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Annotations

1. Opening of the International Conference on Population, 1984

The International Conference on Population will be convened at the Conference Area of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tlatelolco Centre, Mexico City on Monday, 6 August 1984.

2. Election of the President

Under rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure (E/CONF.76/2), the Conference shall elect a President. Rule 43 provides that all elections shall be by secret ballot, unless the Conference decides otherwise.

3. Organizational and procedural matters

(a) Adoption of the rules of procedure

The Conference will have before it the provisional rules of procedure drawn up by the Preparatory Committee and transmitted to the Conference by the Economic and Social Council in decision 1984/118, including rule 6, which the Council formulated and recommended in the same decision (E/CONF.76/2).

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Preparatory Committee recommended (E/1984/28, recommendation 1) the adoption by the Conference of the provisional agenda set out in the present document.

The recommendations of the Preparatory Committee on the organization of work of the Conference and related matters, as revised by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1984/118, are contained in document E/CONF.76/3.

The Preparatory Committee recommended that items 1 to 4 and 6 of the provisional agenda for the Conference should be allocated to the plenary and item 5 to the Main Committee, which will submit its recommendations to the Conference.

(c) Election of officers other than the President

Draft provisional rules of procedure for the Conference were submitted by the Preparatory Committee to the Economic and Social Council, with the exception of rule 6, which dealt with the officers to be elected by the Conference. The Preparatory Committee recommended that further consultations between regional groups should be held with a view to arriving at an agreement on rule 6 before the opening of the Conference.

Such consultations were held prior to and during the Council's first regular session of 1984 and, in decision 1984/118, the Council recommended that under rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure (E/CONF.76/2), the Conference should elect, in addition to the President, two Vice-Presidents for Co-ordination, 26 other Vice-Presidents, a Rapporteur-General and a Presiding Officer for the Main Committee established under rule 45.

Under rule 9, the President and the above officers shall constitute the General Committee.

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In a footnote to rule 6, the Economic and Social Council recommended that the distribution of posts in the General Committee shall be as follows:

- (a) A President (from the Latin American States);
- (b) Two Vice-Presidents for Co-ordination, one Rapporteur-General and one Presiding Officer for the Main Committee (one from each of the four other regional groups);
- (c) Eight Vice-Presidents from African States;
- (d) Seven Vice-Presidents from Asian States;
- (e) Two Vice-Presidents from Eastern European States;
- (f) Four Vice-Presidents from Latin American States;
- (g) Five Vice-Presidents from Western European and Other States.

The Council also stated in the footnote to rule 6 that it is its understanding that the above composition and distribution of posts among the regional groups shall not constitute a precedent for other conferences or international meetings.

It is hoped that regional groups will be in a position to make known their proposed nominations for the seats on the General Committee at the pre-Conference consultations scheduled for Sunday, 5 August 1984.

(d) Credentials of representatives to the Conference

(i) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

Rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that a Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its thirty-eighth session.

Accordingly, the Preparatory Committee recommended that the Conference should appoint China, Colombia, Indonesia, Jamaica, Mali, Portugal, Uganda, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America as members of the Credentials Committee, on the understanding that, if a State is not present, the Conference should replace the State by another State from the same regional group as designated by that group.

(ii) Report of the Credentials Committee

In accordance with rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of the representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

4. Review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action

The review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action is undertaken by the Secretary-General every five years, in accordance with the recommendations of the Plan of Action. The first review and appraisal was carried out in 1979 when, on the recommendation of the Population Commission, the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 1979/32, in which it, inter alia, urged Member States and regional and international bodies, both governmental and non-governmental, to develop and strengthen further activities designed to implement the World Population Plan of Action, and in particular to take account of the recommendations concerning priority areas for action.

The Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1981/87, inter alia, decided that the International Conference on Population should be devoted to the discussion of selected issues of the highest priority, giving full recognition to the relationships between population and social and economic development with the aim of contributing to the process of review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action and to its further implementation. The Council also decided that the Conference should work within the framework of the existing World Population Plan of Action, the principles and objectives of which continue to be fully valid.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/6, in which it decided that the Population Commission, when acting as the Preparatory Committee for the Conference, should concentrate, inter alia, on the review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action, the Preparatory Committee for the Conference considered the report of the Secretary-General on the second review and appraisal, providing the rationale for further implementation of the Plan of Action.

The Conference will have before it the Secretary-General's report, which has been revised, taking into account the comments made by the Preparatory Committee, as well as others received by the Secretariat since then.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action (E/CONF.76/4).

5. Recommendations for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action

The Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1981/87, inter alia, decided that the International Conference on Population should be devoted to the discussion of as stated earlier selected issues of the highest priority, giving full recognition to the relationships between population and social and economic development with the aim of contributing to the process of review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action and to its further implementation. The Council also decided that the Conference should work within the framework of the existing World Population Plan of Action, the principles and objectives of which continue to be fully valid.

In its resolution 1983/6, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Preparatory Committee for the Conference should concentrate, inter alia, on the formulation of specific recommendations to the Conference on the further implementation of the Plan of Action.

The Economic and Social Council, in decision 1984/118, noted the report of the Preparatory Committee and decided to transmit the recommendations contained therein to the Conference for the further implementation of the Plan of Action.

The attention of the Conference is also drawn to Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/42, in which the Council invited the regional commissions to consider, at their annual sessions in 1984, the report of the Preparatory Committee with a view to formulating suggestions and recommendations for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action at the regional level, and to transmit those suggestions and recommendations to the Conference for its consideration. The General Assembly also, in its resolution 38/148, requested the regional commissions to transmit their suggestions and recommendations to the Conference.

The Conference will have before it for its consideration the recommendations for the further implementation of the Plan of Action, as formulated by the Preparatory Committee, and the report of the Secretary-General on the recommendations of the regional commissions.

Documentation

Recommendations for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action (E/CONF.76/5).

Report of the Secretary-General on the recommendations of the regional commissions for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action at the regional level (E/CONF.76/6).

6. Adoption of the report of the Conference

Under rule 16 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Conference shall adopt a report, the draft of which shall be prepared by the Rapporteur-General.
