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REPORT OF THE PRE-CONFERENCE CONSULTATIONS
HELD AT THE BELLA CENTER, COPENHAGEN

1. The pre-Conference consultations were held on 13 July 1980 at the Bella Center, Copenhagen. Participants in the consultations was open to representatives of all States invited to participate in the Conference.
2. Mme Maimouna Kane (Senegal), President of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference, presided over the pre-Conference consultations.
3. The following questions formed the subject of the pre-Conference consultations. 1/
 1. Opening of the Conference (item 1 of the provisional agenda). 2/
 2. Election of the President of the Conference (item 2)
 3. Adoption of the rules of procedure (item 3)
 4. Adoption of the agenda (item 4)
 5. Election of officers other than the President (item 5)
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 - (i) Allocation of items to the Main Committees and organization of work;
 - (ii) Credentials of representatives to the Conference: appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee
7. Adoption of the report of the Conference (item 11)
8. Officers to be elected by the Main Committees.

1/ Annotations to these questions were circulated (see A/CONF.94/PRE-CONF/L.1).

2/ For the provisional agenda of the Conference, as approved by the Preparatory Committee, and annotations see A/CONF.94/1.

*/ Recommendations supplementing those reported in this document will be reflected in an addendum.

4. The Secretary of the Conference provided, for the information of the delegations, details of the programme for the opening meeting and of the organizational arrangements made by the Secretariat and the host Government at the Conference site.

5. After consideration of the questions referred to above, it was agreed to make to the Conference the recommendations set forth below.

(a) Election of the President of the Conference

6. It is recommended that the Conference should elect by acclamation Her Excellency Ms Lise Østergaard, head of the delegation of Denmark and Minister for Cultural Affairs, as President of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace.

(b) Adoption of the rules of procedure

7. It is recommended that the Conference should adopt the provisional rules of procedure recommended by the Preparatory Committee (A/CONF.94/2), subject to an amendment to rule 6 which should read as follows:

"The Conference shall elect the following officers: a President, a Vice-President in charge of co-ordination and 23 other Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur-General, as well as a Presiding Officer for each of the Main Committees provided for in rule 42. Each Main Committee shall elect three Deputy Presiding Officers and a Rapporteur".

(c) Adoption of the agenda

8. It is recommended that the Conference should adopt the provisional agenda recommended by the Preparatory Committee (A/CONF.94/1).

(d) Election of officers other than the President

9. It is recommended that the General Committee should have a total of 28 members distributed as follows and that each regional group should receive one of the five major posts of the Conference:

African States	8 posts
Asian States	6 posts
Eastern European States	4 posts
Latin American States	5 posts
Western European and other States	5 posts

[For further recommendations concerning election of officers other than the President, see the addendum to this document.]

(e) Organizational matters

(i) Allocation of items to the Main Committees and organization of work.

[For recommendations concerning the allocation of items and organization of work, see the addendum to this document.]

10. It is further recommended that

(a) Meetings should normally be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. and they should start punctually;

(b) The list of speakers in the general debate should be closed on Wednesday, 16 July, at 6 p.m.;

(c) The general debate should be held in plenary meetings beginning on Tuesday, 15 July, in the morning, and there should be no general debate in the Main Committees;

(d) The time-limit for statements in the general debate should be 15 minutes for participants and five minutes for observers representing non-governmental organizations, in accordance, respectively, with General Assembly resolution 33/189 of 29 January 1979 and rule 58 of the rules of procedure;

(e) Interventions in the exercise of the right of reply should be made by the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever the two meetings are devoted to the same item;

(f) The general debate should be concluded by Wednesday, 23 July.

(ii) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

11. It is recommended that in conformity with rule 4 of the rules of procedure, the Conference should appoint Belgium, China, Congo, Ecuador, Pakistan, Panama, Senegal, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America as members of the Credentials Committee, on the understanding that, if a State is not present, the Conference should replace that State by another State of the same regional group and designated by that group.

(f) Adoption of the report of the Conference

12. It is recommended that, in accordance with the practice of previous United Nations conferences of this nature, the report of the Conference should consist of the decisions of the Conference, a brief account of the events leading to the convening of the Conference, the proceedings of the Conference, including a summary of the general debate and of the main themes dealt with by the main committees, and an account of the action of the plenary on the recommendations prepared by the main committees and of the organization of the Conference.

13. It is further recommended that, in accordance with the practice of previous conferences, each regional group should designate, by 12 noon on Tuesday, 15 July, two persons to serve as "friends of the Rapporteur-General" to assist the latter in preparing the draft report of the Conference.

(g) Officers to be elected by the Main Committees

14. It is recommended that each Main Committee should elect its three Deputy Presiding Officers and its Rapporteur at its first meeting, to be held on Tuesday, 15 July, in the afternoon, taking into account the Preparatory Committee's recommendation that each regional group should be represented on the Bureau of each of the Main Committees.

15. It is further recommended that, if the number of candidates corresponds to the number of offices to be filled, the Committees should proceed to their election by acclamation.