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Agenda item 1

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee as a result of informal consultations

The Preparatory Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Arrangements regarding participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session

The General Assembly,

“1. *Decides* that representatives from non-governmental organizations may make statements in the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the special session;

“2. *Also decides* that, given the availability of time, a limited number of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council may also make statements in the debate in the Plenary of the special session. The President of the General Assembly is requested to present the list of selected non-governmental organizations to the Member States in a timely manner for approval. The President of the General Assembly is also requested to ensure that such selection is made on an equal and transparent basis, taking into account the geographical representation and diversity of non-governmental organizations;

“3. *Further decides* that arrangements concerning the accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session will in no way create a precedent for other special sessions of the General Assembly”.