

**ECONOMIC
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**CONSEIL
ECONOMIQUE
ET SOCIAL** ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

TECHNICAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
FOR THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

SECOND REVISION

I

1. Opening Proceedings.

These would include the opening of the Conference by the Chairman of the Economic and Social Council and other introductory speeches. It is suggested that the Chairman of the Economic and Social Council or his representative preside until the election of the Chairman.

2. Adoption of Rules of Procedure

Draft rules based on the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, adapted as necessary, will have been prepared by the Secretariat.

3. Appointment of Credentials Committee

It is suggested that a small committee of five or seven members would be sufficient for this purpose.

II

4. Report of Credentials Committee.

5. Election of Chairman.

6. Election of Vice-Chairman.

The Technical Preparatory Committee recommends the appointment of three vice-chairmen.

7. Adoption of Provisional Agenda.

This agenda when adopted would, of course, be subject to alteration by the conference as its work proceeded.

8. Presentation of Report and Proposals of the Technical Preparatory Committee by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Rapporteur.

The statement made by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Rapporteur on this item would indicate the views taken by the Technical Preparatory Committee on the main issues arising from the proposals formulated by the Committee for a World Health Organization. Where there were substantial differences of view on particular points, there would be brought out with the arguments on each side. The statement would also explain why certain matters which were considered by the Technical Preparatory Committee for inclusion in the constitution were not included in the draft put forward. This statement would, therefore, go into some detail on the important issues. Exposition of the views of the Technical Preparatory Committee on relatively minor matters might, however, be left to the committee stage.

9. Statement by Delegates on broad lines on the attitudes of their Governments towards the report and proposals of the Technical Preparatory Committee.

It is important that the Conference should have an early opportunity of learning the general standpoint of the various participating Governments. The Technical Preparatory Committee itself found an item of this kind of the greatest value and strongly recommends its inclusion in this agenda. It is, however, essential, if the conference is not to get prematurely into matters of detail, that no votes or resolutions should be entertained in the course of this item.

III.

10. Election of Rapporteur.

11. Establishment of Committees.

(a) General Committee

It is recommended that this Committee be constituted of the Chairman, the three Vice-Chairmen, and the Chairmen of the Working Committees and such other members as may be determined. The appointment of this Committee should be deferred until the Working Committees have elected their chairmen.

(b) Working Committees

(i) Committee on Scope of World Health Organization

Sections I and II⁺ of the proposed constitution submitted by the Technical Preparatory Committee would be referred to this Committee.

(ii) Committee on Administration and Finance

Sections IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XIII, and XIV of the constitution proposed by the Technical Preparatory Committee would be referred to this Committee. It should also consider the scale of contributions and the interim, including interim financial, arrangements.

(iii) Committee on Legal Questions

Sections III, XII, XV, XVII and XVIII of the constitution proposed by the Technical Preparatory Committee would be referred to this Committee. It should be available to all committees for consultation and for advice on legal aspects of other problems.

This Committee should consider the procedures for the absorption and transfer of functions and responsibilities of existing inter-governmental health organizations. It should review, from the standpoint of legal draftmanship, the constitution developed by the Conference.

⁺ As numbered in E/H/PC/W.14/Rev.1

- (iv) Committee on Relationships with the United Nations and other Organizations.

Section XVI of the Constitution proposed by the Technical Preparatory Committee should be referred to this Committee.

- (v) Committee on Regionalization

Section XI of the Constitution proposed by the Technical Preparatory Committee should be referred to this Committee.

Each Working Committee should be open to all States attending the Conference. It is recommended that no more than three Committees should meet simultaneously. They may appoint Sub-Committees as necessary. Each Committee should have a small drafting sub-committee which should currently review the work of the Committee as presented in both working languages. Where Committees are considering closely related questions they should arrange for joint consultations.

- (c) Drafting Committee
(d) Any other Committees deemed necessary.

IV

12. Final Consideration of Reports of Committees.

Committees will already have referred certain points for decision to the Conference for instructions as necessary.

13. Resolutions.
14. Consideration of draft Final Act.
15. Special report of Legal Committee on Draft of Final Act.
16. Final Act and Signatures.
