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Proposed modifications to the calendar of conferences for 1987
and the provision of verbatim and summary records

Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

A. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

1. The Secretary-General in his report to the current session of the General Assembly concerning funding prospects and economy measures for 1987 1/ stated that a number of alterations would need to be made in the timing, venue and possible duration of conferences and meetings listed in the report submitted by the Committee on Conferences to the Assembly, 2/ without, however, postponing any of them beyond 1987. The Secretary-General also stated that he needed to have flexibility to make adjustments in implementing the economy measures in the light of developments during the year. In order to optimize the use of regular staff and minimize the hiring of additional temporary assistance for the servicing of conferences and meetings, the Secretariat undertook a review of the calendar of meetings for 1987 with a view to achieving a better and more even spread of meetings throughout the year. On the basis of this review, the following modifications are proposed for the calendar of conferences for 1987 2/ and other

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meetings scheduled as a result of resolutions of the current session of the General Assembly:

(a) The General Assembly may endeavour to keep the duration of its forty-second session to 10 weeks;

(b) The meeting of the Trusteeship Council to be curtailed by one week (1 to 5 June 1987);

(c) The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) should be invited to make a reduction in its number of meetings in 1987 similar to that made in 1986;

(d) The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations and the Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention Against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries to take place consecutively in a 10-week period from 19 January to 27 March 1987;

(e) The Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean to hold its first session in 1987 from 23 March to 3 April and its second session from 22 June to 2 July;

(f) The Group of Consultant Experts to carry out a study on the climatic and potential physical effects of nuclear war, including nuclear winter to meet from 23 to 27 March 1987;

(g) The Preparatory Commission for the International Sea-Bed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea to convene its first meeting in 1987 in New York from 30 March to 24 April and its second session, also in New York, from 13 July to 7 August;

(h) The Disarmament Commission to meet from 4 to 29 May 1987, with services provided to it during the period from 11 to 22 May to be reduced by 25 per cent and the last week of its session to be serviced with one team of simultaneous interpreters;

(i) The Preparatory Committee for the Third Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to Disarmament to meet from 26 May to 5 June 1987;

(j) The Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development to meet from 27 July to 7 August 1987;

(k) Advance planning and prior consultation to be undertaken well in time in regard to the programme of meetings to be held away from established Headquarters and organized by the United Nations Council for Namibia and the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;

(l) The Working Group on International Negotiable Instruments of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) to meet in New York from 5 to 16 January 1987;

(m) As regards intergovernmental and expert bodies not mentioned above and serviced at locations other than New York Headquarters, it is proposed that adjustments be made in the number, duration and frequency of meetings and documentation requirements, including meeting records, in order to achieve a net reduction of 30 per cent in expenditure on temporary assistance.

B. PROVISION OF VERBATIM AND SUMMARY RECORDS

2. While recognizing that there are a number of resolutions at the current session of the General Assembly relating to the provision of meeting records for intergovernmental bodies, the Secretary-General is of the view that economy measures adopted in this regard for 1986 should continue to apply in 1987 with the minimum adjustment.

3. Accordingly, it is proposed that verbatim records continue to be provided to the following:

- (a) Plenary meetings of the General Assembly and its First Committee;
- (b) Security Council;
- (c) Trusteeship Council;
- (d) Conference on Disarmament;
- (e) Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories (when it hears witnesses); and
- (f) Administrative Tribunal (when it holds hearings).

4. It is further proposed that summary records be provided to the following bodies:

- (a) General and Credential Committees of the General Assembly;
- (b) Main Committees of the General Assembly;
- (c) Plenary meetings of the Economic and Social Council;
- (d) International Law Commission;
- (e) United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;
- (f) Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its Legal Sub-Committee;
- (g) Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
- (h) Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF);

(i) Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

5. There are, in addition, three treaty bodies serviced by the United Nations under rules of procedure adopted by the bodies themselves, which provide for summary records: (a) the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; (b) the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; and (c) the Human Rights Committee. As in 1986, the General Assembly may again wish to request these bodies to dispense with summary records for all their meetings in 1987.

6. No other body would be provided with meeting records. As archival recordings are made of formal meetings of intergovernmental bodies, transcriptions could be made as and when required and funds become available for those bodies which are entitled to meeting records.

C. OTHER MEASURES

7. The number of tickets provided for Member States attending the General Assembly should be reduced, as in 1986, to one first class and two economy class tickets; provision of such tickets should be restricted to the least developed countries.
