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INTRODUCTION

1. The Committee on Conferences was established by the General Assembly in its resolution 3351 (XXIX) of 18 December 1974. The President of the General Assembly designated the following States members of the Committee: Algeria, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Egypt, France, India, Kenya, Mongolia, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Yugoslavia.

2. Under General Assembly resolution 3351 (XXIX), the Committee was given the following terms of reference:

"(a) To submit for the approval of the General Assembly the pattern of conferences and changes to be made in that pattern as required, bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 12 of resolution 2609 (XXIV);

"(b) To propose for adoption by the General Assembly, in accordance with the pattern of conferences, the annual calendar of conferences;

"(c) To act after appropriate consultations on behalf of the General Assembly in dealing between sessions with requested departures from the calendar on conferences;

"(d) To recommend to the General Assembly means to ensure the optimum apportionment of conference resources, facilities and services, in order to maximize their efficient and effective use and, in this respect, to consider the feasibility of a quota system to allocate resources among various fields of activity;

"(e) To advise the General Assembly on the current and future requirements of the Organization for conference services and facilities;

"(f) To advise the General Assembly on means to ensure improved co-ordination of conferences within the United Nations system, including conference services and facilities, and to conduct appropriate consultations to that end."

3. As the Committee had been given a three-year mandate, it decided to concentrate its attention, in the first part of its activity, on certain aspects of the pattern of conferences and the calendar of conferences. There were some initial discussions of other items, which the Committee will pursue at future meetings.

I. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

4. As an intersessional organ of the General Assembly, the Committee is in permanent session. It held 37 meetings at Headquarters between 25 February and 29 September 1975.

5. It elected Christopher R. Thomas (Trinidad and Tobago) Chairman, Philipp L. K. Hahn (Canada) Vice-Chairman, and Ion Goritza (Romania) Rapporteur. In the absence of the Chairman at the 3rd and at the 5th to 30th meetings, Philipp L. K. Hahn served as Acting Chairman.

6. The Committee agreed that its programme of work should be organized under items corresponding to its terms of reference. The programme was as follows:

(1) Calendar of conferences:

- (a) Arrangements for intersessional departures from the calendar
- (b) Calendars for 1976 and 1977

(2) Pattern of conferences

(3) Optimum apportionment of conference services

- (a) Conference servicing operation
- (b) Co-ordination with the United Nations and with the specialized agencies
- (c) Informal meetings
- (d) Quota system

7. In its work, the Committee took into consideration the provisions of General Assembly resolution 3351 (XXIX), the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the pattern of conferences (A/9795), the views expressed in the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session (A/C.5/SR.1658-1664) and information from various sources as required. The Committee's attention was also drawn to the provisions of resolution 3350 (XXIX) relating to the inclusion of Vienna in the pattern of conferences.

II. CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

A. Arrangements for intersessional departures from the calendar for 1975

8. In its resolution 3351 (XXIX), the General Assembly approved the calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 1975 contained in annex I, part I, of the Secretary-General's report (A/9768 and Corr.1), in which it had been indicated that an addendum would be issued to reflect subsequent decisions taken by it or other organs that might affect the calendar. That addendum (A/9768/Add.1) was issued on 15 January 1975; in annex I thereto details were given of the changes and additions to the 1975 calendar that had been notified to the Secretary-General and/or that had arisen from decisions of the General Assembly. Thus, the approved calendar for 1975 comprised annex I, part I, of the report of the Secretary-General (A/9768) as adjusted to reflect the changes and additions thereto set out in annex I to the addendum to the report (A/9768/Add.1).

9. It was suggested that the Committee's first task should be to establish machinery for co-ordinating departures from the approved calendar. It was generally agreed that decisions on minor departures from the calendar that did not affect other meetings or resources could be taken by the Secretariat, on the advice of the Committee; decisions on important changes - those involving changes in approved meetings or unscheduled meetings that had a significant impact on the approved calendar - should be taken by the Committee on Conferences.

10. The Committee also authorized the Chairman to explore with other committees adjustments in their schedule to reduce peak loads on conference servicing resources and facilities. The Chairman would inform the Committee on such initiatives prior to undertaking them and would advise the Committee of the results as required.

11. The Committee on Conferences took a number of decisions and made some recommendations regarding changes in the calendar that had financial or resources implications, as indicated below, it being understood that any proposal involving additional resources would require approval through the regular processes.

UNCTAD Commodity Conference to Renegotiate the International Cocoa Agreement, 1972

12. The Committee was informed that the International Cocoa Council had decided in March 1975 that a conference should be convened to renegotiate the International Cocoa Agreement, 1972, which was due to expire on 30 September 1976. Although the Committee agreed that the conference was needed, some members expressed reservation with regard to its financial implications, which were estimated at \$275,000. It was pointed out, however, that the conference had already been included in the calendar under the provision "UNCTAD commodity conferences, as required".

13. The Committee decided to take note of the convening of the Conference between 15 September and 17 October 1975.

Expert Group on Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries
(sixth meeting)

14. The Committee was informed that the Expert Group had insisted, because of difficulties in the preparation of documentation, on rescheduling a meeting originally planned for 3-14 February 1975 in New York to 1-12 December 1975 in Geneva. The additional cost of \$15,000 could be met from funds provided for temporary assistance. The Committee had before it a statement submitted to the Economic and Social Council by the Secretary-General (E/L.1656). It also heard a representative of the Council's secretariat. It was further informed that the session of the Group could be accommodated at Headquarters from 8 to 19 December 1975, during which time the session could be serviced from permanent staff resources without resort to temporary assistance, so that there would be no additional financial requirements.

15. On the basis of these facts and after their consideration, the Committee recommended that the Group should hold its session at Headquarters from 8 to 19 December 1975.

16. This recommendation was communicated to the President of the Economic and Social Council.

Ad Hoc Working Group of five members of the Commission on Human Rights to inquire into the present situation of human rights in Chile

17. The Committee on Conferences was informed that the Economic and Social Council, at its fifty-eighth session, had decided to set up an Ad Hoc Working Group of five members to inquire into the present situation of human rights in Chile. The background of the question was explained in the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its thirty-first session. 1/

18. After appropriate consultations, the Committee on Conferences decided to approve the holding of the following meetings of the Ad Hoc Group:

Preparatory meetings of the Group from 23 to 24 May 1975 in Geneva

A visit to Chile for three weeks from the week beginning 7 July 1975

Meetings of the Group from 18 to 29 August 1975 in Geneva for the purpose of approving the progress report to the General Assembly, with provision for other dates if those dates were not convenient for the Ad Hoc Group

International Civil Service Commission

19. In connexion with a broader decision relating to the pattern of meetings of the International Civil Service Commission (see chap. III A), the Committee considered the Commission's decision to accept an invitation from the International Labour Organisation to hold its second session at ILO headquarters in Geneva from 11 to 29 August 1975. The Committee was informed that the International Labour Organisation would provide meeting rooms, office space, documentation services and secretarial assistance. The interpreters (free-lance staff in Geneva) would be paid from the Commission's budget. Travel expenses would also be paid by the Commission. Acting under paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 3351 (XXIX), the Committee approved the decision and so informed the ICSC.

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5635), para. 92.

Ad Hoc Committee on the Charter of the United Nations

20. With reference to a proposal made on behalf of the African Group that the dates of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Charter of the United Nations be moved to an earlier period, the Secretariat informed the Committee on Conferences that the dates originally proposed by the Secretariat, 28 July-22 August 1975, could be advanced to 7 July-1 August 1975 and that the change would not require the rescheduling or cancellation of any other meeting during that period.

21. After consultation with the regional groups, the Committee decided to agree to the date originally proposed for the opening of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee, namely, 28 July 1975.

Fifth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

22. At its 31st meeting, on 25 July 1975, the Committee on Conferences was informed that Canada wished to postpone the meeting of the Fifth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, which was scheduled to convene in Toronto from 1 to 12 September 1975. The Canadian delegation proposed that the Congress should take place at a suitable site in Canada, at a mutually convenient date in 1976, and under normal conditions for participation in United Nations conferences. The Committee received also the text of an aide-mémoire setting forth the reasons for the request.

23. The Committee learned from the Executive Secretary of the Congress that the period chosen for the Congress was the one most convenient for the participants, many of whom were jurists, penologists and professors and could attend only when the courts and universities were in recess. Postponement of the Congress would interfere with the five-year cycle of congresses instituted by the General Assembly in its resolution 415 (V) and would affect the reporting chain, which ran from the Congress to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, to the Commission on Social Development, to the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly. Postponement would also delay the urgent work with regard to protection from torture entrusted to the Congress in General Assembly resolution 3218 (XXIX).

24. In answer to questions raised by members of the Committee, the representative of the Department of Conference Services said that if the Congress were postponed to the same period (early September) in 1976, it would be possible to accommodate it without any major disruption of the programme and to service it from permanent staff resources. In view of the heavy concentration of major conferences and other meetings in 1976, postponement to any other period would pose serious problems with regard to conference servicing and conference programming and might result in conflict with the decisions taken by the Committee with reference, in particular, to the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea and the summer session of the Economic and Social Council.

25. In reply to questions regarding other possible solutions, he said, subject to consultation with the United Nations Office at Geneva, that the Congress could be held at Geneva at the time originally scheduled, at an additional cost of some \$170,000 for free-lance staff and the travel of substantive staff. As there was no provision in the budget for such an expenditure, the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions would be required.

26. The Committee decided (a) not to accede to the request by the host country that the Fifth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders should be postponed and (b) that the Fifth Congress should be held as scheduled from 1 to 12 September 1975 in Geneva.

B. Calendars of conferences for 1976 and 1977

27. The Committee considered the calendars of conferences for 1976 and 1977 on the basis of a provisional schedule of meetings submitted by the Secretary-General.

Economic and Social Council

28. The Committee received from the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council the text of a note concerning the draft calendar of meetings of the Council and its subsidiary bodies for 1976 and 1977 ^{2/} and a statement concerning the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development. The Committee took note of the text submitted to it by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council.

United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea

29. The Committee on Conferences was informed that the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea at its third session had decided that the fourth session should be held in New York from 29 March to 21 May 1976, that a decision regarding a possible fifth session in 1976 should be left to the Conference at its fourth session, and that the General Assembly should accord priority to the requirements of the Conference.

30. The Committee's attention was drawn by the Secretariat to the implications of the decision taken by the Conference for the tentative calendar for the regular continuing programme of meetings of United Nations organs and subsidiary bodies. In particular, the Committee was informed that the Secretariat had grave doubts as to its ability to ensure satisfactory services at the level desired by the Conference at the time indicated while at the same time maintaining its commitments to the continuing programmes at the level anticipated in the tentative calendar.

31. In assessing the situation, the Committee on Conferences requested and received additional information on the administrative implication of the decision of the Conference on the Law of the Sea, and information on the implications of certain other arrangements that might be presented to the General Assembly in connexion with the calendar of meetings and conferences for 1976. While the tentatively scheduled meetings of several bodies were affected in those hypotheses, the timing of the spring 1976 session of the Economic and Social Council (which, according to the tentative calendar, was scheduled to open on 13 April 1976, in conformity with the Council's rules of procedure) was a particularly important factor, both because of the Council's standing as a principal organ and because of the level of servicing that its sessions required.

^{2/} Text subsequently issued as E/L.1666.

32. With due regard to the various considerations involved, the Committee reached the conclusion that, on the whole, the best possibility would be an arrangement under which the fourth session of the Conference on the Law of the Sea would be held from 15 March to 7 May 1976 and the spring 1976 session of the Economic and Social Council from 27 April to 28 May 1976, on the understanding that during the period when both were meeting, some reduction in the level of services of the Conference or the Council, or of both, might be required and that the combined level of requirements would be held to six simultaneous meetings. There were indications to the Committee that such an arrangement would be acceptable.

33. There was no possibility for the Committee to consult the Conference except through informal channels. As far as the Economic and Social Council was concerned, the Chairman of the Committee brought the Committee's decision to the attention of the President of the Council. The Committee was later informed that the Council at its 1979th meeting, had decided that, in the light of the decision taken by the General Assembly on the dates of the fourth session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, it would reconsider and, if necessary, alter, the dates of the sixtieth session of the Council.

34. The Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the fourth session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea be held from 15 March to 7 May 1976 and the spring 1976 session of the Economic and Social Council from 27 April to 28 May 1976, it being understood that it would be necessary (a) to transfer the meeting of the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (22 March-9 April) to Geneva; and (b) to transfer the meeting of the Committee on Elimination of Racial Discrimination (29 March-16 April) to Geneva.

Second session of the Preparatory Committee of Habitat

35. The Committee was informed by the secretariat of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements that a request had been made for the extension by one week of the period foreseen for the second session of the Preparatory Committee of Habitat, the dates, which had been set at 19-23 January, being changed to 12-23 January 1976.

36. The Committee was informed (a) that the extension was necessary for the discussion of such matters as the rules of procedure of the Conference, guidelines for the use of audio-visual materials, the plans of action and the declaration of principles; and (b) that the change would not involve any costs beyond those originally foreseen for the servicing of the meeting.

37. There was a division of views in the Committee, some supporting the request, others questioning both the need for additional time and the wisdom of setting such a precedent. Some considered that such work as the establishment of guidelines for the use of audio-visual material did not justify the additional time requested. They were also of the opinion that the time allotted to the Preparatory Committee was sufficient to enable it to complete its work in a field - habitat - which was, after all, only a part of the vast subject of the environment. Some delegations claimed the need for further information concerning the progress of work of expert groups which were studying certain aspects of the preparations.

38. The Committee did not reach any decision on the matter. It agreed to forward the calendar of conferences to the General Assembly without an indication of the dates, on the understanding that the Committee would be prepared to reconsider the question in the light of any further information that might be made available.

Recommendation

39. The Committee recommends to the General Assembly for approval the provisional calendars of conferences and meetings set forth in annexes I and II to this report. The provisional calendars, as submitted, include some recommendations which tend to depart from past practice. As indicated elsewhere in the present report, the Committee's recommendations on such items were brought to the attention of the parties concerned.

III. PATTERN OF CONFERENCES

40. Under paragraph 3 (a) of its terms of reference (General Assembly resolution 3351 (XXIX), sect. II), the Committee on Conferences is requested to submit, for the approval of the General Assembly, the pattern of conferences and changes to be made in that pattern as required, bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 12 of resolution 2609 (XXIV).

A. Discussion of exceptions

41. In its consideration of the pattern of conferences, the Committee took up one by one the principles set forth in General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) and the exceptions listed in paragraph 9 of that text. The resolution reiterated the basic principle that United Nations bodies should meet at their respective established headquarters. In reply to a request for clarification of the phrase "headquarters of the body concerned", it was explained that the headquarters was normally considered to be the base of operation, the place where the substantive staff was located, whether or not the base was designated in the enabling resolution. Some members of the Committee observed that the principle was based on two factors, the avoidance of extra financial costs and avoidance of disruption of the conference services. The latter consideration was of particular importance at the current time.

42. It was clear that some exceptions to the basic principle were inevitable and even desirable: the question was which bodies should meet elsewhere, and when. Among the factors justifying a derogation from the principle were considerations of a political nature, promotion of interest in United Nations activities, and the convenience of delegations.

43. The Committee's discussion of the exceptions set forth in General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) revealed the need for detailed information concerning the wishes and needs of the bodies concerned, the resources available and the needs of competing bodies. Much of that information was contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the calendar of conferences (A/9795) and in other documents available to the Committee. Additional information was supplied by the Secretariat as required.

44. The Committee's recommendations with regard to individual exceptions are indicated in the following paragraphs.

45. The Committee had in mind the need to make optimum use of the resources available. It was, however, strongly urged that the preoccupation with economy should not restrict the activities of the United Nations, especially as they related to the promotion of the interests of the developing countries.

Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

46. The first of the exceptions, in paragraph 9 (a) of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV), was that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development

Programme might, in accordance with its rules of procedure, hold one of its sessions at Geneva.

47. In dealing with this question, the Committee took into consideration the proposal of the Joint Inspection Unit that, in alternate years, the January session of UNDP should be held at Geneva and the June session in New York (A/9795, paras. 304-316), the documentation attached to the proposal, and the oral comments of the Governing Council's secretariat, the Department of Conference Services and the Office of Financial Services.

48. On the basis of information provided and after consideration of the facts, the Committee recommends to the General Assembly that in 1976 the January session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme be held at Geneva and that the June session be held in New York. In making this recommendation, the Committee made it clear that it was for application in 1976 only, and that for future years the decision should be considered in the light of experience and circumstances.

49. One delegation was not able to associate itself with the recommendation.

50. The President of the Governing Council of UNDP was informed of the recommendation which the Committee on Conferences intended to present to the General Assembly.

51. The President of the Governing Council of UNDP stated in a letter to the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences that he had brought the matter to the attention of the Governing Council at its twentieth session and that it had decided to hold its January 1976 session in New York and its June 1976 session in Geneva, unless it received an invitation to meet elsewhere. 3/

International Law Commission

52. The second exception, in paragraph 9 (b), provided that the session of the International Law Commission should be held at Geneva. In resolution 3351 (XXIX), the General Assembly had approved the work planned by the Commission for 1975 and had approved a 12-week period for the annual sessions of the Commission, subject to review by the General Assembly whenever necessary. The Committee on Conferences had before it the comments and recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/9795, paras. 317-334) and the views of the Commission thereon (A/9610, vol. II, paras. 192-212). It was informed also of the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal from the conference servicing point of view.

53. The Committee considered that it was not prepared at that time to recommend a change in the venue of the ILC. It decided, however, to examine the question, in due course, in connexion with the optimum apportionment of conference services.

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

54. The third exception, in paragraph 9 (c) of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV), was that sessions of the United Nations Commission on International

3/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5703/Rev.1), chap. XV.

Trade Law (UNCITRAL) might be held, subject to the provision in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI), alternately in New York and at Geneva.

55. The Committee on Conferences recommended that the existing pattern of meetings should be maintained.

United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation

Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee and Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

56. The fourth exception, in paragraph 9 (d) of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV), was to the effect that the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation as well as the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee and the Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space might meet at Geneva if the exigencies of their work so required.

57. The Committee noted that the secretariat of UNSCEAR had been moved to Vienna in accordance with a decision taken by the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session (2206th plenary meeting). In view of the basic principle that United Nations bodies should meet at their respective headquarters, the Committee recommends that UNSCEAR should no longer be featured among the exceptions.

58. In dealing with the question of the Sub-Committees of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the Committee took into consideration the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/9795), a note by the Office of Financial Services of the United Nations Secretariat (A/AC.105/C.2/L.104), and additional information provided by the representatives of the Office of Legal Affairs and the Department of Conference Services.

59. On the basis of the facts presented and after their consideration, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, beginning in 1977, the meetings of the Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space should be held at its headquarters in New York. Some delegations did not support the recommendation that the Legal Sub-Committee should conduct its meetings in New York.

60. The recommendation was communicated to the Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

61. The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, at its eighteenth session, was of the view that the General Assembly should take fully into account the Committee's opinion that the former practice, agreed to by it at its 107th meeting on 15 December 1971, of holding the meetings of the Legal Sub-Committee in rotation between Geneva and New York should be maintained.

62. The Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee had not, in fact, availed itself of the possibility of meeting in Geneva. The Committee on Conferences recommended that an exception should no longer be made with respect to this Sub-Committee and that, like the Legal Sub-Committee, it should meet in New York.

Economic and Social Council

63. The fifth exception, in paragraph 9 (e), was to the effect that the regular summer session of the Economic and Social Council might be held at Geneva provided that the closing date fell at least six weeks before the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly.

64. The Committee considered the comments of the JIU on the subject (A/9795, paras. 352-360) and their suggestion that in alternate years the Council might perhaps have its spring session in Geneva and its summer session in New York.

65. It was also informed of certain proposed changes in the working procedures of the Economic and Social Council. Pending the outcome of the discussions on those proposals, it was felt that it would be premature for the Committee to consider any change in the arrangements for the Council's sessions.

66. The Committee noted the measures taken by the Council to achieve a biennial cycle of meetings. While there were some exceptions, regarding which the Committee expressed concern, it commended the Council for its efforts and achievements.

67. This and other recommendations and comments, noted hereunder, relating to the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies were communicated to the President of the Council, with a request for the Council's views.

68. The Council's decisions are reflected in the provisional calendar of conferences adopted by the Council at its fifty-ninth session (decision 125 (LIX)). 4/

Functional commissions

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69. The sixth exception, in paragraph 9 (f) of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV), was to the effect that one Headquarters-based functional commission of the Economic and Social Council, to be determined by the Council, might meet at Geneva during the period from January to April; the seventh, in paragraph 9 (g), was to the effect that sessions of not more than three other Headquarters-based functional commissions or committees of the Economic and Social Council might, by decision of the Council taken after consultation with the Secretary-General, be held at Geneva during the period from September to December without overlap.

70. The Committee had before it the comments of the JIU on those exceptions (A/9795, paras. 361-374). It also heard a statement by a representative of the Economic and Social Council secretariat concerning the relation of the work of the commissions and committees to that of the Council and the resulting effect on the timing and venue.

71. It was informed of some of the factors involved in the present pattern of meetings of the functional commissions of the Council: the relation between the timing of their reports to the Council and the Council's agenda; the need to schedule meetings at times when resources were available in New York or Geneva.

4/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/10003), annex III.

72. With reference to the functional commissions other than the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Committee recommends that they should meet at their established headquarters unless a more rational pattern of the work programme could be achieved by holding their sessions at Geneva, that decision being without prejudice to any subsequent decision to hold them at Vienna.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

73. The eighth exception, in paragraph 9 (h) of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV), provided that a session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs might, in exceptional circumstances and by decision of the Economic and Social Council taken after consultation with the Secretary-General, be held in New York and, in that event, that one other functional commission of the Council might meet at Geneva in its place. The Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should meet at Geneva.

Commission on Human Rights

74. The JIU had pointed out in its report (A/9795) that the General Assembly might wish to amend the pattern of conferences to reflect the move of the Human Rights Division of the Secretariat from New York to Geneva and to authorize the Commission on Human Rights, like the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, to meet in New York as well as Geneva. The Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the Commission on Human Rights should meet at Geneva, which has now become its established headquarters.

75. The Committee on Conferences was informed that, in the light of this recommendation, the Council at its fifty-seventh session had decided that all meetings of the Commission on Human Rights, the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities, and their subsidiary bodies, should be held at Geneva.

Regional economic commissions

76. The ninth exception, in paragraph 9 (i) of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV), provided that the regular sessions of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (now the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Economic Commission for Africa, as well as meetings of their subsidiary bodies, might be held away from their headquarters when the Commission concerned so decided, subject, in the case of regular sessions of the commissions, to the approval of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly.

77. Some members considered the question a serious one; if the Committee recommended that the exception to the basic rule should no longer be made, it would in effect be eliminating the financial support of the United Nations for sessions of regional commissions held away from their headquarters.

78. Although the Committee attached importance to the basic principle that bodies should normally meet at their headquarters, it recognized the usefulness and interest of having the commissions hold some sessions away from their headquarters.

Some delegations considered that when commissions meet elsewhere, the host Government should bear the added costs - which, they noted, were in any case comparatively small.

79. Some delegations pointed out that the Economic Commission for Western Asia was not included in the exceptions because it had been established subsequent to the adoption of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV). The Committee recommends that the Economic Commission for Western Asia be included.

80. Some delegations expressed the view that the Economic Commission for Europe should also be considered to fall within the exception. The question was left open for further consideration by the Committee and by the General Assembly.

Subsidiary bodies of the regional economic commissions

81. To assist it in its consideration of the question whether the subsidiary bodies of the regional economic commissions should continue to be exempt from the rule that bodies should meet at their headquarters, the Committee on Conferences was given information concerning the practice in each of the commissions.

82. It learned that, although under the exception stated in paragraph 9 (i) of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV), the subsidiary bodies were not subject to the rule, set forth in paragraph 10 of the same resolution, that United Nations bodies might hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory agreed to defray the additional costs, some host Governments did, in fact, provide some staff and facilities.

International Civil Service Commission

83. The Committee on Conferences considered the pattern of meetings adopted by the International Civil Service Commission for the coming years, as indicated in a letter of 6 June 1975 from the Chairman of the Commission to the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences. In that letter the Chairman of the ICSC stated that the Commission had adopted a rule to the effect that the sessions of the Commission should be held at the Headquarters of the United Nations, unless the Commission decided that a particular session should be held elsewhere at the invitation of one of the participating organizations. The Committee also heard the comments of the Executive Secretary of the Commission.

84. The Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the Commission should hold its regular annual session at Headquarters. It endorsed the position of the Commission that if more than one session was required in any one year, it might find it desirable to accept invitations to hold those sessions at the headquarters of its participating organizations.

85. In this regard the Committee took a decision with regard to an invitation from the International Labour Organisation for the Commission to meet in Geneva in 1975 (see chap. II B).

B. Emergency meetings

86. The Committee examined the provision in General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV), paragraph 8, that no meetings other than those covered by the calendar of conferences should be convened, except for emergency meetings.

87. Some representatives thought the provision should be dropped. Under General Assembly resolution 1202 (XII), the Secretary-General had discretion to decide whether a meeting was an emergency meeting or not; it was not therefore a matter for the Committee. If the need for an emergency meeting arose, the Secretary-General would deal with it under the resolution on unforeseen expenditures.

88. Some representatives said it would, in any case, be difficult to define "emergency meetings". The real question, in their view, was rather who should decide between sessions of the General Assembly on departures from the approved calendar. Although on the basis of the Committee's terms of reference it was for the Committee to decide, some delegations appeared to find that difficult to accept.

89. The view was expressed that the definition of "emergency meeting" was a political matter that would require a political process. The Committee agreed that it was not necessary for it to pursue the definition further. It agreed also that, as a rule, no meetings other than those approved by the General Assembly should be held in any year. In the event of an emergency, the Committee on Conferences could deal with such aspects of the matter as fell within its competence, including arrangements with regard to the time and place of meetings and the rescheduling of other meetings.

90. The Committee decided that the future pattern of conferences should not include paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV).

C. Meetings away from headquarters for which Governments defray expenses

91. The Committee was reminded that the principle in paragraph 10 of resolution 2609 (XXIV) that United Nations bodies might hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation agreed to defray the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved was still operative and that, in practice, such additional costs had proved to be substantial. The Inspectors had discussed the factors involved in convening meetings away from headquarters in paragraphs 234-249 of their report (A/9795), and the specific principle underlying paragraph 10 of resolution 2609 (XXIV) was examined in paragraphs 393-417 of the same document.

92. The Committee discussed certain aspects of the financial and resource implications of holding such meetings.

93. The Under-Secretary-General for Conference Services felt that the Committee could play a helpful role in establishing some sort of guidance for the future. He suggested that the Committee might wish to consider the question whether, in such cases, it was always necessary to dispatch to a location other than the headquarters full teams of all the services to which a body was normally entitled. The curtailment of some of the conference services might serve also to encourage or facilitate meetings of various bodies outside their usual location, in accordance

with the current trend towards decentralization. Such decentralization might also help to make United Nations activities better known in various places. He suggested that the Committee might wish to draw up guidelines that would be within the legal framework of United Nations operations.

94. Other possibilities were discussed, including one to the effect that for meetings held away from headquarters, no summary records should be provided unless the body concerned specifically decided it needed them and the decision was confirmed by the General Assembly. It was also suggested that the Committee should merely request bodies, as far as possible, to do without summary records. Moreover, it was pointed out that it was not for bodies to decide whether they needed summary records: the decision lay with the General Assembly. The competence of the Committee on Conferences to make a recommendation on the matter of dispensing with summary records was therefore questioned.

95. One representative thought the location was not the point at issue: the question was rather whether, by its nature, the body needed summary records at all. The question of summary records should be settled on a case-by-case basis. The Committee should adopt a general recommendation to the effect that if a body was convened away from its established headquarters, it should try to avoid any unnecessary expenses.

96. The Under-Secretary-General explained to the Committee that the desire to save inviting Governments unnecessary expenses was only half of the problem; the other half was what had been called the "administrative disruption" caused by having meetings held away from the headquarters of the body concerned.

97. It was suggested that the question of summary records should be considered under the item relating to optimum use of resources rather than under the item relating to the pattern of conferences, in the light of such decisions as might be taken by the General Assembly at its thirtieth session on the question of meeting records.

D. Proposal for a biennial programme of conferences

98. Under its terms of reference, the Committee on Conferences was required to propose for adoption by the General Assembly the annual pattern of conferences. Some representatives were however of the opinion that it would be appropriate for the Committee to deal with the calendar on a biennial basis, particularly since United Nations organs, especially the Economic and Social Council, planned in terms of two-year cycles from the budgetary viewpoint and from the viewpoint of the scheduling of conferences. In order to make rational decisions, the Committee had to look at conferences in a two-year cycle.

99. One member, while not opposed to the idea of a biennial programme, said he thought that any recommendation the Committee might make to that effect should be on an experimental basis.

100. The Committee recommends that the General Assembly make the cycle of meetings and conferences coincide with the budgetary financial period and to that end approve in future a biennial programme of conferences at the same time as it approved the programme budget, subject to any changes to be made therein pursuant to decisions adopted by the General Assembly at the following session concerning the convening of additional conferences and meetings during the second half of the biennium.

E. Definition of "major special conference"

101. In accordance with its mandate, the Committee considered the principle enunciated in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XIV) that, as a general rule, not more than one major special conference should be scheduled in any one year.

102. The Under-Secretary-General for Conference Services explained to the Committee that from the viewpoint of the Secretariat, the term "major special conference" was not used to designate the impact of a conference on world affairs or the importance of its substance; it referred rather to its implications as regards human and financial resources and the amount of effort it required on the part of the Secretariat. In the report of the JIU a major special conference was defined as one in which all Member States participated (A/9795, para. 445). From the viewpoint of the Secretariat, it was the drain on resources that constituted the main consideration. Whether a conference was financed from the regular budget or from extrabudgetary funds, the question of available resources had to be considered. Within the past two or three years the situation had sometimes been close to the point where no amount of money could have sufficed to provide the services required. In view of those considerations, he urged the necessity of defining and limiting major special conferences.

103. It was the view of the Committee that a definition by the Committee of the term "major special conference" was not required since the question was a political one, on which Governments alone could take a decision. In the debate on the question, some delegations averred that the Committee on Conferences should not attempt to specify a maximum number of conferences. Others considered that some numerical limitation on conferences was imperative. The Committee should rather seek information on the level of resources likely to be available in the next few years so that it could advise the General Assembly on the best use of the resources.

IV. OPTIMUM APPORTIONMENT OF CONFERENCE SERVICES

A. Informal meetings

104. With reference to the subject of the optimum apportionment of conference services, the Committee considered in depth only the question of informal meetings. It will deal with other aspects of the subject at a future time.

105. It considered separately questions relating to informal meetings of official bodies and meetings of unofficial bodies, such as regional groups, for both of which the Department of Conference Services was asked to provide interpretation and physical facilities.

106. There had hitherto been no specific legislative authority for the servicing of informal meetings - other than the general responsibility of the Secretariat to afford all possible assistance to Member States. Part of the justification for a request for one additional team of interpreters in the budget estimates for the financial year 1969 (A/7205) had however been that the number of requests to provide interpretation services to meetings of regional groups outside the regular meetings programme had increased considerably. That request had been approved, but, as the increase in meetings of regional groups had not been the sole reason for it, the fact of that approval had not changed substantially the basic approach that informal meetings should be serviced on the basis of the availability of resources.

107. After detailed consideration of the question, the Committee on Conferences recommended that the General Assembly take note with approval of the trend towards holding as many meetings of certain United Nations bodies as practicable informally. To the extent that such a trend reduced requirements for written records, it represented a contribution to economy. To the extent that the trend fostered a better climate for negotiation, it represented a contribution to the effective conduct of business.

108. One representative pointed out that the Committee's concern was whether informal meetings should be included in the calendar.

109. As regards informal meetings of regional and similar groups, the Committee expressed the belief that such meetings were a useful element in the conduct of business and that provision for them should be made in some reasonable manner. It noted that the level and timing of the requirements for such meetings were difficult to predict and that there was no machinery readily available for dealing with conflicting requests. The Committee noted also that the Secretariat had provided services (rooms and interpretation) for such meetings on an "as available" basis, which during busy periods might not be adequate. The Committee discussed several possible solutions to the problem, but concluded that at that time no additional resources were necessary for the servicing of informal meetings. The Committee decided to consider the matter further at future meetings.

B. Quota system

110. The Committee engaged in a preliminary discussion of the question of instituting a quota system for the allocation of resources. It agreed to discuss it further at a later date.

V. GUIDELINES FOR THE EFFECTIVE USE OF THE CONFERENCE
SERVICING CAPACITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

111. In discussing the pattern of conferences, the Committee on Conferences felt the need to develop a set of guidelines for the effective use of the conference servicing capacity of the United Nations.

112. The main comments and suggestions made in the Committee are given below. The Committee decided to return to the question in a future series of meetings.

(1) No meetings and conferences other than those included in the biennial calendar of conferences shall be convened except under special and unusual circumstances. Any changes to be made to the calendar are subject to approval by the General Assembly at the following session.

(2) The present basic principle of the United Nations pattern of conferences, namely that United Nations bodies meet at their respective established headquarters, should be maintained, subject to the approved exceptions to this principle.

(3) An adequate interval of time should be allowed between sessions of the same bodies to permit Member States to derive maximum benefit from the activities and to provide sufficient time for the preparation of future activities.

(4) United Nations bodies, when they deem it appropriate, should resort to informal meetings and a reduced level of conference services to realize economies and foster the effective conduct of business. The use of small working groups may be more useful in some cases than extended meetings of large parent bodies.

(5) Subsidiary organs of the General Assembly should not, under ordinary circumstances, create new standing bodies or ad hoc sessional or intersessional bodies that require additional resources without the approval of the Assembly. Other principal organs of the United Nations should make similar decisions with regard to their respective subsidiary bodies.

(6) United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to the nature and possible extent, the actual additional cost directly or indirectly involved. Such invitations should normally be issued no later than the calendar year prior to that in which the conferences in question are to be held and early enough for meetings based upon them to be considered by the General Assembly.

(7) Major special conferences should be scheduled with the following considerations borne strictly in mind:

(a) The limits of available conference and secretariat resources;

(b) Allowance of an adequate interval of time between sessions of the same conference or between conferences on the same subject or similar subjects to allow sufficient time for preparatory work by delegations and by the Secretariat;

(c) The demands on resources of Governments bearing in mind the desirability of effective participation by delegations concerned;

(d) The priorities established by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly on the basis of existing and future programmes and activities.

VI. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

113. The recommendations of the Committee on Conferences to the General Assembly are summarized below.

(1) The Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the fourth session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea be held from 15 March to 7 May 1976 and the spring 1976 session of the Economic and Social Council from 27 April to 28 May 1976, it being understood that it would be necessary (a) to transfer the meeting of the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (22 March-9 April) to Geneva; and (b) to transfer the meeting of the Committee on Elimination of Racial Discrimination (29 March-16 April) to Geneva. (See para. 34.)

(2) The Committee recommends to the General Assembly for approval the calendars set forth in annexes I and II to this report. (See para. 39.)

(3) The Committee recommends to the General Assembly that in 1976 the January session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme be held at Geneva and that the June session be held in New York, and that for future years the decision should be considered in the light of experience and circumstances. (See para. 48.)

(4) The Committee on Conferences recommends that the existing pattern of meetings of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law should be maintained, that is, that the meetings might be held, subject to the provision in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI), alternately in New York and at Geneva. (See paras. 54 and 55.)

(5) The Committee recommends that the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation should meet at Vienna, which is now its established headquarters. (See para. 57.)

(6) The Committee recommends to the General Assembly that, beginning in 1977, the meetings of the Legal Sub-Committee and the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space should be held at their headquarters in New York. (See paras. 59-62.)

(7) With reference to the functional commissions other than the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Committee recommends that they should meet at their established headquarters unless a more rational pattern of the work programme can be achieved by holding their sessions at Geneva, that decision being without prejudice to any subsequent decision to hold them at Vienna. (See para. 72.)

(8) The Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should meet at Geneva. (See para. 73.)

(9) The Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the Commission on Human Rights should meet at Geneva, which has now become its established headquarters. (See para. 74.)

(10) The Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the Economic Commission for Western Asia be included in the exceptions mentioned in paragraph 9 (i) of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV), which provides that the regular sessions of certain regional commissions, as well as meetings of their subsidiary bodies, may be held away from their headquarters when the Commission concerned so decides, subject, in the case of regular sessions of the commissions, to the approval of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly. (See para. 79.)

(11) The Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the International Civil Service Commission should hold its regular annual session at Headquarters, and that if more than one session is required in any one year, it may accept an invitation from one of its participating organizations to hold its other session or sessions at the headquarters of that participating organization. (See para. 84.)

(12) The Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the future pattern of conferences should not include paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV), concerning emergency meetings. (See para. 90.)

(13) The Committee recommends that the General Assembly make the cycle of meetings and conferences coincide with the budgetary financial period and to that end approve in future a biennial programme of conferences at the same time as it approves the programme budget, subject to any changes to be made therein pursuant to decisions adopted by the General Assembly at the following session concerning the convening of additional conferences and meetings during the second half of the biennium. (See para. 100.)

(14) The Committee on Conferences recommends that the General Assembly take note with approval of the trend towards holding as many meetings of certain United Nations bodies as practicable informally. (See para. 107.)

(15) The Committee on Conferences recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Pattern of conferences

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1202 (XII) of 13 December 1957, 1851 (XVII) of 19 December 1962, 1987 (XVIII) of 17 December 1963, 2116 (XX) of 21 December 1965, 2239 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, 2361 (XXII) of 19 December 1967, 2478 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, 2693 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, 2834 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971, 2960 (XXVII) of 13 December 1972, and 3351 (XXIX) of 18 December 1974,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences established by its resolution 3351 (XXIX) (A/10032) and the comments thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/),

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Committee on Conferences (A/10032) and the comments thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/);

2. Approves the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1976 and the tentative calendar for 1977 set forth in annexes I and II to the report of the Committee on Conferences;

3. Decides that the cycle of meetings and conferences shall henceforth coincide with the budgetary financial period, and to that end will approve in future a biennial programme of conferences at the same time as it approves the programme budget, subject to any changes to be made therein pursuant to decisions adopted by the General Assembly at the following session concerning the convening of additional conferences and meetings during the second half of the biennium.

Annexes

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The following abbreviations are used in the annexes:

In column headed "Organ":

ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECLA	Economic Commission for Latin America
ECWA	Economic Commission for Western Asia
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
IDA	International Development Association
IDB	Industrial Development Board
IFC	International Finance Corporation
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IMCO	Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
TDB	Trade and Development Board
UNCITRAL	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UPU	Universal Postal Union
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WMO	World Meteorological Organization

In column headed "Membership":

G	Governments
E	Experts
ST	Secretariat or secretariats

In column headed "Servicing":

I	Interpretation
T	Translation
PV	Verbatim records
SR	Summary records
M	Minutes
ACEFRS	Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish

Annex I

PROVISIONAL CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS FOR 1976

1. The provisional calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 1976 is set forth below; the calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies and IAEA is also given for information.

2. The calendar as submitted at this time includes provision both for bodies whose meetings have been scheduled for definite times and for bodies whose sessions have not been scheduled for definite times.

3. Attention is drawn to the fact that the calendar includes the following conferences:

(a) First United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference of the Americas, 8-19 March 1976, at Panama City;

(b) Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, fourth session, 15 March-7 May 1976, in New York; a/

(c) Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, 31 May-11 June 1976, at Vancouver;

(d) Fourth United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 3-28 May 1976, at Nairobi;

(e) Eighth United Nations Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East, 15-29 September 1976, at Jakarta.

a/ Subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

A. PROVISIONAL CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR 1976*
(As of 29 September 1975)

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I T SR		Periodicity
1. Pledging Conference of the World Food Programme /Economic and Social Council res. 1650 (LI)/	Early 1976 (1 day)	New York	141 G	I	T SR (CEFRS)	One session every 2 years
2. UNCTAD - Technical Committee of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre, UNCTAD/GATT, fifth session /ITC/AG.18/	5-9 January	Geneva	18 G	I	T - (EFRS)	One session a year
3. UNCTAD - Working Group on International Shipping Legislation, fifth session, first part /TDB res. 46 (VII)/	5-16 January	Geneva	38 G	I	T - (CEFRS)	One session a year
4. UNCTAD - Special Committee on Preferences, seventh session /Conference res. 77 (III)/	5-16 January	Geneva	150 G	I	T SR (CEFRS)	One session a year
5. UNCITRAL - Working Group on the International Sales of Goods, seventh session /General Assembly res. 2928 (XXVII)/	5-16 January	Geneva	14 G	I	T - (EFRS)	One to two sessions a year
6. States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination /General Assembly res. 2106 (XX)/	8-9 January	New York	-	I	T SR (EFRS)	One session every 2 years

* The notes to the table are to be found at the end of part A.

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I T PV	Periodicity
7. Military Staff Committee /Charter, art. 47/	8 January, once every fortnight thereafter	New York	5 G	I T PV (CEFR)	Every second Thursday
8. Commission on Human Rights - Ad Hoc Working Group established under Commission resolution 2 (XXIII) /Council decision 78 (LVIII)/	8-21 January	Geneva	6 G	I T (EFS)	The Council, upon recommend- ation of the Commission on Human Rights /res. 5 (XXXI)/, decided that the Working Group would continue to function
9. Economic and Social Council: organizational session for 1976 /Charter/	12-16 January	New York	54 G	I T (CEFRS)	Two sessions a year
10. Commission on Human Rights - Ad Hoc Working Group on Human Rights in Chile established by Commis- sion resolution 8 (XXXI) and Council decision 79 (LVIII)	12-30 January	Geneva	5 G	- - -	-
11. UNDP - Governing Council - Budgetary and Finance Committee /General Assembly res. 2813 (XXVI)/	12-30 January	Geneva	48 G	I T (EFS)	Two sessions a year
12. UNDP - Governing Council - Committee on Technical Co-operation Among Developing Countries /General Assembly res. 3251 (XXIX)/	12-30 January	Geneva	48 G	I T (EFS)	One session a year

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I T SR (CEFRS)	Periodicity
13. UNDP - Governing Council, twenty-first session /General Assembly res. 2029 (XX)/	12 January- 2 February	Geneva	46 G	I T SR (CEFRS)	Two sessions a year
14. Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre, UNCTAD/GATT, ninth session /General Assembly res. 2297 (XXII)/	13-16 January	Geneva	150 G	I T (CEFRS)	One session a year
15. Meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions b/	First half of January (1 week)	Bangkok	-	I T (ES)	Two sessions a year
16. UNCTAD - Working Group on Tungsten, tenth session /TD/TUNGSTEN 9/Rev.1/	19-23 January	Geneva	13 G	I T (CEFRS)	One session a year
17. United Nations Special Fund - Board of Governors, second session /General Assembly res. 3356 (XXIX)/	19-30 January	New York	36 G	I T (EFRS)	Two sessions a year of two weeks each
18. Commission on Human Rights - Ad Hoc Working Group on situations which reveal a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights (Council decision 79 (LVIII))	26-30 January	Geneva	-		Re-established by Council under Commission decision 7 (XXXI)
19. Council of the United Nations University /General Assembly res. 3081 (XXVIII)/	27-30 January	Tokyo	24	I T (EFS)	Two sessions a year

Organ	Dates	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/	Periodicity
				I T PV c/ Two sessions a (CEFRS) year	
20. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples /General Assembly res. 3328 (XXIX)]	Last week of January to first week of July	New York	24 G		
21. Committee for Development Planning - Working Group I b/	2-6 February	New York	24 G	I T (EFRS)	One session a year
22. UNEP - Plenipotentiary Conference on the Protection of the Mediterranean (approved by the Governing Council of UNEP)	2-13 February	Barcelona	18 G	I T (AEFS)	
23. UNCITRAL - Working Group on Negotiable Instruments, fourth session /General Assembly res. 2928 (XXVII)]	2-13 February	New York	8 G	I T (EFRS)	One session a year
24. Committee on Science and Technology for Development, third session b/	2-20 February	New York	54 G	I T (EFRS)	One session every two years
25. Commission on Human Rights, thirty-second session /Council res. 5 (I)]	2 February--5 March	Geneva	32 G	I T (EFRS)	One session a year
26. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Working Group on Direct Broadcast Satellites /General Assembly res. 2453 (XXIII)]	9-20 February	New York	37 G	I T (EFRS)	One session a year

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I T d/ (EFRS)	Periodicity
27. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, fourth special session b/	16-27 February	Geneva	30 G	I T (EFRS)	One session every two years
28. UNCTAD - Intergovernmental Preparatory Group on a Convention on International Intermodal Transport, third session /TDB decision 96 (XII)/	16 February- 5 March	Geneva	69 G	I T (EFRS)	-
29. Commission on Transnational Corporations /Economic and Social Council res. 1931 (LVII)/	17-27 February	New York	28 G	I T (CEFRS)	One session a year
30. Special session of the Committee on Natural Resources acting as Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Water Conference b/	23-27 February	New York	54 G	I T (EFRS)	- Should this prove sufficient, no need for second session; other- wise, Council will decide on a second session at its sixtieth session.
31. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods b/	1-12 March	Geneva	8 E	I T (EF)	One session a year
32. World Food Council /General Assembly res. 3348 (XXIX)/	8-12 March	Geneva	36 G	I T (CEFRS)	-
33. First United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas /Economic and Social Council res. 1839 (LVI)/	8-19 March	Panama City	-	- - -	-
34. UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board, seventh special session /Conference res. 79 (III)/	8-19 March	Geneva	68 G	I T (CEFRS)	SR e/

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ Periodicity
35. International Civil Service Commission /General Assembly res. 3042 (XXVII)]	8-26 March	New York	13 E	I T - (EFRS) Two sessions a year
36. Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, fourth session /General Assembly res. 3067 (XXVIII)]	15 March-7 May	New York	151 G	I T SR (ACEFRS)
37. Administrative Committee on Co-ordination - Preparatory Committee /Economic and Social Council res. 13 (III)]	22-31 March	Geneva	22 ST	- - - Two sessions
38. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee /General Assembly res. 1721 (XVI)]	22 March-9 April	Geneva	37 G	I T SR (EFRS) One session a year
39. United Nations Special Fund - Board of Governors /General Assembly res. 3356 (XXIX)]	29 March-9 April	New York	36 G	I T - (EFRS) Two sessions a year of two weeks each
40. ECE, thirty-first session b/	29 March-9 April	Geneva	32 G	I T d/ (EFR)
41. Committee for Development Planning, twelfth session b/	29 March-9 April	New York	24 E	I T - (EFRS) One session a year
42. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination /General Assembly res. 2106 (XX)]	29 March-16 April	Geneva	18 E	I T SR (EFRS) Two sessions a year
43. UNEP - Governing Council, fourth session /General Assembly res. 2997 (XXVII)]	30 March-14 April	Nairobi	58 G	I T - (CEFRS) One session a year

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ Periodicity
44. UNIDO - Permanent Committee of the IDB, seventh session /General Assembly res. 2152 (XXI)/	30 March-14 April	Vienna	45 G	I T - Two sessions a year
45. International Narcotics Control Board /Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, art. 11/	March (1 week) (If required)	Geneva	11 E	I T (EF) - Three sessions a year
46. Consultative Panel on Public Information /General Assembly res. 2897 (XXVI)/	March/April (2 days)	New York	26 G	I - - One session a year (CEFRS)
47. ESCAP, thirty-second session b/	March/April	Jakarta	30 G	I T (EF) SR One session a year
48. Administrative Committee on Co-ordination /Economic and Social Council res. 13 (III)/	8-9 April	Geneva	22 ST	I - - Two sessions a year (EF) SR
49. United Nations Administrative Tribunal /General Assembly res. 957 (X)/	12-30 April	Geneva	7 E	I T (EF) PV f/ Two sessions a year
50. Economic and Social Council, sixtieth session /Charter/	13 April-14 May	New York	54 G	I T (CEFRS) SR Two sessions a year
51. ECWA, third session b/	19-23 April	To be determined		One session a year
52. UNIDO - IDB, tenth session /General Assembly res. 2152 (XXI)/	20-30 April	Vienna	45 G	I T (CEFRS) SR One session a year
53. United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme /General Assembly res. 1714 (XVI)/	26-30 April	Rome	24 G	I T SR Two sessions a year (Title subject to change under General Assembly res. 3348 (XXIX))

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ Periodicity
54. UNCITRAL - Committee of the Whole to consider the revised set of arbitration rules for optional use in <u>ad hoc</u> arbitration relating to international trade	26 April- 7 May	New York	36 G	I - - (EFRS)
55. UNCITRAL, ninth session /General Assembly res. 2205 (XXI)/	26 April- 21 May	New York	36 G	I T (EFRS)
56. UNDP - Working Group on Administrative and Finance Matters /General Assembly res. 2029 (XX)/	April (2-3 days)	Geneva	20 ST	- - - Two sessions a year
57. UNDP - Programme Working Group /a subsidiary body of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board/	April (2-3 days)	Geneva	20 ST	- - - Two sessions a year
58. UNDP - Inter-Agency Consultative Board, twentieth session /General Assembly res. 2029 (XX)/	April (1 day)	Geneva	21 ST	I - - (EF)
59. UNCTAD - Pre-conference meeting /TDB decision 45 (VII)/	3-4 May	Nairobi	150 G	I T (CEFRS)
60. UNCTAD, fourth session /General Assembly res. 1995 (XIX) and 2904 (XXVII)/	3-28 May	Nairobi	150 G	I T (CEFRS)
61. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Legal Sub-Committee /General Assembly res. 1721 (XVI)/	3-28 May	Geneva	37 G	I T (EFRS)

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ Periodicity
62. International Law Commission /General Assembly res. 1647 (XVI)]	3 May-23 July	Geneva	25 E	I T SR One session a year
63. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions /General Assembly res. 14 (I)]	4-11 May 12-14 May 17-20 May 21-26 May 1 June-2 July	Geneva) Beirut) Addis Ababa) Nairobi) New York)	13 E	I T - Two sessions a (CEFRS) year
64. International Narcotics Control Board /Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, art. 11]	10-21 May	Geneva	11 E	I T - Three sessions a (EF) year
65. UNICEF - Executive Board))			30 G	I T SR) (EFRS))
66. UNICEF - Committee on Administration and Finance))	17-28 May	New York	30 G	I T) (EFRS)) As required
67. UNICEF - Programme Committee) /General Assembly res.) 57 (I)])			30 G	I T SR) (EFRS))
68. Council organ for programme and co-ordination /Economic and Social Council res. 1768 (LIV)]	17-28 May	New York	21 G	I T SR One session a (EFRS) year
69. Committee on Contributions /General Assembly rules of procedure]	18 May-12 June	New York	13 E	I - One session a (CEFRS) year
70. Trusteeship Council (and Drafting Committees), forty-third session /Charter]	25 May-18 June	New York	6 G	I T PV e/ As required (CEFR)

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ Periodicity
71. Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements - Preparatory Committee, third session	27-29 May	Vancouver	56 G	I T - (CEFRS)
72. Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements /General Assembly res. 3128 (XXVIII)]	31 May-11 June	Vancouver	141 G	I T - (CEFRS)
73. ECLA - Committee of the Whole /Economic and Social Council resolutions 106 (VI), 234 (IX) and 414 (XIII)]	May	To be determined		
74. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Committee of Actuaries /General Assembly res. 248 (III), art. 22]	May/June (3 days)	To be determined	5 E	I - - (EF)
75. United Nations Board of Auditors /General Assembly res. 74 (I)]	1-18 June	New York	3 E	I - - (ES)
76. UNDP - Governing Council, twenty-second session /General Assembly res. 2029 (XX)]	14 June-2 July	New York	48 G	I T SR (EFRS)
77. UNDP - Governing Council - Budgetary and Finance Committee /General Assembly res. 2813 (XXVI)]	14 June-2 July	New York	48 G	I T - (EFRS)
78. Committee on Crime Prevention and Control b/	21 June-2 July	New York	15 E	I T - (EFRS)

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ Periodicity
79. Council of the United Nations University /General Assembly res. 3081 (XXVIII)]	28 June-1 July	Tokyo	24	I - - (EFS)
80. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space /General Assembly res. 1472 A (XIV)]	28 June-9 July	New York	37 G	I T PV e/ (EFS)
81. International Civil Service Commission /General Assembly res. 3042 (XXVII)]	28 June-16 July	FAO Rome	13 E	I T - (EFS)
82. ECA - Executive Committee b/	June (1 week)	Addis Ababa	16 G	I T M (EF)
83. Meetings of Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions b/	June (4 days)	Geneva	-	Two sessions a year
84. UNITAR - Annual meeting of directors of institutes within the United Nations family /General Assembly res. 1934 (XVIII)]	June/July (3 days)	Geneva	9 ST	- - - One session a year
85. Joint Meetings of the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination b/	5-6 July	Geneva	54 G 22 ST	I T (CEFS)
86. Economic and Social Council, sixty-first session /Charter]	7 July-6 August	Geneva	54 G	I T (CEFS)
87. Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission: Working Group on Oceanography and Data Exchange g/	12-16 July	New York	75 E	I T - (EFS)

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing <u>a/</u>	Periodicity
88. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board /General Assembly res. 248 (III), art. 22]	19-30 July	New York	21 E	I T - (EF)	One session a year
89. UNCTAD - Working Group on International Shipping Legislation, fifth session, second part	26-30 July	Geneva	38 G	I - - (EFRS)	One session a year
90. Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Communications b/	26 July- 6 August	Geneva	5 E	I T - (EFRS)	One session a year
91. UNCTAD - Intergovernmental Group on Container Transport /TDB decision 118 (XIV)]	2-13 August	Geneva	69 G	I T - (CEFRS)	
92. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination /General Assembly res. 2106 (XX)]	2-20 August 9-27 August	If New York If Geneva	18 E	I T SR (EFRS)	Two sessions a year
93. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples /General Assembly res. 3328 (XXIX)]	First week of August to first week of September	New York	24 G	I T PV c/ (CEFRS)	Two sessions a year
94. Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Group of Five on Slavery	9-11 August	Geneva	5 G	- - -	One session a year

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I T	Periodicity
95. Committee of Experts on Transport of Dangerous Goods: Group of Experts on Explosives <u>b/</u>	9-13 August	Geneva	8 E	I T (EF)	One session a year
96. Committee for Development Planning - Working Group II <u>b/</u>	9-13 August	Geneva	24 E	I T (EFRS)	One session a year
97. Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, twenty-ninth session	12 August-1 September	Geneva	26 E	I T <u>d/</u> (EFRS)	One session a year
98. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Group of Rapporteurs <u>b/</u>	16-20 August	Geneva	8 E	I T (EF)	One session a year
99. UNCTAD - TDB, sixteenth session, first part /General Assembly res. 1995 (XIX) <u>7</u>	17 August-10 September	Geneva	68 G	I T (CEFRS)	Normally one session a year
100. United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation /General Assembly res. 913 (X) <u>7</u>	6-17 September	Vienna	20 G	I T (EFRS)	One session a year
101. Commission on the Status of Women, twenty-sixth session <u>b/</u>	13 September-1 October	Geneva	16 G	I T (EFRS)	One session every two years
102. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions /General Assembly res. 14 (I) <u>7</u>	14 September-December	New York	13 E	I T (CEFRS)	Two sessions a year
103. Eighth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East <u>b/</u>	15-29 September	Jakarta	-	I T (EF)	-

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ SR h/ I T (ACEFRS)	Periodicity
104. General Assembly, thirty-first session / <u>Charter</u> 7	21 September-December	New York	141 G	I T (ACEFRS)	PV/ SR h/ One or two sessions a year
105. UNITAR -Board of Trustees / <u>General Assembly res. 1934 (XVIII)</u> 7	September (4-5 days)	New York	24 E	I T (EF)	One or two sessions a year
106. International Narcotics Control Board / <u>Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, art. 11</u> 7	11 October-3 November	Geneva	11 E	I T (EF)	Three sessions a year
107. UNCTAD - Committee on Tungsten / <u>TDB/317, para. 118</u> 7	25-29 October	Geneva	29 G	I T (CEFRS)	One session a year
108. United Nations Administrative Tribunal / <u>General Assembly res. 957 (X)</u> 7	October (3 weeks)	New York	7 E	I T (EF)	PV f/ Two sessions a year
109. ECA - Technical Committee of Experts b/	October (1 week)	Addis Ababa	41 G	I T (EF)	One session a year
110. UNHCR - Executive Committee b/	October (10 days)	Geneva	30 G	I T (EF)	One session a year
111. Administrative Committee on Co-ordination - Preparatory Committee / <u>Economic and Social Council res. 13 (III)</u> 7	October (10 days)	New York	22 ST	- - -	Two sessions a year
112. Administrative Committee on Co-ordination / <u>Economic and Social Council res. 13 (III)</u> 7	October (3 days)	New York	22 ST	I - (EF)	Two sessions a year
113. UNDP - Working Group on Administrative and Finance Matters / <u>General Assembly res. 2029 (XX)</u> 7	October (2-3 days)	New York	20 ST	- - -	Two sessions a year

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/	Periodicity
114. UNDP - Programme Working Group /a subsidiary body of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board/	October (2-3 days)	New York	20 ST	- - SR	Two sessions a year
115. UNDP - Inter-Agency Consultative Board, twenty- first session /General Assembly res. 2029 (XX)/	October (1 day)	New York	20 ST	I - SR	Two sessions a year
116. Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law /General Assembly res. 2838 (XXVI)/	October (1 day)	New York	13 G	I T - (EFRS)	One session a year
117. United Nations Pledging Conference on the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Capital Development Fund /General Assembly res. 1729 (XVI)/	October (1 day)	New York	141 G	I T (CEFRS)	One meeting a year
118. United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme /General Assembly res. 1714 (XVI)/	October	Rome	24 G	I T SR	Two sessions a year (Title subject to change under General Assembly res. 3348 (XXIX))
119. Economic and Social Council, resumed sixty-first session /Charter/	October/ November (1 day)	New York	54	I T (CEFRS)	Two sessions a year

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ Periodicity
120. United Nations Board of Auditors /General Assembly res. 74 (I)]	October/ November	New York	3 E	I - - (ES) Two sessions a year
121. Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency /General Assembly res. 1438 (XIV)]	October/ November	To be determined	7 E	I - - One session a year
122. Statistical Commission, nineteenth session b/	1-12 November	New Delhi	24 G	I T - (EFRS) One session every two years
123. Commission for Social Development, twenty-fifth session b/	1-19 November	Geneva	32 G	I T d/ (EFRS) Would normally convene in 1977, but should meet late in 1976 to review proposed 1978-1979 programme budget.
124. UNCTAD - Intergovernmental Preparatory Group on a Convention on International Intermodal Transport, fourth session /TDB decision 96 (XII)]	1-19 November	Geneva	69 G	I T - (EFRS)
125. UNCTAD - Special Committee on Preferences, eighth session /Conference res. 77 (III)]	22 November- 3 December	Geneva	i/	I T SR (CEFRS) One session a year
126. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, ninth session /Economic and Social Council res. 1488 (XLVIII)]	29 November- 8 December	Geneva	8 E	I T - (EF) One session a year

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
127. ECA - Executive Committee b/ /General Assembly res. 2152 (XXI)]	November (1 week)	Addis Ababa	16 G	I T (EF)	M		Two sessions a year
128. UNIDO - Pledging Conference /General Assembly res. 2152 (XXI)]	November (1 day)	New York	141 G	I T (CEFRS)	SR		One day a year
129. UNICEF - Pledging Conference /General Assembly res. 3250 (XXIX)]	November (1 day)	New York	141 G	I T (CEFRS)	SR		One day a year
130. Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East /General Assembly res. 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	141 G	I T (CEFRS)	SR		One meeting a year
131. Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees /General Assembly res. 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	141 G	I T (CEFRS)	SR		One meeting a year
132. UNIDO - Permanent Committee of IDB, eighth session /General Assembly res. 2152 (XXI)]	November/ December (1 week)	Vienna	45 G	I T (CEFRS)	-		Two sessions a year
133. UNCTAD - Permanent Group on Synthetics and Substitutes, seventh session /TDB decision 7 (I), TD/B/21/Rev.1]	6-10 December	Geneva	24 G	I T (EFRS)	-		One session a year

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ Periodicity
134. Committee for Development Planning - Working Group III b/	13-17 December	New York	24 E	I T - One session a year (EFRS)
135. United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee /General Assembly res. 1344 (XIII)/	To be determined	To be determined	7 G	I T SR To be determined (EFR)
136. Committee on Relations with the Host Country /General Assembly res. 3107 (XXVIII)/	To be determined	New York	15 G	I T SR As required (CEFRS)
137. Security Council /Charter/	As required	New York	15 G	I T PV As required (CEFRS)
138. Security Council - Committee established in pursuance of Security Council resolution 253 (1968) concerning the question of Southern Rhodesia	As required	New York	15 G	I T SR As required (CEFRS)
139. Security Council - Committee of Experts established by the Security Council at it 1506th meeting	As required	New York	15 G	I T SR As required (CEFRS)
140. Security Council - Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on Namibia /Security Council res. 283 (1970)/	As required	New York	15 G	I T SR As required (CEFRS)
141. Security Council - Committee of Experts /Decision taken by the Security Council at its first meeting, 1946/	As required	New York	15 G	I T SR As required (CEFRS)

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ Periodicity
142. Security Council - Committee on the Admission of New Members /Decision taken by the Security Council at its 42nd meeting, 19467	As required	New York	15 G	I T SR As required (CEFRS)
143. Security Council - Committee on Council Meetings away from Headquarters /Charter, Art. 28, para. 37	As required	New York	15 G	I T SR As required (CEFRS)
144. Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations /General Assembly res. 2965 (XXVII)7	As required	New York	33 G	I T SR As required (EFRS)
145. Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations - Working Group	As required	New York	13 G	I T - As required (EFRS)
146. United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine /General Assembly res. 2792 A (XXVI)7	As required	New York	3 C	I T SR As required (EF)
147. Peace Observation Commission /General Assembly res. 377 (V)7	To be determined	New York	13 G	I T SR To be determined
148. Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa /General Assembly res. 2431 (XXIII)7	To be determined	To be determined	7 G	I T - About four meetings a year (EFS)
149. Disarmament Commission /General Assembly res. 1403 (XIV)7	To be determined	To be determined	141 G	I T PV As required (CEFRS)

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I T PV	Periodicity
150. Conference of the Committee on Disarmament /General Assembly res. 3261 (XXIX)]	To be determined	Geneva	31 G	I T PV (EFRS)	Two sessions a year
151. Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference /General Assembly res. 3260 (XXIX)]	To be determined	New York	40 G	I T (CEFRS)	
152. Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean /General Assembly res. 3259 (XXIX)]	To be determined	To be determined	18 G	I T (CEFF)	To be determined
153. United Nations Council for Namibia /General Assembly resolutions 2248 (S-V) and 3295 (XXIX)]	As required	New York	25 G	I T (CEFRS)	As required
154. Special Committee against Apartheid /General Assembly res. 2923 C (XXVII)]	To be determined (Twice a week)	New York	16 G	I T (EFRS)	As required
155. United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa - Committee of Trustees /General Assembly res. 2923 B (XXVII)]	To be determined (6 meetings)	New York	5 G	I T (EFS)	As required
156. Committee on Arrangements for a Conference for the Purpose of Reviewing the Charter /General Assembly res. 3349 (XXIX)]	To be determined	New York	141 G	I T (CEFRS)	To be determined
157. Committee on Applications for Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements /General Assembly res. 351 (IV)]	If required	New York	25 G	I T (CEFRS)	If required

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/	Periodicity
158. Investments Committee /General Assembly res. 82 (I), annex, sect. 257	To be determined	New York	6 E	- - -	Four meetings a year
159. United Nations Staff Pension Board - Standing Committee /General Assembly res. 248 (III), art. 227	To be determined	New York	9 E	I T (EF)	Three sessions of three meetings each a year
160. United Nations Staff Pension Committee /General Assembly res. 248 (III), art. 207	To be determined	New York	9 E	- - -	Three sessions of one meeting each a year
161. UNCITRAL - Working Group on International Legislation on Shipping, ninth session /General Assembly res. 2928 (XXVII)7	To be determined	Geneva	21 G	I T (EFRS)	One session a year
162. UNCTAD - Advisory Committee to the Board and to the Committee on Commodities, eleventh session /TDB decision 8 (I)7	To be determined	Geneva	7 E	I T (EFR)	One to two sessions a year
163. UNCTAD - Ad Hoc Meetings on Debt Problems of Developing Countries	If required (up to 4 weeks)	Geneva	-	-	
164. UNCTAD - Permanent Sub-Committee on Commodities /TD/B/21/Rev.1, para. 1017	If required (1 week)	Geneva	28 G	I T (EFRS)	As required
165. UNCTAD - Commodity Conferences /TDB decision 7 (I)7	As required (up to 10 weeks)	Geneva	150 G	I T (CEFRS)	As required

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I T - (EFRS)	Periodicity
166. UNCTAD - Commodity Consultations /Conference res. 83 (III)]	As required (up to 10 weeks)	Geneva	G or E	I T - (EFRS)	As required
167. UNCTAD - Working parties, study groups and expert groups /convened by virtue of a special authorization in each particular case]	As required (up to 16 weeks)	Geneva	G or E	I T - (EFRS)	As required
168. UNITAR - Seminars on Organization and Functioning of the United Nations System /General Assembly res. 1934 (XVIII)]	To be determined (4 weeks)	New York	- G - ST	I - - (EFRS)	To be determined
169. UNITAR - Colloquium for senior officials in the United Nations system /General Assembly res. 1934 (XVIII)]	To be determined (1 week)	To be determined	- ST	- - -	To be determined
170. UNITAR - Regional seminar on techniques and procedures of technical assistance /General Assembly res. 1934 (XVIII)]	To be determined (10 meetings per week)	Geneva	- G	- - -	To be determined
171. UNITAR - Panels on research (4-8 panels) /General Assembly res. 1934 (XVIII)]	To be determined	New York and Geneva	- E, G, and ST	I - - (EF)	To be determined
172. UNITAR - Board of Trustees - Administrative and Training Committee /General Assembly res. 1934 (XVIII)]	To be determined	New York or Geneva	6 E 1 ST	- - - SR	One session a year
173. UNITAR - Board of Trustees - Research Committee /General Assembly res. 1934 (XVII)]	To be determined	New York or Geneva	6 E 1 ST	- - -	One session a year

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I T (EFRS)	Periodicity
174. Committee on Conferences /General Assembly res. 3351 (XXIX)]	As required	New York	22 G	-	-
175. Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meetings of Narcotic Law Enforcement Agencies of the Countries of the Far East Region b/	To be determined	A capital in the region	5 G	-	-
176. Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic in the Near and Middle East b/	To be determined	Geneva and elsewhere in the region	5 G	-	-
177. Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development - Ad Hoc Working Group II b/	To be determined (3 days)	Geneva			
178. Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development - Ad Hoc Working Group III b/	To be determined (1 week)	New York			
179. Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development - Regional Group for ECA Countries b/	To be determined (3 days)	Addis Ababa			
180. Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development - Regional Group for ESCAP Countries b/	To be determined (3 days)	Bangkok			

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/	Periodicity
181. ECLA - Committee of High Level Government Experts b/	To be determined	To be determined			
182. ECLA - Latin American food conference b/	To be determined	To be determined			
183. Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements - Preparatory Committee, second session /General Assembly res. 3128 (XXVIII)/	To be determined	New York	56 G	I T (CEFRS)	-

a/ The languages in which interpretation will be provided are indicated. Languages in which translation and meeting records will be provided vary according to the rules of procedure applicable to the body concerned and, in the case of some working groups and similar bodies, to the actual requirements when less than would be provided under the rules of procedure.

b/ Decision taken by the Economic and Social Council at its 1979th meeting.

c/ For plenary meetings only. It has been the practice of the Special Committee to establish sub-committees, for which summary records are provided.

d/ May request summary records for particular discussions when needed.

e/ For plenary meetings only.

f/ When holding oral hearings.

g/ Although the Working Group is not part of the economic and social programme, the Secretary-General requested the Council's authorization to convene this meeting in the light of the administrative and financial implications thereof. The United Nations Secretariat is a member of the Intersecretariat Committee on Scientific Programmes relating to Oceanography (See General Assembly resolution 2560 (XXIV) of 13 December 1969).

h/ It has been the practice to provide verbatim records for plenary meetings and First Committee meetings only.

i/ Open for participation to all interested States members of UNCTAD (Conference resolution 80 (III), para. 9).

B. CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS OF PRINCIPAL ORGANS
OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND IAEA FOR 1976

Organ	Dates	Location	Remarks
1. WHO - Executive Board, fifty-seventh session	January	Geneva	
2. IMCO - Conference on the Establishment of an International Maritime Satellite System, resumed session	9-27 February	London	
3. ILO - Governing Body, one hundred and ninety-ninth session	16 February-5 March	Geneva	
4. IAEA - Board of Governors	17-24 February	Vienna	
5. UPU - Executive Council	February	Berne	
6. ICAO - Council, eighty-seventh session	15 March-15 April	Montreal	
7. IMCO - Maritime Safety Committee, thirty-fourth session	March (one week)	London	
8. UNESCO - Executive Board, ninety-ninth session	15 April-31 May	Paris	
9. IMCO - Maritime Environment Protection Committee, fifth session	April (one week)	London	
10. ILO - Governing Body, two hundredth session	24-29 May and 25 June	Geneva	
11. WHO - Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly and Executive Board, fifty-eighth session	May	Geneva	

Organ		Dates	Location	Remarks
12.	WMO - Executive Committee, twenty-eighth session	27 May-17 June	Geneva	
13.	UPU - Executive Council	May	Berne	
14.	ILO - Sixty-first International Labour Conference	2-23 June	Geneva	
15.	ICAO - Council, eighty-eighth session	7-30 June	Montreal	
16.	IAEA - Board of Governors	8-15 June	Vienna	
17.	ITU - Administrative Council, thirty-first session	14 June-2 July	Geneva	
18.	IMCO - Council, thirty-sixth session	June (one week)	London	
19.	UNESCO - Executive Board, one hundredth session	16 September- November	Paris/ Nairobi	
20.	IAEA - Board of Governors and General Conference	20-25 September	Vienna	
21.	WIPO - General Assembly, Conference and Co-ordination Committee	27 September- 5 October	Geneva	
22.	ITU - International Consultative Committee for Telegraph and Telephone, sixth plenary Assembly	27 September- 8 October	Geneva	
23.	FAO - Council, sixty-seventh session	September/October	Rome	
24.	IMF, IBRD, IDA, IFC - Board of Governors	4-8 October	Manila	
25.	ILO - Sixty-second International Labour Conference	13-27 October	Geneva	

	Organ	Dates	Location	Remarks
	UNESCO - Nineteenth General Conference	October-November (34 days)	Nairobi	
27.	IMCO - International Conference on the Limitation of the liability of Shipowners	1-19 November	London	
28.	ILO - Governing Body, two hundred and first session	8-19 November	Geneva	
29.	ICAO - Council, eighty-ninth session	8 November- 17 December	Montreal	
30.	FAO - Council, sixty-ninth session	November (two weeks)	Rome	
31.	UNESCO - Executive Board, one hundred and first session	November (two days)	Nairobi	

Annex II

PROVISIONAL CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS FOR 1977

1. The provisional calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 1977 is set forth below; the calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies and IAEA is also given for information.

2. The calendar as submitted at this time includes provision both for bodies whose meetings have been scheduled for definite times and for bodies whose sessions have not been scheduled for definite times.

3. Attention is drawn to the fact that the calendar includes the following conferences:

(a) United Nations Water Conference, 7-18 March 1977, at Mar del Plata;

(b) Third United Nations International Conference on Standardization of Geographical Names, 17 August-7 September 1977, at Athens;

(c) United Nations Conference on Desertification, 29 August-9 September 1977, at Nairobi.

A. PROVISIONAL CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR 1977*
(As of 29 September 1975)

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I T PV (CEFR)	Periodicity
1. Military Staff Committee / Charter, art. 47/	6 January Once every fortnight thereafter	New York	5 G	I T PV (CEFR)	Every second Thursday
2. Economic and Social Council: organizational session for 1977 / Charter/	10, 12-13 January	New York	54 G	I T (CEFRS)	Two sessions a year
3. Commission on Human Rights - Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts established under Commission res. 2 (XXIII)	10-21 January	Geneva	6 G	I T (EFS)	-
4. Population Commission, nineteenth session b/	10-21 January	New York	27 G	I T M (EFRS)	One session every 2 years
5. United Nations Special Fund - Board of Governors /General Assembly res. 3356 (XXIX)/	17-28 January	New York	26 G	I T (EFRS)	-
6. Commission on Transnational Corporations /Economic and Social Council res. 1913 (LVII)/	17-28 January	New York	28 G	I T (CEFRS)	SR
7. UNDP - Governing Council, twenty-third session /General Assembly res. 2029 (XX)/	17 January- 4 February	New York	48 G	I T (EFRS)	- Two sessions a year

* The notes to the table are to be found at the end of part A.

Organ	Dates	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I T SR (EFRS)	Periodicity
8. UNDP - Governing Council - Budgetary and Finance Committee /General Assembly res. 2813 (XXVI)/	17 January - 4 February	New York	48 G	I T SR (EFRS)	Two sessions a year
9. UNDP - Governing Council - Committee on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries /General Assembly res. 3251 (XXIX)/	17 January - 4 February	New York	48 G	I T (EFRS)	One session a year
10. Commission on Human Rights - Ad Hoc Committee on Periodic Reports	31 January - 4 February	Geneva	8 G	I T (EFRS)	One session a year
11. Meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions b/	First half of January (1 week)	To be determined	-	I T -	Two sessions a year
12. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples /General Assembly res. 3328 (XXIX)/	Last week of January to first week of July	New York	24 G	I T (CEFRS)	Two sessions a year
13. UNCTAD - Working Group on International Shipping Legislation, sixth session Trade and Development Board res. 46 (VII)/	January (2 weeks)	Geneva	38 G	I - (EFRS)	One session a year

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14. UNCTAD - Technical Committee of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre, UNCTAD/GATT, sixth session /ITC/AG.18/	January (2 weeks)	Geneva	18 G	I T - (EFRS)	One session a year
15. Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre, UNCTAD/GATT, tenth session /General Assembly res. 2297 (XXII)/	January (2 weeks)	Geneva	150 G	I T - (CEFRS)	One session a year
16. Council of the United Nations University /General Assembly res. 3081 (XXVIII)/	January (1 week)	Tokyo	24	I - - (EFS)	
17. UNCITRAL - Working Group on the International Sale of Goods, eighth session /General Assembly res. 2928 (XXVII)/	January/February (2 weeks)	New York	14 G	I T - (EFRS)	One to two sessions a year
18. UNCITRAL - Working Group on International Legislation on Shipping, tenth session /General Assembly res. 2928 (XXVII)/	January/February (2 weeks)	New York	21 G	I T - (EFRS)	One to two sessions a year
19. UNCITRAL - Working Group on Negotiable Instruments, fifth session /General Assembly res. 2928 (XXVII)/	January/February (2 weeks)	Geneva	8 G	I T - (EFRS)	One to two sessions a year
20. Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations b/	7-11 February	New York	13 G	I T d/ (EFRS)	One session every 2 years
21. Commission on Human Rights, thirty-third session /Council res. 5 (I)/	7 February-11 March	Geneva	32 G	I T d/ (EFRS)	One session a year

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22. Committee for Development Planning - Working Group I b/	14-18 February	New York	24 E	I T (EFRS)	One session a year
23. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, twenty-seventh session b/	14-25 February	Geneva	30 G	I T (EFRS)	One session every 2 years
24. International Civil Service Commission /General Assembly res. 3042 (XXVII)/	14 February- 4 March	New York	13 E	I T (EFRS)	Two sessions a year
25. UNCTAD - Committee on Commodities, ninth session /TDB decision 7 (I)/	February (2 weeks)	Geneva	e/	I T (CEFRS)	Normally twice between sessions of the Conference
26. United Nations International Water Conference b/	7-18 March	Mar del Plata	141 G	I T (CEFRS)	-
27. Council organ for programme and co-ordination b/	21 March- 1 April	New York	21 G	I T (EFRS)	d/
28. Committee on Natural Resources, fifth session b/	28 March- 8 April	New York	54 G	I T (EFRS)	One session every 2 years
29. United Nations Special Fund - Board of Governors /General Assembly res. 3356 (XXIX)/	28 March- 8 April	New York	26 G	I T (EFRS)	-
30. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination /General Assembly res. 2106 (XX)/	28 March- 15 April	New York	18 E	I T (EFRS)	Two sessions a year
31. UNCTAD - Committee on Shipping, eighth session /TDB res. 11 (I)/	March (2 weeks)	Geneva	e/	I T (CEFRS)	Normally twice between sessions of the Conference

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32. ESCAP, thirty-third session <u>b/</u>	March (10 days)	Bangkok	39 G	I T d/ (CEFR)	One session a year
33. ECA - Conference of Ministers, thirteenth session <u>b/</u>	March (1 week)	Kinshasa	41 G	I T M d/ (EF)	One session every two years
34. International Narcotics Control Board /Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, art. 11/	March (1 week)	Geneva	11 E	I T - (EF)	Three sessions a year
35. World Food Council /General Assembly res. 3348 (XXIX)/	Spring	Rome (Northern hemisphere)	36 G	I T - (CEFRS)	
36. United Nations Administrative Tribunal /General Assembly res. 957 (X)/	March/April (3 weeks)	Geneva	7 E	I T PV f/ (EF)	Two sessions a year
37. Consultative Panel on Public Information - Working Group /General Assembly res. 2897 (XXVI)/	March/April (2 days)	New York	26 G	I - - (CEFRS)	One session a year
38. UNCTAD - Committee on Manufactures, eighth session /TDB decision 9 (I)/	March/April (2 weeks)	Geneva	e/	I T SR. (CEFRS)	Normally twice between sessions of the Conference
39. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee /General Assembly res. 1721 (XVI)/	March/April	New York	37 G	I T SR (EFRS)	One session a year

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40. UNCITRAL, tenth session /General Assembly res. 2205 (XXI)/	March/April/ May	Geneva	36 G	I T SR (EFRS) One session a year
41. Committee for Development Planning, thirteenth session b/	11-22 April	New York	24 E	I T - (EFRS) One session a year
42. Economic and Social Council, sixty-second session /Charter/	12 April- 13 May	New York	54 G	I T SR (CEFRS) Two sessions a year
43. ECWA, fourth session b/	18-22 April	To be determined		One session a year
44. ECE, thirty-second session b/	18-29 April	Geneva	32 G	I T d/ (EFR) One session a year
45. Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and its Preparatory Committee /Economic and Social Council res. 13 (III)/	April (about 3 weeks)	Geneva	22 ST	I - - Two sessions a year
46. UNIDO - Permanent Committee of the IDB, ninth session /General Assembly res. 2152 (XXI)/	April (2 weeks)	Vienna	45 G	I T - Two sessions a year
47. United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme b/	April	Rome	24 G	I T SR Two sessions a year
48. Consultative Panel on Public Information /General Assembly res. 2897 (XXVI)/	April	New York	26 G	I - - (EFRS) One meeting a year

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49. UNDP - Working Group on Administrative and Finance Matters /General Assembly res. 2029 (XX)]	April (2-3 days)	Geneva	20 ST	I - SR Two sessions a year
50. UNDP - Programme Working Group /a subsidiary body of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board]	April (2-3 days)	Geneva	20 ST	- - SR Two sessions a year
51. UNDP - Inter-Agency Consultative Board, twenty-first session /General Assembly res. 2029 (XX)]	April (1 day)	Geneva	21 ST	I - (EF) SR Two sessions a year
52. UNIDO - IDB, eleventh session /General Assembly res. 2152 (XXI)]	April/May (2 weeks)	Vienna	45 G	I T (CEFRS) SR One session a year
53. UNIDO - TDB, eighth special session /Conference resolution 79 (III)]	April/May (2 weeks)	Geneva	68 G	I T (CEFRS) SR Special session once every two years
54. UNCTAD - TDB, sixteenth session, second part /General Assembly res. 1995 (XIX)]	April/May (1 day)	Geneva	68 G	I T (CEFRS) SR If required
55. UNEP - Governing Council, fifth session /General Assembly res. 2997 (XXVII)]	April/May	Nairobi	58 G	I T (CEFRS) - One session a year
56. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions /General Assembly res. 14 (I)]	9 May- 15 July	New York	13 E	I T (CEFRS) - Two sessions a year

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57. Committee on Contributions /General Assembly rules of procedure/	16-27 May	New York	13 E	I - - One session a (CEFRS) year
58. UNICEF - Executive Board)		30 G	I T SR) (EFRS))
59. UNICEF - Committee on Administration and Finance) 16-27 May	New York	30 G	I T -) (EFRS)) As required
60. UNICEF - Programme Committee /General Assembly res. 57 (I)/)		30 G	I T SR) (EFRS))
61. Committee on Review and Appraisal, fourth session b/	16 May- 3 June	New York	54 G	I T SR Normally once (EFRS) every two years
62. Trusteeship Council (and Drafting Committees), forty- fourth session /Charter/	24 May- 17 June	New York	6 G	I T PV g/ As required (CEFR))
63. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Legal Sub-Committee /General Assembly res. 1721 (XVI)/	May (4 weeks)	New York	37 G	I T SR One session a (EFRS) year
64. ECLA, seventeenth session b/	May (8-9 days)	Guatemala	29 G	I T d/ One session every two years
65. UNCTAD - Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade, eighth session /Trade and Development Board decision 10 (I)/	May/June (2 weeks)	Geneva	e/	I T SR Normally twice (CEFRS) between sessions of the Conference

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66. International Narcotics Control Board /Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, art. 11/	May/June (17 days)	Geneva	11 E	I T - (EF)	Three sessions a year
67. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Committee of Actuaries /General Assembly res. 248 (III)/	May/June (3 days)	New York	4 E	I - (EF)	One session a year
68. International Law Commission /General Assembly res. 1647 (XVI)/	May-July	Geneva	25 E	I T SR (EFRS)	One session a year
69. Council of the United Nations University /General Assembly res. 3081 (XXVIII)/	27 June-1 July	Tokyo	24	I - (EFS)	
70. Statistical Commission - Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination b/	29 June-1 July	Geneva	8 G	I T - (EFR)	One session a year
71. UNCTAD - Committee on Transfer of Technology, second session /TDB decision 117 (XIV)/	June (2 weeks)	Geneva	e/	I T - (CEFRS)	Normally twice between sessions of the Conference
72. ECA - Executive Committee b/	June (1 week)	Addis Ababa	16 G	I T M (EF)	Two sessions a year
73. United Nations Board of Auditors /General Assembly res. 74 (I)/	June	New York	3 E	I - (ES)	Two sessions a year
74. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space /General Assembly res. 1472 (XIV)/	June or September	New York	37 G	I T PV <u>a</u> / (EFRS)	One session a year
75. UNDP - Governing Council, twenty-fourth session /General Assembly res. 2029 (XX)/	June (3 weeks)	Geneva	48 G	I T SR (EFRS)	Two sessions a year

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76. UNDP - Governing Council - Budgetary and Finance Committee /General Assembly res. 2813 (XXVI)/	June (3 weeks)	Geneva	48 G	I T (EFRS) Two sessions a year
77. Meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions b/	June (1 week)	Geneva	5 ST	I T (EF) Two sessions a year
78. United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation /General Assembly res. 913 (X)/	June (1 week)	Vienna	20 G	I T (EFRS) One session a year
79. UNITAR - Annual meeting of directors of institutes within the United Nations family /General Assembly res. 1934 (XVII)/	June/July (3 days)	Geneva	9 ST	- - - One session a year
80. UNCTAD - Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries, second session	June/July (2 weeks)	Geneva	e/	I T (CEFRS)
81. Joint meetings of the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee and the Administrative Committee for Co-ordination b/	4-5 July	Geneva	54 G 22 ST	I T (CEFRS) One session a year
82. International Civil Service Commission /General Assembly res. 3012 (XXVII)/	4-22 July	Vienna	13 E	I T (EFRS) Two sessions a year
83. Economic and Social Council, sixth-third session /Charter/	6 July- 5 August	Geneva	54 G	I T (CEFRS) Two sessions a year
84. Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission: Working Group on Oceanography and Data Exchange h/	July (1 week)	New York	75 E	I T (EFRS)

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85. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board /General Assembly res. 248 (III), art. 22/	July/August (2 weeks)	To be determined	21 E	I T - (EF)	One session a year
86. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples /General Assembly res. 3328 (XXIX)/	First week of August to first week of September	New York	24 G	I T (CEFRS)	Two sessions a year
87. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination b/	1-19 August	New York	18 E	I T (EFRS)	Two sessions a year
88. Committee for Development Planning - Working Group II b/	8-12 August	Geneva	24 G	I T (EFRS)	One session a year
89. Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Communications b/	8-19 August	Geneva	5 E	I T (EFRS)	One session a year
90. Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Group of Five on Slavery b/	17-19 August	Geneva			One session a year
91. United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names b/	One day prior to and one day after Conference	Athens	15 E	I T (CEFRS)	

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92. Third United Nations International Conference on Standardization of Geographical Names, seventh session b/	17 August- 7 September	Athens	35 E	I T - (CEFRS)
93. Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, thirtieth session b/	22 August- 9 September	Geneva	26 E	I T c/ (EFRS)
94. UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board, seventeenth session /General Assembly res. 1995 (XIX)]	23 August- 16 September	Geneva	68 G	I T SR (CEFRS)
95. United Nations Conference on Desertification /General Assembly res. 3337 (XXIX)]	29 August- 9 September	Nairobi		
96. ECA - Technical Committee of Experts b/	August/ September (1 week)	Addis Ababa	41 G	I T M (EF)
97. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions /General Assembly res. 14 (I)]	13 September- December	New York	13 E	I T - (CEFRS)
98. General Assembly, thirty-second session /Charter]	20 September- December	New York	141 G	I T , PV/ (ACEFRS) SR i/
99. Fourth meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance b/	29 September- 7 October	Geneva	15 to 16 E	I T - (EFRS)

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100. UNITAR - Board of Trustees /General Assembly res. 1934 (XVIII)]	September (4-5 days)	New York	24 E	I T SR One to two (EF) sessions a year
101. United Nations Administrative Tribunal /General Assembly res. 957 (X)]	September/ October (3 weeks)	New York	7 E	I T PV f/ Two sessions a (EF) year
102. Committee on Housing, Building and Planning b/	10-21 October	Geneva	27 G	I T d/ One session (EFR) every two years
103. Expert Group on Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries b/	24 October- 4 November	Geneva	18 E	I T (EFS)
104. United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee on the World Food Programme b/	October	Rome	24 G	I T SR Two sessions a year
105. UNHCR - Executive Committee b/	October (10 days)	Geneva	31 G	I T SR One session a (EF) year
106. Administrative Committee on Co-ordination - Preparatory Committee /Economic and Social Council res. 13 (III)]	October (10 days)	New York	22 ST	- - - Two sessions a year
107. Administrative Committee on Co-ordination /Economic and Social Council res. 13 (III)]	October (2 days)	New York	22 ST	I - SR Two sessions a (EF) year
108. UNDP - Working Group on Administrative and Finance Matters /General Assembly res. 2039 (XX)]	October (2-3 days)	New York	20 ST	- - - Two sessions a year

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109. UNDP - Programme Working Group /a subsidiary body of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board/	October (2-3 days)	New York	20 ST	- - SR Two sessions a year
110. UNDP - Inter-Agency Consultative Board, twenty-second session /General Assembly res. 2029 (XX)/	October (1 day)	New York	20 ST	I - SR (EF) Two sessions a year
111. Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law /General Assembly res. 2838 (XXVI)/	October (2 days)	New York	13 G	I T - (EFRS) One session a year
112. United Nations Pledging Conference on the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Capital Development Fund /General Assembly res. 1729 (XVI)/	October (1 day)	New York	141 G	I T SR (CEFRS) One meeting a year
113. International Narcotics Control Board /Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, art. 11/	October/ November (28 days)	Geneva	11 E	I T - (EF) Three sessions a year
114. Economic and Social Council, resumed sixty-third session /Charter/	October/ November	New York	54 G	I T SR (CEFRS) Two sessions a year
115. Panel of External Auditors of United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency /General Assembly res. 1438 (XIV)/	October/ November	Geneva	7 E	I - - (ES) One session a year

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116. United Nations Board of Auditors /General Assembly res. 74 (I)/	October/ November	New York	3 E	I T (ES)	Two sessions a year
117. Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development b/	7-18 November	Geneva	24 E	I T (EFRS)	One session every 2 years
118. UNCTAD - Special Committee on Preferences, ninth session /Conference res. 77 (III)/	November (two weeks)	Geneva	e/	I T (CEFRS)	One session a year
119. UNCTAD - Committee on Tungsten /TD/B/317, para. 118/ or Working Group on Tungsten /TD/TUNGSTEN.9/Rev.1/	November (1 week)	Geneva	29 G or 13 G	I T (CEFRS)	One session a year
120. ECA - Executive Committee b/	November (1 week)	Addis Ababa	16 G	I T (EF)	Two sessions a year
121. UNIDO - Pledging Conference /General Assembly res. 2152 (XXI)/	November (1 day)	New York	141 G	I T (CEFRS)	One day a year
122. UNICEF - Pledging Conference /General Assembly res. 3250 (XXIX)/	November (1 day)	New York	141 G	I T (CEFRS)	One day a year
123. Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East /General Assembly res. 1729 (XVI)/	November (1 meeting)	New York	141 G	I T (CEFRS)	One meeting a year

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124. Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of (1 meeting) Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees /General Assembly res. 1729 (XVI)]	November	New York	141 G	I T (CEFRS)	One meeting a year
125. UNIDO - Permanent Committee of the IDB, tenth session /General Assembly res. 2152 (XXI)]	November (1 week)	Vienna	45 G	I T (CEFRS)	Two sessions a year
126. Committee for Development Planning - Working Group III b/	12-16 December	New York	24 G	I T (EFRS)	One session a year
127. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Working Group on Direct Broadcast Satellites /General Assembly res. 2453 (XXIII)]	To be determined	To be determined	37 G	I T (EFRS)	One session a year
128. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Working Group on Remote Sensing of the Earth by Satellites /General Assembly res. 2778 (XXVI)]	To be determined	New York	37 G	I T (EFR)	-
129. United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee /General Assembly res. 1344 (XIII)]	To be determined	To be determined	7 G	I T (EFRS)	As required
130. Security Council /Charter]	As required	New York	15 G	I T (CEFRS)	As required
131. Security Council - Committee established in pursuance of Security Council resolution 253 (1968) concerning the question of Southern Rhodesia	As required	New York	15 G	I T (CEFRS)	As required

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132. Security Council - Committee of Experts established by the Security Council at its 1506th meeting	As required	New York	15 G	I T SR (CEFRS)	As required
133. Security Council - Ad Hoc Committee on Namibia /Security Council res. 283 (1970)/	As required	New York	15 G	I T SR (CEFRS)	As required
134. Security Council - Committee of Experts /Decision taken by the Security Council at its first meeting, 1946/	As required	New York	15 G	I T SR (CEFRS)	As required
135. Security Council - Committee on the Admission of New Members /Decision taken by the Security Council at its 42nd meeting, 1946/	As required	New York	15 G	I T SR (CEFRS)	As required
136. Security Council - Committee on Council Meetings away from Headquarters /Charter, Art. 28, para. 3/	As required	New York	15 G	I T SR (CEFRS)	As required
137. Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations /General Assembly res. 2965 (XXVII)/	As required	New York	33 G	I T SR (EFRS)	As required
138. Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations - Working Group	As required	New York	13 G	I T - (EFRS)	As required
139. United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine /General Assembly res. 2792 A (XXVI)/	As required	New York	3 G	I T SR (EF)	As required

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140. Peace Observation Commission /General Assembly res. 377 (V)/	To be determined	New York	13 G	I T SR	To be determined
141. Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa /General Assembly res. 2431 (XXIII)/	To be determined	To be determined	7 G	I T (EFS)	About 4 meetings a year
142. Disarmament Commission /General Assembly res. 1403 (XIV)/	To be determined	To be determined	141 G	I T (CEFRS)	As required
143. Conference of the Committee on Disarmament /General Assembly res. 3261 B (XXIX)/	To be determined	Geneva	31 G	I T (EFS)	Two sessions a year
144. Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference /General Assembly res. 3260 (XXIX)/	To be determined	New York	40 G	I T (CEFRS)	SR
145. Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean /General Assembly res. 3259 (XXIX)/	To be determined	To be determined	18 G	I T (CEF)	To be determined
146. United Nations Council for Namibia /General Assembly resolutions 2248 (S-V) and 3295 (XXIX)/	As required	New York	25 G	I T (CEFRS)	As required
147. Special Committee against Apartheid /General Assembly res. 2923 (XXVII)/	To be determined (Twice a week)	New York	16 G	I T (EFS)	As required
148. United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa - Committee of Trustees /General Assembly res. 2923 B (XXVII)/	To be determined (6 meetings)	New York	5 G	I T (EFS)	As required

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149. Committee on Arrangements for a Conference for the Purpose of Reviewing the Charter /General Assembly res. 3349 (XXIX)/	To be determined	New York	141 G	I T SR (CEFRS)		To be determined
150. Committee on Applications for Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements /General Assembly res. 351 (IV)/	If required	New York	25 G	I T (CEFRS)	-	If required
151. Investments Committee /General Assembly res. 82 (I), annex, sect. 25/	To be determined	New York	6 E	- - -	-	Four meetings a year
152. United Nations Staff Pension Board - Standing Committee /General Assembly res. 248 (III), art. 22/	To be determined	New York	9 E	I T (EF)	-	Three sessions of three meetings each a year
153. United Nations Staff Pension Committee /General Assembly res. 248 (III), art. 20/	To be determined	New York	9 E	- - -	-	Three sessions of one meeting each a year
154. UNCITRAL - Working Group on General Conditions of Sale of Goods	To be determined	To be determined	-	I T (EFRS)	-	To be determined
155. UNCITRAL - Working Group on International Commercial Arbitration	To be determined	To be determined	-	I T (EFRS)	-	To be determined
156. United Nations Conference on a Convention on International Intermodal Transport /TDB decision 96 (XII)/	To be determined (4 weeks)	Geneva	150 G	I T (CEFRS)	-	Subject to decision by the General Assembly

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157. UNCTAD - Advisory Committee to the Board and to the Committee on Commodities, twelfth session /TDB decision 8 (I)/	To be determined	Geneva	7 E	I T - One to two sessions a year (EFR)
158. UNCTAD - Permanent Sub-Committee on Commodities /TD/B/21/Rev.1, para. 101/	If required (1 week)	Geneva	28 G	I T - As required (EFRS)
159. UNCTAD - Commodity Conferences /TDB decision 7 (I)/	As required (up to 10 weeks)	Geneva	150 G	I T - As required (CEFRS)
160. UNCTAD - Commodity consultations /Conference res. 83 (III)/	As required (up to 10 weeks)	Geneva	G or E	I T - As required (EFRS)
161. UNCTAD - Working parties, study groups and expert groups /convened by virtue of a special authorization in each particular case/	As required (up to 16 weeks)	Geneva	G or E	I T - As required (EFRS)
162. UNITAR - Seminars on organization and functioning of the United Nations system /General Assembly res. 1934 (XVIII)/	To be determined (4 weeks)	New York	- G - ST	I - - To be determined (EFRS)
163. UNITAR - Colloquium for senior officials in the United Nations system /General Assembly res. 1934 (XVIII)/	To be determined (1 week)	To be determined	- ST	- - - To be determined
164. UNITAR - Panels on research (4-8 panels) /General Assembly res. 1934 (XVIII)/	To be determined	New York and Geneva	- E, G, and ST	I - - To be determined (EF)

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165. UNITAR - Board of Trustees - Administrative and Training Committee /General Assembly res. 1934 (XVIII)]	To be determined	New York or Geneva	6 E 1 ST	- - SR	One session a year
166. UNITAR - Board of Trustees - Research Committee /General Assembly res. 1934 (XVIII)]	To be determined	New York or Geneva	6 E 1 ST	- - -	One session a year
167. Committee on Relations with the Host Country /General Assembly res. 2819 (XXVI)]	To be determined	New York	15 G	I T SR (CEFRS)	As required
168. Committee on Conferences /General Assembly res. 3351 (XXIX)]	As required	New York	22 G	I T - (EFRS)	-
169. Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meetings of Narcotic Law Enforcement Agencies of Countries of the Far East Region b/	To be determined	A capital in the region	5 G	- - -	One session every two years
170. Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic in the Near and Middle East b/	To be determined	Geneva and elsewhere in the region	5 G	- - -	One session every two years
171. Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development - Ad Hoc Working Group I b/	To be determined (3 days)	Geneva			

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| 172. Advisory Committee on the
Application of Science and
Technology to Development -
Regional Group for ECE
Countries <u>b/</u> | To be
determined
(3 days) | Geneva | | | |
| 173. Advisory Committee on the
Application of Science and
Technology to Development -
Regional Group for ECLA
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- a/ The languages in which interpretation will be provided are indicated. Languages in which translation and meeting records will be provided vary according to the rules of procedure applicable to the body concerned and, in the case of some working groups and similar bodies, to the actual requirements when less than would be provided under the rules of procedure.
- b/ Decision taken by the Economic and Social Council at its 1979th meeting.
- c/ For plenary meetings only. It has been the practice of the Special Committee to establish sub-committees for which summary records are provided.
- d/ May request summary records for particular discussions when needed.
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- f/ When holding oral hearings.
- g/ For plenary meetings only.
- h/ Although the Working Group is not part of the economic and social programme, the Secretary-General requested the Council's authorization to convene this meeting in the light of the administrative and financial implications thereof. The United Nations Secretariat is a member of the Intersecretariat Committee on Scientific Programmes relating to Oceanography (see General Assembly res. 2560 (XXIV) of 13 December 1969).
- i/ It has been the practice to provide verbatim records for plenary meetings and First Committee meetings only.

B. CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS OF PRINCIPAL ORGANS
OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND IAEA FOR 1977

Organ	Dates	Location	Remarks
1. ITU - World Administrative Radio Conference for the Planning of the Broadcasting-Satellite Service	10 January-12 February	Geneva	
2. WHO - Executive Board	January	Geneva	
3. IAEA - Board of Governors	11-18 February	Vienna	
4. ILO - Governing Body, 202nd session	14 February-4 March	Geneva	
5. ITU - World Administrative Radio Conference on the Aeronautical Mobile (R) Service	7 March (4 weeks)	Geneva	
6. ICAO - Council, 90th session	8 March-7 April	Montreal	
7. UNESCO - Executive Board, 102nd session	April/May	Paris	
8. ILO - Governing Body, 203rd session	25-28 May and 23 June	Geneva	
9. WHO - Thirtieth World Health Assembly and Executive Board	May (3 weeks)	Geneva	
10. UPU - Executive Council	May	Berne	
11. ILO - International Labour Conference, 63rd session	1-23 June	Geneva	
12. ICAO - Council, 91st session	6-30 June	Montreal	
13. ITU - Administrative Council, 32nd session	June (3 weeks)	Geneva	
14. IAEA - Board of Governors	June (2nd half)	Vienna	

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15. FAO - Council, 70th session	June (2 weeks)	Rome	
16. ILO - Governing Body	June (1 day)	Rome	
17. IMF, IBRD, IDA, IFC - Board of Governors	26-30 September	Washington	
18. WIPO - Co-ordination Committee	26 September- 4 October	Geneva	
19. IAEA - Board of Governors, General Conference	September	Vienna	
20. UNESCO - Executive Board	September/October	Paris	
21. ILO - Governing Body, 204th session	7-18 November	Geneva	
22. ICAO - Council, 92nd session	14 November- 16 December	Montreal	
23. FAO - Conference, 19th session	November (3 weeks)	Rome	
24. FAO - Council, 71st session	November (approx. 1 week)	Rome	
25. FAO - Council, 72nd session	November (1 day)	Rome	
26. IMCO - Assembly, 10th session	November	To be determined	
27. WMO - Executive Committee, 29th session	To be determined	Geneva	
28. IMCO - International Conference on Safety of Fishing Vessels	To be determined	To be determined	

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