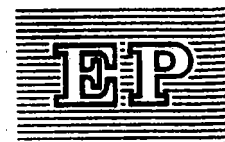




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AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

Note by the Executive Director

I. Introduction

1. At its 27th meeting on 21 March 1974, the Governing Council adopted the provisional agenda for its third session ^{1/}.

2. In the light of the experience gained since the second session of the Governing Council in organizing the work of UNEP and in preparing for the third session of the Council, the Executive Director wishes to suggest the following modifications to the provisional agenda for the third session:

(a) Item 7 is re-titled "Programme matters"

(b) Item 7(b): In order to comply more closely with the requirements of Governing Council decision 5(II) and particularly with the programmatic approach and catalytic role of UNEP approved in paragraph 2 of that decision, and to ensure a more coherent approach to the three levels of UNEP's Programme, this item should be divided and modified as follows:

"7(b): The proposed Programme

"7(c): Proposed Fund Programme activities (revised 1975 and proposed 1976-1977)"

(c) Item 7(d): Former item 7(c) becomes item 7(d);

(d) Item 7(e): Former item 7(d) becomes item 7(e);

(e) Item 8 is retitled "United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (HABITAT): progress report", in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3325 (XXIX).

3. These suggested modifications have been incorporated in the provisional agenda set out in section II of the present document, and the Governing Council is invited to take them into account in adopting the agenda for its third session.

1/ Report of the Governing Council on the work of its second session, Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth session. Supplement No. 25, (A/9625), page 83.

4. The report of the Governing Council on its second session was considered by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-seventh session, when it adopted resolution 1883 (LVII), taking note with satisfaction of the report and inviting the Executive Director to continue to bear in mind the need for the Programme to be in line with both the International Development Strategy and the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development, and with the relevant provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic order adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth special session. By resolution 1882 (LVII) the Economic and Social Council recommended that the General Assembly should establish an international institution for human habitat management and environmental design and improvement of human settlements, to be called the International Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, and that the Foundation should be established in accordance with decision 16 (II) of the Governing Council.

5. Subsequently, the report of the Governing Council was considered by the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session. The Assembly adopted the following resolutions on 16 December 1974:

3326 (XXIX): Report of the Governing Council

3327 (XXIX): Establishment of a United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation

3325 (XXIX): United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (HABITAT)

6. The Governing Council may wish to take these resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly into account, as appropriate in the work of its third session. It may also wish to take note of the following resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

3337 (XXIX): International co-operation to combat desertification

3344 (XXIX): World Population Conference

3348 (XXIX): World Food Conference

3213 (XXIX): Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency

3253 (XXIX): Consideration of the economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian region stricken by drought and measures to be taken for the benefit of that region.

3343 (XXIX): Special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation

3226 (XXIX): Effects of atomic radiation

3264 (XXIX): Prohibition of action to influence the environment and climate for military and other purposes incompatible with the maintenance of international security, human well-being and health.

- 3281 (XXIX): Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States
- 3345 (XXIX): Research into the inter-relationships among population, development, resources and environment
- 1914 (LVII): Rationalization of the work of the International Habitat and Human Settlement Foundation with the work of the Centre for Housing, Building and Planning.

7. The annotations to the provisional agenda (see section III below) are intended to facilitate the proceedings of the Governing Council at its third session. Suggestions concerning the time-table of the work of the session are contained in Section IV.

II. Provisional agenda for the third session ^{2/}

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 - (b) The proposed Programme;
 - (c) Proposed Fund Programme activities (revised 1975 and proposed 1976-1977);
 - (d) Determination of environmental elements for inclusion in the criteria for the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;
 - (e) The role of the United Nations Environment Programme in the attainment of the Science and technology objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade and the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development
8. United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (HABITAT): progress report
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 - (a) Report on the implementation of the Fund Programme in 1974
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 - (c) Review and approval of the Fund Programme for 1975, 1976 and 1977
 - (d) Review of the Secretary-General's proposals regarding the United Nations Environment Programme in the regular budget of the United Nations

^{2/} As adopted by the Governing Council at its 27th meeting on 21 March 1974, and incorporating the modifications suggested in Section I, paragraph 2, of the present document.

12. Question of convening a second United Nations conference on the human environment
13. Implementation of the request addressed to the Governing Council by the General Assembly in its resolution 3129 (XXVIII)
14. Provisional agenda, date and place of the fourth session of the Governing Council
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17. Closure of the session.

III. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1. Opening of the session

The third session of the Governing Council will be opened by the President of the Governing Council's second session or, in his absence, by one of the other officers of the Council's second session.

Item 2. Election of officers

Rule 18 of the rules of procedures provides for the election by the Council, at the commencement of the first meeting of its annual regular session, of a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur who shall constitute the Bureau of the Governing Council. The rule further provides that in electing its officers the Governing Council shall have due regard to the principle of equitable geographic representation and that the offices of President and Rapporteur shall be subject to rotation among the five groups of States referred to in Section I, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII).

The Governing Council, at its second session, elected as its President the representative of an African State and as its Rapporteur the representative of an Eastern European State.

Should the Governing Council decide to establish sessional committees, as is suggested in the annotation to item 3, those committees would elect their own officers, in accordance with rule 61 of the rules of procedure, unless otherwise decided by the Governing Council. In this connexion, the Council may recall that it established two sessional committees during its second session, designating as Chairman of Sessional Committee I one of the Vice-Presidents of the Council, the representative of a member of the group of Western European and other States, and as Chairman of Sessional Committee II another of the Vice-Presidents, the representative of an Asian State. The rapporteurs of the Sessional Committees were elected, Sessional Committee I electing the representative of an Asian State and Sessional Committee II the representative of a Western European State.

Item 3. Agenda and organization of the work of the session

The provisional agenda for the third session of the Governing Council, as adopted by the Council at its second session and incorporating the modifications suggested by the Executive Director in the present note, is set out in Section II above. The Governing Council may wish to consider adopting the agenda as modified.

After the adoption of the agenda, and before proceeding to the next item of business, the Council may wish to consider how the work of the session should be organized.

In view of the experience gained in the organization of the work of the first and second sessions, the Executive Director wishes to make the following suggestions concerning the organization of the work of the third session:

(i) A brief general discussion may be held in plenary meetings at the beginning of the session, under provisional agenda item 5, "Introductory report of the Executive Director", which is of a general policy character. Other items, also of a policy character, which could be considered during the general discussion are items 6, 7(d) and 7(e);

(ii) The Governing Council may wish to establish a sessional Committee (Sessional Committee I) under rule 60 of the rules of procedure, to consider item 7(a), (b) and (c) and report thereon to the Governing Council;

(iii) Another sessional committee (Sessional Committee II) may be similarly established to consider provisional agenda items 10 and 11, and report thereon to the Governing Council;

(iv) In view of the close relationship between items 7(c) and 11(c), the work of the two sessional committees should be so organized that the recommendations of Sessional Committee II concerning the total amounts to be made available for Fund Programme activities over the period 1975-1977 may be conveyed to Sessional Committee I before its consideration of item 7(c). The apportionment among Fund Programme activities of the total amount recommended by Sessional Committee II would be considered by Sessional Committee I;

(v) The time-table of plenary meetings and sessional committee meetings should be such that not more than two official meetings are held concurrently at any time.

These suggestions, and others made elsewhere in these annotations, are reflected in the suggested time-table of meetings contained in section IV of the present document.

Item 4. Credentials of representatives

According to rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of representatives at the third session of the Council will be examined by the Bureau, which shall submit its report to the Council.

It should be noted that under rule 16 of the rules of procedure each State member of the Governing Council is to be represented by one accredited representative who may be accompanied by such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Item 5. Introductory report of the Executive Director (UNEP/GC/28)

The introductory report of the Executive Director (UNEP/GC/28) reports on major developments since the second session of the Governing Council and seeks to draw certain general policy matters to the attention of the Governing Council. It will be complemented by the introductory statement of the Executive Director to the Council.

In view of their general policy implications, the Governing Council may also wish to consider under this agenda item the Report of the Environment Co-ordination Board on its third and fourth sessions (UNEP/GC/29), and the reports by the Executive Director under agenda items 7(d) and (e) (UNEP/GC/33 and 34).

Item 6. Report of the Environment Co-ordination Board (UNEP/GC/29)

The Environment Co-ordination Board held its third session on 16 and 17 April 1974 and its fourth session on 28 October 1974. The Board decided to present to the Governing Council a brief consolidated report on these sessions, highlighting the main policy issues it had considered. The Governing Council may wish to take note of this report (UNEP/GC/29) and to take it into account, as appropriate, in its consideration of other agenda items.

Item 7. Programme matters

(a) Review of the environmental situation and of activities relating to the Environment Programme (UNEP/GC/30)

A recurrent review was called for by General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII). At its second session the Governing Council considered a conceptual framework and experimental presentation of the Review and in its decision 7 (II) requested the Executive Director:

"to ensure that a more advanced phase of the review is presented to the Governing Council at its third session, covering in full at least one of the priority areas defined by the Council at its first session".

Accordingly, the Executive Director has presented a review of the subject area "Land, water and desertification" covering (i) Arid Lands (including desertification), (ii) Soil loss operations, (iii) Tropical woodlands and forests, and (iv) Water quality. This is introduced by a general statement on the state of the environment, focusing on some of the crucial issues which have been the subject of world concern in the past year. The report also contains background information on the preparation of the Review and an outline of suggested action by the Governing Council.

(b) The Proposed Programme (UNEP/GC/31 and Adds. 1-4)

At its second session the Governing Council adopted decision 8 (II) concerning the proposals for future action contained on the report of the Executive Director (UNEP/GC/14/Add.2) in the light of the context for action and reports on initiated action contained therein, and of the discussions in Sessional Committee I.

At its fifty-seventh session the Economic and Social Council, apart from recommending the establishment by the General Assembly of the International Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation and inviting the Executive Director to bear in mind the need for the Programme to be in line with various international instruments (see Section I, paragraph 4 above), also invited "the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate actively in carrying out the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme, allocating the necessary priorities for the maximum success of those activities".

The General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, having considered the provisions contained in the Governing Council's decisions, adopted resolution 3326 (XXIX) by which it notes with satisfaction the report of the Governing Council on the work of its second session and its adopted work programme.

In response to the Governing Council decisions, the Executive Director has submitted to the Council information and proposals concerning the priority subject areas and functional tasks of the Programme, as well as on the future development of the Programme (document UNEP/GC/31). The structure and contents of the document are explained in its introductory section.

Within the framework of objectives formulated at its second session, the Governing Council is expected at its third session to adopt the strategies proposed under different subject areas and to define the role of UNEP in carrying them out. An outline of the suggested action by the Governing Council will appear as document UNEP/GC/31/Add.4.

The Governing Council will also have before it a report on energy prepared by a senior consultant, incorporating the comments on it of a group of experts (UNEP/GC/31/Add.1). The sections of the proposed programme relating to GEMS and IRS will appear as document UNEP/GC/31/Add.2 and 3 respectively.

(c) Proposed Fund Programme activities (revised 1975
and proposed 1976-1977) (UNEP/GC/32)

In order to provide a systematic presentation of the three levels of the Programme under agenda item 7, the detailed presentation of Fund Programme activities for the years 1975-1977 has been transferred from agenda item 11(c) to a revised agenda item 7(c). The total figures for Fund Programme activities will of course be included as part of the overall presentation of the Fund Programme under agenda item 11(c).

In accordance with decision 10 (II), the Governing Council is also required to decide on the apportionment of future resources available for Fund Programme activities in the light of the proposals submitted by the Executive Director and to approve the forward commitment authority for Fund Programme activities in the second biennial cycle 1978 and 1979.

(d) Determination of environmental elements for inclusion
in the criteria for the review and appraisal of the
International Development Strategy for the Second
United Nations Development Decade (UNEP/GC/33)

This document will discuss experience so far acquired during the Second Development Decade, some of the main development-environment problems now facing countries, especially the developing countries, and selected priority policy measures and action programmes in the field of environment and development which should be considered in the context of the mid-term review of the International Development Strategy at the special session of the General Assembly in September 1975.

(e) The role of UNEP in the attainment of the Science and Technology objectives of the Second Development Decade and the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development (UNEP/GC/34)

This document will compare the eight sectors selected by the World Plan of Action with the six priority subject areas selected by the Governing Council and will indicate the common areas of interest and what UNEP is or will be doing to promote the attainment of the goals of the World Plan of Action.

Item 8. United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (HABITAT): Progress report (UNEP/GC/35)

At its 27th meeting, on 21 March 1974, the Governing Council adopted decision 15 (II) whereby it agreed to participate in the financing of the Exposition element of the Conference-Exposition and requested the Executive Director to submit at its third session a complete budget. The decision authorized the Executive Director, in the intervening period, to use a sum of not more than \$1.5 million for 1974 and 1975 from the resources apportioned to the area of "Human settlements, human health, habitat and well-being" and requested him to provide it, at its third session, with a precise accounting of the allocation of the sum in question. The Council was invited to consider, if necessary, at its third session any further financing of the exposition component in the light of the budget referred to above and of the results of the efforts of the Executive Director, in co-operation with the Secretary-General of the Conference-Exposition, to obtain other substantial contributions.

At its twenty-ninth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 3325 (XXIX), changing the title of the Conference-Exposition to "The United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (HABITAT)".

The Governing Council may wish to take note of the progress report on the work undertaken in preparation for the Conference (UNEP/GC/35). This report comprises two main parts. The first is a detailed budget of the UNEP contribution to the Conference, with an itemized account of the sums already spent and an indication of those earmarked for the current year. The second is a brief introduction to the full report of the first session of the Preparatory Committee of the Conference transmitted to the Governing Council by the Secretary-General in accordance with resolution 3325 (XXIX).

Item 9. International Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation (IHHSF): implementation of Governing Council decision 16 (II) (UNEP/GC/36)

The General Assembly, by resolution 3327 (XXIX) of 16 December 1974, decided to establish as of 1 January 1975 an international institution for habitat management and environmental design and improvement of human settlements to be called the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation. This action of the General Assembly was recommended by the Governing Council in its decision 16 A (II) of 21 March 1974 and also by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-seventh session in its resolution 1882 (LVII).

Under paragraph 1(c) of the Annex to resolution 3327 (XXIX), the Executive Director is instructed to prepare a plan and programme of operations for the Foundation which reflects the primary operative objectives of the Foundation as stated in the same resolution.

The Governing Council will have before it for its consideration and approval the report of the Executive Director containing the proposed plan and programme of operations for the Foundation.

Item 10. Matters arising from the general procedures governing the operation of the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme

The general procedures were adopted by the Governing Council at its first session (A/9025, Annex I, decision 2(I)). Following decisions at the second session of the Governing Council, five documents are presented under this item.

(1) General guidelines for the execution of projects (UNEP/GC/37)

Article VIII, paragraph 4 of the general procedures provides that "Arrangements for the execution of projects shall accord with general guidelines to be approved by the Governing Council on the recommendation of the Executive Director". At its second session, the Governing Council agreed to the request of the Executive Director that consideration of guidelines for the execution of projects be deferred to the third session of the Council. The recommendations of the Executive Director are contained in the document entitled "General guidelines for the execution of projects" (UNEP/GC/37).

(2) Amendments to the general procedures governing the operations of the Fund of UNEP and to the Financial Rules of the Fund (UNEP/GC/38)

At its second session, the Governing Council approved decision 10(II) which in its paragraph (i) states that "The Executive Director shall present to the Governing Council at its third session suggestions for amendments to the General Procedures governing the operations of the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme necessitated by the adoption of this decision". These suggestions are presented to the Governing Council for its approval in document UNEP/GC/38.

In addition, the document contains suggestions for amendments to the general procedures and to the Financial Rules of the Fund in the light of the changes in the presentation of the budget of UNEP suggested in document UNEP/GC/42 submitted under agenda item 11(b) and (c).

(3) Review of the level of the Fund Programme Reserve (UNEP/GC/39)

At its second session, the Governing Council approved decision 13(II), which in its section A, paragraph 3 authorizes the allocation of \$1,600,000 in 1974 and provisionally authorizes the allocation of \$900,000 in 1975 for Fund Programme Reserve activities, subject to review of the level of the Fund Programme Reserve by the Governing Council at its third session.

The Governing Council is invited to review the considerations presented by the Executive Director in document UNEP/GC/39.

(4) Review of the level of the Financial Reserve (UNEP/GC/45)

At its second session, the Governing Council approved decision 13(II) which in its section A, paragraph 1, "Decides that the financial reserve shall be constituted by deducting 7.5 per cent from voluntary contributions paid, up to \$1,650,000 and that the level of the financial reserve will be reviewed by the Governing Council at its third session".

The Governing Council is invited to review the considerations presented by the Executive Director in document UNEP/GC/45.

(5) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme: Financial report and accounts and report of the Board of Auditors (UNEP/GC/52)

The relevant reports for the year ended 31 December 1973 were submitted to the General Assembly as document A/9607/Add.6 (Official Records of the Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 7 A). The Executive Director will report on action taken in response to the Governing Council's request at its second session, (A/9625, Annex IV, para. 19) that audited accounts of the previous year should be available at each session.

Item 11. Financial and Budgetary matters

(a) Report on the implementation of the Fund Programme in 1974 (UNEP/GC/40, 46, 47 and 48)

In accordance with article XIV of the general procedures, the Executive Director is required to report to the Governing Council on the implementation of the Fund Programme. Article VI, paragraph 6 further requires him to inform the Council at each session of all projects which have been approved in the interval since its previous session and of progress made in the implementation of projects.

The Executive Director submits under this item two reports, entitled "Report on Fund Programme activities, 1974" (UNEP/GC/40) and "Report on Fund Programme Reserve activities, 1974" (UNEP/GC/48). He furthermore intends to submit two additional reports, as requested by the Governing Council at its second session, on the Revolving Fund (Information) (UNEP/GC/47) and the pre-feasibility study for the construction of UNEP headquarters in Nairobi (UNEP/GC/46); the full report of the expert engaged to conduct the study will also be available in a limited number of copies in English only.

The Revolving Fund (Information) was established by decision 11(II) which in its paragraph (e) requested the Executive Director "to inform the Governing Council at each session of the transactions financed from the Revolving Fund (Information) and to present a balance sheet at the end of each financial year" and in its paragraph (g) stipulated that he "shall provide and enforce rules governing the use of the Revolving Fund (Information) and shall report such rules to the Governing Council".

As to the pre-feasibility study on the environmental aspects of the construction of permanent headquarters for the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi, the Council, in its decision 13 B (II), paragraph 2, requested the Executive Director "to prepare a report, in consultation with the Secretary-General, for presentation to the Governing Council at its third session".

- (b) Approval of the Medium-term plan for 1976-1979
- (c) Review and approval of the Fund Programme for 1975, 1976 and 1977
- (d) Review of the Secretary-General's proposals regarding the United Nations Environment Programme in the regular budget of the United Nations

Under these three sub-items the Executive Director presents five documents, each of which covers one or two of the above three sub-items:

- (1) Review of the Fund Programme for 1975, review and approval of the medium-term plan (1976-1979) and approval of the Fund Programme for 1976 and 1977 (UNEP/GC/41)

This document will present an overall view of item 11(b) and (c) and item 11(c) will be dealt with in detail in three other documents: "Proposed Fund Programme activities (revised 1975 and proposed 1976-1977)" (UNEP/GC/32, to be considered under item 7(c)); "Revised 1975 Budget for Programme and programme support costs" (UNEP/GC/49), and "Proposed budget for Programme and programme support costs 1976 - 1977" (UNEP/GC/50, which will also include material relevant to item 11(d)).

It will present the Executive Director's proposals regarding the Fund Programme for the year 1975, detailed proposals for the years 1976 and 1977 and an indication of trends for the second biennial cycle 1978-1979.

The Governing Council is invited to review those proposals and to approve the overall appropriation of the funds for the Fund Programme activities, the Fund Programme Reserve, the Financial Reserve and the budget for Programme and programme support costs for the years 1975, 1976 and 1977, as well as to review and approve the general proposals made for 1978 and 1979.

- (2) The establishment of the rationale for the allocation of the expenses of UNEP between the United Nations regular budget and the Environment Fund and the format of the budget of the Environment Fund (UNEP/GC/42)

The Executive Director submits document UNEP/GC/42 in accordance with decision 13 A (II) which in its paragraph 7 "Notes the Executive Director's declared intent to consult with the Secretary-General to establish the rationale for the allocation of expenses between the United Nations regular budget and the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme and to report to the Governing Council at its third session". The document also puts forward specific proposals concerning the format of the budget of the Environment Fund.

(3) "Revised 1975 budget for Programme and programme support costs" (UNEP/GC/49)

At its second session, the Governing Council had approved the 1974 and 1975 budgets for "Programme support costs" and "Administrative costs of the Fund".

In document UNEP/GC/49, which is to be considered under agenda item 11(c), the Executive Director presents his proposals for review and approval by the Governing Council of the revised 1975 budget for "Programme and programme support costs" which, as proposed in document UNEP/GC/42 above, shows the merged budgets of "Programme support costs" and "Administrative costs of the Fund".

(4) "Proposed budget for Programme and programme support costs 1976-1977" (UNEP/GC/50)

In document UNEP/GC/50, which is to be considered under items 11(c) and (d), the Executive Director presents his proposals for review and approval by the Governing Council of the 1976 and 1977 proposed budget in the manner explained in the above paragraph.

The report includes a consolidated presentation of the proposed Fund Programme and the proposed section regarding UNEP (Section 14) in the regular budget of the United Nations for the biennium 1976-1977. The Governing Council may wish to review the latter proposals with a view to having its comments thereon brought to the attention of the General Assembly when it considers at its thirtieth session the proposed regular budget of the Organization for the biennium 1976-1977.

(5) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the revised 1975 and proposed 1976-1977 budgets for Programme and programme support costs (UNEP/GC/L.26)

In accordance with article X of the Financial Rules of the Fund, the Executive Director submitted to ACABQ, for its examination and comment, his proposals concerning the Programme and programme support costs (UNEP/GC/49 and 50). The comments of ACABQ are contained in document UNEP/GC/L.26.

Item 12. Question of convening a second United Nations Conference on the Human Environment (UNEP/GC/48)

At its XXIX session the General Assembly in resolution 3326 (XXIX) took note with satisfaction of the report of the Governing Council on the work of its second session and of the adopted work programme. This report contained decision 17(II) concerning the intention of the Council to make a recommendation at a later session on the convening of a second United Nations conference on the human environment, to be held, with possible participation at the ministerial level, at an appropriate time and place to be considered by the Governing Council at a later session.

The Executive Director has submitted, for the consideration of the Governing Council, a brief note on the question of convening a second United Nations conference on the human environment (UNEP/GC/43).

Item 13. Implementation of the request addressed to the Governing Council by the General Assembly in its resolution 3129 (XXVIII) (UNEP/GC/44)

By its resolution 3129 (XXVIII) entitled "Co-operation in the field of the environment concerning natural resources shared by two or more States" the General Assembly requested the Governing Council to take special account of the following paragraphs of the resolution and to report on measures adopted for their implementation:

"1. Considers that it is necessary to ensure effective co-operation between countries through the establishment of adequate international standards for the conservation and harmonious exploitation of natural resources common to two or more States in the context of the normal relations existing between them;

"2. Considers further that co-operation between countries sharing such natural resources and interested in their exploitation must be developed on the basis of a system of information and prior consultation within the framework of the normal relations existing between them."

At its second session the Governing Council adopted decision 18(II) whereby it requested the Executive Director:

"to prepare a study and make proposals to implement the provisions of General Assembly resolution 3129 (XXVIII) and to submit them in a report to the Governing Council at its third session, with the purpose also that the report be presented to the Assembly, at its thirtieth session, bearing in mind its requirement to be informed about the implementation of that resolution", and further requested him

"to take the necessary measures to ensure that the provisions of resolution 3129 (XXVIII) are taken into account in preparing and undertaking the relevant programme activities and to report to the Governing Council at its third session on the measures taken for the implementation of that resolution".

The Council will have before it a preliminary report by the Executive Director (UNEP/GC/44) analysing the replies received from Governments and international organizations in response to the Executive Director's request for their comments, views and suggestions as to the implementation of the resolution, and outlining proposals for action by the Governing Council on this subject.

Item 14. Provisional agenda, date and place of the fourth session of the Governing Council

Rule 4 of the rules of procedure provides that regular sessions of the Governing Council shall be held at the headquarters of UNEP, unless otherwise decided by the Council at a previous session.

The Executive Director will propose the provisional agenda and date for the fourth session of the Governing Council in the light of the deliberations at its third session.

Item 15. Other business

The Executive Director will report to the Governing Council on the status of the headquarters agreement and the establishment of permanent missions to UNEP.

He will also report on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 3326 (XXIX) on the report of the Governing Council and 3337 (XXIX) on international co-operation to combat desertification.

These resolutions will be dealt with in a report (UNEP/GC/51) which will also indicate and comment briefly on the other General Assembly resolutions of relevance to UNEP's activities.

Item 16. Report of the Governing Council to the General Assembly

General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), section I, paragraph 3, provides that "The Governing Council shall report annually to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council".

The report of the Governing Council on its third session will be considered by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session (Geneva, 2 July - 1 August 1975).

It is suggested that the Governing Council's report should be succinct and action-oriented, omitting unnecessary background material and annexes.

IV. Suggested time-table of meetings

1. The opening meeting of the session is scheduled to start at 2.30 p.m. on 17 April 1975. Other official meetings will normally take place from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
2. Delegations are urged to make use of all available meeting time, especially at the beginning of the session, so as to avoid delays in the time-table and consequent demands for evening or weekend meetings. In particular, delegations are requested to be ready to start the general discussion on items 5, 6, 7(d) and 7(e) on the morning of 18 April after the Executive Director's statement.
3. It would be desirable to provide time in the middle of the third week of the session for work on the preparation of draft reports and for consultations among delegations. For this purpose, Wednesday, 30 April, has been left free of scheduled meetings.
4. The above suggestions, as well as those in the annotations to item 3 of the provisional agenda, are reflected in the suggested time-table of meetings annexed hereto. The time-table will, of course, have to be reviewed as the session progresses.

Annex

THIRD SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNEP
(Nairobi, 17 April - 2 May 1975)

Suggested time-table of meetings

Dates	<u>Plenary</u>		<u>Sessional Committee I</u>		<u>Sessional Committee II</u>	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday 17 April	-	Items 1, 2, 3 and 5	-	-	-	-
Friday 18 April	Items 5, 6, 7(d) and 7(e)		-	-	Item 11 (b) and (c) */	
Monday 21 April	Items 5, 6, 7(d) and 7(e)		Item 7(a)	-	Item 11(a)	
Tuesday 22 April	Items 8 and 9	-	Item 7(a)	-	Items 11(a) and 10	
Wednesday 23 April	Item 9	-	Item 7(b)	-	Items 10, 11(b), (c) and (d)	
Thursday 24 April	Items 12, 13, 14 and 15		Item 7(b) and (c)	-	Item 11(b), (c) and (d)	
Friday 25 April	-	-	Item 7(b) and (c)	Item 7(b) and (c)	-	-
Monday 28 April	-	-	Item 7(b) and (c)	Item 7(b) and (c)	-	-
Tuesday 29 April	-	-	Item 7(b) and (c)	-	-	-
Wednesday 30 April	-	-	Item 7(b) and (c)	-	-	-
Thursday 1 May	Item 4 and reports of Sessional Committees (Items 7, 10 and 11)		NO MEETINGS			
Friday 2 May	Items 16 and 17					

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