**Administrative Committee
on Coordination**

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE
AT ITS FIRST REGULAR SESSION (PARTS I AND II)

PART I

(Geneva, 9 to 12 April 1996)

INTRODUCTION

1.   The Organizational Committee (OC) of the Administrative Committee on
Coordination (ACC) met at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 9 to
12 April 1996. OC adopted an annotated agenda for the meeting, which is
contained in annex I. In addition to considering the items on its agenda, OC
received briefings on two additional issues: "Good environmental housekeeping
within the United Nations system", and "United Nations activities in support the
countries in transition of Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States
(CIS)" (see paras. 28 and 30 below). Information was also provided by the Food
and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on preparations for the
World Food Summit. The list of participants is contained in annex II. The
outcome of a further meeting of OC, held immediately after the first regular
session of 1996 of ACC, is reflected in part II of the present summary of
conclusions.

I.   PREPARATIONS FOR THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF ACC

A.   <u>African economic recovery and development</u>

2.   The background note on the subject for submission to ACC was introduced.
OC reviewed actions under way within individual organizations and at the
inter-agency level, following the launch of the United Nations System-wide
Special Initiative on Africa on 15 March 1996. It noted that a meeting of the
Steering Committee of the Initiative would be held in Nairobi on 27 April 1996,
immediately before the first regular session of ACC of 1996, and expressed the
hope that the meeting would serve to clarify outstanding issues concerning the
designation and roles of lead and cooperating agencies in the implementation of
the Initiative. There was an extensive exchange of views on the approaches and
conditions that could serve to maximize the effectiveness of the implementation
strategy for the Initiative.

3.   In the light of the comments and suggestions made during the consideration of the item, OC prepared annotations to the ACC agenda, proposing issues around which ACC discussions might be structured.

B.   Coordinated follow-up to international conferences

4.   The background note on the subject for submission to ACC was introduced. The note endeavoured, <u>inter alia</u>, to link the two main items on the agenda of ACC, and raised the issue of the contribution that the three ad hoc thematic task forces that had been established by ACC to support an integrated follow-up at the country level to global conferences could make to the implementation of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa. OC noted that African economic recovery and development had been a common cross-cutting theme in the outcomes of all recent United Nations international conferences, and was closely related to the theme "Coordination of the United Nations system activities for poverty eradication", which was to be considered by the Economic and Social Council at the coordination segment of its substantive session of 1996.

5.   OC noted that the three task forces had all initiated their work, with the active involvement of all concerned agencies. The Task Force on Employment and Sustainable Livelihoods, convened by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva, had agreed to prepare a synthesis report, for use in particular by the resident coordinator system, summarizing lessons of experience at the country level and across countries with a view to (a) suggesting ways of improving inter-agency collaboration in the future, and (b) providing a clear understanding of the different ingredients that worked for the promotion of employment and sustainable livelihoods in specific situations and of the indicators required for monitoring progress in those areas. It was further explained that the synthesis report would result from a number of country reviews that would address questions related to employment and sustainable livelihoods, and from the work of the groups to be established to examine three specific related topics: the impact of globalization and technological change on employment and sustainable livelihoods; clarification of the relationship between employment and sustainable livelihoods; and indicators for employment and sustainable livelihoods.

6.   The Task Force on Basic Services for All, convened in New York by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), had, for its part, decided to work towards five end-products: (a) guidelines for the United Nations resident coordinator system; (b) a wall-chart with indicators for social services, showing where different countries were at the moment and the levels of services that they should aim to offer; (c) best practices/lessons learned; (d) a pocket-card on advocacy; and (e) a set of indicators to measure the implementation of recommendations emanating from recent United Nations conferences in the social sector. The Task Force had also requested its Chairperson to send a letter to all United Nations resident coordinators outlining its proposed terms of reference and inviting their inputs, comments and suggestions, including their views on the usefulness and applicability of the end-products/outcome expected to emanate from the work of the Task Force.

7.   The Task Force on the Enabling Environment for Social and Economic Development, convened by the World Bank in Washington, D.C., had elaborated draft terms of reference that were currently being cleared by correspondence, and had decided to set up three subgroups on (a) macroeconomic framework and economic and social policy matters; (b) capacity-building for governance; and (c) indicators to measure the success of implementing economic and social policy.

8.   In parallel with the establishment of the task forces, resident coordinators were moving forward to promote the establishment of thematic groups or optimize the use of existing groups in order to further, with the global task forces' support, the integrated implementation at the country level of the policy recommendations emanating from recent global conferences.

9.   In the ensuing discussion, OC members emphasized the importance of ensuring close substantive links between the three task forces and the standing committees of ACC. OC further stressed the need for close interactions among the task forces themselves, including through systematic consultations among their respective chairpersons. In the same context, the development of a common format for reporting to ACC was encouraged. Policy objectives, such as the advancement of women and the promotion of human rights, which had been the focus of two global conferences, and cross-cutting issues, such as access to communication, should be pursued by each task force in relation to the theme or themes assigned to it.

10.   Taking into account the background paper and comments and suggestions made during its discussions, OC prepared annotations to the ACC agenda.

C.   Other matters

1.   Functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery

11.   At the second regular session of ACC of 1995, several related decisions had been made relevant to the functioning of the inter-agency machinery. OC had been requested to review the programmes of work and scheduling of meetings of inter-agency bodies within the ACC machinery, and to make recommendations for their streamlining. OC had been further invited to strengthen its capacity to monitor and report on the follow-up to ACC decisions within the ACC machinery, as well as within the individual organizations making up the system. OC, for its part, had considered that the specific tasks concerning the functioning of the ACC machinery assigned to it by ACC would best be pursued as part of the overall review of the experience with the 1993 reorganization of the ACC machinery that had been provided for in the decisions adopted by ACC at that time. ACC had decided to revert to the question of the periodicity of its own meetings, taking into account the initial experience with the functioning of the new inter-agency mechanisms that had been established during the above-mentioned session.

12.   The OC Chairman introduced the item and summarized the information and proposals he had received in response to a communication he had addressed to the chairpersons of the consultative committees of ACC and members of OC.

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13. Discussions confirmed the general conclusion that the 1993 reorganization had served to significantly enhance ACC effectiveness, and had resulted in definite improvements in the functioning of its subsidiary machinery. In the light of major new developments in the United Nations system and their implications for inter-agency coordination, a further in-depth review of the subsidiary machinery, including further measures aimed at its rationalization, streamlining and cost reduction, was called for, as mandated by ACC. It was imperative to sustain a consistent pattern of both concrete outcomes in terms of policy and programme coordination and tangible results in terms of increased system-wide impact.

14. The annotations to the ACC agenda prepared by OC identified a number of further steps for consideration by ACC to further reinforce ACC's own functioning and further streamline the working methods and meeting requirements of its subsidiary bodies. They also covered possible new approaches to reporting by ACC to the central intergovernmental bodies. OC envisaged that final recommendations on the matter, in the light of ACC comments at its first regular session of 1996, would be submitted to ACC at its second regular session of 1996.

15. Taking into account, <u>inter alia</u>, relevant conclusions of the Twenty-first Ad Hoc Inter-agency Meeting on Women (see also para. 22 below), OC recommended to ACC the adoption of a decision establishing a new inter-agency committee on women and defining its terms of reference. OC considered that the major objective of such a committee should be to address in a comprehensive way all aspects of the implementation of the Platform for Action adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women coming within the purview of the United Nations system. The new committee would interact closely with both the new task forces and the consultative committees of ACC.

16. OC was briefed by the representatives of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) on the consultations carried out by that agency with other interested agencies and organizations on the proposal to establish an inter-agency task force on universal access to basic communication and information services. It was concluded that the activity would best be described as an inter-agency project. OC prepared a decision for adoption by ACC on the matter. Under the proposed decision, ITU would serve as lead agency for the project. At the project's conclusion, within one year, a report would be submitted on its outcome to ACC.

2. <u>Administrative questions</u>

17. OC reviewed the briefing note prepared by the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (CCAQ) secretariat on the consideration by the General Assembly of the 1995 annual report of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC). It noted with concern that the Assembly had deferred consideration of ICSC recommendations until its resumed session scheduled for June 1996. ICSC was currently in session and was reviewing its recommendations on the matter, as requested by the General Assembly. Although ICSC would not have concluded its session in time for the forthcoming ACC session, OC requested that arrangements be made, through the Chairman of the Consultative Committee on Administrative

Questions (Personnel Questions) (CCAQ(PER)), for ACC to be updated on developments in the work of the Commission, in particular with regard to the application of the Noblemaire Principle and measures to restore the competitiveness of conditions of service in the United Nations system. A draft statement prepared by CCAQ(PER) for possible submission by ACC to the General Assembly at its resumed session of June 1996, was before OC and was transmitted by OC to ACC.

18. As to the participation at the forthcoming ACC session of the ICSC Chairman, OC considered that the ICSC Chairman would be unable to attend the session since ICSC would be meeting at the same time in Vienna. As to the participation of representatives of staff associations, OC concluded that given the imminence of the ACC session and the short time available, they should be encouraged on that occasion to convey their views to ACC in writing.

3. Other issues

19. OC arranged for relevant aspects of the reports of the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development (IACSD) (ACC/1996/1), the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions (CCPOQ) (ACC/1996/7) and the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Financial and Budgetary Questions) (CCAQ(FB)) (ACC/1996/3) to be drawn to the attention of ACC under the relevant agenda item. OC noted that, at its eighth session (Geneva, 11-15 March 1996), CCPOQ had recommended to ACC the adoption of a draft statement on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/120 on the follow-up to the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development. The statement was intended to reflect the commitment of all executive heads to the effective and consistent implementation of the resolution by the system as a whole. The text was referred to ACC for its adoption, subject to any editorial amendments that might be required.

20. Meetings of ACC subsidiary bodies proposed to be held during the remainder of the year are as follows:

        IACSD   New York   10-12 July 1996
        CCAQ(FB)   New York   26-30 August 1996
        CCPOQ   New York   September 1996 (exact dates to be determined later)

21. Regarding arrangements for the chairmanship of its consultative committees, OC noted that CCPOQ had recommended the appointment of Mrs. M. Chinery-Hesse, Deputy Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO), as its Chairperson for the two-year period 1996-1998.

II. WORK OF INTER-AGENCY BODIES

A. <u>Reports of bodies reporting to OC: reports of the Twentieth and Twenty-first Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Meetings on Women</u>

22. OC reviewed the reports of the Twentieth and Twenty-first Inter-Agency Meetings on Women (ACC/1995/25 and ACC/1996/6), held at United Nations Headquarters on 16 and 17 November 1995, and 6 to 8 March 1996. The draft system-wide medium-term plan of action for the advancement of women, agreed upon at the Inter-Agency Meeting, was adopted on behalf of ACC.

B. <u>Review of the Information System Coordination Committee</u>

23. OC agreed to consider the issue at the second part of its current session.

III. OTHER MATTERS

A. <u>Future sessions of OC and ACC</u>

24. OC agreed to consider the issue at the second part of its current session.

B. <u>Twenty-fifth anniversary of the International Computing Centre</u>

25. OC agreed to consider the issue at the second part of its current session.

C. <u>Graça Machel Study on Children as Victims of War</u>

26. The Chairperson of the study on the impact of armed conflict on children, Ms. Graça Machel, briefed OC on the state of preparations for the study, which had been mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 48/157. The study was being supported by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), in collaboration with the Centre for Human Rights of the United Nations Secretariat. As part of the study, many of the affected countries were being visited. Regional organizations and all concerned United Nations agencies were being closely consulted. The final report was to be presented to the General Assembly in November 1996. Concerned agencies would be called upon to participate actively in the follow-up.

D. <u>Follow-up to the ACC decision concerning the co-location in Geneva of inter-agency financed secretariats of ACC subsidiary bodies</u>

27. OC agreed to consider the issue at the second part of its current session.

E. Good environmental housekeeping within
the United Nations system

28. The representative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
informed OC that the Governing Council of UNEP at its eighteenth session had
adopted a decision on good environmental housekeeping within the United Nations
system that had been endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly at its
fiftieth session. The decision called on the Executive Director of UNEP to
recommend strategies for the promotion of best practices in environmental
housekeeping for use by UNEP itself, as well as to advise and encourage the rest
of the United Nations system to develop and apply similar strategies for
continually improving their own environmental performance and promoting
sustainable development.

29. The Executive Director of UNEP would be writing to other executive heads on
that matter, and ACC would be informed by UNEP of progress in the initiative at
its second regular session of 1996.

F. Global United Nations activities in the countries in
transition of Central and Eastern Europe and the
Commonwealth of Independent States

30. A representative of the United Nations Office at Geneva briefed OC on a
project under way involving the establishment of a user-friendly compilation of
global United Nations activities currently being carried out in the countries in
transition of Central and Eastern Europe and the former USSR, with a view to
eventually placing it on the Internet. The objective was to offer a
comprehensive overview of the forms of assistance available to countries in the
region, as well as a guide on how and where to request such assistance. OC
expressed interest in the project and noted that it would be completed in close
consultation with the CCPOQ secretariat, as well as the Economic Commission for
Europe (ECE).

G. Other issues

31. OC re-examined the question of the venue of the next session of the Joint
United Nations Information Committee (JUNIC) in the light, inter alia, of the
decision to hold the first regular session of 1996 of ACC in Nairobi; it
concluded that the next JUNIC session should be held in Geneva.

PART II

(Nairobi, 30 April to 1 May 1996)

32. OC met on 30 April and 1 May 1996 at the headquarters of UNEP in Nairobi to
consider the follow-up to the decisions taken and conclusions reached by ACC at
its first regular session of 1996 (see ACC/1996/4), as well as to conclude the
consideration of a number of issues that had been deferred from the first part
of its session.

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33. OC finalized, on behalf of ACC, the summary of conclusions reached by ACC at its first regular session of 1996.

34. The list of participants is contained in annex III.

      I. WORK OF ACC CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES AND OTHER INTER-AGENCY
          BODIES: REVIEW OF THE INFORMATION SYSTEM COORDINATION
          COMMITTEE

35. OC expressed appreciation for the progress being made by the Information System Coordination Committee (ISCC) in pursuing the objectives outlined in its terms of reference, and agreed to continue its review of the work of ISCC in the context of the ongoing overall review of the functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery.

      II. OTHER MATTERS

      A. Future sessions of OC and ACC

36. OC, noting the decision of ACC to convene its second regular session of 1996 at United Nations Headquarters in the latter part of October, accordingly agreed to meet in New York during the second week of September, subject to confirmation.

      B. Twenty-fifth anniversary of the International
          Computing Centre

37. OC agreed in principle that the International Computing Centre (ICC) should be advised to proceed with its plans to convene its twenty-fifth anniversary conference to coincide with the second regular session of 1996 of ACC, currently being scheduled for late October 1996. The United Nations undertook to contact members of OC on the finalization of arrangements for a video conference link with ICC.

      C. Follow-up to the ACC decision concerning the co-location
          in Geneva of inter-agency financed secretariats of ACC
          subsidiary bodies

38. OC decided to revert to the issue in the context of the final report on the functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery. It agreed to pursue the matter not only from the point of view of co-location but also in terms of other possible measures of integration that, while retaining the distinct identity of each secretariat and its direct links with the inter-agency body concerned, would facilitate closer substantive and administrative cooperation and teamwork, which would be possible under rotating leadership.

D. <u>Other issues</u>

39. OC had before it the draft text of the ACC comments on the Joint Inspection Unit report entitled "The advancement of women through and in the programme of the United Nations system: what happens after the Fourth World Conference on Women?" Some members noted that the main emphasis in the draft had been placed on internal administrative and management issues, and expressed some regret that policy and programme issues had not been sufficiently highlighted. After discussion, OC agreed to endorse, on behalf of ACC, the draft comments as submitted to it.

40. As to the conclusions adopted by ACC on the functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery, OC requested that the Chairman pursue consultations with OC members and the concerned consultative committees and other inter-agency bodies on the basis of the guidelines adopted by ACC, and that he circulate, in that light, a further report on the matter for review by OC at its next session. OC would then finalize its recommendation for consideration by ACC.

41. OC agreed to include in the agenda of its next meeting an item on the relationship between the organizations of the United Nations system and civil society in the light of developments in organizations and ongoing work within the ACC machinery. It requested the Chairman to write to organizations on arrangements for the preparation of a background paper on the item. Time did not enable OC to undertake a review of policy and programme developments in organizations of the United Nations system, which was to have focused on the same topic. OC decided to revert, at its next session, to arrangements for the conduct of those reviews, in the context of the agenda item on the functioning of ACC machinery.

42. OC expressed its gratitude and appreciation to the representative of UNEP and to the concerned staff in the United Nations Office at Nairobi and UNEP for the excellent arrangements made for the session.

Annex I

ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Preparations for the first regular session of 1996 of ACC

    (a) African economic recovery and development

    ACC, at its second regular session of 1995, decided to launch the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for Africa early in 1996. The report submitted to ACC by the Steering Committee, setting out the content of the Initiative, was finalized following the session, in the light of comments during the session and subsequent consultations. Copies will be available as part of the background documentation for the OC and ACC meetings. The Initiative was launched in New York and other headquarters locations in mid-March. A paper focusing on individual and collective actions to be taken for the implementation of the Initiative, for consideration by ACC, is currently being prepared and will be available prior to the OC session.

    (b) Coordinated follow-up to international conferences

    At the second regular session of ACC for 1995, executive heads agreed that monitoring the follow-up by the United Nations system to recent global conferences would continue to be a main concern of ACC in the period ahead. In order to contribute to a coordinated and integrated follow-up, ACC decided that in future it would review the implementation of the results of recent global conferences on the basis of a thematic approach, drawing on the work of its standing machinery and other relevant inter-agency mechanisms. It was further agreed that the themes for such reviews would take into account, inter alia, the need to provide the Economic and Social Council, particularly its coordination segment, with consolidated information, analyses and assessment of system-wide activities in support of the Council's own thematic reviews.

    As to regional-level arrangements, ACC noted that the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, in consultation with the Administrator of UNDP, would work with the concerned agencies and programmes, drawing on the strengthened inter-agency consultative arrangements put in place further to the Secretary-General's letter of 4 March 1994, to develop concerted action programmes at the regional level in support of conference objectives.

    As to national-level follow-up, ACC concurred with the proposal that coordinated support for country-level action would be organized around three interrelated themes:

    (a) The enabling environment for social and economic development;

    (b) Employment and sustainable livelihoods;

    (c) Basic social services for all.

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ACC agreed that the existing Inter-Agency Task Force on the International Conference on Population and Development, under the chairmanship of the Executive Director of UNFPA, should be expanded to focus more broadly on social services for all, and that task forces should be set up to address, respectively, the enabling environment for social and economic development, and employment and sustainable livelihoods. The World Bank agreed to serve as lead agency for the Task Force on the Enabling Environment for Social and Economic Development and the ILO for the Task Force on Employment and Sustainable Livelihoods.

A paper containing information on country-level developments and the initial work of these task forces, and identifying issues that require consideration by ACC in giving further guidance to the work of these task forces, is currently being prepared and will be available in advance of the OC session. The paper will also endeavour to address the relationship between the ACC Initiative on Africa and the work of these task forces, and raise the issue of the contribution which these task forces could make, in their respective areas, to the success of the Initiative. The work of CCPOQ in the context of the follow-up to General Assembly resolution 50/120 is also relevant to country-level action.

At its organizational session of 1996, the Economic and Social Council decided that the theme for the coordination segment of its substantive session of 1996 will be: "Coordination of the activities of the United Nations system for the eradication of poverty". The outcome of the ACC review of the work of the inter-agency task forces will constitute a valuable input into Council discussions.

It should be recalled, in the same context, that CCPOQ convened a brainstorming workshop on poverty eradication early this year in Turin, and transmitted the results of the workshop to the inter-agency task forces referred to above. The workshop proposals for country-level joint action, the establishment of a working definition of poverty, learning from best practices and the development of impact assessment and monitoring of poverty eradication programmes are particularly relevant to the preparations of Council discussions.

In deciding how best to prepare future thematic discussions by ACC, in the context of the integrated follow-up to global conferences, account will need to be taken of the decisions to be taken by ACC on the inter-agency arrangements for the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women, referred to below.

Under this item, the report of the seventh session of IACSD, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 5 to 8 February 1996, will also be available. At that session, IACSD, _inter alia_, reviewed the preparations for the fourth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development and continued discussions on the arrangements for the 1997 special session of the General Assembly.

(c) Other matters

(i) Functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery

At the last session of ACC, several related decisions were taken relevant to the functioning of the inter-agency machinery. OC was requested to review the programmes of work and scheduling of meetings of inter-agency bodies within the ACC machinery, and to make recommendations for their streamlining. The Committee was further invited to strengthen its capacity to monitor and report on the follow-up to ACC decisions within the ACC machinery as well as within the individual organizations making up the system. OC, for its part, considered that the specific tasks concerning the functioning of the ACC machinery assigned to it by ACC would best be pursued as part of the overall review of the experience with the 1993 reorganization of the ACC machinery, provided for in the decisions adopted by ACC at that time. The Chairman of OC has written to the chairpersons of the consultative committees of ACC and to members of OC, seeking their views on the above issues. A paper, drawing on the responses received, will be prepared to enable OC to prepare some initial decisions for possible adoption by ACC at its next session.

As indicated under item 2 (b) above, the Secretary-General, in his letter of 22 January 1996 to members of ACC, proposed the establishment of an inter-agency committee reporting to ACC, to address in a comprehensive way all aspects of the implementation of the Platform for Action adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women coming within the purview of the system, which would interact closely with both the new task forces and the consultative committees of ACC. OC will need to finalize terms of reference for this committee, for adoption by ACC.

Following a statement made at the last session of ACC, ITU has been carrying out consultations with interested agencies and organizations on the establishment and terms of reference of an ACC task force on the right to communicate. The results of these consultations will be conveyed to OC so that it may prepare an appropriate decision, for adoption by ACC.

(ii) Administrative questions

At its last session, ACC adopted statements on the functioning of ICSC and the question of common system remuneration for submission to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session. The General Assembly is scheduled to revert to these issues at a resumed session to be held in May 1996. Although ICSC will not have concluded its session by the time ACC meets on 29 April and the next session of CCAQ(PER) is not scheduled to take place until July 1996, the CCAQ secretariat has been requested to prepare a briefing for executive heads on developments since the last session of ACC, focusing on the issue of common system remuneration. This briefing note will be available prior to the OC session. In addition, a draft ACC statement, should ACC wish to address on the matter the May 1996 resumed session of the General Assembly, is under preparation and will be circulated during the OC session.

(iii) <u>Other issues</u>

Under this item, issues arising from the OC session, and from the reports of other subsidiary bodies requiring ACC's action or attention, will be identified and brought to the attention of ACC.

In line with recent practice, arrangements will be made during the OC session for the preparation of a single paper for ACC, which would also serve as the annotated agenda and incorporate all material requiring ACC attention and/or action.

3. <u>Work of ACC consultative committees and other inter-agency bodies</u>

   (a) <u>Work of ACC consultative committees</u>

   (i) <u>Report of the eighty-fourth session of CCAQ(FB) (ACC/1996/3)</u>
        (<u>FAO headquarters, Rome, 12-16 February 1996</u>)

  (ii) <u>Report of the seventh session of IACSD (ACC/1996/1)</u>
        (<u>United Nations Headquarters, New York, 5-8 February 1996</u>)

 (iii) <u>Report of the eighth session of CCPOQ (ACC/1996/7)</u>
        (<u>Palais des Nations, Geneva, 11-15 March 1996</u>)

   (b) <u>Reports of bodies reporting to OC</u>

   (i) <u>Reports of the Twentieth and Twenty-first Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Meetings</u>
        <u>on Women (ACC/1995/6 and 25) (United Nations Headquarters, New York</u>,
        <u>16-17 November 1995, and 6-8 March 1996</u>)

   (c) <u>Review of ISCC</u>

At its first regular session of 1995, OC had agreed to undertake, at the following session, a review of the functioning of ISCC. This review was then postponed to the first regular session of 1996. A paper prepared by the secretariat of ISCC to facilitate the OC review will be available in advance of the OC session.

4. <u>Other matters</u>

   (a) <u>Future sessions of OC and ACC</u>

The Organizational Committee will need to make recommendations on dates, venues and agendas for future sessions of ACC, and to decide on its own programme for the rest of the year.

   (b) <u>Twenty-fifth anniversary of the International Computing Centre (ICC)</u>

OC was informed at its last session that the International Computing Centre (ICC), in celebration of its twenty-fifth anniversary during 1996, was planning to convene an anniversary conference to coincide with the second regular session of ACC of 1996. ICC had raised, in this connection, the possibility of

establishing a video conference link between the two meetings, including a presentation to ACC on the significance of modern information technology and its impact on management issues. OC noted this proposal and agreed to revert to the issue once the dates of the next session of ACC were determined.

(c) Graça Machel Study on Children as Victims of War

Organizations will be briefed on the Graça Machel Study on Children as Victims of War, which is scheduled for official release by the Secretary-General in the fall of this year.

(d) Follow-up to the ACC decision concerning the co-location in Geneva of inter-agency financed secretariats of ACC subsidiary bodies

The Organizational Committee will receive an oral status report on the issue.

(e) Policy and programme developments in organizations of the United Nations system

The Organizational Committee, at its second regular session in 1994, agreed that one day of its first regular session each year should be devoted to a broad exchange of information and views on policy and programme developments in each organization of relevance to the system as a whole. The Organizational Committee decided that discussions at the first session in 1996 would focus on the issue of the interaction of the organizations of the United Nations system with civil society.

<u>Annex II</u>

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