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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Preparatory Committee will have before it for consideration and adoption the provisional agenda that was adopted at its third session (A/CONF.100/PC/L.29, para. 53).

2. Preparations at the national level

Preparations at the national level for the Conference were discussed by the Preparatory Committee at its first and second sessions, in 1980, and at its third session, in 1981. At its second session, the Preparatory Committee recommended that concise national papers, with summaries, should be prepared by interested Governments and submitted to the Secretary-General before 31 December 1981, and provided as reference an outline for such papers (decision 4 (II)). That recommendation was endorsed by the General Assembly, which also requested that the summaries of national papers should be distributed in all the working languages of the Conference (resolution 35/204, para. 12). The summaries of national papers are being translated and distributed in accordance with the request of the Assembly.

At its third session, the Preparatory Committee expressed its appreciation to those countries which had sent their national papers and decided to extend the deadline for the submission of such papers to 31 May 1981 for those countries which had not yet responded and wished to do so (decision 1 (III)).

Documentation

National papers

Summaries of national papers

3. Preliminary draft programme of action

At its second session, the Preparatory Committee recommended that the Conference should consider the adoption of a programme of action in the area of new and renewable sources of energy (decision 7 (II), para. (g)). The General Assembly, at its thirty-fifth session, requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to prepare, for consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its third session, a preliminary draft outline of a programme of action reflecting the consolidated conclusions and recommendations submitted by the technical panels, the ad hoc expert groups, the synthesis group and organizations of the United Nations system (resolution 35/204, para. 15). A preliminary draft outline prepared on the basis of the above indications was submitted to the Preparatory Committee at its third session (A/CONF.100/PC.44).

At its third session, the Preparatory Committee noted the preliminary draft outline of a programme of action and requested the Secretary-General of the

Conference to prepare, for consideration by the Committee at its fourth session, a preliminary draft of a programme of action, taking into account the preparatory work to date and the observations and proposals, including those on the preliminary draft outline of a programme of action, made during the third session of the Committee (decision 2 (III)). The Secretary-General of the Conference has prepared a preliminary draft of a programme of action on the basis of the above indications.

The General Assembly also requested that the Secretary-General of the Conference should provide for consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session (a) a synoptic table classifying conclusions and recommendations into those of common concern to all regions, those of concern to some regions and those specific to one region, with an indication of their origin; and (b) a report containing, in a format similar to that suggested as reference for the preparation of national papers, additional information that may be relevant for the preparation of the draft programme of action, including proposals and recommendations arising in national papers and regional reports (resolution 35/204, para. 17).

In addition, the Preparatory Committee at its third session expressed the wish that the Secretariat should prepare a paper providing an overview of current and planned activities within the United Nations system relevant to the increased use of new and renewable sources of energy (A/CONF.100/PC/L.29, para. 52).

Documentation

Preliminary draft programme of action (A/CONF.100/PC/51)

Synoptic table of conclusions and recommendations (A/CONF.100/PC/48)

Report containing additional information that may be relevant to the preparation of the draft programme of action (A/CONF.100/PC/49)

Overview of activities relevant to the increased use of new and renewable sources of energy within the United Nations system (A/CONF.100/PC/52)

4. Provisional agenda and organizational arrangements for the Conference

A draft provisional agenda for the Conference, prepared by the Secretary-General on the basis of the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 33/148 and 34/190, was submitted to the Preparatory Committee at its second session (A/CONF.100/PC/13). At that session, the Preparatory Committee discussed this question, noted the draft agenda for the Conference as contained in document A/CONF.100/PC/13 and requested the Assembly to authorize it to consider the draft agenda at its third session and submit it to the Conference (decision 7 (II), para. (a)). The General Assembly requested the Preparatory Committee, at its third session, to consider and finalize the draft agenda and to submit it to the Conference (resolution 35/204, para. 13).

At the third session of the Preparatory Committee, the Secretary-General of the Conference submitted a revised draft provisional agenda for the Conference

(A/CONF.100/PC/13/Rev.1). The Preparatory Committee decided to approve a preliminary draft of the provisional agenda for the Conference (A/CONF.100/PC/L.29, para. 45) and to consider it again at its fourth session, together with annotations to the preliminary draft of the provisional agenda, in the light, inter alia, of the developments in the preparation of the draft programme of action, with a view to approving the provisional agenda (decision 3 (III)).

At the same session, the Preparatory Committee, having considered a note by the Secretariat on the organization of work of the Conference, decided a certain number of issues concerning pre-conference consultations and the list of speakers for the general debate and made some recommendations to the Conference for adoption on its organization of work. The Preparatory Committee also decided to consider at its fourth session any other aspects of the organization of work of the Conference that may be required (decision 7 (III)).

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the Conference (A/CONF.100/PC/L.30)

5. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

As agreed at the third session, the Preparatory Committee will also adopt the report on its third session (A/CONF.100/PC/L.29).
