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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Council at its 1390th meeting on 22 July 1965, decided to consider item 10 of the agenda for its thirty-ninth session,^{1/} "Report of the Trade and Development Board," at a resumed session to be convened primarily for that purpose before the report of the Board was taken up by the General Assembly at its twentieth session.

After consultation with the President of the Council, the Secretary-General proposes that the first meeting of the resumed session should be held on Monday, 22 November, to consider the report of the Board^{2/} and a number of other matters discussed below which could conveniently be taken up at that time. He also proposes that some further meetings of the resumed session be held in the second half of December to take up other questions which cannot be considered until the decisions of the General Assembly on a number of related matters are known.

2. At the 1390th meeting, the Council decided to consider at the resumed thirty-ninth session item 38 of its agenda, "Basic programme of work of the Council in 1966 and consideration of the provisional agenda for the fortieth session." Since the Council will wish, in drawing up its programme of work, to take account of any relevant decisions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth session, the Secretary-General would suggest

^{1/} E/4018.

^{2/} It is expected that the report (A/6023 and Add.1-3) will be issued in the working languages not later than 16 November.

that item 38 be taken up at the later meetings of the resumed session, to be held in the second half of December, after the Second and Third Committees have finished their work. At that time, the Council will have before it a draft programme prepared by the Secretary-General, and a working paper containing proposals regarding the disposal of items arising out of the General Assembly.

3. At its 1391st meeting, the Council, in its resolution 1072 (XXXIX) on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, requested the Secretary-General to provide it, at the resumed session, with any additional information available regarding progress in the establishment of the Institute. The Council may wish to consider this question also during the later meetings of the resumed session, in December, at which time the Secretary-General will make a progress report to it.

4. At its 1355th meeting, during the thirty-eighth session, the Council decided to defer the election, for terms of office to begin on 1 January 1966, of four members of the Committee for Industrial Development and of six members of the Technical Assistance Committee until the General Assembly had elected the 1966 membership of the Council. It will also be recalled that action is pending in the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Council, contained in its resolution 1020 (XXXVII), for the consolidation of the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in a United Nations Development Programme, and the establishment of a single inter-governmental committee to perform the functions previously exercised by TAC and the Governing Council of the Special Fund.

The Council may therefore wish to defer the question of the election of members of the Technical Assistance Committee until the later meetings of the resumed session, in December.

As regards the election of members of the Committee for Industrial Development, the Council's attention is drawn to the note (E/4125) prepared by the Secretary-General in which he has suggested that as a result of the increase in the membership of the Council to which the Committee's membership is linked, the Council may wish to consider the composition of the Committee. Should the Council agree to do so, it may wish to include in the agenda an additional item entitled "Composition of the Committee for Industrial Development," and to take it up at

the meetings to be held in November. The election of members of the Committee could be held at the later meetings of the resumed session in December, under an item entitled "Elections."

5. At the later meetings of the resumed session, the Council may also wish to proceed, under the item "Elections", to the election of the seven members of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations. In accordance with rule 82 of the rules of procedure of the Council, these members are elected at the resumed session to hold office for the following calendar year.

6. At its 1393rd meeting on 29 July 1965, the Council approved its calendar of conferences for 1966, subject to review at the resumed thirty-ninth session in the light particularly of the decisions of the General Assembly regarding the pattern of conferences.

The Council may wish to consider this question during the later meetings of the resumed session to be held in December, after the General Assembly has acted in the matter.

At the same time, the Council may wish to consider arrangements to be made for meetings in 1966 of the Special Committee on Co-ordination as reconstituted by Council resolution 1090 G (XXXIX). The Secretary-General will issue a note on this subject.

7. The Council, at its 1352nd meeting, when it decided upon the agenda for the resumed thirty-seventh session, also agreed upon the suggestion of the Secretary-General to defer consideration of amendments to its rules of procedure consequent upon changes which it had decided to make in its pattern of meetings, until the General Assembly had reviewed the pattern of conferences. At that time it had before it a note by the Secretary-General (E/3997).

Since the General Assembly did not act upon this matter at the nineteenth session and since in the meantime it has been decided to undertake a review of the Council's role and functions, the Secretary-General would suggest that the Council may wish further to postpone for the time being the question of amendments in its rules of procedure consequent upon changes in its pattern of meetings.

8. The Council, in its resolution 1080 (XXXIX), recommended that the General Assembly decide to place the World Food Programme on a continuing basis. Paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, which the Council recommended that the General Assembly adopt on the subject, reads as follows:

"Requests the Economic and Social Council and the Food and Agriculture Organization Council at their first meetings after the adoption of this resolution by the General Assembly and the Food and Agriculture Organization Conference respectively to elect to the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme twelve members each for terms of... years and to proceed to similar elections every... years thereafter;"

Paragraph 6 of the same resolution reads:

"Requests the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee to review the General Regulations of the Programme in the light of the present resolution and calls upon the Economic and Social Council and the Food and Agriculture Organization Council to take appropriate action thereon."

The Intergovernmental Committee at its eighth session held in Rome from 11 to 15 October 1965, both suggested some modification in the election procedure provided for in paragraph 5 of the draft resolution quoted above - and consequently in the wording of paragraph 5 - and drew up revised General Regulations for the programme.

In the circumstances, the Secretary-General would suggest that the Council may wish to include an additional item in its agenda entitled "Continuation of the World Food Programme", under which it could consider, at its meetings to be held in November, the proposed amendments to paragraph 5 regarding the election procedure, before the draft resolution is taken up by the General Assembly.

Should the General Assembly subsequently adopt a draft resolution as recommended by the Council, continuing the World Food Programme, the Council could then, at the later meetings of the resumed session to be held in December, consider the revised General Regulations proposed by the Intergovernmental Committee. The election of members of the Intergovernmental Committee could also take place in December, under the item "Elections".

The Council will have before it a report by the Intergovernmental Committee on these questions, which will be issued shortly. It will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General (E/4127).

9. In document E/4126 the Secretary-General has brought to the Council's attention a draft resolution recommended by the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning for adoption by the Council, which would appear to require early consideration.

Should the Council decide to consider the Committee's proposal at the resumed thirty-ninth session, it may wish to do so at the later meetings of the session, in December, under an additional item entitled "Question of the establishment of an international institute for documentation on housing, building and planning."

10. Should the Council agree to the above proposals, the agenda for the resumed thirty-ninth session would be as follows:

- (a) Report of the Trade and Development Board.
- (b) Composition of the Committee for Industrial Development.
- (c) Continuation of the World Food Programme.
- (d) Progress report on the establishment of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research.
- (e) Question of the establishment of an international institute for documentation on housing, building and planning.
- (f) Review of the calendar of conferences for 1966.
- (g) Elections:
 - (i) Election of members of the Committee for Industrial Development.
 - (ii) Election of members of the Technical Assistance Committee.**
 - (iii) Election of members of the Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme.*
 - (iv) Election of members of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.***
- (h) Basic programme of work of the Council in 1966 and consideration of the provisional agenda for the fortieth session.

* Subject to action by the General Assembly. See paragraph 8 above.

** Subject to action by the General Assembly on the recommendations contained in Council resolution 1020 (XXXVII). See paragraph 4 above.

*** See paragraph 5 above.

Items (a) and (b), and that part of item (c) which concerns the procedure for election of members of the Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme, could be taken up at the meetings to be held in November and items (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) and the remainder of item (c) at meetings to be held in the second half of December.
