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SUPPORT

MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL IN 1990

Waiver of the 10-week rule for certain documents to be  
submitted to the Council at its thirty-seventh session,  
28 May-22 June 1990, Geneva

Note by the secretariat

SUMMARY

In accordance with the request of the Governing Council, this note provides information on documents to be submitted to the Council at its thirty-seventh session and which are unable to meet the 10-week rule for submission to the United Nations 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 paragraph 5 of Governing Council decision 83/40 of 18 June 1983, the secretariat has drawn up a schedule for the timely preparation of documents to be submitted to the Council at its thirty-seventh session. Steps have been taken in this context to ensure that the deadlines for the transmission of the majority of documents to the United Nations Department of Conference Services (UNDCS) 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 UNDCS 10 weeks before the start of the session of the Governing Council, as recommended in paragraph 5 (b) of decision 83/40. It should be stressed that continuous efforts are being 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 during the Governing Council session. Details regarding each of the documents that will nevertheless be unable to meet the 10-week deadline are provided below.

Provisional  
agenda item

Title

- 3 Annual report of the Administrator: Addenda 1, 4 and 5 (Parts I and II).

Reason for delay

The necessary information 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.

- 6 (e) UNFPA: Audited accounts of executing agencies.

Reason for delay

The financial data from the executing agencies necessary for preparing the report will not be available until mid-March. The time required for compilation of this data will result in a delay of approximately two weeks beyond the 10-week deadline.

- 6 (e) UNFPA: Annual review of the financial situation.

Reason for delay

The financial data from executing agencies upon which this report is based will not be available until the first week of April. The time required for subsequent analysis and interpretation will result in a delay of approximately four weeks beyond the 10-week deadline.

Provisional  
agenda item

Title

- 7 United Nations technical co-operation activities: Report of the Secretary-General: Addendum 3: Statistical information.

Reason for delay

The statistical information will be available only towards the end of March, when the accounts are closed.

- 9 (a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1989.

Reason for delay

The information required to complete this report includes financial data from executing agencies. This information is not available until the last week of March. The time required for subsequent analysis and interpretation will result in a delay of approximately four weeks beyond the 10-week deadline.

- 9 (b) Revised budget estimates 1990-1991.

Reason for delay

The information required to complete this report will not be finalized until the third week of March. The time required for compilation of this data will result in a delay of approximately two weeks beyond the 10-week deadline.

- 9 (f) (i) Audit reports of the executing agencies: Note by the Administrator.

Reason for delay

The information required to complete this report includes responses from executing agencies. This information is not expected to be available until the second week of March. The time required for compilation of this data will result in a delay of approximately two weeks beyond the 10-week deadline.

- 9 (i) Ex post facto report on agency support costs.

Reason for delay

The information required to complete this report includes financial data from executing agencies which can only be prepared by them after the finalization of their 1989 financial statements. This information is not expected to be available until the first week of April. The time required for compilation of this data will result in a delay of approximately four weeks beyond the 10-week deadline.

Provisional  
agenda item

Title

10 (a) Other matters: United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures in 1989.

Reason for delay

Data from the specialized agencies are available only in early May. Preparation of the report requires four weeks, moving the submission to UNDCS some nine weeks beyond the deadline.

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 UNDCS at least 10 weeks before the thirty-seventh session. The secretariat will do its utmost to ensure the timely distribution of these documents.

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