the election of the President, due
regard shall be given to the geographical rotation of this office among
the different regional groups".

According to the established pattern of rotation of posts among the
various regional groups, the President of the Council for 1986 would be
elected from among the Council members of the Latin American and
Caribbean Group.

The Council may also wish to take into account that the President
will be required to designate presiding officers for the Council's
Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group.

The Council may also wish to decide that its Bureau will continue in
office until a new Bureau will be elected at a subsequent organizational
meeting.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional annotated agenda for the organizational meeting is
contained in the present document.

4. Progress report on rationalization of the work of the Governing
Council, including measures taken concerning documentation

The Secretary of the Governing Council will report orally on steps
taken to implement various decisions of the Council regarding the
rationalization of its work, in particular decision 81/37,1/ and on
measures taken concerning the documentation of the Governing Council in
pursuance of decisions 83/40,2/ and 85/45,3/ The Council will also be
informed about the results of the survey undertaken by the Administrator
to ascertain the usefulness of documents in accordance with decisions
84/54/ and 85/45.

5. Questions relating to the Working Group of the Committee of the
Whole

By its decision 85/17,5/ the Governing Council decided, inter
alia, to establish, on an experimental basis and within existing
resources, a Working Group of the Committee of the Whole, consisting of
24 members of the Governing Council, to facilitate and help expedite the
consideration of matters arising from the mandate of the Committee of the
Whole, particularly in respect of programming matters, other than country
and intercountry programmes. This Working Group is to meet on a regular
basis with attendance open to all members of the Programme, and will
report to the Committee of the Whole.

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The Council further decided that the review of the three-year trial period of the Committee of the Whole which will take place at the thirty-third session of the Governing Council (June 1986) will be undertaken in the light of additional experience of the Working Group and in the context of the Council's requirement to review programme matters on a continuous basis.

The implementation of this decision raises a number of practical and procedural questions which the Governing Council may wish to address. To facilitate consideration of this matter by the Council, the Administrator will submit a note (DP/1986/4) identifying the various issues to be addressed.

6. Matters relating to the work of the Governing Council in 1986

The Governing Council will have before it for consideration and approval a note by the secretariat (DP/1986/L.2) containing the draft provisional agenda, together with annotations, for the special session, scheduled to be held from 18 to 21 February 1986.

The Governing Council will have before it for consideration and approval a note by the secretariat (DP/1986/L.3) containing the draft provisional agenda and a tentative schedule of work for its thirty-third session, scheduled to take place at Geneva from 2 to 27 June 1986.

In that connection, the Council may also wish to consider which items of the provisional agenda will be allocated to the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Committee of the Whole, for their consideration. It might also be recalled that, in accordance with paragraph 4(a) of Council decision 81/37, the Budgetary and Finance Committee will have its own agenda and its own organization of work, to be issued in a separate document.

The Council will also have before it a note by the secretariat containing requests for a waiver to the 10-week deadline for certain documents (DP/1986/5).

7. Other matters

Notes


4/ Ibid., 1984, Supplement No. 10 (E/1984/20), annex I.
