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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED
NATIONS CONFERENCE ON NEW AND
RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY

DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED
NATIONS CONFERENCE ON NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY AT
ITS FOURTH SESSION*

8-26 June 1981

Decision 1 (IV)

(Agenda item 4)

Provisional agenda for the Conference

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy decides to approve the following provisional agenda for the Conference and to submit it to the Conference for its consideration:

1. Opening of the Conference
2. Election of the President of the Conference
3. Organizational and procedural matters
 - (a) Adoption of the rules of procedure
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
 - (c) Election of officers other than the President

* The decisions are being issued in a separate document in view of the fact that the Committee postponed consideration and adoption of its draft report until its resumed fourth session, to be held at Nairobi from 3 to 5 August 1981. They will be incorporated in the report when it has been adopted. The draft report of the Committee on its fourth and resumed fourth sessions is contained in document A/CONF.100/PC/L.32 and addenda.

(d) Credentials of representatives to the Conference

(i) Appointment of members of the Credentials Committee

(ii) Report of the Credentials Committee

4. General debate: new and renewable energy sources in the context of development
5. Consideration and adoption of the programme of action
6. Adoption of the report of the Conference

ANNOTATIONS

1. Opening of the Conference

The Conference will be opened by the Secretary-General on Monday, 10 August 1981.

2. Election of the President of the Conference

Under rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.100/2), the Conference shall elect a President. Rule 40 provides that all elections shall be by secret ballot, unless the Conference decides otherwise.

3. Organizational and procedural matters

(a) Adoption of the rules of procedure

The Conference will have before it the provisional rules of procedure approved by the Preparatory Committee (A/CONF.100/2).

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Conference will have before it the provisional agenda (A/CONF.100/1) approved by the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session, as well as the recommendations of the Preparatory Committee (A/CONF.100/3) and of the pre-Conference consultations on the organization of work of the Conference.

(c) Election of officers other than the President

In accordance with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.100/2), the Conference is expected to elect, in addition to the 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.

(d) Credentials of representatives to the Conference

(i) Appointment of members of the Credentials Committee

Rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that a Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its thirty-fifth session; 1/

(ii) Report of the Credentials Committee

In accordance with rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of the representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

4. General debate: new and renewable energy sources in the context of development

The general debate will be held in plenary meetings from Monday, 10 August.

5. Consideration and adoption of the programme of action

The Conference will have before it the draft Programme of Action transmitted by the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session.

Documentation: The following documents are relevant both to item 4 and to item 5 of the provisional agenda:

National papers (A/CONF.100/NR.1-)
and summaries thereof (A/CONF.100/NR.1/Summary-)

Comprehensive reports of organizations of the United Nations system
(A/CONF.100/6 and Add.1-16)

Comprehensive report of the regional commissions
(A/CONF.100/7 and Add.1-5)

Compendium of existing studies on new and renewable sources of energy
(A/CONF.100/PC/43 and Add.1)

Draft Programme of Action (A/CONF.100/4)

Reports of the Technical Panels (A/CONF.100/PC/23-28, 30, 32, 34 and 39)

1/ The Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at the thirty-fifth session consisted of representatives of the following countries: Angola, China, Costa Rica, Haiti, Kenya, Singapore, Spain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and United States of America.

Reports of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts (A/CONF.100/PC/29, 31, 33 and 36-38)

Synthesis of the reports of the Technical Panel (A/CONF.100/PC/42)

Report of the Synthesis Group (A/CONF.100/41 and Add.1)

Report of the Regional Preparatory Meetings (A/CONF.100/8 and Add.1-5)

Overview of the activities of the organizations of the United Nations system
(A/CONF.100/PC/52, Add.1 and 2)

6. Adoption of the report of the Conference

Under rule 14 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Conference is to adopt a report, the draft of which will be prepared by the Rapporteur-General.

Draft decision 2 (IV)

(Agenda item 4)

The Preparatory Committee decides:

(a) To resume its fourth session at Nairobi, from 3 to 5 August 1981, in order to consider further the draft programme of action with a view to submitting an agreed text of the draft programme to the Conference;

(b) To hold, pursuant to its decision 7 (III) of 15 April 1981, the pre-conference consultations on 6 and 7 August, at Nairobi, in order to consider and to reach agreement on all procedural and organizational matters to be dealt with on 10 August, on the opening day of the Conference;

(c) To authorize its Chairman to consult the chairmen of the regional groups with a view to resolving the outstanding questions relating to the General Committee of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, having due regard to the principle of equitable geographical representation on that Committee and to the practice of special United Nations conferences with regard to the distribution of the major posts of the Conference, and to report thereon to the Preparatory Committee at its resumed fourth session;

(d) To recommend to the Conference that item 5 of the provisional agenda for the Conference, entitled "Consideration and adoption of the programme of action", should be allocated to the two main committees established under rule 42 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.100/2) as follows:

- (i) The First Committee should deal with present issues dealt with in the Introduction, chapters I, II, III and V (B) and (C), as presented in the preliminary draft programme of action (A/CONF.100/PC/51 and Add.2);
- (ii) The Second Committee should deal with present issues dealt with in chapters IV (A) and (B) and V (A), as presented in the preliminary draft programme of action (A/CONF.100/PC/51/Add.1 and 2).

Decision 3 (IV)

(Agenda item 4)

Documentation for the Conference

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy takes note with appreciation of the substantive documentation submitted to it to date as a result of the preparatory process for the Conference, and decides to transmit the following reports to the Conference:

- (a) National reports; 2/

2/ A/CONF.100/NR/1 to ...

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(b) Reports submitted by the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, on their activities in the field of new and renewable sources of energy, 3/ in response to decision 7 (II), adopted by the Preparatory Committee on 1 August 1980 and the report of the Secretary-General on the overview of activities relevant to the increased use of new and renewable sources of energy within the United Nations system; 4/

(c) Reports submitted on technical questions to be considered at the Conference:

- (i) Reports of the technical panels 5/ and the reports on the use of peat for energy 6/ and on draught animal power; 7/
- (ii) Reports of the ad hoc groups of experts; 8/
- (iii) Reports of the Synthesis Group; 9/
- (iv) Synthesis of the technical panel reports. 10/

3/ A/CONF.100/6/Add.1 to 16, A/CONF.100/7/Add.1 to 5 and A/CONF.100/8/Add.1 to 5.

4/ A/CONF.100/PC/52 and Add.1 and 2 and Add.2/Corr.1.

5/ A/CONF.100/PC/23 and Corr.1, A/CONF.100/PC/24 and Corr.1, A/CONF.100/PC.25 and Corr.1 and 2, A/CONF.100/PC/26-28, A/CONF.100/PC/30 and A/CONF.100/PC/34.

6/ A/CONF.100/PC.32.

7/ A/CONF.100/PC.39.

8/ A/CONF.100/PC/29, A/CONF.100/PC/31, A/CONF.100/PC/33 and A/CONF.100/PC/36-38.

9/ A/CONF.100/PC/41 and Add.1.

10/ A/CONF.100/PC/42.