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MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL IN 1990

Provisional agenda and organization of work of the
thirty-seventh session

Note by the secretariat

1. In accordance with its decisions 89/63 and 89/66 of 30 June 1989, the Governing Council will hold its thirty-seventh session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 28 May to 22 June 1989.
2. By its decision 87/50, annex, of 19 June 1987, the Governing Council resolved to take a number of measures with respect to its structure and organization of work so as to increase the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the Council's work. They included: the consolidation of certain agenda items of a similar nature, the scheduling of similar items at the same meeting (i.e. UNIFEM and Women in Development, all items relating to Africa, etc.), limiting the scheduling of more than two meetings of sessional bodies at the same time, attempting to keep the time allocated for Budgetary and Finance Committee meetings to 30 meetings for budget years and 20 meetings for non-budget years.
3. It should also be recalled that, in accordance with Council decision 87/1, annex, of 17 February 1987, reports of special funds administered by UNDP, other than the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), should be submitted on a biennial basis. For 1990, the United Nations Volunteers Programme is the only fund, besides UNIFEM, requiring a full report. The other funds included under agenda item 8 for discussion in 1990 were fully reviewed last year, and only specific questions raised by that review are expected to be considered in 1990.

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4. The Governing Council may also wish to bear in mind paragraph 1 of its decision 89/20 of June 1989, by which it invited the President of the Governing Council to conduct consultations with the members of the Council, observers and other interested parties, on ways to improve the working methods of the Council with a view to achieving greater efficiency. In accordance with decision 89/20 the outcome of these consultations are scheduled to be presented to the Council at its thirty-seventh session.

5. Annex I to this note contains the draft provisional agenda for the thirty-seventh session of the Governing Council of UNDP, based on Council decision 89/67 of 30 June 1989.

6. In annex II to this note, the secretariat is submitting a proposal for the organization of work of the Plenary, the Committee of the Whole, the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group for consideration by the Governing Council at its organizational meeting. As was the case last year, it is proposed that the Council begin its session with the item on UNFPA. In accordance with decision 87/20, section I paragraph 2 of 19 June 1987, the Council would resolve itself, after two days of plenary meetings, into the Committee of the Whole to deal with programme matters, beginning with UNFPA programming matters, followed by UNDP programming matters. The consideration of the various items by Plenary, the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group is proposed in such a manner that an overlap of meetings by the various sessional bodies dealing with the same question is avoided, as much as possible. A four-day high-level segment will be scheduled for the first half of the second week of the session.

7. The Budgetary and Finance Committee would hold 10 meetings during the first week of the session, 6 meetings during the second week and would then alternate a few of its remaining meetings with those of the Drafting Group or any other informal working group mechanism set up during the session, thereby avoiding simultaneous meetings. Thus, a total number of not more than 20 substantive meetings (including the adoption of the draft report) would be scheduled for the BFC during the session. Towards the end of the session, when the plenary is in recess, simultaneous meetings of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, the Drafting Group, or any other mechanism set up to consider important items, are envisaged to complete their respective work programmes. As in the past three years, it may be necessary to set up an informal working group to deal with major questions.

8. 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 consideration of an item before an indicated date, the Council could move immediately to the next item

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on its work schedule. In any case, the Council may wish to entrust its Bureau with the task of adjusting the schedule of meetings, within the overall allocation of services, as may be required according to the exigencies of the session.

9. 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 of 27 June 1981, the Council decided that its meetings should start promptly at their scheduled times.

10. Pursuant to its decisions 83/5, section III.A of 24 June 1983, 86/23 of 27 June 1986, and 87/20, section I of 19 June 1987 the Council may wish to allocate to the Committee of the Whole the following subjects for consideration:

- (a) Implementation of country programmes in various regions;
- (b) All country and intercountry programmes;
- (c) Global and interregional projects;
- (d) UNFPA country and intercountry programmes.

11. In accordance with paragraph (j) of Council decision 86/1, of 18 February 1986, the Committee of the Whole will receive at the thirty-seventh session a statement by the Chairman of the Working Group reporting on the work of the Group in 1990.

12. Pursuant to paragraph 3, section III.A of decision 83/5 of 24 June 1983, a written report, including recommendations by the Committee of the Whole, would be submitted to plenary by the presiding officer of the Committee of the Whole, who would be the President of the Council or another member of the Bureau designated by him. It may be recalled that since 1984, the Presidents of the Council chaired the meetings of the Committee of the Whole and, in conducting the proceedings of these and the Plenary meetings, they were assisted by the Vice-Presidents.

13. By paragraph 3 (a) of its decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981 the Council decided to hold a short part of its annual sessions at a high, senior policy-maker level for the purpose of considering major policy issues. In 1990, this segment could be devoted to consideration of item 4 (a), Annual report of the Administrator for 1989, and the contribution of UNDP to the commemoration of forty years of multilateral technical co-operation for development within the United Nation system. In the context of this debate, scheduled for the period 4-7 June 1990, delegations may also wish to address themselves to policy aspects related to other items on the agenda, including the preparation of the fifth programming cycle, implementation of the General Assembly resolution on operational activities for development, report of the expert group on agency support costs, and government execution.

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14. In accordance with paragraph 3 (h) of Council decision 81/37, it is proposed that a list of speakers for this four-day general debate be opened on Monday, 23 April 1990 and closed on Monday, 4 June 1990. In line with decision 87/50, annex, statements during the general debate should be limited to 15 minutes. To allow for the smooth planning and efficient conduct of the Council's business, separate lists of speakers will also be opened and closed for all other agenda items as appropriate, and as will be announced in the course of the session.

15. 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 the Committee, the Council may wish to allocate to it items 9 (a) through 9 (f) of the Council's draft provisional agenda. The financial aspects of item 9(g) may be referred to the committee following consideration by Plenary of this question, in accordance with Governing Council decision 88/50 paragraph 2 of 1 July 1988. The Council may further wish to allocate to the committee financial and administrative questions related to item 6, United Nations Population Fund, and to item 8, other funds and programmes. As in past years, the committee will also have to review the financial implications of draft decisions before action is taken by the Council, especially in light of decision 86/53 of 27 June 1986. Each year, the Council, at the beginning of its regular session, has referred to the BFC a number of documents on its agenda having financial implications, for prior consideration of these aspects. In 1988, it was proposed that these documents be identified at the organizational meeting so that they may be included at an early stage in the overall work plan for the Committee. In accordance with paragraph 4 (a) of Council decision 81/37, the Committee will have its own agenda and organization of work.

16. In accordance with Council decisions 81/37, paragraph 3 (k), 85/47 and 87/50, annex, arrangements will also be made for the servicing of a Drafting Group of the Council during the thirty-seventh session, including the provision of interpretation services. The Drafting Group is scheduled to meet during the period 4-21 June 1990. 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 having financial implications would have to be referred to the Budgetary and Finance Committee before action is taken by the Council. The Council may also assign to the Drafting Group other specific tasks, as required. The Council may wish to designate one of its Vice-Presidents to chair the Drafting Group.

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

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(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 the Budgetary and Finance Committee, 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.

18. Pursuant to decision 89/18 of 30 June 1989, the Administrator has taken further steps to improve the documentation process. At its organizational meeting for 1990, the Council will receive an oral report on measures taken to implement this decision.

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Annex I

Draft provisional agenda

Thirty-seventh session

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. High-level segment: policy review
4. Programme implementation:
 - (a) Annual Report of the Administrator for 1989;
 - (b) Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at its previous sessions:
 - (i) Role of UNDP in the 1990s;
 - (ii) Report of the President on the outcome of the informal consultations foreseen by decision 89/20;
 - (iii) Elements for a funding strategy for the United Nations Development Programme;

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- (iv) Micro-capital grants;
 - (v) Promotion of national capacity: highly qualified staff;
 - (vi) Management Development Programme;
 - (vii) Agency accountability;
 - (viii) Non-governmental and grass-roots organizations;
 - (ix) Women in development;
 - (x) Environment;
 - (xi) Government execution;
 - (xii) Refugees and displaced persons;
- (c) Procurement from developing countries: procurement policies and practices;
- (d) Special programmes:
- (i) Assistance to national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity;
 - (ii) Role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990;
 - (iii) Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;
 - (iv) Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America;
- (e) Evaluation.
5. Programme planning:
- (a) Fourth programming cycle:
 - (i) Project Development Facility;

(ii) Questions relating to Namibia;

(b) Country, intercountry and global programmes:

(i) Reports on mid-term reviews of country, inter-country and global programmes;

(ii) Evaluation of the mid-term review process;

(iii) Implementation of selected country programmes;

(iv) Global and interregional projects;

(c) Preparations for the fifth programming cycle and net contributor status.

6. United Nations Population Fund.

7. United Nations technical co-operation activities.

8. Other funds and programmes:

(a) United Nations Volunteers programme;

(b) Focal point for short-term advisory services;

(c) United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development the Energy Account;

(d) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;

(e) Progress report on the United Nations Sahelian office;

(i) Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

(ii) Recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

(f) United Nations Development Fund for Women;

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(g) Technical co-operation among developing countries:

(i) Report of expert committee;

(ii) Use of intercountry and global programme resources;

9. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters:

(a) Annual review financial situation, 1989;

(b) Revised budget estimates 1990-1991;

(c) Report on the status of management services;

(d) Trust funds;

(e) Audit reports;

(f) Financial Regulations:

(i) Matters on which consensus has not yet been achieved;

(ii) Biennialization of financial statements;

(g) Agency support costs;

(h) Ex-post facto reporting;

(i) Sectoral support;

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

(b) Steps taken by UNDP in response to General Assembly action at its forty-fourth session and other organization of the UN system in 1989.

11. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1991.

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ANNEX II
Week 1 *

	MONDAY 28 May 1990		TUESDAY 29 May 1990		WEDNESDAY 30 May 1990		THURSDAY 31 May 1990		FRIDAY 1 June 1990	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
COUNCIL (Plenary)	Opening Organizational matters(2)	UNFPA (6) General de- bate (cont'd)	UNFPA (6) Work plan 91- 94 and appro- val authority	UNFPA (6) Evaluation						UNIFEM(8 (e)) WID(4 (b)(ix)) TCDC (8(g))
	UNFPA (6) Introduction and general debate on an- nual report	Allocations to projects in 1989 (6)	Status of CPs	Committee of the Whole immediately following Plenary						
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)					UNFPA (6) Africa: 5 CPs Arab States: 1 CP	UNFPA (6) Asia:3 CPs Latin America & the Carib- bean: 4 CPs	UNDP (5 (b)) Evaluation of Mid-term review (MTR) process Overview of MTRs Africa:CP im- plementation Reports on MTRs	UNDP (5 (b)) Asia: CP im- plementation Reports on MTRs Approval of CPs for Fiji, India, Myan- mar,Tonga (Tentative)	UNDP (5 (b)) Arab States: CP implement- ation Reports on MTRs Latin America & the Carib- bean:CP im- plementation Reports on MTRs**	
BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE* (BFC)	Organization- al matters Statement by Associate Administrator	Annual Finan- cial review, 1989 (contd.)	Audit reports (9 (e)) Audit reports of agencies (9 (e))	Cont'd	Revised budget estimates 1990-91	cont'd	UNFPA(6)	UNFPA(6)		
DRAFTING GROUP (DG)										

* A more detailed timetable will be issued for the Budgetary and Finance Committee.

** Once the Committee of the Whole has completed its work, the Plenary will resume its work immediately.

ANNEX II
Week 2

	MONDAY 4 June 1990		TUESDAY 5 June 1990		WEDNESDAY 6 June 1990		THURSDAY 7 June 1990		FRIDAY 8 June 1990	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
COUNCIL (Plenary)	HIGH - LEVEL SEGMENT (Contributions to the commemoration of forty years of multilateral technical co operation, an ual report of the Administrator and other policy issues.)								Fifth prog- ramming cycle and net contributor status(5 (c))	UN technical co-operation activities(7)
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)										
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (BFC)			Trust funds established by the Administrator (9 (d))	Audit reports (9 (c))			Status of management services (9 (c))	<u>Ex-post facto</u> (9 (h))	UNDP financial regulations (9 (f)).	Sectoral support(9 (i))
DRAFTING GROUP (DG)		UNFPA (6)	UNFPA (6)		Meeting	Meeting				

ANNEX II
Week 4

	MONDAY 18 June 1990		TUESDAY 19 June 1990		WEDNESDAY 20 June 1990		THURSDAY 21 June 1990		FRIDAY 22 June 1990	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
COUNCIL (Plenary)									Report of the decisions of the COW Drafting Group Recommend- ations mendations	Matters relating to the Council in 1990
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)										
BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (BFC)	Draft Report	Draft Report	Draft Report							
DRAFTING GROUP	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions				

