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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

For the first regular session of 1996 of the
Executive Board to be held at United Nations
Headquarters from 22 to 26 January 1996

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The present document contains the annotated provisional agenda for the first regular session of 1996 of the Executive Board. The annex provides the proposed timetable and organization of work for the session.

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session

(a) Election of the officers of the Board for 1996

The first action following the opening of the session will be the election of the President and four Vice-Presidents representing the regional groups of the United Nations. In accordance with decision 1992/7 (E/ICEF/1992/14), the President of the Board will be nominated from among the Eastern European group of States which are members of the Board.

(b) Statements by the President and the Executive Director

Following the election, introductory statements will be made by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director.

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work
[FOR ACTION]

The provisional agenda has been structured in accordance with relevant Executive Board decisions, in particular the 1996 programme of work adopted by the Board at its third regular session in September 1995.

The timetable and organization of work are provided in the annex.

Draft decisions will be adopted as the discussion of each agenda item is concluded. However, if required, time will be allocated for Board members to consult informally on all outstanding draft decisions.

When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item on the agenda will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.

3. Follow-up to management reform
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1996/AB/L.3]

This report responds to Executive Board decision 1995/25 (E/ICEF/1995/9/Rev.1), adopted at the third regular session of 1995, in which the secretariat is requested to continue to share with the Board members relevant progress made in the follow-up to the management review.

UNICEF mission statement
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1996/AB/L.2]

In its decision 1995/7 (E/ICEF/1995/9/Rev.1), adopted at the first regular session of 1995, the secretariat was requested to submit a draft overall mission statement for UNICEF to the Board for its consideration. Within the framework of the management reform, the Board reviewed a report on issues concerning the UNICEF mission (E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.11), which provided some background themes to facilitate discussion, at its 1995 annual session. At that session, the Board agreed with the Executive Director's proposal to consider the draft mission statement at the present session.

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4. UNICEF emergency operations

The Board will have the following two reports for consideration under this agenda item:

UNICEF emergency services: mission and strategies
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1996/4]

This report responds to Executive Board decision 1994/A/8 (E/ICEF/1994/13/Rev.1), which requested the secretariat to prepare a strategy paper on UNICEF emergency assistance, as well as to its decision 1995/7 (E/ICEF/1995/9/Rev.1), in which the secretariat was requested to submit to the Board, inter alia, a draft mission statement on emergency operations. Because of the interrelationship between the two subjects, secretariat decided to include them in the same report.

UNICEF emergency operations
[FOR INFORMATION - E/ICEF/1996/7]

Historically, this report is presented to the Executive Board on an annual basis in the context of relevant Executive Board, Economic and Social Council and General Assembly decisions. The report gives an overview of the nature and magnitude of the UNICEF response to emergencies in 1995, as well as a review of progress made.

5. Country programme strategy notes (CPSNs)
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1996/P/L.1-E/ICEF/1996/P/L.40]

At its first regular session of 1995, the Executive Board approved a new process for the consideration and approval of country programme recommendations (CPRs) (E/ICEF/1995/9/Rev.1, decision 1995/8). In accordance with that decision, the secretariat has prepared brief country programme strategy notes (CPSNs) for Board consideration and approval. The CPSNs, which are for country programmes of cooperation to be implemented beginning 1997, are designed to inform the Board at an early stage of the ideas regarding the mix and weight given to programme strategies and priorities. Based on the country programming cycle, it was determined that CPSNs would be submitted to the Board at the present session, with final CPRs being submitted to the Board at its last regular session of 1996.

Following an introductory statement on the CPSNs and the preparatory process by the Executive Director, each regional director will provide a brief overview of activities in his/her region as well as a summary of the CPSNs in the respective region being submitted at the present session.

(a) Africa
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1996/P/L.1-E/ICEF/1996/P/L.15]

There are 15 CPSNs for Board review and approval: Comoros, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Sao Tome and Principe, South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia in the Eastern and Southern Africa region; and the Central African Republic, the Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo in the West and Central Africa region.

(b) Americas and the Caribbean
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1996/P/L.16-E/ICEF/1996/P/L.27]

There are 12 CPSNs for Board review and approval: Argentina, Belize, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama and Uruguay.

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- (c) Asia
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1996/P/L.28-E/ICEF/1996/P/L.33]

There are six CPSNs for Board review and approval: Malaysia, Mongolia and the Pacific Island countries in the East Asia and the Pacific region; and Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka in the South Asia region.

- (d) Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1996/P/L.34 AND E/ICEF/1996/P/L.35]

There are two CPSNs for Board review and approval: Moldova and Turkey.

- (e) Middle East and North Africa
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1996/P/L.36-E/ICEF/1996/P/L.40]

There are five CPSNs for Board review and approval: Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, the Sudan and Tunisia.

6. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1996/3]

The secretariat is seeking Executive Board endorsement of the framework for UNICEF follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing, China, in September 1995, as contained in this report.

7. The fiftieth anniversary of UNICEF
[FOR INFORMATION - E/ICEF/1996/5]

This report presents a brief overview of the activities being undertaken to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of UNICEF.

8. Follow-up to decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1996/6]

After considering an interim report on follow-up to the decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council at its 1995 substantive session (E/ICEF/1995/CRP.47) at the third regular session of 1995, the Executive Board agreed that, in future, the secretariat would present a brief report to the Board session which follows the Council's substantive session. A more comprehensive report would then be presented to the Board at its first regular session of the following year. This report responds to that decision.

9. Other matters

Under this agenda item, the Board will have before it for information the "Progress report on the audit of the Kenya country office" (E/ICEF/1996/AB/L.1). This report responds to decision 1995/27 (E/ICEF/1995/9/Rev.1), adopted at the third regular session of 1995, in which the secretariat was requested to report to the Board at each session about all future audit activity in the Kenya office until the matter is resolved.

In addition, the Board may consider discussing any issue that it finds timely and appropriate under this item.

10. Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President

The Executive Director and the President will make concluding remarks, followed by the closure of the session.

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Annex

PROPOSED TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE FIRST REGULAR
 SESSION OF 1996 OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, 22-26 JANUARY*

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