

Second regular session of 1992  
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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

Annotated provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda being proposed for the second regular session of 1992 of the Administrative Committee on Coordination is as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.
3. Role and functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery.
4. Questions related to personnel.
5. Other matters.

2. Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Under this item, ACC will have before it, for consideration, the report of the Task Force on Environment and Development, established following ACC's first regular session of 1992 in order to advance preparations for ACC's discussion of the follow-up of the United Nations system to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. To assist ACC in taking action on the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report before it, the Task Force has also submitted a draft decision and a draft ACC statement to the General Assembly.

The draft decision covers the proposed establishment of an inter-agency committee on sustainable development as a subsidiary body to ACC. The draft statement to the General Assembly covers the four principal issues addressed by the Task Force and summarizes the conclusions arising therefrom that merit attention by the Assembly.

The outcome of ACC's consideration of the topic is expected to be transmitted to the General Assembly prior to its debate on the results of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

3. Role and functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery

At its first regular session of 1992, ACC agreed to undertake a review of its own role and functioning, including the functioning of its subsidiary machinery. Mr. Francis Blanchard, former Director-General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), was invited to prepare a paper for ACC containing suggestions as to how the role and effectiveness of ACC could be reinforced, in response to the changing requirements of the new international context.

ACC may wish, in the light of Mr. Blanchard's paper, to review the role that the Committee is being called upon to play, and to consider ways of furthering its contribution to enhanced system-wide cooperation for development.

In the same context, ACC may wish to agree on approaches to pursuing its review and restructuring of its subsidiary machinery, and to decide on guidelines and procedures to this end, in preparation for its next regular session.

4. Questions related to personnel

The reports of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Personnel and General Administrative Questions) (CCAQ (PER)) at its seventy-seventh session and of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) on its thirty-sixth session address issues on which ACC may wish to adopt, for submission to the General Assembly (Fifth Committee), a statement focusing, inter alia, on the following:

(a) The actions taken by ICSC in respect of the methodologies for the determination of salaries and pensionable remuneration of staff in the General Service category;

(b) The consideration given by ICSC to the various proposals/requests of ACC relating to the improvement of the competitive position of the organizations of the United Nations system.

A draft ACC statement on the subject, prepared by CCAQ (PER) and revised by the Organizational Committee of ACC, is before ACC for approval.

5. Other matters

Under this item ACC will have before it for approval the draft annual report of ACC to the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

It will also have before it a draft statement to the General Assembly on operational activities for development proposed by the Organizational Committee and presented to ACC for its consideration (ACC/1992/CRP.9).

ACC will recall that at its second regular session of 1991, it had decided that its first regular session of 1993 would be held at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), in Rome, on 19 and 20 April 1993.

In addition to considering issues arising from discussions at its current regular session on the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and on the role and functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery, the Committee may wish to select one or two issues for in-depth consideration. The Organizational Committee suggests that one such issue could be the response of the United Nations system to the challenges of economic recovery and development in Africa, including emergency and humanitarian situations. Another subject might be the role and functioning of the United Nations system in development cooperation, in the light, inter alia, of current proposals relating to the governance and financing of technical cooperation activities, for the purpose of meeting the challenges of the 1990s.

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