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Agenda item 2

PREPARATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

Science and technology and the concept of development

Consolidated paper related to the discussion of items  
4, 5 and 6 of the provisional agenda of the Conference,  
prepared by the Secretary-General of the Conference

Addendum

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE

1. At its third session the Preparatory Committee decided 1/ that the discussion papers dealing with the principal items and subitems of the Conference agenda should be integrated into one consolidated discussion paper of approximately 50 pages in length. At its fourth session the Committee decided 2/ that section V of this consolidated discussion paper, dealing with item 6 of the provisional agenda of the Conference (Utilization of the existing United Nations system and of other international organizations), should be in two parts, namely (a) a review of the proposals contained in national and regional papers, and (b) the consolidated comments of the organizations of the United Nations system on these proposals.

2. Section V of the document "Science and technology and the concept of development" (A/CONF.81/PC/42) constitutes part (a) above.

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No.43 (A/34/43), vol. I., annex II, decision 10 (III).

2/ Ibid., vol. II., annex I, decision 16 (IV).

3. As far as part (b) is concerned, an ad hoc interagency meeting, under the auspices of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, was convened at United Nations Headquarters on 14 and 15 June 1979 to prepare the consolidated views of the organizations of the system on the proposals contained in the national and regional papers. After considerable discussion the meeting reached the conclusion that there did not exist a sufficient basis for the preparation of the consolidated comments requested by the Preparatory Committee.

4. As a result, no consolidated comments are before the fifth session of the Preparatory Committee. At the request of UNESCO, the matter has been referred to the second regular session of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination which will be held at Geneva on 2 and 4 July 1979.

5. The outcome of the discussions in ACC on the above-mentioned proposals will be reflected in the relevant Conference document. In the meantime, the United Nations Secretariat stands ready, in advance of the ACC discussions, to convey its position on document A/CONF.81/PC/42 to the Preparatory Committee, should the Committee so desire.