



**Governing Council
of the
United Nations
Development Programme**

Distr.
LIMITED

DP/1987/L.3
10 December 1986

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Organizational meeting for 1987
17 February 1987, New York
Item 5 of the provisional agenda

MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL IN 1987

**Provisional agenda and organization of work of
the thirty-fourth session**

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its forty-first session, the General Assembly requested the Governing Council, at its organizational meeting, to reschedule its thirty-fourth session so that it may be held at Headquarters from 26 May to 19 June 1987. Those dates would advance by almost one week the schedule approved by Council decision 86/56. The new dates were determined in light of certain adjustments in the calendar of conferences, necessitated by the scheduling of the next United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and resultant shifts in the dates of the session of the Economic and Social Council. Accordingly, the Governing Council may wish to adopt the following provisional schedule of meetings for the Council and its subsidiary bodies, which is also set out in annex I to this note:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Plenary | 26 May-9 June and 19 June |
| Committee of the Whole | 10-18 June 1987 |
| Budgetary and Finance Committee (BFC) | 26 May-19 June 1987 |
| Drafting Group | 3-17 June 1987 |

2. In addition, the Assembly requested that the biennial session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, which traditionally precedes the Governing Council, be held from 18 to 22 May 1987, in New York.

3. The organization of work proposed in this note for the thirty-fourth session departs significantly from the structure of past sessions, in an attempt to improve the efficient conduct of business. The main changes can be summarized as follows:

(a) On an experimental basis, it suggested that the first week of the Council session be devoted to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, United Nations technical co-operation activities and other funds under the authority of the Administrator. That arrangement is intended to ensure smooth consideration of the various items by plenary, the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group, without undue time constraints and in a sequential order without overlapping meetings by the various bodies dealing with the same question. Moreover, it is expected to result in a more even flow of in-session documents and their availability in all the required languages, avoiding the accumulation of a large volume of documents towards the end of the session when due processing becomes extremely difficult;

(b) To that end, it is also proposed that the activities of the Drafting Group begin during the middle of the session's second week and conclude in the middle of the fourth week;

(c) In a departure from the organization of work of the past years, it is suggested that the Council resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole only after the plenary will have completed its consideration of all the substantive items. Thus, the Committee of the Whole would meet toward the end of the session, but would be allocated eight full days in order to provide for sufficient time for the consideration of approximately 50 country programmes and two regional programmes;

(d) The high-level segment will take place, as in past years, during the second week of the session. It is limited to two and one-half days and, for the first time, will not focus on a specific theme but will concentrate on the annual report of the Administrator.

4. Annex II to this note contains the draft provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council of UNDP. It is based on Council decision 86/57 entitled "Provisional agenda of the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session". 1/

5. All meetings will be scheduled normally from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. In that context, it may be recalled that by paragraph 3 (j) of its decision 81/37, 2/ the Council decided that its meetings should start promptly at their scheduled times.

6. The Council may wish to consider dealing with the various items as proposed in the tentative schedule of work contained in annex III. This work schedule should 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 particular, once it completes its consideration of an item before an indicated date, the Council could move immediately to the next item on its work schedule.

7. Pursuant to its decisions 83/5, section III.A and 86/23, the Council may wish to allocate to the Committee of the Whole the following subjects for consideration:

Relevant trends and problems in country programmes;

Implementation of country programmes in various regions;

All country and intercountry programmes;
Global and interregional projects;
Evaluation matters.

8. In accordance with Council decision 86/1, paragraph (j), the Committee will hear a statement by the Chairman of its Working Group, reporting on the work of the Group since the organizational meeting and special session in February 1987.
9. Pursuant to paragraph 3, section III.A of decision 83/5, a written report would be submitted to plenary by the Committee's presiding officer, who would be the President of the Council, or another member of the Bureau designated by him. It may be recalled that, ever since 1984, the Presidents of the Council have presided over the meetings of the Committee of the Whole and, in conducting the proceedings of the Committee and the plenary meetings, they have been assisted by the Vice-Presidents.
10. The Council may also wish to decide which of the reports to be submitted under item 4 (a), Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions, should be referred to the Committee of the Whole and, eventually, to the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole, for consideration. Suggestions to that effect are contained in the draft provisional agenda (see annex II, footnote 1).
11. 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. At its thirty-third session, the Council agreed that the high-level segment in 1987 shall be devoted to the consideration of item 3, 1986 annual report of the Administrator. This will be the first annual report of the new Administrator, Mr. William H. Draper III. In the context of this debate, scheduled for the period 2-4 June 1987, delegations may also wish to address themselves to policy aspects related to other items on the agenda, including certain reports submitted on the implementation of Council decisions adopted at previous sessions, e.g. Government execution, co-ordination, role of UNDP in human resources development. Thus, the Council did not choose a specific theme for this part of the session, which it had done in past years.
12. In accordance with paragraph 3 (h) of Council decision 81/37, it is proposed that a list of speakers for this three-day general debate be opened on Monday, 27 April 1987. To allow for smooth planning and efficient conduct of the Council's business, separate lists of speakers will also be opened and closed for other agenda items, as appropriate, and as will be announced in the course of the session.
13. The Council's Budgetary and Finance Committee (BFC) is scheduled to meet from 26 May to 19 June 1987. 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 BFC, the Council may wish to allocate to it items 9 (a) through 9 (h) of the

Council's draft provisional agenda. The Council may further wish to allocate to BFC financial and administrative questions related to item 6, United Nations Fund for Population Activities, and to item 8, Other funds and programmes. Finally, as in past years, BFC will have to review the financial implications of draft decisions before action is taken by the Council, especially in light of decision 86/53. In accordance with paragraph 4 (a) of Council decision 81/37, BFC will have its own agenda and organization of work which will be issued in a separate document under the symbol DP/1987/BFC/L.1.

14. In accordance with Council decisions 81/37, paragraph 3 (k), and 85/47, arrangements will also be made for the servicing of a Drafting Group of the Council during the thirty-fourth session, including the provision of interpretation services. The Drafting Group is scheduled to meet during the period 3-17 June 1987. The Drafting Group will 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 and having financial implications would have to be referred to 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.

15. It may be recalled that, by section III of its decision 83/1, 3/ the Council enunciated a number of principles which would guide the deliberations of the Drafting Group:

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

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

(c) All delegations may submit draft decisions on any agenda item not specifically allocated for consideration by 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 will 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.

16. Pursuant to decision 85/45, the Administrator has taken further steps to streamline documentation. In addition, the Council, at its organizational meeting for 1987, will receive proposals on the possible biennialization of its work

programme which may contribute to a further reduction in the volume of documentation. The attention of the Council is also drawn to the forthcoming document A/INF/42/1 regarding the control and limitation of documentation. This document will be made available to the Council at its thirty-fourth session in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2438 (XXIV).

Notes

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 9 (E/1986/29), annex I.

2/ Ibid., 1981, Supplement No. 11 (E/1981/61/Rev.1), annex I.

3/ Ibid., 1983, Supplement No. 9 (E/1983/20), annex I.

Annex I

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

| | First week 26-29 May | Second week 1-5 June | Third week 8-12 June | Fourth week 15-19 June |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Plenary | XXXX | XXXXX | X | X |
| Committee of the Whole | | | XXXX | XXXX |
| Budgetary and Finance Committee | XXX | XXXXX | XXXXX | XXXXX |
| Drafting Group | | AXXX | XXXXX | XXX |

X - two meetings a day

A - p.m. meeting

Annex II

Draft provisional agenda

Thirty-fourth session

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. 1986 annual report of the Administrator.
4. Programme implementation:
 - (a) Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions; 1/
 - (b) Special programmes of assistance:
 - (i) Assistance to national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity (OAU);
 - (ii) Assistance to the Palestinian people;
 - (iii) Role of UNDP in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development;
 - (c) Evaluation.
5. Programme planning:
 - (a) Fourth cycle Indicative Planning Figure for Namibia;
 - (b) Special Programme Resources;
 - (c) Special needs of island developing countries;
 - (d) Country and intercountry programmes and projects.
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) United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development (UNFSTD);
 - (e) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO);
 - (i) Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;
 - (ii) Recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sahel region;
 - (f) Programmes in energy development;
 - (g) United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM);
 - (h) Organizational and financial structure of the UNDP-administered system.
9. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters:
- (a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1985;
 - (b) Budget estimates for 1988-1989;
 - (c) Trust funds;
 - (d) UNDP financial regulations;
 - (e) Guidelines for procurement;
 - (f) Audit reports;
 - (g) Sectoral support;
 - (h) Other matters.
10. Other matters:
- (a) United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures;
 - (b) Action taken in 1986 by other organs of the United Nations system.
11. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1988.

Notes

1/ Under this item, the Council will review the implementation of a number of decisions.

Reports in response to the following decisions had been assigned earlier to the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole, for its consideration:

- 85/9 (paragraph 9) Government execution;
- 85/3 (paragraph 12) and 86/15 (paragraph 1) Co-ordination;
- 86/18 Implementation of measures to improve programme and project quality: preparatory assistance and project development facility;
- 85/10 (paragraph 9) Recent trends in the recruitment cost and utilization of project personnel working in development co-operation;
- 86/25 (paragraph 6) and 86/47 (paragraph 3) Procurement from developing countries.

The Council may further wish to decide to allocate the reports on the implementation of the following decisions to the Committee of the Whole:

- 86/22 (paragraph 6) Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries;
- 85/15 Focal point for short-term advisory services.

The Council may wish to consider the reports on implementation of the following decisions in plenary meetings:

- 86/19 (paragraphs 2 and 4) Women in development;
- 82/10 UNDP Development Study Programme;
- 86/14 (paragraph 2) The role of UNDP in human resources development;
- 86/15 (paragraph 9) UNDP experience in financing equipment;
- 86/18 (paragraph 3) Implementation of measures to improve programme and project quality;
- 83/5 Measures to mobilize increased resources for the United Nations Development Programme on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis - review of decision 83/5, section III on the establishment of the Committee of the Whole of the Governing Council, with a view to examining the possibility of establishing a programme committee; and
- 86/23 The future of the Committee of the Whole and its Working Group.

Notes (continued)

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 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. The Council conducted a broad policy review of those funds and programmes in 1985.

Annex III

Tentative schedule of work of the Governing Council
and the Committee of the Whole

NOTE: This tentative work schedule is provisional and indicative in character so that the Council may be in a position to take up various items on a more flexible basis. Once it completes consideration of an item before an indicated date, the Council will move immediately to the next item on its work schedule.

First week: 26-29 May 1987

Plenary meeting

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------|--|
| Tuesday, 26 May | a.m./p.m. | Opening of the session (1) Adoption of the agenda, and other organizational matters (2) United Nations Fund for Population Activities (6): introductory statement by the Executive Director and consideration of the item |
| Wednesday, 27 May | a.m./p.m. | United Nations Fund for Population Activities (6) (cont'd.) |
| Thursday, 28 May | a.m./p.m. | United Nations Fund for Population Activities (6) (cont'd.) |
| Friday, 29 May | a.m./p.m. | United Nations technical co-operation activities (7); United Nations Volunteers (UNV); United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF); United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (UNRFNRE); United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development (UNFSTD); United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO), Programmes in energy development; United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) (8 (a)-(g)) |

Second week: 1-5 June 1986

Plenary meeting

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------|--|
| Monday, 1 June | a.m./p.m. | UNV, UNCDF, UNRFNRE, UNFSTD, UNSO, Programmes in energy development, UNIFEM (8 (a)-(g)) (cont'd). Organizational and financial structure of the UNDP-administered system (8 (h)). |
|-------------------|-----------|--|

/...

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------|--|
| Tuesday, 2 June | a.m./p.m. | Statement by the Administrator - beginning of the high-level segment with debate on item 3 entitled "1986 annual report of the Administrator" and policy aspects of other items. |
| Wednesday, 3 June | a.m./p.m. | Continuation of the debate on item 3 and on policy aspects of other items. |
| Thursday, 4 June | a.m. | Continuation of the debate on item 3 and on policy aspects of other items. |
| | p.m. | Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions (4 (a)). |
| Friday, 5 June | a.m./p.m. | Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions (4 (a)) (cont'd). |

Third week: 8-12 June 1987

Plenary meeting

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------|--|
| Monday, 8 June | a.m./p.m. | Special programmes of assistance (4 (b)). |
| | | Programme planning (5 (a)-(c)) |

Committee of the Whole

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------|--|
| Tuesday, 9 June | a.m./p.m. | Organizational matters |
| | | Statement by the Chairman of the Working Group |
| | | Trends and problems in country programmes (5 (d)) |

Africa (5 (d))

-Implementation of selected country programmes;

-Country programmes;

-Regional programme.

Wednesday,
10 June

a.m./p.m.

Africa (5 (d))

Implementation of selected country programmes

Consideration of country programmes

Consideration of regional programme

Thursday,
11 June

a.m./p.m.

Africa (5 (d)) (cont'd)

Friday,
12 June

a.m./p.m.

Arab States (5 (d))

Implementation of selected country programmes

Consideration of country programmes

Consideration of regional programme

Fourth week: 15-19 June 1987

Committee of the Whole

Monday,
15 June

a.m./p.m.

Asia and Pacific (5 (d))

Implementation of selected country programmes

Consideration of country programmes

Europe (5 (d))

Implementation of selected country programmes

Consideration of country programmes

Tuesday
16 June

a.m./p.m.

Latin America and the Caribbean (5 d))

Implementation of selected country programmes

Consideration of country programmes

Wednesday,
17 June

a.m./p.m.

Latin America and the Caribbean
(cont'd.)

Thursday,
18 June

a.m./p.m.

Implementation of decisions
adopted at earlier sessions (4 (a))

Plenary meeting

Friday,
19 June

a.m./p.m.

Adoption of the recommendations
of the Committee of the Whole

Implementation of decisions adopted at
earlier sessions (4 (a)): decisions
83/5 and 86/23

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

Action taken in 1986 by other organs
of the United Nations system (10 (b))

Adoption of draft decisions submitted
by the Drafting Group

Adoption of the report of the
Budgetary and Finance Committee (9)

Matters relating to the work of the
Council in 1988 (11)
