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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND
ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Annotations to the provisional agenda*

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure of the Commission, the Commission will elect a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. The geographical distribution of officers elected at previous sessions of the Commission is shown in annex I.

2. Credentials

Under rule 11 of the rules of procedure of the Commission, the credentials of representatives must be submitted to the Executive Director at the latest before the end of the first meeting of the session of the Commission. The Bureau must then examine such credentials and report on them without delay to the Commission.

3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda was adopted by the Commission at its sixth session, held at Helsinki from 25 April to 6 May 1983. The Commission will adopt its agenda for the seventh session and decide on the organization of work after the election of officers. A note by the Executive Director proposing an organizational structure and timetable for the seventh session is to be found in annex II.

* HS/C/7/1.

4. Activities of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat): progress report of the Executive Director

Under this item, the Executive Director will report to the Commission on the progress made in the implementation of the Centre's mandate and work programme, of the resolutions and decisions taken by the Commission at its sixth session, and of the relevant resolutions and decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1983 and by the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session. An account of the Centre's participation in special United Nations conferences and similar events is given, along with highlights of co-operation during 1983 with units and organizations within the United Nations system. An information paper summarizes co-operation with intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system and co-operation with non-governmental organizations concerned with human settlements.

Documentation

Activities of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat): progress report of the Executive Director (HS/C/7/2).

Report of the Sixth Joint Meeting of the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the Bureau of the Commission on Human Settlements with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Bureau of its Governing Council (HS/C/7/2/Add.1).

Financial and advisory institution for human settlements in Asia and the Pacific: report of the Executive Director (HS/C/7/2/Add.2).

Co-operation with intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system and with non-governmental organizations concerned with human settlements (HS/C/7/INF.3).

Status report on technical co-operation projects: an update to 1982 Project Information Report (HS/C/7/INF.6).

Main resolutions and decision of the Economic and Social Council (second regular session of 1983) and the General Assembly (thirty-eighth session) of relevance to the work of the Commission (HS/C/7/CRP.1).

5(a) A systematic and comprehensive approach to training for human settlements

One of the Commission's responsibilities under its mandate as set out in General Assembly resolution 32/162 is to study, in the context of the recommendations for national action adopted at Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, new issues and problems in the field of human settlements.

Accordingly, at its fifth session, in resolution 5/16, the Commission selected the topic "A systematic and comprehensive approach to training for human settlements" for in-depth review at its seventh session.

Under this item, therefore, the Commission will have before it a document which presents a global review of the state of training in human settlements for developing countries and recommends specific actions to be taken by developing and developed countries and by international agencies to improve the present situation.

Documentation

A systematic and comprehensive approach to training for human settlements: report of the Executive Director (HS/C/7/3).

5(b). A systematic and comprehensive approach to information for human settlements

At its fifth session, in resolution 5/16, the Commission also selected the topic "A systematic and comprehensive approach to information for human settlements" for in-depth review at its seventh session.

Under this item, therefore, the Commission will have before it a document which reviews the nature, purpose, and utilization of information in human settlements policy formulation and implementation, and the technological, financial, and institutional support mechanisms needed to arrive at a systematic and comprehensive approach to information for human settlements. Opportunities for action at the national and international levels are suggested and recommendations are made.

Documentation

A systematic and comprehensive approach to information for human settlements: report of the Executive Director (HS/C/7/4).

6. International Year of Shelter for the Homeless

At its thirty-seventh session, the General Assembly, in resolution 37/221, formally proclaimed the year 1987 as International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, (IYSH), endorsed in principle the programme for the Year contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/37/527 and Add.1) and recommended that the Commission on Human Settlements should review annually the objectives, strategies and criteria for the Year as well as guidelines referred to in paragraph 1 of resolution 5/14 of the Commission on Human Settlements.

Accordingly, at its seventh session, the Commission will have before it, for review, the overall IYSH programme, plan and priorities for the period 1984-1987, including a new set of actions for the IYSH which are to be completed or initiated before the eighth session. Pursuant to Commission resolution 6/1, delegations will be expected to report on their national IYSH activities, including those IYSH projects that have been identified. It is anticipated that there will be a general discussion, with country presentations, of different approaches to the organization and functions of IYSH national focal points and to the development of national shelter and settlement assessment.

The General Assembly recommended that provision be made in the agenda for each session of the Commission, up to the year 1987, for donors to indicate the nature and extent of the support which they propose to give to the programme for the International Year. Pursuant to that recommendation, a pledging session will be held, in the course of the seventh session of the Commission, for announcement of voluntary contributions to the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

Documentation

International Year of Shelter for the Homeless: report of the Executive Director (HS/C/7/5).

List of countries that have designated National Focal Points for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless (HS/C/7/INF.8).

International Year of Shelter for the Homeless: Project Guidelines (including IYSH Project Information Sheet and Brochure) (HS/C/7/INF.9).

7. Report on financial and other assistance provided to and among developing countries on human settlements and on the human settlements activities of the United Nations system, and progress report on the implementation of the recommendations for national action adopted by Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements

In its resolution 34/114, in endorsing resolution 2/3 of the Commission on Human Settlements, the General Assembly requested the Executive Director of UNCHS to prepare biennial reports on "financial and other assistance provided to and among developing countries for human settlements and the human settlements activities of the United Nations system".

The first biennial report on the subject (HS/C/5/6) was presented by the Executive Director to the Commission at its fifth session in 1982. At its seventh session, the Commission will have before it, for its consideration, the second biennial report. The report discusses the objectives and the methodological issues encountered during its preparation and contains an analytical and evaluative overview from the perspective of donors and recipients of the amount, kind and the distribution of aid for human settlements, and presents the results of the questionnaire that was sent to Member States and organizations within and outside the United Nations system, and makes recommendations for the donor and recipient community involved in the field of human settlements.

In its resolution 34/116 of 14 December 1979, entitled "Strengthening of human settlements activities", the General Assembly requested Member States to report every two years to the Commission on Human Settlements on the progress made in implementing the recommendations for national action adopted by Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements. Accordingly, in its consideration of this item, the Commission will have before it a report containing a summary of the information submitted by Member States in accordance with the above-mentioned resolution. The report will also contain suggestions, for the consideration of the Commission, on how to proceed with biennial reporting on this subject.

Documentation

Financial and other assistance provided to and among developing countries for human settlements: report of the Executive Director (HS/C/7/6).

Progress report on the implementation of the recommendations for national action adopted by Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements; report of the Executive Director (HS/C/7/7).

8. Matters arising out of the decisions of the major legislative organs and other intergovernmental bodies and brought to the attention of the Commission

Under this item, the Commission will be apprised of relevant matters arising out of the decisions of the major legislative organs of the United Nations and other intergovernmental bodies since the last session of the Commission in April-May 1983.

Documentation

Matters arising out of the decisions of the major legislative organs of the United Nations and other intergovernmental bodies and brought to the attention of the Commission (HS/C/7/9).

9. Other matters

Under this item the Commission will consider matters which, though not covered under any other items, are believed to merit its attention. Among them are a report on the availability and use of all extrabudgetary resources of the Centre, including those of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, and a report on the status of voluntary contributions to the Foundation.

Documentation

Financial matters: use of extrabudgetary resources of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat): report of the Executive Director (HS/C/7/8).

Status of voluntary contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation and International Year of Shelter for the Homeless (HS/C/7/INF.5).

Section 19 of Proposed Programme Budget for the Biennium 1984-1985 (HS/C/CRP.2).

Section 19 of First Report on the Proposed Programme Budget for the Biennium 1984-1985 (HS/C/7/CRP.3).

10. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the eighth session of the Commission

In resolution 5/15 the Commission decided to designate special themes two years in advance of their discussion, and requested the Executive Director to ensure for each special theme a thorough preparation process in which there would be ample time for extensive consultations. In its decision 6/20, the Commission decided that the special theme for its eighth session would be "Planning and management of human settlements, with emphasis on small and intermediate towns and local growth points".

Under this item, therefore, the Commission will have before it a note by the secretariat on the preparation of the theme paper for the eighth session. So as to assist the Commission in the selection of the theme or themes for its ninth session, the secretariat will also place before the Commission a note listing the various suggestions that have been received from Governments for consideration as possible future themes.

Under this item, the Commission will also adopt a provisional agenda for its eighth session and decide on the date and other arrangements for that session.

Documentation

Preparation of the theme paper for the Commission on Human Settlements at its eighth session: note by the secretariat (HS/C/7/10).

Themes for the Commission on Human Settlements at future sessions: note by the secretariat (HS/C/7/10/Add.1).

11. Adoption of the report

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/162, section II, paragraph 6, the Commission will adopt the report on the work of its seventh session for submission to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

Annex I

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF OFFICERS ELECTED AT PREVIOUS SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Year	Session of the Commission	Chairman	Vice-Chairmen	Rapporteur
1978	First	Western European and other States (Sweden)	African States (Malawi) Eastern European States (Poland) Latin American States (Mexico)	Asian States (Philippines)
1979	Second	African States (Kenya)	Asian States (Pakistan) Latin American States (Mexico) Western European and other States (Sweden)	Eastern European States (Poland)
1980	Third	Latin American States (Mexico)	African States (Nigeria) Asian States (Iraq) Eastern European States (USSR)	Western European and other States (Netherlands)
1981	Fourth	Asian States (Philippines)	African States (Lesotho) Eastern European States (Hungary) Western European and other States (Federal Republic of Germany)	Latin American States (Jamaica)
1982	Fifth	Eastern European States (USSR)	Asian States (Sri Lanka) Latin American States (Jamaica) Western European and other States (Canada)	African States (Egypt)
1983	Sixth	Western European and other States (Finland)	African States ((Zambia) Eastern European States (Bulgaria) Latin American States (Argentina)	Asian States (Bangladesh)

Under the principle of geographical rotation provided for in rule 12 (2) of the Commission's rules of procedure, the following regional groups should normally provide candidates for the offices in question for the seventh session of the Commission:

1984	Seventh	African States	Asian States Latin American States Western European and other States	Eastern European States
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Annex II

PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE FOR THE
SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS.

Note by the Executive Director

1. The Commission may find it conducive to the efficient conduct of its work during the seventh session to adopt the specific organizational arrangements set out below.
 - (a) The Bureau
 2. In accordance with rule 12 of the Commission's rules of procedure, the Bureau should consist of a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, elected with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution and rotation among the regional groups. Annex I shows the geographical distribution of the members of the Bureau at the Commission's previous sessions.
 3. As provided for in rule 13 of the Commission's rules of procedure, two of the Vice-Chairmen should be designated to chair the sessional committees of the whole referred to below. The remaining Vice-Chairman would assist the Chairman of the Commission directly in his general duties.
 - (b) Sessional committees of the whole
 4. Bearing in mind the discussions at the third session of the Commission regarding the organization of the work of its future sessions, the Commission may find it advisable to establish two sessional committees of the whole: Committee I and Committee II. Committee I would be given responsibility for item 5(a) and item 5(b) and for certain issues under item 10 of the provisional agenda, and Committee II would be given responsibility for items 6, 7 and certain issues under item 9, with the remaining items being considered in plenary.
 5. As in the past, provision has been made for that part of the Commission's programme concerned with special audio-visual presentations. A proposed timetable for the seventh session is presented in annex III. A list of agenda items with corresponding documents is presented in annex IV.

Annex III

PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR THE SEVENTH SESSION
OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Libreville, 30 April - 11 May 1984

		Plenary	Committee I	Committee II
Monday 30 April	a.m.	Informal Consultations		
	p.m.	Opening of session Items 1,2,3, and 4		
Tuesday 1 May	a.m.	Item 4		
	p.m.	Item 4	Item 5 (a)	
Wednesday 2 May	a.m.	Item 4	Item 5 (a)	
	p.m.	Item 4	Item 5 (a)	
Thursday 3 May	a.m.	Item 4 (including pledging) and item 8		Item 6
	p.m.		Item 5 (b)	Item 6
Friday 4 May	a.m.		Item 5 (b)	Item 6
	p.m.		Items 5 (b) and 10	Item 6
Monday 7 May	a.m.		Special presentations	Item 7
	p.m.		Special presentations	Items 7 and 9
Tuesday 8 May	a.m.	Draft resolutions/ decisions on items 1,2,3,4 and 8 (introduction/consi- deration)	Draft resolutions/ decisions on items 5 (a), 5 (b) and 10 (introduc- tion/consideration)	
	p.m.		Draft reports and draft resolutions/decisions (consideration/adoption)	Draft resolutions/decisions on items 6,7 and 9 (introduction/consideration)
Wednesday 9 May	a.m.	Draft report and draft resolutions/ decisions on items 1,2,3,4 and 8 (consideration/adop- tion)		Draft report and draft resolutions/decisions (consideration/adoption)
	p.m.	(Same as in a.m.)		
Thursday 10 May	a.m.	Report and resolutions/ decisions from Cttee I (consideration/ adoption)		
	p.m.	Report and resolutions/ decisions from Cttee II (consideration/ adoption)		
Friday	a.m.	Items 9,10 and 11		

Annex IV

LIST OF AGENDA ITEMS WITH CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS

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Agenda item 2. Credentials

Agenda item 3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
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Agenda item 4. Activities of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat): progress report of the Executive Director
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Agenda item 5(a). A systematic and comprehensive approach to training for human settlements
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Agenda item 5(b). A systematic and comprehensive approach to information for human settlements
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Agenda item 6. International Year of Shelter for the Homeless
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Agenda item 7. Report on financial and other assistance provided to and among developing countries on human settlements and on the human settlements activities of the United Nations system, and progress report on the implementation of the recommendations for national action adopted by Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements
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Agenda item 8. Matters arising out of the decisions of the major legislative organs and other intergovernmental bodies and brought to the attention of the Commission
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Agenda item 9. Other matters
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Agenda item 10. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the eighth session of the Commission
HS/C/7/10; HS/C/7/10/Add.1

Agenda item 11. Adoption of the report