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SUPPORT

MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL IN 1987

Waiver of the 10-week rule for certain documents to be submitted
to the Council at its thirty-fourth session, 1-26 June 1987

Note by the secretariat

Summary

In accordance with the request of the Governing Council, this note provides information on documents to be submitted at the thirty-fourth 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, 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 will be met.

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 Department of Conference Services 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 and by planning to submit addenda containing more complete information 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.

Provisional
agenda item

Title

- 3 Annual report of the Administrator: Addenda 1, 2 (Part II), 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.

- 6 UNFPA

- Report of the Executive Director for 1986 (Parts I and II)
- Workplan for 1988-1991 and request for approval authority
- Omnibus recommendation for country programmes and projects
- Budget estimates for the 1988-1989 biennium
- Annual financial review

Reason for delay

The information required will depend on financial data provided by UNDP financial services. The data cannot be provided in a useful form before mid-April or possibly later.

Provisional
agenda item

Title

- 7 United Nations technical co-operation activities
- Report of the Secretary-General, addenda 1 and 3

Reason for delay

The information required will depend on financial data resulting from the closing of the yearly accounts and cannot be ready for submission before the end of March.

- 9 (a) Annual review of the financial situation in 1986
- Report of the Administrator

Reason for delay

The deadline for data submitted by agencies is the end of 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) Annual review of the financial situation in 1986
- Net flow contributions

Reason for delay

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

- 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.

- 10 Other matters, United Nations technical co-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.

3. 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-fourth session. Even with this waiver, the secretariat will continue to do its utmost to ensure the timely distribution of these documents.

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