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PATTERN OF CONFERENCES: REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

Draft resolution prepared following informal consultations and
submitted by the Chairman to the Committee for consideration

The General Assembly

Recalling its resolution 32/72 of 9 December 1977 in which it set forth,
inter alia, the terms of reference of the Committee on Conferences,

Noting the conclusions reached by the Committee on Conferences that the
capacity of the United Nations Secretariat to service conferences and meetings and
of Member States to participate actively in them is strained,

Convinced of the necessity of rationalizing the procedures and organization of
the conference activities of the United Nations,

Further encouraging the continuation and development of close co-operation
between the Economic and Social Council and the Committee on Conferences in areas
of common concern,

1. Welcomes the action taken by the Economic and Social Council on the
pattern of conferences in its decision 1979/81 and on control and limitation of
documentation in its resolutions 1979/1 of 9 February 1979, 1979/41 of
10 March 1979 and 1979/69 of 3 August 1979,

2. Approves the recommendation by the Committee for Programme and
Co-ordination contained in part V of its report (A/34/33) to the effect that,
inter alia, the above-mentioned resolutions of the Economic and Social Council on
control and limitation of documentation be applied to the General Assembly and its
subsidiary bodies and that the Secretary-General be requested to implement them
fully;

3. Requests the Committee on Conferences to examine ways to enable it to play a more effective role in the scheduling of conferences and meetings and in the management of conference resources, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session,

4. Requests the Committee on Conferences to review the extent to which resolutions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly on the pattern of conferences have been implemented, including an examination of the planned and actual duration of sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly, and to report its findings to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

5. Further requests the Committee on Conferences to monitor the implementation of all measures adopted by the General Assembly to control and limit documentation, including those on the provision of meeting records and the application of measures to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the conference activities of the Organization and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

6. Invites the Committee on Conferences when making any adjustment in the calendar of conferences for 1980-1981 to take full account of all conference facilities available at established United Nations headquarters;

7. Requests the Committee on Conferences to review the organizational and servicing arrangements of past special conferences and their preparatory meetings with a view to identifying the most effective framework for the organization of such conferences in the future.
