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ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA 1/

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure of the Commission, the Commission will elect a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. A note showing the geographical distribution of officers elected at the Commission's previous sessions is annexed hereto (annex I).

Documentation

Geographical distribution of officers elected at previous sessions of the Commission: Note by the Secretariat (annex I to this document).

2. Credentials

Under rule 11 of the rules of procedure of the Commission, the credentials of representatives must be submitted to the Executive Director at the latest before the end of the first meeting of the session of the Commission. The Bureau must then examine such credentials and report thereon without delay to the Commission.

Documentation

The Commission will receive and consider the report of the Bureau on the credentials of representatives to the fifth session.

3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Commission will adopt its agenda and decide on the organization of work of its fifth session.

1/ Agenda contained in document HS/C/5/1.

For this purpose, the Commission will have before it the provisional agenda adopted by the Commission at its fourth session and a note by the Executive Director proposing an organizational structure and timetable for the session.

Documentation

- (a) Provisional agenda for the fifth session (HS/C/5/1);
- (b) Annotations to the agenda (HS/C/5/1/Add.1); annex II to this document contains the Executive Director's note on the proposed organizational structure and timetable for the fifth session.

4. Activities of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat):
Progress report of the Executive Director

Under this item, the Executive Director will report to the Commission on the progress made in the implementation of the Centre's mandate and work programme and of the decisions and recommendations of the Commission at its fourth session, the relevant decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981 and the resolutions of the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

Documentation

- (a) Activities of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat): Report of the Executive Director (HS/C/5/2). The annex to this report deals with the highlights during 1981 of co-operation with organizations within the United Nations system;
- (b) Role and contribution of the construction industry in human settlements programmes and national economic and social development: Report of the Executive Director on the Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on the Development of the Indigenous Construction Sector (HS/C/5/2/Add.1);
- (c) Assistance to victims of apartheid and colonialism: Report of the Executive Director (HS/C/5/2/Add.2);
- (d) Assistance to Dominica: Report of the Executive Director (HS/C/5/2/Add.3);
- (e) Assistance to the Palestinian People: Report of the Executive Director (HS/C/5/2/Add.4);
- (f) Co-operation at the regional level: Report of the Executive Director (HS/C/5/2/Add.5);
- (g) Report of the fourth joint meeting of the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the bureau of the Commission on Human Settlements with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the bureau of its Governing Council (HS/C/5/INF.3);

(h) Report of the Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on Appropriate Infrastructure Services, Standards and Technologies for Upgrading Slums and Squatter Areas and Rural Settlements (HS/C/5/INF.4);

(i) Follow-up to the UNCHS (Habitat) contribution to the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy (HS/C/5/INF.6);

(j) Report of the Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on the Development of the Indigenous Construction Sector (HS/C/5/INF.9).

5. Planning for human settlements in disaster-prone areas

One of the Commission's responsibilities under its mandate, as set out in General Assembly resolution 32/162, is to study, in the context of the recommendations for national action of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, new issues, problems and especially solutions in the field of human settlements. Accordingly, at its fourth session, the Commission selected two themes in the field of human settlements for in-depth review at its fifth session.

One of these themes is "planning for human settlements in disaster-prone areas". The document before the Commission under this agenda item describes various kinds of natural disasters that occur throughout the world and that affect human settlements, and it provides a broad overview of disaster-mitigation approaches as an element of human settlements development planning. Recommendations are made on possible policies and actions at the national and international levels, including policies and actions relating to data collection, policy and guideline formulation and training and public awareness programmes.

Documentation

Planning for human settlements in disaster-prone areas (HS/C/5/3).

6. Transportation for urban and rural areas, with emphasis on groups with limited resources

The second theme selected by the Commission at its fourth session for in-depth review at its fifth session is "transportation for urban and rural areas, with emphasis on groups with limited resources". For its consideration of this item, the Commission will have before it a document which describes the present situation, characterized by wide disparities in the services provided to various segments of the population, and considers the overall transportation requirements of low-income households in urban and rural areas. Suggestions are made concerning a basic strategy for human settlements planning aimed at minimizing the need for transportation movement by the poor. A review is provided of appropriate transport technologies and practices which might be considered in developing countries.

Documentation

Transportation for urban and rural areas, with emphasis on groups with limited resources (HS/C/5/4).

7. International Year of Shelter for the Homeless

In its resolution 4/2, adopted at its fourth session, the Commission recommended to the General Assembly the proclamation of 1986 as the international year of shelter for the homeless. At its second regular session of 1981, the Economic and Social Council, having considered the recommendation of the Commission, adopted resolution 1981/69, part B, in which it recommended to the General Assembly "the year 1987 as an appropriate year for the holding of the international year of shelter for the homeless", and also recommended that the Secretary-General be requested to prepare a report on the financial and organizational implications of holding the international year in 1987.

In its resolution 36/71, adopted on 4 December 1981, the General Assembly decided in principle to designate 1987 as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless and requested the Executive Director to prepare a proposal containing a specific programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless and to report to the Economic and Social Council through the Commission on Human Settlements. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to prepare, on the basis of the Executive Director's proposal, a report on the organizational matters regarding the holding of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless in 1987, including the availability of voluntary funds, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session through the Economic and Social Council during 1982.

The Commission will therefore have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director containing proposals on a specific programme of measures and activities to be carried out prior to and during the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless. The Executive Director's report, along with the Commission's observations and recommendations thereon, will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982. The report of the Secretary-General mentioned above will be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council.

Documentation

Proposal to declare an International Year of Shelter for the Homeless:
Report of the Executive Director (HS/C/5/5).

8. Report on financial and other assistance provided to and among developing countries on human settlements and on the human settlements activities of the United Nations system

In its resolution 34/114, endorsing Commission on Human Settlements resolution 2/3 of 4 April 1979, the General Assembly requested the Executive Director to undertake the preparation of biennial reports on the following subjects:

(a) Financial and other assistance provided to and among developing countries on human settlements, and the human settlements activities of the United Nations system, according to the objectives, format and contents set out in sections II and III of the report of the Executive Director (HS/C/2/8), as modified by the Commission on Human Settlements; 2/

(b) Activities and collaboration between the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and non-governmental organizations;

(c) Human settlements activities of intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system and co-operation between them and the Centre;

In response to views expressed by the Commission at its second session to the effect that the reports should be re-examined with a view to simplifying their contents, reducing their size and securing economies in their preparation, 3/ the Executive Director presented proposals to the Commission at its fourth session designed to achieve these objectives (HS/C/4/7, annexes I and II). In its decision 4/19, the Commission approved the Executive Director's proposals on the preparation of these reports. In particular, the Commission agreed that reports on the activities of intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system and those of non-governmental organizations should be presented to the Commission as information documents.

For its consideration of this item, the Commission will therefore have before it the following; (a) a report covering direct bilateral assistance, multilateral financial assistance and assistance provided by organizations within the United Nations system, as well as a list of ongoing human settlements activities; (b) an information document covering the activities of intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system and those of non-governmental organizations.

Documentation

(a) Financial and other assistance provided to and among developing countries on human settlements and the human settlements activities of the United Nations system: Report of the Executive Director (HS/C/5/6);

2/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/34/8), paras. 89-95.

3/ Ibid., para. 91.

(b) Financial and other assistance provided to and among developing countries on human settlements: list of ongoing human settlements activities (HS/C/5/INF.10);

(c) Human settlements activities of intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system and of non-governmental organizations (HS/C/5/INF.5).

9 Financial matters: report by the Executive Director

Three issues will be considered by the Commission under this agenda item.

(a) Financial and budgetary matters of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)

Under this heading, the Executive Director will report to the Commission on such matters as the results of the deliberations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), the Fifth Committee and the General Assembly on the 1982-1983 programme budget of the Centre, the state of the resources of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, the status of voluntary contributions to the Foundation, including contributions pledged at the 1981 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, and the utilization of the Centre's extrabudgetary resources, as called for in Commission decision 4/13.

Documentation

(a) Financial matters of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat): Report of the Executive Director (HS/C/5/7);

(b) Status of voluntary contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation of UNCHS (Habitat) (HS/C/5/INF.8).

(b) Staff and budgetary resources for the preparation and servicing of the joint meetings of the Executive Director of UNCHS (Habitat) and the bureau of the Commission on Human Settlements with the Executive Director of UNEP and the bureau of its Governing Council

In its resolution 4/11, adopted at the Commission's fourth session following consideration by the Commission of the report of the third joint bureau meeting (HS/C/4/INF.4), the Commission requested the Executive Director, in consultation with the Executive Director of UNEP, to review the demands placed on their staff and budgetary resources in connection with the preparation and servicing of the joint bureau meetings and to report thereon to the Commission on Human Settlements at its fifth session. In its decision 9/3 (IV), the Governing Council of UNEP requested the Executive Director of UNEP to co-operate with the Executive Director of UNCHS (Habitat) in the preparation of the report.

Under this heading, therefore, the Commission will consider the report of the Executive Director, prepared in consultation with the Executive Director of UNEP, on the staff and budgetary resources used by UNCHS (Habitat) and UNEP for the preparation and servicing of the joint bureau meetings.

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Documentation

Staff and budgetary resources for the preparation and servicing of the joint meetings of the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the bureau of the Commission on Human Settlements with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the bureau of its Governing Council: Report of the Executive Director in consultation with the Executive Director of UNEP (HS/C/5/7/Add.1).

(c) Proposal to establish an Asian human settlements bank

By its resolution 4/14, adopted at its fourth session, the Commission requested the Executive Director to give priority to the conducting of a feasibility study, in conjunction with the Asian Development Bank, on the creation of an Asian bank dealing with human settlements and to report thereon at the fifth session of the Commission.

Accordingly, under this heading, the Commission will consider the report of the Executive Director, which contains the report of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts convened by the Executive Director to advise on this matter.

Documentation

Feasibility study on the proposal to establish an Asian human settlements bank: Report of the Executive Director (HS/C/5/8).

10. Other matters

Under this item, the Commission is apprised of matters which, though not covered under any of the other items, are believed to merit its attention. Such matters have typically arisen subsequent to the adoption of the provisional agenda by the Commission and generally as a result of some action by the Economic and Social Council, the General Assembly or some other United Nations organ.

11. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the sixth session of the Commission

The Commission will adopt a provisional agenda and decide on the date and other arrangements for its sixth session.

12. Adoption of the report

The Commission will adopt the report on the work of its fifth session for submission to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/162, section II, paragraph 6.

Annex I

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF OFFICERS
ELECTED AT PREVIOUS SESSIONS OF THE
COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Note by the Secretariat

Year	Session of the Commission	Chairmen	Vice-Chairmen	Rapporteur
1978	First	- Western European and other States (Sweden)	- African States (Malawi) - Eastern European States (Poland) - Latin American States (Mexico)	- Asian States (Philippines)
1979	Second	- African States (Kenya)	- Asian States (Pakistan) - Latin American States (Mexico) - Western European and other States (Sweden)	- Eastern European States (Poland)
1980	Third	- Latin American States (Mexico)	- African States (Nigeria) - Asian States (Iraq) - Eastern European States (USSR)	- Western European and other States (Netherlands)
1981	Fourth	- Asian States (Philippines)	- African States (Lesotho) - Eastern European States (Hungary) - Western European and other States (Federal Republic of Germany)	- Latin American States (Jamaica)
1982	Fifth	- Eastern European States	- Asian States - Latin American States - Western European and other States	- African States

Under the principle of geographical rotation provided for in rule 12(2) of the Commission's rules of procedure, the following regional groups should normally provide candidates for the offices in question for the fifth session of the Commission:

Annex II

PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND TIMETABLE FOR THE FIFTH SESSION
OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Note by the Executive Director

1. The Commission may find it conducive to the efficient conduct of its work during the fifth session to adopt the specific organizational arrangements set out below.

(a) The Bureau

2. In accordance with rule 12 of the Commission's rules of procedure, the bureau should consist of a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, elected with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution and rotation among the regional groups. A note showing the geographical distribution of the members of the bureau at the Commission's previous sessions appears in annex I.

3. As provided for in rule 13 of the rules of procedure, two of the Vice-Chairmen should be designated to chair the sessional committees of the whole referred to below. The third Vice-Chairman would assist the Chairman of the Commission directly in his general duties.

(b) Sessional committees of the whole

4. Bearing in mind the discussions at the third session of the Commission regarding the organization of the work of its future sessions, the Commission may find it advisable to establish two sessional committees of the whole: Committee I and Committee II. Committee I would be given responsibility for items 5 and 6 of the provisional agenda, and Committee II would be given responsibility for items 8 and 9, with items 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11 and 12 being considered in plenary. With regard to item 7, it is thought that the Commission may wish this very important subject to be considered first in broad outline in plenary and subsequently in greater detail by a Committee. Accordingly, it is proposed that item 7 be allocated to both plenary and Committee II.

5. As in the past, provision has been made for that part of the Commission's programme concerned with special audio-visual presentations. A summary of the proposed organizational structure and timetable for the fifth session is presented in appendix I. A list of agenda items with corresponding documents is presented in appendix II.

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Appendix I

PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND TIMETABLE FOR THE FIFTH SESSION
 OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Nairobi, 26 April - 7 May 1982

		Plenary	Committee I	Committee II
Monday 26 April	a.m.	Informal consultations on items 1 and 3.		
	p.m.	Items 1, 2, 3, 4		
Tuesday 27 April	a.m.	Item 4	Item 5	
	p.m.	Item 4	Item 5	
Wednesday 28 April	a.m.	Items 4 and 7	Item 5	
	p.m.	Item 7		Item 9
Thursday 29 April	a.m.	Item 7		Item 9
	p.m.		Item 6	Item 7
Friday 30 April	a.m.		Item 6	Item 7
	p.m.		Item 6	Item 7
Monday 3 May	a.m.		Special presentations	Item 8
	p.m.		Special presentations	Item 8
Tuesday 4 May	a.m.		Draft resolutions/decisions on items 5 and 6 (introduction/consultations)	Draft resolutions/decisions on items 7, 8 and 9 (introduction/consultations)
	p.m.	Draft resolutions/decisions on item 4 (introduction/consultations)		Draft resolutions/decisions on items 7, 8 and 9 (introduction/consultations)
Wednesday 5 May	a.m.		Draft reports and draft resolutions/decisions on items 5 and 6 (consideration and adoption)	Draft reports and draft resolutions/decisions on items 7, 8 and 9 (consideration and adoption)
	p.m.	Draft reports and draft resolutions on items 1, 2, 3 and 4 (consideration and adoption)		
Thursday 6 May	a.m.	Report and resolutions/decisions from Committee I (consideration and adoption)		
	p.m.	Report and resolutions/decisions from Committee II (consideration and adoption)		
Friday 7 May	a.m.	Items 10, 11 and 12 (adoption of the report)		
	p.m.			

Appendix II

LIST OF AGENDA ITEMS WITH CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS

Agenda item 1

HS/C/5/1/Add.1, annex I

Agenda item 3

HS/C/5/1; HS/C/5/1/Add.1

Agenda item 4

HS/C/5/2; HS/C/5/2/Add.1; HS/C/5/2/Add.2; HS/C/5/2/Add.3;
HS/C/5/2/Add.4; HS/C/5/2/Add.5; HS/C/5/INF.3; HS/C/5/INF.4;
HS/C/5/INF.6; HS/C/5/INF.9

Agenda item 5

HS/C/5/3

Agenda item 6

HS/C/5/4

Agenda item 7

HS/C/5/5

Agenda item 8

HS/C/5/6; HS/C/5/INF.5; HS/C/5/INF.10

Agenda item 9

HS/C/5/7; HS/C/5/7/Add.1; HS/C/5/8; HS/C/5/INF.8

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