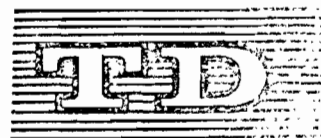




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Third Preparatory Meeting on Vegetable Oils and Oilseeds

Geneva, 8 October 1979

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda has been prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat. It is proposed that the main item for consideration at the Third Preparatory Meeting should be international co-operative action relating to research and development.

Item 2: Consideration of outstanding issues on vegetable oils and oilseeds

In connexion with this item, attention is drawn to resolution 3(VI) of the Ad hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Integrated Programme for Commodities (see annex) concerning progress of work in preparatory meetings. At its third session (July 1977) the Ad hoc Committee also urged Governments "to move more decisively towards appropriate action on individual commodities, within the deadlines set by resolution 95(IV), inter alia, by:

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(c) Undertaking expeditiously the task of preparing draft proposals for negotiation on the commodities where the basis for international arrangements has emerged." 1/

(a) Research and development

The Second Preparatory Meeting had before it a report entitled "The role of research and development and improved market intelligence in improving the competitive position of developing countries", prepared by the FAO secretariat in consultation with the UNCTAD secretariat (TD/B/IPC/OILS/7). The late distribution of the document hampered discussion of the subject at the meeting.

At the Third Preparatory Meeting Governments may wish to give further consideration to the subject of research and development, including production and processing research and development and end-use research. Attention is drawn to arrangements made to develop projects and programmes on research and development on other commodities, such as jute and hard fibres, as a result of decisions taken at Preparatory Meetings on those commodities. The decisions taken at the third session of the United Nations Negotiating Conference on a Common Fund under the Integrated Programme for Commodities on the fundamental elements of the Common Fund are also relevant. Governments may wish to include technical advisers in their delegations to assist discussion of this item.

The secretariat will submit a brief note on this item (TD/B/IPC/OILS/10).

1/ Resolution 1 (III), para. 9 (TD/B/IPC/AC/11, annex I).

(b) Other issues

The Second Preparatory Meeting considered that it should be given a further opportunity to examine outstanding issues, in particular those identified for further consideration in its report (TD/B/IPC/OILS/3) and those pending from the report of the First Preparatory Meeting (TD/B/IPC/OILS/3).

Item 3: Consideration of Follow-up action

The Preparatory Meeting may wish to recommend follow-up action on the substantive items discussed.

Item 5: Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Meeting

In connexion with the preparation of the report, attention is drawn to sub-paragraph 9(d) of resolution 1 (III) of the Ad hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Integrated Programme for Commodities concerning the possibility of resorting to briefer, communiqué-type reports

Annex

TEXT OF SECTION II OF RESOLUTION 3 (VI) OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE
FOR THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES
(15 July 1978)

The Ad hoc Intergovernmental Committee,

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6. Expresses its concern at the slow pace of progress in the preparatory work on individual commodities and, while recognizing the positive achievements made so far and the complexity of the issues encountered, stresses the importance of making more rapid progress in the attainment of the objectives of the Integrated Programme;

7. Reiterates the need for the over-all approach of the Integrated Programme, while respecting the characteristics of individual commodities, in order to achieve the objectives of Conference resolution 93 (IV);

8. Draws the attention of Governments participating in Preparatory Meetings to the provisions of its resolution 1 (III);

9. Invites Governments participating in the Preparatory Meetings, in the course of their future work, to take into account the discussions at the current session of the Ad hoc Intergovernmental Committee of the difficulties encountered in the implementation of the Integrated Programme and of the main policy issues;

10. Further invites Governments participating in the Preparatory Meetings to make additional efforts to overcome these difficulties and to deal with the main issues, with a view to reaching policy decisions as soon as possible and achieving substantial results so as to implement Conference resolution 93 (IV) during the remaining part of the time-table of the Integrated Programme,

11. Urges the Preparatory Meetings and Governments participating therein to continue their efforts to identify international action suited to the requirements of individual commodities and prepare, if possible by the end of 1978, programmes of work of the Preparatory Meetings;

12. Emphasizes the need, inter alia, for:

- (a) Continued work to achieve stable conditions in commodity trade in accordance with the objectives outlined in Conference resolution 93 (IV), section I, through the implementation of international measures in accordance with that resolution;
- (b) Adoption of measures, other than those aimed at stabilization, in accordance with Conference resolution 93 (IV);

13. Emphasizes further the desirability of full and active participation in the Preparatory Meetings on individual commodities on the part of all Governments interested in the trade of the individual commodity under consideration.