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I. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. The Committee on Conferences submits the following draft resolutions to the General Assembly:

Pattern of conferences

A

Report of the Committee on Conferences

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences,*

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Committee on Conferences;
2. Approves the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 1985 as submitted by the Committee on Conferences;**
3. Authorizes the Committee on Conferences to make adjustments in the calendar of conferences for 1985 which may become necessary as a result of action and decisions by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session;
4. Reaffirms the principle that, in the case of meetings included in the calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations as approved by the General Assembly, the Department of Conference Services at United Nations Headquarters shall be responsible for servicing meetings in North and South America and in Asia, and the United Nations Office at Geneva for those held in Europe, Africa and the Middle East;
5. Requests the Secretary-General, in the interests of maximum efficiency and cost-effectiveness, to consider organizing the conference-servicing staff at the Vienna International Centre into a single conference-servicing operation within the resources approved in the biennial budget for 1984-1985;
6. Invites the International Atomic Energy Agency to participate in the study of this question.

B

Shortening of sessions or a biennial cycle of sessions
of United Nations organs

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 32/71, section IV, of 9 December 1977, 32/72 of

* Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/39/32).

** Ibid., annex II.

9 December 1977, 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, 36/117 A of 10 December 1981 and 38/32 D of 25 November 1983,

Emphasizing the continued need for maximum economy in the effective use of conference-servicing resources,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the efforts made by the the Committee on Conferences to improve utilization of conference-servicing resources in consultation with the officers of those organs which have in recent years utilized 75 per cent or less of the conference resources made available to them;
2. Urges subsidiary organs of the General Assembly to make further efforts, on the basis, inter alia, of current statistical data, to ensure that their requests for conference services correspond accurately to their requirements and that the services provided to them are utilized rationally and efficiently;
3. Further urges those organs, when submitting requests for conference services, to make due provision for meetings when no interpretation services are required, such as informal consultations and periods allocated to drafting, to the extent that such needs might be anticipated on the basis of past practice and to consider an appropriate reduction in the number of formal meetings to allow the balance of time to be utilized for informal meetings and/or consultations;
4. Recommends that those organs, when electing their bureaux, make one member of the bureau responsible for the rational use of conference-servicing resources;
5. Requests those organs also to discuss at their organizational sessions the possibility of meeting on a biennial basis;
6. Further requests those organs to include in their reports to the General Assembly an analytical statement of their utilization of the conference-servicing resources allocated to them during the year, with an explanation for any apparent under-utilization thereof;
7. Invites the Secretary-General to determine, in the course of 1985, the extent to which subsidiary organs of the General Assembly, through both formal and informal meetings and/or consultations, utilize the conference services they have requested, with a view to the future redeployment of unused resources;
8. Invites the Committee on Conferences to continue its examination of this question and to make a further report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

C

Pattern of conferences

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 38/32 C of 25 November 1983,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences on its efforts to implement that resolution,

Requests the Committee on Conferences to undertake an in-depth study of all existing provisions relating to the pattern of conferences, taking into account all the modifications proposed during the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly, with a view to reporting to the Assembly at its fortieth session.

D

Control and limitation of documentation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2292 (XXII) of 8 December 1967, 2538 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, 2732 (XXV) of 16 December 1970, 31/140, section II, of 17 December 1976, 33/56, section II, of 14 December 1978, 34/50 of 23 November 1979, 36/117 of 10 December 1981, 37/14 C and D of 16 November 1982 and 38/32 E of 25 November 1983, and its decision 34/401 of 21 September, 25 October, 29 November and 12 December 1979,

1. Takes note of the results of the study of the feasibility of instituting an abbreviated form of summary record;

2. Takes note that the Committee on Conferences will further examine, after consulting with the United Nations organs entitled to receive summary records, the relative suitability of summary records as now prepared and the abbreviated summary records prepared by the Secretariat on an experimental basis, with a view to reporting to the General Assembly at its fortieth session;

3. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To instruct all Secretariat units responsible for the drafting of documents to ensure that their manuscripts are delivered to the Department of Conference Services in accordance with the prescribed timetable for their submission;

(b) To circulate eight weeks before the opening of a meeting of an intergovernmental body a report on the preparedness of all the documents for the session, in all languages, at that time, in respect of all United Nations organs, including the General Assembly, its Main Committees and its subsidiary bodies;

(c) To include in that report an explanation for any delay in processing the documentation and to identify the Secretariat unit responsible for that delay;

4. Reaffirms that lists of all documents requested by each United Nations organ, including the General Assembly, its Main Committees and its subsidiary organs, shall be submitted by the Secretary-General at the end of each session, with an indication of the date upon which it will be possible to issue each document in all required languages, reflecting the time required for its preparation by both the substantive and conference-servicing units of the Secretariat.

II. CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

A. Adoption of the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 1985

2. By its resolution 38/32 A of 25 November 1983, the General Assembly approved the biennial calendar of conferences and meetings for 1984 and the draft calendar for 1985, as set out in annex II to the report of the Committee on Conferences to the Assembly at its thirty-eighth session (A/38/32) and amended by subsequent decisions taken by the General Assembly in the course of that session.
3. At its organizational meeting on 9 March 1984, the Committee on Conferences agreed that proposed changes in the calendar which did not have financial implications could be dealt with by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee. The Committee was advised of a number of such changes in the course of the year.
4. In the second part of its substantive session (20 August-5 September 1984), the Committee decided to recommend for adoption by the General Assembly the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of United Nations bodies for 1985 as contained in annex II to the present document.
5. In discussing the draft revised calendar, the Committee noted that several bodies had "decided" to extend their sessions by several days, or to change the dates and venues of their sessions or to accept invitations from Governments to hold meetings on their territory. The Committee agreed to remind bodies that decisions of that nature could be taken only by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences. Bodies wishing to reschedule their sessions should make a recommendation to that effect in their reports to the Assembly.

B. Intersessional departures from the approved calendar for 1984

6. The Committee has so far this year been asked to consider two requests for additions to or changes in the approved calendar of conferences and meetings for 1984 which involved financial implications. The first of these pertained to the proposed change of dates of the resumed session of the Committee on the Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade. This was approved at the Committee's 205th meeting on the understanding that services would be provided on an "as available" basis.
7. The Committee subsequently decided to authorize a one-day extension to the Fourth General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization following a request by its enlarged Bureau, which comprised regional group representatives. The approval was granted by the Committee on Conferences in accordance with its mandate to act on behalf of the General Assembly in dealing with departures from the approved calendar of conferences having administrative and financial implications.

C. Pattern of conferences

8. By its resolution 38/32 C, the General Assembly requested the Committee on Conferences to examine the provisions of section I of resolution 31/140, of 17 December 1976, as well as all other provisions relating to the pattern of conferences, and to report to the Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.
9. The Committee had earlier submitted an updated version of resolution 31/140 to the Assembly at its thirty-eighth session in the form of a draft resolution. That draft became the subject of consultations in the Fifth Committee, during which amendments to it from delegations were considered. In the absence of agreement over a final draft, the Fifth Committee proposed the course of action laid down in resolution 38/32 C.
10. At its 202nd meeting, on 1 May 1984, the Committee on Conferences discussed a Secretariat note containing all proposed changes to resolution 31/140, section I, including the amendments put forward during the Fifth Committee consultations, as well as a summary of those consultations.
11. The Committee considered the proposed additions and changes to resolution 31/140, section I. However, with regard to the additional amendments to the draft revision put forward by delegations during the thirty-eighth session, it was agreed that the Chairman should consult with those delegations before a final recommendation was made.*
12. At the 209th meeting of the Committee, on 22 August 1984, the Chairman reported the results of his consultations to the Committee. At the invitation of the Chairman, representatives of Brazil, Egypt, India and Morocco subsequently participated in the Committee's resumed consideration of this item.
13. A number of members took the view that the original modification of resolution 31/140, section I, had been undertaken in the spirit of a codification of existing provisions, many of them long-established, which had enabled the Secretariat to operate effectively in the field of conference-servicing. If changes were to be made to these provisions, they should be introduced only after very careful consideration. Some delegations spoke in favour of the proposed amendments, whereas others expressed the opinion that a thorough study was required before the Committee could make recommendations on the matter.
14. Other delegations stated that the Committee had received a clear mandate from the General Assembly to examine the existing provisions and to consider the inclusion of amendments submitted by any delegation during the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly.
15. The delegations which had submitted amendments to the Committee's draft during the thirty-eighth session of the Assembly explained them to the Committee. It was argued that, with regard to paragraph 3, the General Assembly should not appear to instruct the specialized agencies. The deletion of the phrase "as existing resources permit" in paragraph 6 of the draft was proposed because it was felt that

* See annex I: Pattern of conferences.

informal meetings were sometimes too important not to have interpretation services. The amendment to paragraph 8(i) was submitted to allow more than one conference in a certain field to be held if it proved necessary.

16. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should request the Committee on Conferences to undertake an in-depth study of all existing provisions relating to the pattern of conferences, taking into account all the modifications proposed during the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly, with a view to reporting to the Assembly at its fortieth session.

D. Shortening of sessions or a biennial cycle of sessions of United Nations organs

17. In discussing this agenda item, the Committee was pursuing a course laid down during its 1983 series of meetings, when it had considered reports (A/AC.172/88 and Add.1) which showed a failure on the part of United Nations organs to utilize fully the resources allocated to them during the period 1980-1982. At the request of the Committee, the Chairman wrote in July 1983 to 23 bodies which had used less than 75 per cent of their resources during that period, in order to suggest talks on reducing their allocation.

18. During its second series of substantive meetings in 1983, the Committee returned to the question and suggested that further letters should be sent to bodies which had underused meetings resources, suggesting that the allocation to them of future resources could be reduced by half the amount of time they had failed to utilize, on average, during the period 1980-1982.

19. In April 1984 such letters were sent by the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the 10 bodies that had not replied to his letter of July 1983.

20. At its 202nd meeting, on 1 May 1984, the Committee discussed a Secretariat report (A/AC.172/96 and Add.1) containing replies from 13 of the bodies contacted by the Chairman in July 1983.

21. Many members felt that the response to the Chairman's letter was unsatisfactory; some bodies had not replied and some which had replied had not fully explained their underutilization of conference resources.

22. Other delegations, however, argued that some of the Chairmen contacted might have had insufficient time to reply, or might not have received the letter. It was also suggested that some bodies had failed to reply because they had not yet met and that the Committee on Conferences should therefore take no hasty action.

23. The point was made that many bodies performed valuable work during informal consultations where conference services were not used, and that those bodies should not be considered to have wasted resources when in fact their business had been concluded more expeditiously than it would have been if conducted only in meetings with services.

24. There was agreement also that many factors were involved in the underutilization of resources, such as the influence exercised by the Chairman in beginning meetings on time, the effects of prevailing global political factors on

bodies dealing with political questions, and the late arrival of essential documents.

25. The Committee agreed to request the Chairman to write to the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Board of Auditors to commend the Board of Auditors on its efficient use of conference services; and decided that his action should be duly recorded in the report of the Committee on Conferences to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

26. It was further agreed that the Chairman should reply individually to the other bodies that had responded, taking up points which they had raised, and that he should:

(a) Urge those bodies to make further efforts to ensure that their requests for conference services should correspond accurately to their requirements and to utilize rationally and efficiently the services provided to them;

(b) Recommend that, in submitting requests for conference services, the bodies concerned should make due provision for informal consultations and periods allocated to drafting, to the extent that such needs might be anticipated on the basis of past practice;

(c) Where feasible, organize the discussions between the relevant bureaux that were envisaged in his letter of July 1983;

(d) Recommend that the Chairman of each body should indicate to its members the number of wasted meetings and the time lost by the late starting of meetings.

27. The Committee instructed the Secretariat to continue to monitor the utilization of conference services by the bodies concerned, taking account in particular of assurances given by those bodies in their replies to the Chairman, and to report further to the Committee.

28. With reference to the bodies that had not replied to the Chairman's letter of July 1983, the Committee agreed that the Chairman should write again to those bodies referring to their failure to respond to his two previous letters; that he should once again invite them to communicate with him; and that he should state the following:

"In the absence of a response from your Committee by 31 July 1984, the Committee on Conferences will assume your Committee's agreement that the conference-servicing resources to be provided at your Committee's next session should be established at the level actually utilized by your Committee at its last analogous session; and that the Secretariat should be instructed accordingly."

The Chairman made it clear that the Committee would not recommend action to be taken against bodies just because they had failed to reply to his letters.

29. With reference to further action by the Committee on Conferences, the Committee agreed that, recognizing the importance of informal consultations in the work of United Nations bodies and the possibility thereby of reducing the burden placed on conference services, the Committee on Conferences should take appropriate steps to:

(a) Urge all relevant bodies to consider whether their formal meetings could be reduced in number or shortened through increased use of informal consultations;

(b) Encourage those bodies to make appropriate provision for informal consultations, drafting committees and the preparation of reports in their programmes of work.

30. Subsequently, at its 204th meeting on 3 May 1984, the Committee agreed to reduce the length of its first series of meetings in 1985 by one meeting in view of its expeditious handling of the agenda items scheduled for discussion during the first part of its 1984 session (30 April to 4 May). One delegation stated that the Committee on Conferences could work quite effectively and should set an example to other bodies in the utilization of conference-servicing resources. Agreeing, another representative said that the Committee had been able to finish its work early because its debates were pragmatic.

31. At its 207th meeting on 21 August 1984, the Committee examined further replies received from other United Nations organs, and heard a statement by the Chairman in which he described his meetings with the officers of some of the bodies he had contacted.

32. Although it was noted that the Chairman's action had produced some results, members stressed the need for United Nations organs to predict the incidence of informal meetings without services in their future sessions and to plan accordingly, if possible, and to try to reduce the number of serviced meetings in favour of meetings without services.

33. It was proposed that action should be taken to reduce the length of the future sessions of those Committees which had failed in the past to utilize 75 per cent or more of the services allocated to them.

34. The view was expressed that, to the extent possible, the election of bureaux of United Nations organs should be held before the subsequent organizational session.

35. The Committee recommended that, during the election of bureaux of United Nations organs, one of the members of the bureau should be made responsible for the rational utilization by the organ concerned of the conference-servicing resources allocated to it, and for the preparation of an analysis of that utilization for inclusion in the organ's report to the General Assembly.

36. The Committee intended to monitor the results of this procedure and report them to the General Assembly.

III. CONTROL AND LIMITATION OF DOCUMENTATION

A. Feasibility of instituting an abbreviated form of summary record

37. By paragraph 10 of its resolution 38/32 E, the General Assembly requested the Committee on Conferences to undertake a study of the feasibility of instituting an abbreviated form of summary record.

38. At its 200th meeting on 30 April 1984, the Committee discussed a report (A/AC.172/97) which contained an analysis of the factors involved in instituting such a record.

39. It was agreed that the criteria necessary to a summary record were brevity, sufficient substance and speed of delivery, but that those requirements were often conflicting. Several members drew attention to the fact that summary records often arrived too late to be of value to participants in a meeting; it was for this reason that other options, such as an abbreviated form of summary record, were being considered. Some delegations felt, however, that substance should not be sacrificed for the sake of brevity. The Under-Secretary-General for Conference Services and Special Assignments, in his introductory statement, had pointed out that any reduction in the length of summary records would lower the volume of summary record translations and could thus help to reduce the delays in their issuance. Some delegations, however, continued to complain that the summaries of their discussions were too short adequately to reflect the nuances of statements delivered, or that parts of their statements had been omitted from summary records. A partial solution, he said, might be the preparation of an informational document that would remind delegations of the nature and purpose of a summary record, what it was intended to contain, and how it differed from a verbatim record. With regard to the late issuance of summary records, the Secretariat explained that the documents-producing services had to give priority to pre-session documentation, which necessarily delayed the production of summary records.

40. Many delegations stressed the virtues of a flexible approach, pointing out that the needs of bodies for records varied. One delegation suggested that, with certain exceptions such as the Main Committees of the General Assembly, bodies could dispense with the present form of record and substitute for it a record similar to the summary of proceedings in the Journal, but containing more details of decisions taken. Such a record might be suitable for treaty bodies, which discussed detailed country reports and whose reports to the General Assembly contained synopses of those discussions, and organs which devoted much time to procedural debates.

41. Interest was expressed in a proposal that a synopsis of a meeting could be prepared by the rapporteur of a committee with the assistance of its substantive secretariat; such a record, which need not exceed two pages, could be ready within 48 hours. It was suggested that delegations wishing a wider circulation of their views could themselves arrange for copies of their statements to be distributed.

42. One delegation suggested that each speaker should submit his or her own summary of a statement for inclusion in the record. Other delegations, however, pointed out that such summaries would not necessarily be restricted in length, and

that delegations not speaking an official language of the United Nations would be at a disadvantage.

43. One member of the Committee said that a more rational way of dealing with the problem must be found in view of the potential crisis caused by the sheer volume of paper received by delegations. Whatever the system decided upon for producing records, some complaints would be received, but the Committee must be firm in its recommendations. Delegations should be encouraged to see brevity as the norm in records. Another delegation, supporting that position, pointed out that it was unnecessary to record the details of some stages of a body's work.

44. The Committee later examined a draft informational document on meeting records as suggested by the Under-Secretary-General (see para. 39), and decided that it should be circulated as a general-distribution document for the information and guidance of delegations.

45. Members then examined examples of abbreviated summary records two to three pages in length prepared by the Secretariat and compared them to the original summary records on which they were based. While the abbreviated records were acceptable to some delegations, others believed that the reduced content of the abbreviations would not adequately reflect the proceedings. The Committee agreed that the Chairman should write to the relevant United Nations organs describing the Committee's work in this matter and requesting their views on which form of record, the summary or the experimental abbreviated summary, was more appropriate for their own purposes. The Committee would then be in a position to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

B. Examination of various causes of the late issuance of documentation

46. The Committee discussed this item pursuant to paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 38/32 E, which requested it to examine the various causes of the late issuance of documents in the different official and working languages and to consider possible solutions to this problem.

47. In its examination of this question, the Committee had before it a report (A/AC.172/98) on the causes of the late issue of documentation, and an administrative instruction from the Secretary-General (ST/AI/189/Add.23 of 24 February 1982) on regulations for the planning and submission of documents for sessions of United Nations organs. That instruction contained a timetable for the submission of pre-session documents to the Department of Conference Services by author departments.

48. In the course of the discussion of this item, representatives posed a number of questions to the Secretariat on the capacity of the document-processing services and about the simultaneous distribution of documents in all languages, the reasons for the delay in the preparation of documents and the reasons for the non-implementation of earlier General Assembly resolutions governing the control and limitation of documentation.

49. Members were informed that the Secretariat adhered strictly to the requirement for simultaneous distribution of documents in all languages, and that exceptions were made only under extraordinary conditions and with the consent of the head of

department or office concerned, and that such consent should follow consultations with the bureau of the organ concerned. At the same time, it was stressed that the Translation Division and other document-processing services were making every effort to speed up their work.

50. The Department of Conference Services did urge author departments to adhere to the timetables, described in section II of General Assembly resolution 33/56 of 14 December 1978 for the submission of documents, although they could not in practice enforce punctual submission. Indeed, in order to ensure the timely issue of documents for a meeting, it was sometimes necessary to give late documents priority over those that had been submitted in good time.

51. It was also explained that in view of the growing specialization of United Nations activities and, consequently, the need for correspondingly greater specialized knowledge on the part of its translators, the maintenance and updating of terminology bulletins were extremely important. That could give rise to difficulties inasmuch as neologisms had to be coined in some languages in which the specialized vocabularies had not yet been established. Only six terminologists were employed at United Nations Headquarters for over 300 translators. That represented a much smaller proportion than in most other organizations.

52. Members found it unsatisfactory that documents should be issued late, and expressed dissatisfaction with the failure to implement provisions of General Assembly resolutions on that matter, although it was recognized that strenuous efforts were frequently made within the Department of Conference Services to produce documents on time.

53. It was noted that the document-processing services were subject to overloading because of the clustering in the calendar of bodies with heavy documentation needs. In reply to a question on whether the document-processing capacity of the Secretariat was taken into account during the planning of the calendar, the Secretariat informed the Committee that the calendar was based mainly on the decisions of intergovernmental bodies, although the Secretariat always pointed out the problems connected with the reporting procedures that had to be taken into account in that process. Also, for instance, legal bodies had to meet either before or after the sessions of the Preparatory Commission for the International Sea-Bed Authority, and that increased the tendency for bodies to be bunched together in the calendar at certain times of the year.

54. It was agreed that author departments should also abide by the provisions of section II of resolution 33/56 in respect of the circulation of the report on the state of preparedness of documentation requested by United Nations organs, and that that report should explain any delay and identify the Secretariat unit responsible for it. It was also agreed that the list of documents required to be circulated at the closing of sessions of United Nations organs, provided for in section II of resolution 36/117 A of 10 December 1981, should be prepared.

C. Backlogs in United Nations publications

55. Pursuant to section XII of General Assembly resolution 38/234 of 20 December 1983, the Committee considered a report (A/AC.172/99) on backlogs in the issuance of United Nations publications. The report dealt with three publications - the Yearbook of the United Nations, the Treaty Series and the

Official Records of the United Nations - in respect of which temporary assistance had been requested and granted in order to eliminate backlogs in their production.

56. In response to questioning by one delegation, it was reported that during 1983 the Yearbook had sold 5,350 copies, and that 200,000 copies had been sold since 1947, thus making the Yearbook the second-best selling United Nations publication.

57. Another delegation expressed the hope that future backlogs could be eliminated without resort to temporary assistance.

IV. IMPROVED ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND EFFECTIVE USE
OF CONFERENCE RESOURCES

58. On 3 May 1984, at its 204th meeting, the Committee considered four documents (A/AC.172/100, A/AC.172/1984/CRP.2, 3 and 4) prepared by the Secretariat in pursuance of resolution 38/32 F. Commenting on them, one delegation suggested ways in which the reports should be revised and how additional information might be included to reflect more fully the purpose of that resolution, which was to quantify and compare the demand for and the supply of conference resources and to show their utilization, so that delegations could see the impact of their demands on the physical and human resources available to the Organization.

59. Members agreed that future draft calendars of conferences and meetings should continue to be presented to the General Assembly in their traditional chronological form, but that there was value in indicating the documentation needs of bodies.

60. The Committee resumed its discussion of this item at its 211th meeting on 23 August 1984. It was decided to note the statistical information presented by the Secretariat.

61. It was also decided to resume examination of this item on the basis of an analytical summary of the statistical and tabular data provided by the Secretariat which would enable the comparison of the impact of demands by delegations on the physical, human and documentation capacity of United Nations conference services, as requested in General Assembly resolution 38/32 F.

62. In accordance with rule 103.5 (c) of the Secretary-General's rules on implementation of the Regulations Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, the Committee on Conferences discussed, during its 1984 session, the medium-term plan proposals for conference services contained in document A/37/6/Add.2.

63. The comments and recommendations of the Committee are set forth below.

I. GENERAL ORIENTATION OF THE MAJOR PROGRAMME

Increasing complexity of the meetings programme

30.3 Inquiries were made about the significance of the inclusion of subparagraph (a), "the further utilization of Vienna and, eventually, Nairobi, as major United Nations conference centres" as one of the factors leading to the increasing complexity of the meetings programme. Some delegations expressed concern that this might pre-judge any future decision of the General Assembly in this regard. Some misgivings were also voiced over the expression "major United Nations conference centres". Other members of the Committee declared that the increased use of the conference centres at Vienna and Nairobi would lead to greater efficiency in the implementation of the calendar of conferences. The Under-Secretary-General for Conference Services and Special Assignments stated that the subparagraph was intended as a statement of observable fact which should be taken into account in future planning, but assured the Committee that General Assembly resolution 31/140, section I, of 17 December 1976, would continue to be strictly observed.

Changing technology

30.7 One delegation proposed the insertion of the word "long-term" between the words "overall" and "objective", while others felt that the long-term nature of the technical innovations programme was implicit in the context.

30.8 One representative questioned the fact that reference was made to reductions in "unit labour costs" resulting from technological innovations, rather than to a reductions in staff levels. The Secretariat replied that new technology would lead to greater productivity, but that reductions in current resource levels would be feasible only if the workload remained constant. The Committee was reminded that the Department of Conference Services was a servicing Department with no control over either the volume or the incidence of the workload imposed upon it.

30.10 In response to a question as to the authority for the introduction of computer and/or word-processing applications being introduced during the current biennium, the assurance was given that the programme was being implemented in accordance with the broad mandate given by the General Assembly and within the approved budgetary limits.

64. Commenting on the general orientation of the major programme as a whole, one delegation described its language as too optimistic, inasmuch as the impression was given that all the plans described in it would be carried out within the plan

period. It was explained that in the introduction to the plan for this major programme, an attempt had been made to anticipate general future trends not necessarily confined to the particular period covered by the plan.

PROGRAMME 1. EDITORIAL AND OFFICIAL RECORDS SERVICES

SUBPROGRAMME 1. EDITORIAL SERVICE

30.13 The Committee agreed that the word "Mandate" in programmes 1-5 and 8 should be replaced by the words "Legislative authority". In that regard, it should be made clear that since no specific intergovernmental mandate for the functions of the subprogrammes exists, it had been decided to cite instead the relevant organizational arrangements instituted by the Secretary-General.

30.18 The Committee was informed that no further financial resources would be requested for the elimination of the backlog in official records.

SUBPROGRAMME 2. DOCUMENTS CONTROL SERVICE

30.29 The Committee agreed that substantive units and their submitting officers should be reminded of their share in the responsibility to ensure the timely issuance of documents by striving for greater accuracy in their workload estimates.

PROGRAMME 2. INTERPRETATION AND MEETINGS SERVICES

SUBPROGRAMME 1. PLANNING AND MEETINGS SERVICES

30.50 It was agreed that specific reference should be made to the Committee on Conferences in subparagraph (i), where the Committee's mandate is set forth.

PROGRAMME 4. PUBLISHING SERVICES

SUBPROGRAMME 1. PRINTING SERVICE

30.86 It was observed that the introduction of new technology should eventually result in faster production and reduced costs.

SUBPROGRAMME 3. DISTRIBUTION SERVICE

30.108; 30.111; 30.112 The need for a conveyer belt system was questioned by one delegation. The difficulties encountered in manually transporting large quantities of urgently required documents over a distance equivalent to six city blocks were explained.

PROGRAMME 5. DAG HAMMARSKJOLD LIBRARY SERVICES

SUBPROGRAMME 1. COLLECTION AND ORGANIZATION OF INFORMATION

30.136 One delegation described the continuing computerization programme outlined in subsection (d) as too ambitious.

**VI. EVALUATION OF THE PREPARATION AND HOLDING OF UNITED NATIONS
SPECIAL CONFERENCES**

65. The Committee examined the report of the Conference Management Committee of the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, prepared in accordance with the guidelines annexed to General Assembly resolution 37/14 B of 16 December 1982. The Committee agreed to note the report.

VII. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE DURING SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

66. The Committee decided to adopt guidelines for its work in implementation of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A, of 3 November 1980, by which all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the Assembly should be reviewed by the Committee when administrative implications are being considered. Particular attention would be paid when:

(a) Proposals involved exceptions to General Assembly resolutions and decisions;

(b) Proposals might cause administrative difficulties.

67. A delegation proposed that the Secretariat should be requested, when preparing statements on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions to be submitted to the General Assembly, to include, where possible, a statement of the utilization by the organ concerned during its last session of conference-servicing resources, specifically conference time and documentation.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

68. On 2 May 1984, the members of the Committee on Conferences, together with members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, toured sections of the Department of Conference Services at the Under-Secretary-General's invitation. The operations of the pre-press, press and finishing areas of the Reproduction Section were described and shown to members while work was in progress there. The party was then conducted through the Distribution Section, whose function and workings were also explained to them. Afterwards they visited the Spanish and French word-processing units to inspect the equipment in use there.

69. Thanking the Under-Secretary-General for Conference Services and Special Assignments for organizing the tour, the Chairman, speaking at the close of the 204th meeting of the Committee on Conferences, described the visit as extremely useful for the Committee. He felt that members of the Committee had not known how much work was done in the Reproduction and Distribution Sections and had learned a great deal. The Chairman added that it might also be useful for the Committee to visit facilities at other United Nations conference centres such as Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi. One delegation suggested that a tour of the Translation Division should be organized.

IX. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Terms of reference and membership

70. The General Assembly, by its resolution 32/72 of 9 December 1977, decided to retain the Committee on Conferences established under its resolution 3351 (XXIX) of 18 December 1974. The Committee's terms of reference are to be found in paragraphs 3 and 4 of resolution 32/72.

71. At its 71st plenary meeting, on 25 November 1983, the General Assembly agreed to extend the mandate of the Committee on Conferences for a further three years beginning on 1 January 1984. Subsequently, the President of the General Assembly appointed the following 22 States members of the Committee: Algeria, Austria, Bahamas, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, Cyprus, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Honduras, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

B. Officers

72. The Committee elected the following officers to serve in 1984:

Chairman: Mr. Michael G. Okeyo (Kenya)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Mihail Bushev (Bulgaria)
Mr. Patricio Damm (Chile)
Mr. A. B. Goonetilleke (Sri Lanka)

Rapporteur: Mr. Wilfried Almoslechner (Austria).

C. Organization of work

73. The Committee agreed to meet as required to take up matters related to the calendar of conferences and its implementation, in particular the consideration of inter-sessional departures from the approved calendar. For the consideration of various substantive questions, the Committee decided to hold two one-week series of meetings during 1984.

74. The Committee also agreed to continue taking decisions by consensus, bearing in mind the substance of the items discussed and adopting, where necessary, a pragmatic and flexible approach in order not to impede the exercise of the Committee's functions.

75. The Committee met from 30 April to 4 May and from 20 August to 5 September 1984.

D. Programme of work

76. On the basis of a note by the Secretariat, the Committee discussed its programme of work for 1984 and agreed upon an agenda for its substantive meetings. This can be found in document A/AC.172/95. The Under-Secretary-General for Conference Services and Special Assignments addressed the Committee at its organizational session and at both its substantive sessions.

77. A list of documents submitted to the Committee on Conferences by the Secretariat appears in annex I to this report.

ANNEX I

Documents submitted to the Committee on Conferences
since the close of its 1983 substantive session

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Title</u>
A/37/6/Add.2	Medium-term plan proposals for conference services
A/39/239 and Add.1	Joint Inspection Unit report on publications policy and practice in the United Nations system; comments of the Secretary-General
A/AC.172/INF/4	List of members of the Committee on Conferences for 1984
A/AC.172/87/Add.1/Rev.1	Recurrent publications of the United Nations
A/AC.172/88/Add.2	Shortening of sessions or a biennial cycle of sessions of United Nations organs: statistics
A/AC.172/92	Calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 1984-1985
A/AC.172/93	Provisional agenda of the Committee on Conferences for 1984
A/AC.172/95	Agenda of the Committee on Conferences for 1984
A/AC.172/96 and Add.1 and 2	Shortening of sessions or a biennial cycle of sessions of United Nations organs
A/AC.172/97	Feasibility of instituting an abbreviated form of summary record
A/AC.172/98	Examination of the various causes of the late issuance of documents
A/AC.172/99	Backlogs in United Nations publications
A/AC.172/100 and Rev.1 and Corr.1	Existing conference resources, services and facilities within the United Nations system
A/AC.172/101	Intersessional departure from the approved calendar of conferences for 1984
A/AC.172/1983/CRP.10, 11 and Rev.1, 12 and 13	Information presented to the Committee on Conferences in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A
A/AC.172/1983/CRP.14	Matters related to the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1984
A/AC.172/1984/CRP.1 and Add.1	Pattern of conferences

SymbolTitle

A/AC.172/1984/CRP.2	Revised draft calendar of conferences and anticipated meetings of the United Nations for 1985 grouped according to subject matter
A/AC.172/1984/CRP.3 and Add.1	Conference-servicing capacity at United Nations Headquarters
A/AC.172/1984/CRP.4	External conference-servicing resources
A/AC.172/1984/CRP.5 and Add.1	List of documents required by the Committee on Conferences
A/AC.172/1984/CRP.6 and Add.1-5	Preliminary draft report of the Committee on Conferences
A/AC.172/1984/CRP.7 and Corr.1	Draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 1985
A/AC.172/1984/CRP.8	Feasibility of instituting an abbreviated form of summary record: draft informational document
A/AC.172/1984/CRP.9	Evaluation of the preparation and holding of United Nations special conferences
A/AC.172/1984/CRP.10	Examples of various kinds of (abbreviated summary) records
A/AC.172/1984/CRP.11	Cost of meetings of United Nations bodies
A/AC.172/1984/CRP.12	Shortening of sessions or a biennial cycle of sessions of United Nations organs

ANNEX II

Draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 1985
(as of 31 August 1984)

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I (CEFR)	T	PV	Periodicity
1. Military Staff Committee [Charter]	4 January, once every fortnight thereafter	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV	Every second Friday
2. Group of Governmental Experts to Carry Out a Comprehensive Study of Concepts of Security, resolution 38/188 H]	7-18 January	New York	12 E	I (CEFRS)	T	-	
3. UNCITRAL - Working Group on International Negotiable Instruments, thirteenth session [General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)]	7-18 January	New York	8 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions a year
4. African Regional Seminar for the International Year of Peace [General Assembly resolution 38/56]	8-11 January	Addis Ababa	50 G	I (AEF)	T	-	
5. Asian and Pacific Regional Expert Group Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy [General Assembly resolution 38/60]	15-18 January	Bangkok	12 F	I (CEFR)	T	-	
6. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, fourth session [General Assembly resolution 34/180]	21 January- 1 February	Vienna	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session a year
7. Commission on Human Rights - Group of Three established under the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid [General Assembly resolution 3068 (XXVIII)]	28 January- 1 February	Geneva	3 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session a year

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/	Periodicity
8. Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, fifth session [General Assembly resolutions 33/187 and 34/157]	28 January- 1 February	Havana	11 E	I (EPS) T (75)	- One session a year
9. Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Situations which Reveal a Consistent Pattern of Gross Violations [Economic and Social Council decision 1983/153]	28 January- 1 February	Geneva	5 E	I (EPS) T (10)	- -
10. Commission on Human Rights - Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on Southern Africa [Economic and Social Council decision 1983/135]	January (2 weeks)	Geneva	6 E	I (EPS) T (350)	- -
11. Conference on Disarmament [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	January- April (12 weeks)	Geneva	40 G	I (ACEFRS) T (1000)	PV Two sessions a year
12. Advisory Committee on Science and Technology for Development, fifth session [General Assembly resolution 34/218]	4-13 February	New York	28 E	I (ACEFRS) T (75)	- One session a year
13. UNCTAD - Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade, eleventh session, first part (Financing related to Trade) [Trade and Development Board decision 10 (I)]	4-15 February	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS) T	- Normally twice between sessions of the Conference
14. Commission on Human Rights, forty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	4 February- 15 March	Geneva	43 G	I (ACEFRS) T (1850)	SR One session a year
15. Economic and Social Council, organizational session [Charter]	5-8 February	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS) T (175)	SR Two sessions a year

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I	T	SR	Periodicity
16. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, thirty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolution 8 (I)]	11-20 February	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	(883)	-	One session every two years
17. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee, twenty-second session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	11-22 February	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	(200)	-	One session a year
18. UNCTAD - Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade, eleventh session, second part (Invisibles) [Trade and Development Board decision 10 (I)]	18-22 February	Geneva	b/ I	(ACEFRS)	-	-	
19. Commission for Social Development, twenty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1147 (XLI)]	18-27 February	Vienna	32 G	I (ACEFRS)	(719)	-	One session every two years
20. UNDP - Governing Council, organizational and special meeting [General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)]	19-22 February	New York	48 G	I (ACEFRS)	(250)	SR	One session a year
21. Population Commission, twenty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 150 (VII) and 1147 (XLI)]	19-28 February	New York	27 G	I (ACEFRS)	(175)	-	One session every two years
22. Third United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas [Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/14]	19 February- 1 March	New York	50 G	I (EFS)	-	-	
23. Group of Experts on the Reduction of Military Budgets, fifth session [General Assembly resolution 37/95 B]	19 February- 8 March	New York	8 E	I (EFS)	-	-	

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I	Periodicity
24. Committee for the United Nations Population Award [General Assembly resolution 36/201]	25-26 February	New York	10 G	I (CEFS) T -	One session a year
25. Statistical Commission, twenty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L)]	25 February-6 March	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS) (500) T -	One session every two years
26. UNCTAD - United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology, sixth session [General Assembly resolution 38/153]	25 February-15 March	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS) T SR	
27. Meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions [Economic and Social Council resolution 1817 (LV) and General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII)]	February (3 days)	To be determined	5 ST	I (BF) T -	Two sessions a year
28. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, organizational session [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	February (1-2 meetings)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS) (15) T PV C/	Two sessions a year
29. Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East [Economic and Social Council resolution 1776 (LIV)]	February (1 day)	Vienna	5 E	- -	Two sessions a year
30. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	February (1 day)	New York	9 E	- -	Four meetings a year

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I (AEP) T	Periodicity
31. African Regional Expert Group Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy [General Assembly resolution 38/60]	February/ March (5 days)	Addis Ababa	12 E	I (AEP) T	-
32. Western Asian Regional Expert Group Preparatory Meeting; for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy [General Assembly resolution 38/60]	February/ March (5 days)	Baghdad	12 E	I (AEP) T	-
33. Commission on the Status of Women acting as the Preparatory body for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, third session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/26]	4-13 March	Vienna	32 G	I (ACEFRS) T	-
34. Group of Governmental Experts to Carry Out a Comprehensive Study on the Naval Arms Race, Naval Forces and Naval Arms Systems, third session [General Assembly resolution 38/188 G]	4-15 March	New York	6 E	I (CEFRS) T	-
35. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, thirty-first session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	4-22 March	New York	18 E	I (CEFRS) T (400)	SR Two sessions a year
36. Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, third session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/67]	11-22 March	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS) T	- One session a year

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/	Periodicity
37. Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV)]	11-22 March	New York	19 G	I (AEPRS) T (600)	One session every two years
38. International Civil Service Commission, twenty-first session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	11-29 March	London (IMO Hqs.)	15 E	I (EPRS) T (300)	Two sessions a year
39. Preparatory Commission for the International Sea-Bed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, third session [General Assembly resolution 37/66]	11 March-5 April	Kingston	132 G	I (ACEPRS) T (50)	-
40. Committee on Information, organizational session [General Assembly resolution 33/115 C]	18-19 March	New York	67 G	I (AEPRS) T (5)	-
41. Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	18-22 March	New York	5 E	I (AEPRS) T -	Three sessions a year
42. UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board, thirtieth session [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and UNCTAD resolution 114 (V)]	18-29 March	Geneva	b/	I (ACEPRS) T (500)	Two sessions a year
43. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Legal Sub-Committee, twenty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 (XIV)]	18 March-4 April	New York	53 G	I (ACEPRS) T (200)	One session a year
44. Special Committee against Apartheid - Special Meeting in Observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination [General Assembly resolution 32/105 I]	21 March	New York	18 G	I (ACEPRS) T -	PV

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/	Periodicity
45. Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women [General Assembly resolution 31/133]	25-29 March	New York	5 G	-	Two sessions a year
46. Human Rights Committee, twenty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	25 March-12 April	New York	18 E	I (AEPRS) T (425)	Three sessions a year
47. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Standing Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	March (1 week)	To be determined	9 E	I (EF) T (100)	Three sessions a year
48. Latin American Regional Expert Group Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy [General Assembly resolution 38/60]	March/April (5 days)	Santiago	12 E	I (EFS) T	-
49. United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	March/April (1 meeting)	New York	9 E	-	Three sessions of one meeting each a year
50. Meeting between the secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system [General Assembly resolution 37/4]	March/April	To be determined	25 ST	I (AEF) T	One session a year
51. Economic Commission for Africa - Preparatory Committee of the Whole [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	March/April	Conakry*	50 G	I (AEF) T	One session a year

* Subject to the approval of the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/	Periodicity
52. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	March/July (3-5 meetings a week)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS) (300)	Two sessions a year
53. Committee for Programme and Co-ordinator, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	8 April	New York	21 G	I (ACEFRS) (25)	-
54. Committee on Natural Resources, ninth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1535 (XLIX) and 1621 A (LI)]	8-17 April	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS) (325)	One session every two years
55. UNCITRAL - Working Group on the New International Economic Order, seventh session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	8-19 April	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS) (196)	Two sessions a year
56. Group of Governmental Experts to Carry Out a Comprehensive Study of Concepts of Security, third session [General Assembly resolution 38/188 H]	8-19 April	New York	12 E	I (CEFRS) -	-
57. Commission on Transnational Corporations, eleventh session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1913 (LVII) and 1983/75]	10-26 April	New York	48 G	I (ACEFRS) (400)	One session a year
58. UNITAR - Board of Trustees, twenty-third session [General Assembly resolution 1934 (XVIII)]	15-19 April	New York	28 F	I (EFRS) (100)	One session a year
59. UNICEF - Executive Board, Committee on Administration and Finance, Programme Committee [General Assembly resolution 57 (I)]	15-26 April	New York	41 G	I (ACEFRS) (1000)	One session a year

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I (EFR)	T -	SR	Periodicity
60. Economic Commission for Europe, fortieth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	16-27 April	Geneva	34 G	I (EFR)	T -	-	One session a year
61. Preparatory Committee for the Third Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, third session [General Assembly resolution 38/74]	22 April- 3 May	Geneva	50- 60 G	I (EFRS)	T (50)	SR	
62. Economic and Social Council - Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/33]	22 April- 10 May	New York	15 G	I (ACEPRS)	T (25)	SR	One session a year
63. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	23 April- 12 July	New York	16 E	I (ACEPRS)	T (120)	-	Two sessions a year
64. Commission on Human Settlements, eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/1 and General Assembly resolution 32/162]	29 April- 10 May	Kingston	58 G	I (AEPRS)	T (700)	-	One session a year
65. Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, twenty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	29 April- 31 May	New York	21 G	I (ACEPRS)	T (350)	-	One session a year
66. United Nations Regional Seminar on the Question of Palestine (North America) [General Assembly resolutions 34/65 D and 36/120 B]	April (5 days)	To be determined	20 E	I (EF)	T -	-	

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ ship	Periodicity
67. United Nations Symposium on the Question of Palestine (North America) - Non-governmental organizations [General Assembly resolution 38/58 B]	April (3 days)	To be determined	6 E	I (EF) T -	Two sessions a year
68. Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, first regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	April	To be determined	25 ST	I (EF) T - (20)	Two sessions a year
69. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, forty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV), 69 (V) and 723 B (XXVIII)]	April	Bangkok	36 G	I (CEFR) T -	One session a year
70. Economic Commission for Africa - Eleventh meeting of the Conference of Ministers, twentieth session of the Commission [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	April	Conakry*	50 G	I (AEF) T -	One session a year
71. United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 A (IV)]	April-May (4 weeks)	Geneva	7 E	I (EF) T (120)	Two sessions a year
72. Economic Commission for Western Asia, twelfth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1818 (LIV)]	April/May	Baghdad	14 G	I (AEF) T -	One session a year
73. Disarmament Commission [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	6-31 May	New York	158 G	I (ACEFRS) T (250)	One session a year
74. International Law Commission, thirty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 174 (II)]	6 May- 26 July	Geneva	34 E	I (ACEFRS) T (975)	One session a year

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Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member- ship	I (ACEFRS)	T (750)	SR	Periodicity
75. Economic and Social Council, first regular session [Charter]	7-31 May	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T (750)	SR	Two sessions a year
76. UNEP - Governing Council, thirteenth session [General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII)]	13-22 May	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session a year
77. International Narcotics Control Board, thirty-seventh session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	13-24 May	Vienna	13 E	I (CEFS)	T (474)	-	Two or three sessions a year
78. UNIDO - Industrial Development Board, nineteenth session [General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI)]	13-31 May	Vienna	45 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session a year
79. Trusteeship Council (and drafting committees), fifty- second session [Charter]	13 May- 7 June	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T (550)	PV $\frac{5}{6}$	One session a year
80. Asian and Pacific Regional Seminar for the International Year of Peace [General Assembly resolution 38/56]	20-24 May	Bangkok	36 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	-
81. Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes, nineteenth session [General Assembly resolution 1714 (XVI)]	20-31 May	Rome	30 G	I (AEFS)	T	SR	Two sessions a year
82. High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries [General Assembly resolution 33/134]	28 May- 3 June	New York	169 G	I (ACEFRS)	T (200)	-	One session every two years
83. Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development, seventh session [General Assembly resolution 34/218]	28 May- 7 June	New York	158 G	I (ACEFRS)	T (325)	-	One session a year
84. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	May (1 day)	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four meetings a year

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I	T	SR	Periodicity
85. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Committee of Actuaries [General Assembly resolution 1561 (XV), article XXIX]	May/June (1 week)	New York	6 E	I (EFR)	T	-	One session a year
86. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, eighteenth session [General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI)]	3-21 June	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T (752)	SR	One session a year
87. Committee on Contributions forty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	3 June- 3 July	New York	18 E	I (ACEFRS)	T (50)	-	One session a year
88. UNDP - Governing Council - Budgetary and Finance Committee [Decision of the twelfth session of the Governing Council]	4-28 June	New York	48 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session a year
89. UNDP - Governing Council, thirty-second session [General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)]	4-28 June	New York	48 G	I (ACEFRS)	T (1750)	SR	One session a year
90. Group of Experts on the Reduction of Military Budgets, sixth session [General Assembly resolution 37/95 B]	10-14 June	New York	8 E	I (EFS)	T	-	-
91. United Nations Board of Auditors [General Assembly resolution 74 (II)]	10-14 June	New York	3 E	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions a year
92. United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, thirty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 913 (X)]	10-14 June	Vienna	20 G	I (AEFRS)	T (477)	-	One session a year
93. Special Committee against Apartheid - Special meeting in Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Struggling People of South Africa [General Assembly resolution 32/105 I]	14 June	New York	18 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	-

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I (ACEFRS)	T (500)	PV	Periodicity
94. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, twenty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	17-28 June	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T (500)	PV	One session a year
95. Committee on Information [General Assembly resolution 33/115 C]	17 June-5 July	New York	67 G	I (AEFRS)	T (200)	-	-
96. United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	June (1 meeting)	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each a year
97. Preparatory Meeting of Experts from the European Region for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy [General Assembly resolution 38/60]	June/July (5 days)	Vienna	12 E	I (EFR)	T	-	-
98. Conference on Disarmament [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	June-August (12 weeks)	Geneva	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	Two sessions a year
99. Council of the United Nations University, twenty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)]	1-5 July	Tokyo	24 E	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions a year
100. Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	1-5 July	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions a year
101. Economic and Social Council, second regular session [Charter]	3-26 July	Geneva	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T (1350)	SR	Two sessions a year
102. Group of Governmental Experts to Carry Out a Comprehensive Study of Concepts of Security, fourth session [General Assembly resolution 38/188 H]	8-19 July	New York	12 E	I (CEFRS)	T	-	-

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I (AEFRS)	T (300)	SR	Periodicity
103. Human Rights Committee, twenty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	8-26 July	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T (300)	SR	Three sessions a year
104. International Civil Service Commission, twenty-second session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	8-26 July	New York	15 E	I (EPRS)	T (700)	-	Two sessions a year
105. World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women [General Assembly resolution 35/136]	15-26 July	Nairobi	169 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -	-	
106. Group of Governmental Experts to Carry Out a Comprehensive Study on the Naval Arms Race, Naval Forces and Naval Arms Systems, fourth session [General Assembly resolution 8/188 G]	15-26 July	New York	6 E	I (CEFRS)	T -	-	
107. Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Communications [Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII)]	22 July- 2 August	Geneva	5 E	I (EPRS)	T (10)	-	One session a year
108. Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Indigenous Populations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34]	29 July- 2 August	Geneva	5 E	I (EPRS)	T (125)	-	One session a year
109. Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Group of Five on Slavery [Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI)]	29 July- 2 August	Geneva	5 E	I (EPRS)	T (75)	-	One session a year

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I (EF)	T -	Periodicity
110. Meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions [Economic and Social Council resolution 1817 (LV) and General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII)]	July (4 days)	Geneva	5 ST	I (EF)	T -	TWO sessions a year
111. Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	July (1 day)	Geneva	21 G 25 ST	I (AEFRS)	T -	One session a year
112. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	July (1 day)	To be determined	9 E	-	-	Four meetings a year
113. Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission - Working Group [Economic and Social Council resolution 1893 (LVII)]	July	New York	75 G	I (EPRS)	T -	One session a year
114. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	July/August (2 weeks)	To be determined	21 E	I (EF)	T - (200)	One session a year
115. United Nations Regional Seminar on the Question of Palestine (Asia) [General Assembly resolutions 34/65 D and 36/120 B]	July/August (5 days)	To be determined	20 E	I (AEF)	T -	-
116. United Nations Symposium on the Question of Palestine - (Asia) Non-governmental organizations [General Assembly resolution 38/58 B]	July/August (3 days)	To be determined	6 E	I (AEF)	T -	-
117. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Standing Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	July/August (1 day)	To be determined	9 E	I (EF)	T -	Three sessions a year

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I	T	SR	Periodicity
118. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods - Group of Rapporteurs, thirty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2050 (LXII)]	5-16 August	Geneva	12 G	I (EPR)	T (250)	-	Two sessions a year
119. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, thirty-second session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	5-23 August	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T (400)	SR	Two sessions a year
120. Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, thirty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	5-30 August	Geneva	26 E	I (ACEFRS)	T (1400)	SR	One session a year
121. Special Committee against Apartheid - Special meeting in Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Struggle of Women in South Africa and Namibia [General Assembly resolution 36/172 K]	9 August	New York	18 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -	PV	
122. United Nations Council for Namibia - Namibia Day [General Assembly resolution 3111 (XXVIII)]	26 August	New York	31 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -	PV	
123. Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders [General Assembly resolution 415 (V)]	26 August- 6 September	Milan	169 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -	-	
124. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	August (5 meetings a week)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T (250)	PV <u>c/</u>	Two sessions a year

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/	Periodicity
125. United Nations Meeting on the Question of Palestine - Non-governmental organizations [General Assembly resolution 38/58 B]	August (3 days)	Geneva	6 E	I (AEFS)	T -
126. Advisory Commission of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [General Assembly resolution 302 (IV)]	August (1 day)	Vienna	10 G	I (AEF)	T -
127. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean - Committee of the Whole, eighteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI)]	August	Santiago	42 G	I (EFS)	T -
128. Third Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons [General Assembly resolution 38/74]	August and/or September (up to 4 weeks)	Geneva	50 - 60 G	I (AEFRS)	T SR (50)
129. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	3 September-20 December	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T - (50)
130. Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women [General Assembly resolution 31/133]	9-13 September	New York	5 G	-	-
131. General Assembly, fortieth session [Charter]	17 September-December	New York	158 G	I (ACEFRS)	T PV/SR e/ (16000)
132. UNCTAD - Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries, sixth session [Pursuant to para. 119 of the Substantial New Programme of Action]	23 September-4 October	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T - (50)

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/	Periodicity
133. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods - Group of Experts on Explosives, twenty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/42]	30 September-4 October	Geneva	12 G	I (EPR) T (50)	Two sessions a year
134. Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes, twentieth session [General Assembly resolution 1714 (XVI)]	30 September-11 October	Rome	30 G	I (AEFRS) T -	Two sessions a year
135. Statistical Commission - Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination, eleventh session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1306 (XLIV)]	September (4 days)	Geneva	8 G	I (AEFRS) T (10)	One session every two years
136. United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 (IV)]	September/October (4 weeks)	New York	7 E	I (EPR) T (100)	Two sessions a year
137. United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September/October (1 meeting)	New York	9 E	- - -	Three sessions of one meeting each a year
138. International Narcotics Control Board, thirty-eighth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	7-25 October	Vienna	13 E	I (CEFS) T (461)	Two or three sessions a year
139. Special Committee against Apartheid - Special meeting in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with South African Political Prisoners [General Assembly resolution 32/105 I]	11 October	New York	18 G	I (ACEFRS) T -	Three sessions a year
140. Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	14-18 October	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFRS) T -	Three sessions a year

Organ	Dates (1985)	Member- ship	Location	Member- ship	Periodicity
141. Human Rights Committee, twenty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	21 October- 8 November	18 E	Geneva	I (AEFRS) (300)	Three sessions a year
142. United Nations Council for Namibia - Solemn Meeting to Commemorate the Week of Solidarity with the People of Namibia and their Liberation Movement, SWAPO [General Assembly resolution 31/150]	27 October	31 G	New York	I (ACEFRS)	PV
143. UNHCR - Executive Committee [General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII)]	October (10 days)	41 G	Geneva	I (ACEFS) (200)	SR One session a year
144. United Nations Board of Auditors [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	October (1 week)	3 E	To be determined	I (EF)	- Two sessions a year
145. Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [General Assembly resolution 347 (IV)]	October (1 week)	7 E	To be determined	I (EF)	- One session a year
146. Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, second regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	October (3 days)	25 ST	New York	I (EF) (15)	- Two sessions a year
147. Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East [Economic and Social Council resolution 1776 (LIV)]	October (3 days)	5 E	Vienna or a capital in the region	-	- Two sessions a year
148. Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, twentieth session [General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX)]	October (2 days)	13 G	New York	I (ACEFRS)	- One session a year

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/	Periodicity
149. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Standing Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	October/November (1 week)	New York	9 E	I (EP) T -	Three sessions a year
150. Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People - Special Meeting in Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolutions 32/40 B and 33/28]	29 November	New York	23 G	I (ACEFRS) T - PV	
151. United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November (2 days)	New York	169 G	I (ACEFRS) T (15) SR	One meeting a year
152. Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributors to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	169 G	I (ACEFRS) T - SR	One meeting a year
153. Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributors to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	169 G	I (ACEFRS) T (15) SR	One meeting a year
154. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	November (1 day)	New York	9 E	-	Four meetings a year
155. UNIDO - Permanent Committee of the Industrial Development Board, twenty-second session [General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI)]	November/December (1 week)	Vienna	45 G	I (ACEFRS) T -	Two sessions a year

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I	Periodicity
156. Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Twelfth Meeting of Operational Heads of National Narcotics Law Enforcement Agencies, Far East Region [Economic and Social Council resolution 1780 (LIV)]	November/December (5 days)	A capital in the region	5 G	-	-
157. Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Co-operation in Tax Matters [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV)]	9-20 December	Geneva	25 E	I (AEFRS) (50)	One session every two years
158. Council of the United Nations University, twenty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVII)]	December (1 week)	Tokyo	24 E	I (EF)	Two sessions a year
159. UNDP - Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	December (3 days)	New York	33 ST	-	-
160. Disarmament Commission [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	December (2 days)	New York	158 G	I (ACEFRS) (50)	PV
161. UNCTAD - Other commodity conferences and commodity meetings [Trade and Development Board decision 7 (I)]	As required (up to 40 weeks)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS) (50)	As required
162. Security Council [Charter]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS) (1250)	As required
163. Security Council - Committee established under Security Council resolution 421 (1977) concerning the Question of South Africa	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS) (50)	As required
164. Security Council Committee of Experts [Decision taken by the Security Council at its first meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	As required

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I	T	SR	Periodicity
165. Security Council - Committee of Experts established by the Security Council at its 1506th meeting	As required	New York	15 G	(ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
166. Security Council - <u>Ad Hoc</u> Sub-Committee on Namibia [Security Council resolutions 276 (1970) and 283 (1970)]	As required	New York	15 G	(ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
167. Security Council - Committee on the Admission of New Members [Decision taken by the Security Council at its 42nd meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	(ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
168. Security Council - Committee on Council Meetings Away from Headquarters [Decision taken by the Security Council at its 1625th meeting]	As required	New York	15 G	(ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
169. Security Council - <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee established under Security Council resolution 507 (1982)	As required	New York	4 G	(ACEFRS)	T (15)	SR	As required
170. Security Council - Commission established under Security Council resolution 446 (1979)	As required	New York	3 G	(ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
171. Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations and its Working Group [General Assembly resolution 2006 (XIX)]	As required	New York	33 G	(AEFRS)	T (10)	-	As required
172. United Nations Council for Namibia [General Assembly resolution 2248 (S-V), section II]	As required	New York	31 G	(ACEFRS)	T (1250)	SR	As required
173. Special Committee against Apartheid [General Assembly resolution 1761 (XVII)]	As required	New York	18 G	(AEFRS)	T (625)	SR	As required
174. Committee of Relations with the Host Country [General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI)]	As required	New York	15 G	(ACEFRS)	T (60)	-	As required

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I (AEFRS)	T (525)	SR	Periodicity
175. Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX)]	As required	New York	23 G	I (AEFRS)	T (525)	SR	As required
176. United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine [General Assembly resolution 194 (III)]	As required	New York	3 G	I (AEP)	T -	-	As required
177. Committee on Conferences [General Assembly resolution 3351 (XXIX)]	As required	New York	22 G	I (AEFRS)	T (150)	-	As required
178. Committee on Applications for Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements [General Assembly resolution 957 (X)]	If required	New York	29 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -	PV	If required
179. <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee of the International Conference on Kampuchea [General Assembly resolution 36/5]	To be determined (30 meetings)	New York	10 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -	-	-
180. International Conference on Kampuchea [General Assembly resolution 35/6]	To be determined (2 weeks)	To be determined	169 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -	-	-
181. UNCITRAL - Working Group on International Contract Practices, ninth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	To be determined (2 weeks)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T (40)	-	TWO sessions a year
182. UNCITRAL - Working Group on International Contract Practices, tenth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	To be determined (2 weeks)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T (102)	-	TWO sessions a year
183. UNCITRAL - Working Group on the New International Economic Order, eighth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	To be determined (2 weeks)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -	-	TWO sessions a year

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/	Periodicity
184. UNCITRAL - Working Group on International Negotiable Instruments, fourteenth session [General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)]	To be determined (2 weeks)	Vienna	8 G	I (ACEFRS) T -	Two sessions a year
185. United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules on Restrictive Business Practices [General Assembly resolution 35/63]	To be determined (2 weeks)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS) T -	
186. UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board, thirty-first session [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and UNCTAD resolution 114 (V)]	To be determined (2 weeks)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS) T SR (500)	Two sessions a year
187. UNCTAD - Working Group on International Shipping Legislation, eleventh session [Trade and Development Board decision 46 (VII)]	To be determined (2 weeks)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS) T -	As required
188. UNCTAD - Other working parties, study groups and expert groups [convened by virtue of a special resolution in each particular case]	As required (up to 2 weeks)	Geneva	G or E	I (ACEFRS) T -	As required
189. UNCTAD - Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices, fourth session [TD/B/RBP/CONF/10/Rev.1, sect. G, para. 6, endorsed by General Assembly resolution 35/63]	To be determined (1 1/2 weeks)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS) T -	One session a year
190. UNCTAD - Special Committee on Preferences, thirteenth session [UNCTAD resolution 77 (III)]	To be determined (1-2 weeks)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS) T -	One session a year

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Mechanism - ship	Servicing a/ I (ACEFRS)	Periodicity
191. UNCTAD - Permanent Sub-Committee on Commodities (if required) [TD/B/21/Rev.1, para. 97, pursuant to Trade and Development Board decision 7 (II)]	To be determined (1-2 weeks)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	-
192. UNCTAD - Sessions of two or three Main Committees	Throughout the year (1-2 weeks each)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	-
193. UNCTAD - Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre, UNCTAD/GATT, eighteenth session [General Assembly resolution 2297 (XXII)]	To be determined (9 days)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS) (150)	-
194. UNCTAD - Permanent Group on Synthetics and Substitutes (if required) [TD/B/21/Rev.1, para. 97, pursuant to Trade and Development Board decision 7 (II)]	To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	-
195. UNCTAD - Working Party on the Medium-Term Plan and the Programme Budget, tenth session [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	-
196. UNCTAD - Working Party on the Medium-Term Plan and the Programme Budget, eleventh session [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	-
197. UNCTAD - Committee on Tunstun (if required) [Trade and Development Board decision 198 (XIX)]	To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	-

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member- ship	Periodicity	Periodicity
198. UNCTAD - Committee on Commodities, third special session [Trade and Development Board decisions 7 (I) and 235 (XXII)]	To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T -
199. UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board, fourteenth special session [UNCTAD resolution 253 (XXIV)]	To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS) (500)	T -
200. European Regional Seminar for the International Year of Peace [General Assembly resolution 38/56]	To be determined (5 days)	Geneva	34 G	I (EPR)	T -
201. Western Asian Regional Seminar for the International Year of Peace [General Assembly resolution 38/56]	To be determined (5 days)	Baghdad	14 G	I (AEF)	T -
202. Latin American Regional Seminar for the International Year of Peace [General Assembly resolution 38/56]	To be determined (5 days)	Santiago	42 G	I (EFS)	T -
203. United Nations Regional Seminar on the Question of Palestine (Latin America) [General Assembly resolutions 34/65 D and 36/120 B]	To be determined (5 days)	To be determined	20 E	I (EFS)	T -
204. United Nations Symposium on the Question of Palestine (Latin America) - Non-governmental organizations [General Assembly resolution 38/58 B]	To be determined (3 days)	To be determined	6 E	I (EFS)	T -
205. Committee for Development Planning, twenty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS) (100)	T -
206. Committee for Development Planning - Working Group I [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1035 (XXXVII) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T -

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/	Periodicity
207. Committee for Development Planning - Working Group II [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1035 (XXXVII) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined	Geneva	24 E	I (ACEFRS) T -	One session a year
208. Committee for Development Planning - Working Group III [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1035 (XXXVII) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS) T -	One session a year
209. Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa [General Assembly resolution 2431 (XXIII)]	To be determined	New York	13 G	I (EFRS) T -	As required
210. Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa [General Assembly resolution 2054 B (XX)]	To be determined	New York	5 G	I (EFRS) T -	As required
211. Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	To be determined	New York	25 E	I (ACEFRS) T -	
212. Executive Board of the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development [General Assembly resolution 37/244]	To be determined	New York	21 G	I (ACEFRS) T -	One session a year
213. Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, fourth session [General Assembly resolution 36/151]	To be determined	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS) T -	One session a year
214. Preparatory Committee for the Special Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [General Assembly resolution 37/98 C]	To be determined	Geneva	126 G	I (EFRS) T -	SR

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location	Member- ship	Servicing a/ I (EFRS) T SR	Periodicity
215. Special Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [General Assembly resolution 37/98 C]	To be determined	Geneva	126 G	I (EFRS) T SR	
216. Preparatory Meeting of the World Food Council [General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX)]	To be determined	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS) T	One session a year
217. World Food Council, eleventh ministerial session [General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX)]	To be determined	To be determined	36 G	I (ACEFRS) T	One session a year

Notes

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	Organ	Dates (1985)	Location
1.	WHO: Executive Board, seventy-fifth session	January	Geneva
2.	ILO: Governing Body and its Committees, two hundred and twenty-ninth session	11 February-1 March	Geneva
3.	IAEA: Board of Governors	19-22 February	Vienna
4.	ICAO: Council, one hundred and fourteenth session	25 February-29 March	Montreal
5.	ILO: Governing Body and its Committees, two hundred and thirtieth session	29 May-4 June and immediately after the Conference	Geneva
6.	WHO: Thirty-eighth World Health Assembly	May	Geneva
7.	WHO: Executive Board, seventy-sixth session	May	Geneva
8.	UPU: Executive Council	May	Berne
9.	ITU: Administrative Council, fortieth session	May-June (3 weeks)	Geneva
10.	UNESCO: Executive Board, one hundred and twenty-first session	May-June	Paris
11.	WMO: Executive Council, thirty-seventh session	3-21 June	Geneva
12.	ICAO: Council, one hundred and fifteenth session	3-28 June	Montreal
13.	ILO: General Conference, seventy-first session	7-27 June	Geneva
14.	IAEA: Board of Governors	11-14 June	Vienna
15.	FAO: Council, eighty-seventh session	17-28 June	Rome
16.	IAEA: Board of Governors	19 September	Vienna
17.	IAEA: General Conference	23-27 or 30 September	Vienna
18.	IAEA: Board of Governors	27 or 30 September	Vienna
19.	UNESCO: Executive Board, one hundred and twenty-second session	September/October	Paris

Organ	Dates (1985)	Location
20. The World Bank: Annual meetings of the Board of Governors of the World Bank and its affiliates	8-11 October	Seoul
21. UNESCO: General Conference, twenty-third session	October/November	To be determined
22. ILO: Governing Body and its Committees, two hundred and thirty-first session	4-15 November	Geneva
23. FAO: Council, eighty-eighth session	5-7 November	Rome
24. FAO: Conference, twenty-third session	9-28 November	Rome
25. ICAO: Council, one hundred and sixteenth session	18 November-18 December	Montreal
26. FAO: Council, eighty-ninth session	29 November	Rome
27. UNESCO: Executive Board, one hundred and twenty-third session	November	To be determined

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