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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR
THE CONFERENCE

Organizational arrangements for the Conference

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Preparatory Committee at its third session (30 March-16 April 1981) took decisions on certain aspects of the organization of the work of the Conference, and decided to consider at its fourth session any other aspects of the organization of work of the Conference that might be required (decision 7 (III)).
2. Accordingly, at its current session, the Preparatory Committee may wish to consider the following questions:

(a) Allocation of items to the Main Committees;

(b) Tentative time-table for the work of the Conference, including the interregional meetings and pre-Conference consultations, for which provision was made by the General Assembly in paragraph 8 of its resolution 35/204 of 16 December 1980. It may be recalled that the Preparatory Committee, by its decision 7 (III), decided that pre-Conference consultations should be held for two days immediately prior to the beginning of the Conference, in order to consider and reach agreement on all procedural and organizational matters to be dealt with on the opening day of the Conference.

Allocation of items to the Main Committees

3. It will be recalled that the Preparatory Committee, by decision 3 (III) decided to approve the 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 developments in the preparation of the draft programme of

action, with a view to approving the provisional agenda (A/CONF.100/PC/L.33). In this connexion, the Preparatory Committee may wish to consider the structure of the Conference in terms of the number of Main Committees and working groups, if any, to be established. It should be noted that, for the period from 10 to 21 August, provisions have been made for four simultaneous meetings and a maximum of eight meetings per day, including informal consultations and regional meetings, requiring interpretation services, as well as meetings held in the evening.

Tentative time-table for the work of the Conference

4. It has been the practice for the preparatory committees of previous United Nations special conferences to recommend that the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee should preside over the pre-Conference consultations. At its third session, the Preparatory Committee decided (decision 7 (III)) that these consultations should be held for two days immediately prior to the opening of the Conference. The Preparatory Committee may therefore wish to decide at its fourth session that the consultations should be convened on 6 August at 10 a.m. at the Kenyatta Conference Centre, and to recommend that its Chairman should chair the meetings. The consultations would continue, as necessary, on 7 August.

5. The Preparatory Committee at its fourth session may also wish to consider whether a time-table of interregional meetings should be established for the period from 1 to 5 August.

6. It should be noted that, for the period from 1 August until the opening of the Conference, provisions for interpretation services will be available for only two meetings per day, including informal consultations and regional meetings, requiring interpretation services, as well as meetings held in the evening.

7. During the pre-Conference consultations, a tentative time-table for the work of the Conference will be circulated on the basis of the Preparatory Committee's recommendations concerning the provisional agenda and the number of Main Committees and working groups, if any, to be established.

Composition of the General Committee of the Conference

8. The Preparatory Committee, by its decision 4 (III), decided, *inter alia*, to approve the draft provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.100/2) and to transmit them to the Conference. In accordance with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure approved by the Preparatory Committee,

"The Conference shall elect the following officers: a President, 23 Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur-General, as well as a Chairman for each of the Main Committees established in accordance with rule 42. 1/ Each Main Committee shall elect three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur."

1/ Rule 42 of the provisional rules of procedure reads as follows:

"There shall be two Main Committees: working groups may be established, if necessary, by the Conference and by the Main Committees."

Rule 9 of the provisional rules of procedure approved by the Preparatory Committee concerning the composition of the General Committee states:

"The President, the Vice-Presidents, the Rapporteur-General of the Conference and the Chairmen of the Main Committees established in accordance with rule 42 shall constitute the General Committee. The President of the Conference, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents designated by him, shall serve as Chairman of the General Committee. The Chairman of the Credentials Committee may participate, without the right to vote, in the General Committee."

9. Bearing in mind the above rules of the provisional rules of procedure and in the light of the recommendations it may make on the number of Main Committees to be established by the Conference, the Preparatory Committee may wish to make recommendations to the Conference on the distribution of seats on the General Committee.
