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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION
OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit the provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth session of the Economic and Social Council contained on page 3 below, which was considered by the Council at its 1353rd and 1354th meetings held on 1 and 8 March.
2. In regard to item 9, the Council decided at its 1353rd meeting to include the item "Elections" in the provisional agenda, and to decide at the thirty-eighth session which specific elections should take place at that time. As regards the elections to the Technical Assistance Committee and the Committee for Industrial Development, both of which bodies are composed of thirty members made up of the eighteen States members of the Council and twelve additional States, the Council may wish to bear in mind the terms of General Assembly resolution 1991 B (XVIII) on the "Question of equitable representation on the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council" in deciding whether to hold these elections at the thirty-eighth session or to postpone them until a later

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date.^{1/} In connexion with the elections to TAC and to the Governing Council of the Special Fund, it will be recalled that the recommendations contained in Council resolution 1020 (XXXVII) on "Consolidation of the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in a United Nations Development Programme" are pending before the General Assembly. The attention of the Council is also called to document E/4007, in which the Secretary-General has suggested that the Council may wish, at the thirty-eighth session, to fill vacancies in those of its subsidiary organs of which Indonesia was a member.

3. Any further proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda for the thirty-eighth session made in accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure will be reported by the Secretary-General to the Council for consideration at the first meeting of the session when the Council adopts its sessional agenda.

1/ Operative paragraphs 1 and 2 of General Assembly resolution 1991 B (XVIII) read as follows:

"1. Decides to adopt, in accordance with Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations, the following amendment to the Charter and to submit it for ratification by the States Members of the United Nations:

"Article 61

"1. The Economic and Social Council shall consist of twenty-seven Members of the United Nations elected by the General Assembly.

"2. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3, nine members of the Economic and Social Council shall be elected each year for a term of three years. A retiring member shall be eligible for immediate re-election.

"3. At the first election after the increase in the membership of the Economic and Social Council from eighteen to twenty-seven members, in addition to the members elected in place of the six members whose term of office expires at the end of that year, nine additional members shall be elected. Of these nine additional members, the term of office of three members so elected shall expire at the end of one year, and of three other members at the end of two years, in accordance with arrangements made by the General Assembly.

"4. Each member of the Economic and Social Council shall have one representative;

"2. Calls upon all Member States to ratify the above amendment, in accordance with their respective constitutional processes, by 1 September 1965;"

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to be convened at Headquarters on 22 March 1965 at 3 p.m.

1. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents for 1965
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Report of the International Monetary Fund
4. (a) Report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association
(b) Report of the International Finance Corporation
5. Water desalination in developing countries
6. Review and reappraisal of the Council's role and functions
7. Work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields
8. Question of a meeting of the ad hoc Working Group on the Question of a Declaration on International Economic Co-operation
9. Elections
10. Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council
11. Financial implications of actions of the Council
12. Consideration of the provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session and establishment of dates for opening debate on items

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE
THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION

1. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents for 1965

The election takes place under rule 20 of the rules of procedure.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 14 of the rules of procedure the Council is required to adopt its agenda for the session on the basis of the provisional agenda considered by it at the resumed thirty-seventh session under rule 11, and of any items on the supplementary list referred to in rule 13.

In accordance with the Council's request (E/SR.1353), the Secretary-General, after consultation with delegations and specialized agencies, will prepare a paper on the organization of the work of the session.

3. Report of the International Monetary Fund

The Council will have before it the annual report of the Fund for the period ended 30 April 1964 and a summary of Fund activities since that date (E/4003 and Add.1).

4. (a) Report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association

The Council will have before it the annual report of the Bank and IDA for 1963-1964 and a supplementary report containing a summary of principal activities since that date (E/3992 and Add.1).

(b) Report of the International Finance Corporation

The Council will have before it the annual report of IFC for 1963-1964 (E/3993 and Add.1).

5. Water desalination in developing countries

The Council will have before it a report by the Secretary-General (E/4006) on water desalination in developing countries with particular reference to costing procedures, prepared pursuant to Council resolution 1033 A (XXXVII).

The report entitled Water Desalination in Developing Countries (ST/ECA/82), which was submitted to the Council at the thirty-seventh session, will also be available as background documentation.

6. Review and reappraisal of the Council's role and functions

At its 1354th meeting on 8 March 1965, the Council agreed to begin, at the thirty-eighth session, the review and reappraisal of its role and functions which it is to undertake pursuant to its decision of 15 August last (E/SR.1351). The Council further agreed to continue consideration of this matter at the thirty-ninth session.

7. Work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields

The Council will have before it the report prepared by the Secretary-General pursuant to resolution 1046 (XXXVII) on the progress made towards the presentation to the Council at the thirty-ninth session of a work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields.

8. Question of a meeting of the ad hoc Working Group on the Question of a Declaration on International Economic Co-operation

The Council, at its 1352nd meeting on 1 March 1965, decided to postpone consideration of this question until the thirty-eighth session.

9. Elections^{2/}

Under this item action is required by the Council in respect of the election of:

(a) One third of the membership of the Statistical Commission and the Population Commission for a term of office of four years beginning on 1 January 1966, and one third of the membership of the Social Commission, the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for a term of office of three years to begin on 1 January 1966;

^{2/} See paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 above.

- (b) The eleven members of the Special Committee on Co-ordination under the terms of Council resolution 920 (XXXIV). The Council at its resumed thirty-seventh session (E/SR.1354) deferred this election to the thirty-eighth session;
- (c) Seven members of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning for a term of office of three years to begin on 1 January 1966;
- (d) Four members of the Committee for Industrial Development under the terms of Council resolution 751 (XXIX) and the Council's decision of 21 December 1960, for a term of office of three years to begin on 1 January 1966;
- (e) Six members of the Technical Assistance Committee under the terms of Council resolution 863 (XXII) for a term of office of two years, beginning on 1 January 1966;
- (f) Eight members of the Governing Council of the Special Fund, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 1240 (XIII), paragraphs 13-15, and 1945 (XVIII), for a term of office to begin immediately and expire on 31 December 1967. The Council, by decision of 14 August 1964, deferred this election until the thirty-eighth session;
- (g) Eight further members of the Governing Council of the Special Fund for a term of office of three years beginning on 1 January 1966;
- (h) Ten members of the Executive Board of UNICEF for a term of office of three years to begin on 1 February 1966.

10. Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council

The Secretary-General will submit to the Council for confirmation the names of the representatives of members of functional commissions nominated or renominated since the close of the thirty-seventh session.

11. Financial implications of actions of the Council

The Council will have before it a summary of the financial implications, if any, of its actions during the thirty-eighth session.

12. Consideration of the provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session and establishment of dates for opening debate on items

Under rule 11 of the rules of procedure the Council is required to consider the provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session in the light of the basic annual programme established at the resumed thirty-seventh session. It will have before it a working paper prepared by the Secretariat.