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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Provisional agenda and organization of work of the World Summit for Social Development

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Zbigniew Wlosowicz (Poland), on the basis of informal consultations

The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Recalls General Assembly resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992, by which the Assembly decided to convene a World Summit for Social Development at the level of heads of State or Government;

(b) Takes into account General Assembly resolution 48/100 of 20 December 1993, by which the Assembly recalled the decision taken by the Preparatory Committee, at its organizational session to convene the Summit at Copenhagen on 11 and 12 March 1995, preceded by a meeting of personal representatives of heads of State or Government or other appropriate high-level representatives specifically designated by Governments, from 6 to 10 March 1995;

(c) Notes that, in accordance with rule 46 of its rules of procedure, the Summit may establish a main committee, as required;

(d) Recommends that oral statements to be presented during the Summit not exceed seven minutes, it being understood that full-length statements may be circulated in writing;

(e) Expresses its appreciation to Governments that have contributed to the Trust Fund established by the Secretary-General to mobilize voluntary contributions in support of the preparations for the Summit and calls upon all States, public and private organizations and individuals to contribute generously to the Trust Fund to facilitate the fullest participation from the least developed countries in the Summit;

(f) Recommends that the Summit adopt the provisional agenda and organization of work annexed to the present decision.

Annex I

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Inaugural ceremony.
2. Election of the President.
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
4. Adoption of the agenda.
5. Election of officers other than the President.
6. Organization of work, including establishment of the Main Committee.*
7. Credentials of representatives to the Summit:
 - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
8. General exchange of views.
9. Meeting of heads of State or Government.
10. Adoption of the Summit Declaration and Programme of Action.
11. Adoption of the report of the Summit.

* The Chairman of the Main Committee would be elected by the plenary; officers of the Main Committee other than the Chairman would be elected by the Main Committee.

Annex II

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, 6-12 MARCH 1995

For purposes of the organization of work contained in the appendix below, the following guidelines will apply:

(a) Statements to be presented through 6-12 March will be limited to seven minutes. Longer statements may be circulated in writing. Each Government may present two statements during the Summit;

(b) During the period 6-10 March, a general exchange of views will be held at which personal representatives of heads of State or Government or other appropriate high-level representatives specifically designated by Governments may make statements. Executive heads of agencies of the United Nations system, as well as representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations and intergovernmental organizations, may also present statements in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Summit;

(c) It is suggested that statements to be delivered during the general exchange of views on each day place special emphasis on specific themes, as outlined in the work schedule below, it being understood that, notwithstanding such themes, speakers may address in their statements any of the topics on the Summit's agenda;*

(d) On 1 February 1995, the Secretariat will open a list of speakers for the general exchange of views (6-10 March) and for the meeting of heads of State or Government (11-12 March);

(e) When inscribing themselves on the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (6-10 March), speakers should indicate the (thematic) session at which they would like to present their statement;

(f) On 11 and 12 March, statements will normally be presented by heads of State or Government on the basis of a speaker's list to be drawn up by the Secretariat in accordance with established procedure;

(g) Normal meeting hours for the Summit will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

* It is understood that the schedule will, by necessity, be adjusted in accordance with the requests registered by the Secretariat.

Appendix

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

(a) 6 March, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- (i) Inaugural ceremony
- (ii) Adoption of the agenda of the Summit*
- (iii) Opening of the general exchange of views

(b) 6 March, 3 to 6 p.m.

Continuation of the general exchange of views

Suggested theme for the general exchange of views on 6 March:

"An enabling environment for social development"

(c) 7 March, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Continuation of the general exchange of views

3 to 6 p.m.

Suggested theme for the general exchange of views on 7 March:

"Eradication of poverty"

(d) 8 March

Suggested theme for the general exchange of views on 8 March
(International Women's Day):

"Gender perspective: enhancing the participation of women in social
progress and development"

(e) 9 March

Suggested theme for the general exchange of views on 9 March:

"Productive employment and the reduction of unemployment"

* Including establishment of the Main Committee to resolve any outstanding issues. The Main Committee will conduct its work, as required, during the period 6-10 March parallel to the general exchange of views.

(f) 10 March

Suggested theme for the general exchange of views on 10 March:

"Social integration"

(g) 11 March, 10 to 11 a.m.

Welcoming ceremony for heads of State or Government

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

3 to 6 p.m.

Statements by heads of State or Government

(h) 12 March, 10 a.m.* to 1 p.m.

3 to 6 p.m.

Statements by heads of State or Government

7 to 9 p.m.

Adoption of the Summit Declaration and Programme of Action and of the Summit report. Closing statements.

* The morning meeting on 12 March may be held at 9 a.m. if the number of statements to be delivered on that day so warrant.