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*Policy***PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WORKING GROUP
OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**Note by the UNDP secretariat

1. The following proposals have emerged from informal consultations held among members of the UNDP Governing Council and have been compiled by the secretariat to expedite work thereon.
2. All understandings reached will be without prejudice to the review of the work of the Committee of the Whole and its Working Group to be undertaken by the Governing Council in June 1986.

Membership

3. It is agreed that the Governing Council should increase the membership of the Working Group from 24 to 26, which would give the following allocation by region:

	<u>Working Group</u>	<u>Governing Council</u>
African States	6 seats	11 seats
Asian, Pacific States and Yugoslavia	5 seats	9 seats
Latin American and Caribbean States	4 seats	7 seats
Western European and other States	9 seats	17 seats
Eastern European States	<u>2 seats</u>	<u>4 seats</u>
	26 members	48 members

4. It is further agreed that the membership of the Working Group will be increased to 27 every fifth year, beginning in 1989. The additional seat will be allocated to the group of Eastern European countries.

Term of office

5. The term of office of members of the Working Group should be one year, members being eligible for re-election.

Chairmanship

6. The President of the Council shall be the Chairman of the Working Group.

7. In case the Chairman of the Working Group has to be absent from a session or meeting, he/she should designate another member of the Bureau, who is a member of the Working Group, to preside.

Rules of procedure

8. The rules of procedure of the UNDP Governing Council will apply, mutatis mutandis, to the Working Group.

Agenda/mandate

9. The Governing Council, resolving itself into the Committee of the Whole, shall assign topics to the Working Group. These topics will be chosen from among the Committee of the Whole's own agenda, in accordance with Governing Council decision 85/17.

10. Until June 1986, the topics to be assigned to the Working Group shall be derived from Council decision 83/5, sect. III A, paras. 2 (c) and (d).

11. The Governing Council, resolving itself into the Committee of the Whole shall determine the number of sessions to be held by the Working Group. Taking into account the availability of services and facilities, the Working Group will then decide on the exact dates of its meetings.

12. The date of the first meeting of the Working Group in 1986 will be fixed by the Governing Council during its February 1986 session. Consultations continue on the dates for the first meeting. The secretariat is making the following tentative bookings for possible meetings until June 1986:

24-25 February
24-26 March

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Meetings

13. All meetings will require simultaneous interpretation in the Council's six official languages. The Administrator will arrange that meetings of the Working Group will be convened in an appropriate conference room.

Documentation

14. The documents before the Working Group will fall into the following categories: (a) official documents of the Council prepared in accordance with its agenda relating to topics assigned to the Working Group in keeping with the mandate of the Committee of the Whole; (b) working papers requested by the Working Group in respect of those topics assigned to it by the Committee of the Whole. For categories (a) and (b) above, documents and working papers will be subject to the six weeks' rule in accordance with existing practices of the Council. The Working Group may also request working papers during its meetings for consideration at those meetings and these working papers will be available to any member of UNDP on request.

Records/report

15. The Chairman of the Working Group will make a report to the Committee of the Whole in the form of a statement providing a brief summary of the Working Group's work, on which the Committee of the Whole would deliberate. The Working Group will not be required to adopt the report.

Invitation procedure

16. All members of UNDP will be formally notified of all meetings of the Working Group. All meetings of the Working Group will be announced well in advance in the United Nations Journal.

17. Representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant bodies will be invited by the Working Group when it considers their presence required.

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