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CHAPTER I

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

1. The Committee on Conferences established by the General Assembly under its resolution 3351 (XXIX) of 18 December 1974 ^{1/} held 25 meetings between 13 January and 28 September 1977, including 7 meetings between 13 January and 27 May, 12 meetings during its substantive session between 20 June and 22 July, and 6 meetings during its resumed substantive session, held between 6 and 28 September.
2. Following the resignation of Mr. Christopher R. Thomas (Trinidad and Tobago) from the office of Chairman at the 74th meeting, the Committee elected Mr. Michael Okeyo (Kenya) to that office by acclamation. Mr. Philip K. Hahn (Canada) continued to serve as First Vice-Chairman and Mr. A. Razzaque Khan (Bangladesh) as Rapporteur.
3. In order to permit representation of various geographical regions on the Bureau of the Committee, Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit (Egypt) relinquished the post of Second Vice-Chairman. At its 81st meeting the Committee elected Mr. Bernal Vargas Saborio (Costa Rica) to that post by acclamation.
4. At its first meeting in 1977, the Committee agreed on the following programme of work proposed by the Chairman:
 - (a) Calendar of conferences, including arrangements for intersessional departures from the approved calendar for 1977, and the calendar for 1978 and 1979;
 - (b) Utilization and apportionment of conference services, including the optimum apportionment of conference services, the utilization of conference servicing resources, consideration of a quota system for the allocation of conference services, future requirements of conference services, and co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies;
 - (c) Formulation of further guidelines for the establishment of the calendar of conferences of the United Nations;
 - (d) Monitoring of the application of the criteria for records of bodies and organs of the United Nations.
5. The Committee held meetings as required to deal with requests for departures from the approved calendar. At its substantive session at which it considered arrangements for intersessional departures from the approved calendar for 1977, the

^{1/} The membership of the Committee is as follows: Algeria, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Egypt, France, India, Kenya, Mongolia, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Yugoslavia.

utilization of conference servicing resources, and the monitoring of the application of the criteria for records of bodies and organs of the United Nations. It held another series of meetings at which it considered the draft calendar for 1978-1979 and the future of the Committee. The agenda of the substantive session is given in annex X.

6. It adopted its draft report to the General Assembly at its 98th meeting on 28 September 1977.

CHAPTER II

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

A. Intersessional departures from the calendar for 1977

7. In its resolution 31/140 of 17 December 1976 the General Assembly approved the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 1977 set forth in annex I to the report of the Committee on Conferences ^{2/} and took note of the tentative calendar of conferences and meetings for 1978 set forth in annex II to the report. Subsequent decisions taken by the General Assembly and other organs that affected the calendar were reflected in document A/AC.172/11 issued on 7 January 1977.

8. The Committee agreed that the Secretariat should continue to deal with departures that did not have financial implications or involve matters of policy or entail significant administrative changes in the calendar of conferences and should inform the Committee of any action taken; major departures would require a decision of the Committee. As a basis for its decisions, the Committee requested the Secretariat to inform it of the available options in terms of time and venue, the financial and administrative implications, and the results of preliminary consultations with the bodies affected or involved.

1. Main decisions

9. The Committee took action on a number of requests for intersessional departures from the approved calendar for 1977. The main decisions are set forth below.

United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Committee of Actuaries

10. The Committee of Actuaries could not at the time of its meeting from 7 to 10 June 1976 give all the necessary instructions to the Consulting Actuary for the preparation of the actuarial valuation as of 31 December 1976 pending the results of the review by the International Civil Service Commission of the question of salaries. It was therefore requested that provision be made for an emergency session of the Committee of Actuaries in addition to the scheduled session in May/June 1977, determined by the General Assembly in its resolution 248 (III). The period 11 to 18 February 1977 was foreseen for the purpose.

11. The Committee on Conferences took note of the request on the understanding that, on the basis of the existing schedule, the direct meeting services could be provided from current resources.

^{2/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/31/32).

Intergovernmental Working Group on the Code of Conduct for Transnational Corporations

12. At its organizational session for 1977 the Economic and Social Council approved a shift in the dates of the second session of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Code of Conduct for Transnational Corporations from 21 February-1 March 1977 to 18-22 April 1977. The change had been proposed in order to allow the members of the Working Group more time to prepare the views of Governments on an annotated outline of a code of conduct that had been presented at its first session.

13. The Committee on Conferences accepted the proposed change in the dates for the second session of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Code of Conduct for Transnational Corporations from 21 February-1 March to 18-22 April 1977 at Headquarters, on condition that no additional appropriations would be required.

Preparatory Sub-Committee for the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

14. The Preparatory Sub-Committee for the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, established by the Economic and Social Council under its resolution 1990 (LX) of 11 May 1976, was to have held its first session - for a duration of two weeks - during the period of the thirty-first session of the General Assembly. That proved however to be unfeasible as the membership had not yet been established. After consultations with the Secretariat, the Council authorized the Sub-Committee to hold its first session in New York from 14 to 25 March 1977.

15. The Committee on Conferences approved the change, on condition that no additional appropriations would be required.

Committee for Programme and Co-ordination

16. The Committee for Programme and Co-ordination was scheduled to hold its seventeenth session at Headquarters from 9 May to 3 June 1977. As it was foreseen that the documentation for the meeting would not be ready in time, it was requested that the session be postponed to the period 23 May to 17 June 1977.

17. In response to a request of the Committee on Conferences, a representative of the Budget Division explained in detail the procedure followed in the preparation of the budget documents. In view of the time required for completion of each stage of the work, it was unrealistic, it was said, to schedule the session of CPC before the last week of May, and even then it would be impossible to have the documents for CPC distributed more than three weeks in advance of the session.

18. The Committee on Conferences was informed that, in view of the deadlines for the submission of the report of CPC to the Economic and Social Council, which in turn depended on the deadline for the submission of the report of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly, it was impossible to postpone the session of CPC beyond 23 May.

19. The representative of the Department of Conference Services assured the Committee on Conferences that, subject to the documentation requirements of such

bodies as the Security Council, high priority was being given to the translation and reproduction of the budget documents required for CPC.

20. In the course of the consideration of the request of CPC for the postponement of its session, members of the Committee on Conferences expressed dissatisfaction with the delay in the preparation of documents for the session. It was imperative, they said, for bodies to receive the basic documents for their sessions well in advance of the meetings so that they could consult their Governments and their colleagues on their delegations.

21. They sought to identify the reasons for the delay in the preparation of documents, inquiring whether there had been insufficient or faulty planning; failure to set and observe priorities; reluctance or incompetence on the part of substantive staff; disregard of deadlines at various stages of the work; conflicting priorities; or on the other hand an unreasonable demand upon the substantive and technical services concerned. Corrective action was urged, however it could be achieved.

22. In view of the fact that the required documentation would not be available in time, the Committee on Conferences agreed to the proposed postponement of the session of CPC from the period 9 May-3 June to the period 23 May-17 June 1977, on condition that no additional appropriations would be required.

Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations

23. On the assumption that the Economic and Social Council would approve the postponement of the seventeenth session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, the Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations, which was scheduled to meet at Headquarters from 16 to 20 May 1977, decided, at its fifth session (16 February to 4 March) to hold its sixth session at Headquarters from 2 to 20 May 1977.

24. The Committee on Conferences approved the allocation of the additional two weeks to the Ad Hoc Committee, on condition that there should be no additional financial implications.

25. As the Ad Hoc Committee was not able to complete its work in the period scheduled, it decided at its 37th meeting, on 20 May 1977, to hold a resumed session from 6 to 9 September 1977 in New York, with one meeting in the morning and one in the afternoon.

26. The request of the Ad Hoc Committee for a resumed session did not raise any substantial problems in the Committee on Conferences. One representative suggested, however, that the Committee defer action on the matter since members of the Group of 77 would be holding meetings during the requested week in connexion with the resumed thirty-first session of the General Assembly. It was subsequently agreed that a decision be deferred pending further discussion among delegations during the summer session of the Economic and Social Council, which was being held concurrently at Geneva.

27. Subsequently, information was received from the Secretary of the Economic and Social Council to the effect that in the light of the consultations held at Geneva

by the Chairman with members of the Ad Hoc Committee, it had been agreed that further consideration of the Committee's recommendations to the General Assembly would be conducted within a smaller group of delegations informally known as the "Friends of the Chairman". It had also been agreed that the Committee would meet in formal session exclusively to adopt its report, in good time for its submission to the Economic and Social Council at its resumed session and to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session. The Secretariat had been formally asked to request that the conference facilities assigned to the Committee during the week of 6 September should be made available to the Friends of the Chairman, which would meet whenever its meetings did not interfere with the preparations for the resumed session of the General Assembly, and that facilities should also be provided during the remainder of September as and when further consultations were required. The sixth session of the Committee would be resumed as soon as those consultations were completed, at a date to be decided upon in the light of the schedule of meetings of the thirty-second session of the Assembly.

28. Given those circumstances, the Committee acceded to the request for the convening of the resumed session of the Ad Hoc Committee from 6 to 9 September at Headquarters.

Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations and its Working Group

29. The Committee on Conferences was told that the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations and its Working Group had considered their work programmes and had agreed on the following dates for the Working Group: first session, 18-22 April 1977; second session, 2-6 May 1977.

30. The Committee on Conferences agreed to the dates proposed.

Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices

31. At its third session the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices recommended to the Economic and Social Council that it convene a resumed session of the Working Group at Geneva from 27 June to 1 July 1977, since the Working Group had not yet been able to accomplish the task entrusted to it by the Council in its resolution 2041 (LXI).

32. While expressing concern lest additional appropriations might be necessary to meet the additional cost of \$11,900 foreseen for the resumed session, the Committee on Conferences agreed to the change.

Committee on Contributions

33. In its resolution 31/95 the General Assembly instructed the Committee on Contributions to conduct in-depth studies with regard to the scale of assessments. It had previously been arranged that the Committee should hold its annual session from 4 to 15 April 1977. With the new task assigned to it, that two-week period did not appear to be sufficient.

34. The Committee on Conferences decided that its Chairman should inform the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions that it was in favour of granting the request for the extension of the session of the Committee on Contributions by at least one week, but that it wished the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions

to confirm that the members of that Committee would be able to attend. The Chairman subsequently confirmed that fact.

35. The Committee on Contributions held its session from 4 to 30 April 1977. As it was unable to complete its work, it requested a resumption of the session for the purpose of considering its draft report and, possibly, of engaging in further substantive discussion. It proposed that the session be held at Geneva from 8 to 19 August 1977. In view of the fact that some members of the Committee on Contributions would be at Geneva for the summer session of the Economic and Social Council and some at Vienna for the session of the International Civil Service Commission, a preference was expressed for the Geneva venue.

36. Further discussion of the financial and administrative implications of holding a resumed session of the Committee at Geneva and of the reasons for the request indicated that some members of the Committee on Conferences believed that, as it would be more costly to hold the session at Geneva, the session should be held in New York, while other members inclined to the view that, even if it would be more costly to hold the session at Geneva, there were other factors, including the commitments already made by members of the Committee on Contributions, that made it preferable to approve the request that the session be held at Geneva, with the provision that the meeting costs should be curtailed as much as possible through the shortening of the duration of the session, the reduction of the documentation, and the avoidance, where possible, of the transportation of staff from New York to Geneva. The second view seemed to be that of the majority.

37. After a detailed discussion, the Committee decided to request its Chairman to consult the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions. Accordingly, the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences informed the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, by telegram, that the Committee on Conferences was aware of the need for an additional session of the Committee on Contributions and had no difficulty with the dates proposed but that, in view of the anticipated costs of some \$95,000 for the two-week session, it had expressed the desire that every effort be made by the Secretariat to keep the costs to a minimum and by the Committee on Contributions to shorten the session.

38. He stated also that when the Committee on Contributions had taken its decision, it had not perhaps been aware that it could meet in New York at the same time at some \$10,000 less than at Geneva. Before giving final approval to the request to hold the session at Geneva, the Committee on Conferences wished to inquire whether a change of venue to New York was feasible at that time.

39. The Committee on Conferences decided that, if the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions said that a change in the proposed venue would not be possible, it would agree to the holding of the resumed session at Geneva, provided that steps would be taken to shorten the meeting from the proposed two weeks to one week, or slightly more if necessary, and to reduce the costs of holding the session.

40. The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions explained that the decision taken by the Committee on Contributions to hold its resumed session at Geneva had been based on the convenience of the majority of its members as well as on the fact that New York was not available. As it would be most difficult to get reactions from the 18 members to the proposed change to New York, he thought it best to hold the session at Geneva as planned, but to curtail the session.

41. Some representatives expressed reservations about the proposal of the Committee on Contributions.

42. Nevertheless, the Committee on Conferences decided that the Committee on Contributions could meet at Geneva from 8 to 19 August 1977.

43. One representative subsequently stated for the record that his Government dissented from the decision because of the fact that the cost of holding the meeting in New York would be lower than that of holding it at Geneva.

44. Another said that when the decision was taken in the Committee, he had gone along with it pending consultations. Following the consultations, he could not support the decision.

Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference

45. The Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference was scheduled to meet at Headquarters from 4 to 8 April 1977. Members of the Committee felt however that it should consider recent developments in the disarmament field, with particular reference to the results achieved by the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament. Accordingly, although 10 meetings had been allotted to it, the Committee limited itself to an organizational meeting on 4 April 1977, and decided that it would use the remaining nine meetings during the week of 12 to 16 September 1977.

46. The Committee approved that decision on condition that no additional appropriations would be required.

Ad Hoc Working Group to Inquire into the Situation of Human Rights in Chile

47. The Ad Hoc Working Group to Inquire into the Situation of Human Rights in Chile met from 16 to 20 May 1977 at Geneva, mainly for the purpose of establishing its programme of work. It decided to meet in New York from 18 to 22 July 1977 in order to carry out its mandate under General Assembly resolution 31/12⁴. The meeting had been scheduled as part of the Working Group's programme for the current year as described in the statement of financial implications submitted to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-third session before the adoption of the relevant resolution. 3/ The Committee on Conferences agreed on that understanding.

United Nations Conference on the Establishment of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a Specialized Agency

48. By its resolution 31/161, the General Assembly extended the mandate of the Intergovernmental Committee of the Whole to Draw up a Constitution for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a Specialized Agency and requested the Secretary-General, in paragraph 4 of the resolution, to make the arrangements necessary for convening a conference of plenipotentiaries during the second half of 1977 at Headquarters.

3/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5927), annex III, resolution 9 (XXXIII), para. 8 (b); and Economic and Social Council decision 233 (LXII) of 13 May 1977.

49. The Industrial Development Board at its eleventh session urged the Secretary-General, bearing in mind paragraph 4 of the said resolution, to make arrangements for the resumption of the drafting of a constitution for UNIDO as a specialized agency within the framework of a plenipotentiary conference to be convened as soon as possible during the second half of 1977. 4/

50. After consultation between the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee and the Secretary-General, it was agreed that the Conference of Plenipotentiaries should be convened at Headquarters from 29 August to 12 September 1977.

51. The total calculated cost of servicing the conference was estimated at \$246,000; the actual additional cost would depend on the contribution to its servicing that could be made from regular staff resources.

52. Committee members were informed by the Acting Director of the General Legal Division, however, that invitations to Governments had been sent out prior to the meeting of the Committee on Conferences in order to give Governments at least a minimum time for preparation. Several members of the Committee criticized this action as prejudging the Committee's approval.

53. When the debate was resumed at a later meeting, certain delegations noted that, while the matter was still under consideration by the Committee on Conferences, a provisional agenda for the Conference had been circulated. In their opinion, that action, together with the premature invitation to the Conference, went beyond the authority of the Secretariat and contravened resolution 3351 (XXIX), section II, paragraph 3 (c). One delegation stated that the action was an affront to the dignity of the Committee.

54. The Secretariat indicated that it had not been intended that the agenda should be distributed until the Committee had acted; a mistake had occurred. In respect of the invitation, the Secretariat had been faced with a timing problem since Governments required as much notice as possible when conferences of plenipotentiaries were convened. Given the General Assembly's decision (resolution 31/161) that the conference should be convened during the second half of 1977, it had worked on the assumption that the political determination to convene the Conference at the proposed date had been taken in Vienna, where the regional groups had been consulted and had agreed on that course. If that proved not to be so, the invitation could be withdrawn.

55. The Committee on Conferences decided that the appropriate authorities should be informed of its criticism of the actions taken by the Secretariat prior to its having acted on the question. The representative of the Secretary-General said that the views that had been expressed would be brought to the attention of the Secretary-General.

56. After a lengthy discussion of the subject, the Committee on Conferences agreed on the following decision, which was taken by consensus:

4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/32/16), para. 184.

As the Committee does not appear to be in a position to approve the contents of document A/AC.172/12/Add.9, or to take a decision on it until the matter has been considered by the Economic and Social Council, and consultations have been held with Governments, the question is deferred. 5/

United Nations Board of Auditors

57. At its thirty-first session, held in June 1977, the United Nations Board of Auditors discerned a need to hold a special session prior to the meeting of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency scheduled to take place from 12 to 14 October 1977 at Headquarters. At the special session the Board will have to consider certain studies that have been carried out on financial management control. Following action on the financial management control review reports, the Board is to meet with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, which has been so informed. The Board proposed that the session be held from 5 to 11 October 1977 at Headquarters. The Committee approved the holding of the special session on condition that no additional appropriations would be required.

2. Financial implications of intersessional departures from the calendar

58. Under its terms of reference, as established in General Assembly resolution 3351 (XXIX), section II, paragraph 3, the Committee on Conferences is "... (c) to act after appropriate consultation on behalf of the General Assembly in dealing between sessions with requested departures from the calendar of conferences; (d) to recommend to the General Assembly means to ensure the optimum apportionment of conference resources, facilities and services, in order to maximize their efficient and effective use". In implementing its mandate under paragraph 3 (c), the Committee has naturally taken the view that the principle of maximization of efficient and effective use of conference servicing resources referred to in paragraph 3 (d) should apply to the decisions on requests for departures and has asked the Secretariat to supply it with the necessary relevant information.

59. The first element in the information provided by the Secretariat is the estimated cost of a change in, or addition to, the calendar, similar to the statement of financial implications.

60. At the Committee's request, the Secretariat explained the nature of the elements that entered into the financial implications. It stated that the major, and most frequently occurring, elements were staff costs for the following categories of staff: interpreters, translators, revisers, précis-writers, conference typists, documents officers and conference officers (at Headquarters) or meeting room attendants (at Geneva); for the United Nations Office at Geneva, they included also sound technicians, guards, messengers and cleaners. Other elements were the presumed cost of internal reproduction and, when required, of external printing. The estimated expenditure consequent on a change in the calendar would be less than the estimated cost to the extent that conference services could be rendered by permanent staff. Any additional expenditure reported to the Committee

5/ For subsequent action, see paragraph 79 of the present report.

was based on a forecast by the Secretariat of the net requirement for short-term staff to be recruited against the temporary assistance account.

61. The Committee had asked to be informed to what extent those additional expenditures might result in the requirement of additional appropriations. As both the Department of Conference Services of the United Nations Secretariat at Headquarters and Conference Services, Geneva, received global allotments for temporary assistance based on an assumed level of conference activity, some of the additional expenditure could be met from existing appropriations. However, as the disbursements from the temporary assistance account were influenced by factors extraneous to the level of conference activity (for example, air fares and subsistence rates), as well as by such factors as the timely foreknowledge of cancellations, an accurate estimate of anticipated requirements for additional appropriations was not always easy to achieve.

62. The Secretariat provided the Committee with a table showing the estimated cost of conference services, the estimated additional costs and the estimated additional appropriations that would be required in relation to the intersessional departures approved by the Committee up to 28 September 1977. According to that table, which is reproduced in annex VI to the present report, the estimated cost of conference services totalled \$438,350, of which \$266,650 represented additional expenditures. Of the additional expenditures, for conference services, none would require additional appropriations.

63. The magnitude of the additional costs was a matter of serious concern to the Committee. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the General Assembly should:

(a) Call upon all bodies to keep to a minimum the intersessional departures from the approved calendar of conferences;

(b) Affirm that, if and when intersessional departures are granted, the servicing should be financed from the approved appropriations for conference services;

(c) Urge all bodies to conclude their work within the time allotted to them.

B. Calendar of conferences for 1978-1979

64. At its substantive session, the Committee on Conferences discussed the calendar of conferences for 1978-1979 on the basis of a draft biennial programme submitted by the Secretariat which, in keeping with the request made by the General Assembly in its resolution 3491 (XXX), corresponded with the period of the biennial budget. The Committee had before it also two diagrams showing the interpretation requirements and servicing capacity in New York for 1978 and 1979 and two diagrams showing the utilization of conference rooms in New York for 1978 and 1979. Diagrams in respect of interpretation capacity at Geneva for 1978 and 1979 were submitted to the Committee on Conferences later. (See annexes I, II, III, IV and V.)

65. The calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations as submitted to the Committee showed meetings of organs of the United Nations, their subsidiary bodies and expert groups. Conferences and meetings of principal organs of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency were also listed for information, with their dates and venue.

66. In response to a suggestion by some members of the Committee that pertinent information concerning all meetings of other bodies in the United Nations system would be a useful addition to the calendar, the Secretariat reminded the Committee that the earlier Committee on Conferences at its first session had been provided with a system-wide calendar of conferences consisting of some 300 pages. The members had felt at that time that it was too voluminous, and since the Committee did not have jurisdiction over the scheduling of meetings of the specialized agencies and IAEA, it was decided to include in the calendar only those meetings over which the Committee had jurisdiction and, for information, those of the principal organs of the specialized agencies.

67. The Secretariat informed the Committee that it would, of course, be prepared to make available in some appropriate form additional information that it had on "non-United Nations" meetings other than those already reflected in the monthly wall charts, but that it would need direction as to the level of detail to which such information would be useful. In that context, it was pointed out that the mechanical requirements for collecting, compiling and distributing the information would increase in relation to the degree of detail required and that the Secretariat could not at that point say that it could perform the service within the existing staff resources.

68. The Committee's attention was drawn to the fact that in 1978-1979 there would be a number of special international conferences held away from Headquarters (see annex IA). The Secretariat was seriously concerned with the proper servicing of such conferences. In order to avoid the overlapping of responsibilities and activities between the various departments involved, it had been decided to elaborate internal instructions for the planning, preparation and servicing of special conferences. The instructions had been submitted to the Secretary-General for approval. It was the hope of the Secretariat that those guidelines would lead in practice to improvements in the servicing of special conferences and to better use of the financial appropriations.

69. One member was disturbed at the large number of special conferences included in the calendar and at the fact that many were to be held away from Headquarters. While he commended the Secretary-General's action in preparing guidelines for the servicing of such conferences, he felt that the main concern of the Committee on Conferences was to prevent their proliferation. Other members thought on the contrary that it was particularly desirable to hold special conferences away from Headquarters for the sake of increasing public awareness of United Nations activities.

70. Referring to the guidelines for reducing the number of cancellations which the Committee had approved at its substantive session (see chap. III A), one representative reminded the Committee of the desirability of avoiding the scheduling at the same time of the meetings of bodies with overlapping membership.

71. The Committee on Conferences continued its discussion of the calendar at its resumed substantive session. It was aware that the implementation of the calendar of conferences for 1978 and 1979 would be affected to a great extent by the reconstruction of the General Assembly hall and large conference rooms approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 31/195. The convening of the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament from 23 May to 28 June 1978 would necessitate the rescheduling of some meetings to be held during that period, as suggested by its Preparatory Committee.

72. In the light of the programme of alterations scheduled to take place at the Headquarters building in New York in 1978 and 1979, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 31/195, the Preparatory Committee recommended that the General Assembly at its thirty-second session take a decision by 15 October 1977 to reverse the phases of the construction work at Headquarters and thereby make the General Assembly hall available for the special session in 1978. A preliminary estimate by the Secretariat indicated that the cost of the proposed change in the construction schedule would not be substantial. However, if additional seats beyond the current capacity of 150 in the General Assembly hall were required in 1978 for delegations of newly admitted Member States, the cost of seating each of those delegations might approximate \$50,000. The Committee on Conferences concurred in the suggestion of the Preparatory Committee.

73. In view of the dates recommended for the special session of the General Assembly, the Committee on Conferences agreed that the Executive Board of UNICEF should meet from 8 to 19 May instead of from 15 to 26 May; UNCITRAL from 29 May to 16 June instead of from 5 to 23 June; and the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space from 19 to 30 June instead of from 12 to 23 June.

74. The Committee on Conferences was informed that meetings of some United Nations bodies that met as required, normally in large conference rooms, would have to take place in smaller rooms. That would be the case for the Trusteeship Council, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the Special Committee against Apartheid, the United Nations Council for Namibia, the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and the Committee on Peace-Keeping Operations. The Committee realized that some inconvenience would be inevitable but stressed that the conditions should not hamper the work of any body or deny it facilities necessary for its proper functioning.

75. The Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament had agreed to hold two sessions at Headquarters in 1978: from 24 January to 24 February and from 10 to 21 April.

76. The Committee on Conferences noted that the revised calendar for the next biennium reflected the decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session with regard to the calendar of conferences as well as the calendar of conferences of UNCTAD, as adopted by the Trade and Development Board at its seventeenth session.

77. The attention of the Committee on Conferences was drawn to the recommendation made by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme regarding the cycle and frequency of its meetings. At its twenty-fourth session the Governing Council had decided to hold, on an experimental basis beginning in 1978, only a three-day meeting in January and a four-week session in June. The Economic and Social Council, by its decision 281 (LXIII), had taken note with satisfaction of that recommendation.

78. The Governing Council had recommended further that the venue of the four-week session in 1978 should be Geneva or, if possible, New York. The Department of Conference Services had advised the secretariat of the Governing Council that the conference rooms available at that time would not be adequate to meet the requirements for a meeting in New York.

79. The Economic and Social Council, by its resolution 2113 (LXIII), had decided further to recommend to the General Assembly that the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a Specialized Agency, tentatively scheduled to meet at Headquarters from 29 August to 12 September 1977, be held at appropriate dates in the early part of 1978. It was expected that the Conference of Plenipotentiaries would require at least three weeks for negotiating and drafting the text of the proposed constitution and at least two simultaneous meetings. If the General Assembly accepted the recommendation of the Council, it would have to take account of the already heavy schedule of meetings planned for New York during 1978 6/ and the extensive restructuring of meeting rooms at Headquarters that would commence in January 1978. 7/ In that connexion, the General Assembly might also wish to consider the transfer of some meetings to other locations or to authorize the Committee on Conferences, after appropriate consultations, to reschedule those meetings to ensure that the convening of other bodies should not interfere with the Plenipotentiary Conference. That might affect the meetings of the International Civil Service Commission and the Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. However, it should be borne in mind that the change might have financial implications.

80. The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries at its second session decided to hold its third session from 15 to 19 May 1978 at Headquarters. It further recommended to the General Assembly that the Conference be postponed to the period August-September 1978.

81. The Committee on Conferences was informed that the Federal Republic of Germany had extended an invitation to host the United Nations Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Carriage of Goods by Sea at Hamburg from 6 to 31 March 1978. On 16 June the Secretary-General had accepted the invitation upon the recommendation of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law taken at its 186th meeting. 8/

82. At the substantive session of the Committee on Conferences, one representative had voiced a strong objection to the fact that the venue of the next session of the Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, which was to take place from 13 March to 7 April 1978, was shown as New York in the draft calendar submitted to the Committee. He had proposed that the indication of the venue should be changed in the draft calendar from New York to Geneva in accordance with the wish expressed by the Legal Sub-Committee in its report to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. He had stated that it had been the long-standing practice of the Legal Sub-Committee to hold its sessions alternately in New York and Geneva. Another representative had recalled that the decision to have the Legal Sub-Committee meet at its headquarters, New York, was based partly on the

6/ See annexes I, IIA and IV to the present report.

7/ See the report of the Secretary-General on the expansion of meeting rooms and improvement of conference servicing and delegate facilities at United Nations Headquarters (A/C.5/32/4 and Corr.1).

8/ See A/CN.9/SR.186 and Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/32/17).

fact that the cost was expected to be lower than it would be if it met alternately at New York and Geneva. If the situation had changed, or if there were other compelling reasons, the Committee should be so informed. It had also been pointed out that the question before the Committee on Conferences was whether it should reverse the decision it had taken in 1975 concerning the venue of the Legal Sub-Committee. The General Assembly had confirmed, in its resolution 31/140, the general principle that bodies should meet at their established headquarters and had not included the Legal Sub-Committee in the exceptions that it had approved.

83. The Committee considered the question further at its resumed substantive session.

84. One representative again expressed the view that the draft calendar should show Geneva as the venue of the 1978 session of the Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, citing the following three reasons: (a) the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space had adopted a decision to that effect; 9/ (b) it was clear from the statement of financial implications provided with regard to the question that it would cost less to meet at Geneva; and (c) it would in any case be necessary for certain bodies to meet away from Headquarters, New York, in the early part of 1978 because of the proposed reconstruction work to be carried out there.

85. Some representatives supported that view.

86. Others however opposed it. One representative said (a) that the decision of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space was subject to the decision of the Committee on Conferences, to which the General Assembly had delegated the authority to rule on the venue and timing of meetings; (b) that it was not clear that the cost would be less at Geneva since it was not yet known how much of the cost could be absorbed; and (c) that as it was not yet known whether the Conference of Plenipotentiaries to Establish a Constitution for UNIDO would be held at Headquarters, it was not appropriate for the Committee on Conferences to take a decision on that assumption. In any case, the Committee on Conferences should not let a temporary situation alter the established principle that bodies should meet at their headquarters.

87. Another representative supported those views in general and stated further that the analysis of costs was based on an assumption which appeared questionable in this instance. If the assumption proved to be appropriate, the Committee on Conferences might have to re-examine the application of the principle that bodies should meet at their headquarters. He agreed that the Committee on Conferences should not take any decision merely in the light of the current plan of reconstruction since the plan might be altered. He also questioned the appropriateness of certain elements in the cost comparison between the two venues.

88. Attention was called to the fact that the decision of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space had been adopted unanimously by the 37 members of that Committee and that 13 of those members were also members of the Committee on

9/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/10032), paras. 57 and 113 (s); and General Assembly resolution 3491 (XXX).

Conferences. Some of the 13 members had taken a different position in the Committee on Conferences.

89. As the Committee on Conferences was unable to reach a consensus with regard to changing the venue of the Legal Sub-Committee, it decided to leave the decision on the matter to the General Assembly.

90. The Committee on Conferences was told also that the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, whose established headquarters had, since 1974, been Vienna, had expressed a wish to hold its 1978 session at United Nations Headquarters, New York, or if that were not possible, its 1979 session, reverting to its earlier pattern of rotation between its established headquarters and New York. The Committee recalled that in accordance with its recommendation, the General Assembly had not included UNSCEAR in the exceptions to the basic principle that bodies should meet at their established headquarters.

91. The Committee was informed of the financial implications of the arrangements requested but found that since they were necessarily calculated on hypotheses, it could not take a decision on the basis of that information.

92. The Committee concluded that it would not be feasible to accede to the request of UNSCEAR that it should meet in New York in 1978 or 1979.

CHAPTER III

UTILIZATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF CONFERENCE SERVICES

93. The Committee on Conferences recalled that at its substantive session in 1976 it had discussed ways and means of improving the management of the meeting schedule in order to ensure the most economical utilization of existing resources, and that the General Assembly, in taking note of its report, 10/ had endorsed a number of recommendations and decisions of the Committee with regard to the allocation of available resources (General Assembly resolution 31/140).

94. The Committee was informed that the Secretariat, for its part, had made efforts to rationalize the meeting schedules of bodies that met "as required" and had agreed on weekly allocations for certain bodies, which allowed the Secretariat to use its meeting servicing capacity more efficiently.

95. The Secretariat reported that one of the major elements in the under-utilization of conference resources was the cancellation of planned meetings for which interpretation services had been reserved. During 1976, the lowest weekly cancellation factor had been 8 per cent and the highest 63 per cent, with an annual average of 30 per cent of the scheduled meetings with interpretation services; the annual average in 1974 and 1975 had been 20 per cent. As the Secretariat was required to provide appropriate services for all meetings scheduled in the calendar of conferences, it had, from time to time, to recruit free-lance interpreters. When free-lance staff had been engaged but could not be adequately deployed because of cancellations, resources were wasted.

96. In the course of the discussion it was explained that the statistics relating to cancellations included all meetings on the approved calendar that had been cancelled after the establishment of a monthly calendar. Whenever possible, the resources had been reassigned to other bodies such as regional groups that had requested them at short notice.

97. That situation, even after taking account of reassignments, tended to result in a loss of direct meeting service capacity, notably interpretation. The loss in respect of permanent staff was partly offset by assigning the interpreters to the checking of transcripts of interpretations included in verbatim records, but in the case of free-lance staff it resulted in wasted funds.

98. In response to the request of some delegations, the Secretariat suggested the following reasons for the cancellation of meetings: a lack of speakers; the trend towards informal negotiations and consultations; the elaboration of draft reports or of decisions or resolutions; overlapping with other meetings in the same field of activity (which obliged certain members of a committee to attend other committees); a delay in the issuance of documents; lack of time to study voluminous

10/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/31/32).

documentation; and early conclusion of work. It was suggested that a comparison of the experience of the United Nations with that of other bodies in the United Nations system would be interesting.

99. The Secretariat informed the Committee that there had been 732 cancellations in 1976. As statistics were available only from September 1974, the Secretariat could not supply long-term studies of cancellations. Moreover, the resources released through cancellations were sometimes utilized for bodies that met only when facilities were available.

100. With reference to the permanent capacity, as measured by the availability of interpreters, the Committee recalled that in 1977 it had agreed to a change in the capacity level at Headquarters to allow for fewer meetings in the first half of January and the second half of December and for more meetings in the first two weeks of July. 11/ It inquired what the effect of the change had been and was informed that as the change had been in effect only from the beginning of January 1977, the period had been too short to permit an assessment of the results.

101. It was noted that the number of meetings scheduled in Geneva was sometimes below the capacity line during the last part of December and the first part of January. It was suggested that if there was no good reason for this, the same arrangement should be applied by the Secretariat at Geneva as had been approved for New York.

A. Guidelines for reducing the number of cancellations

102. The Committee approved certain suggestions put forward by the Secretariat which might contribute to a reduction in the number of cancellations. It emphasized that its intention was to make other United Nations bodies more resource-conscious.

103. The Committee on Conferences therefore recommends to the General Assembly that it adopt the following guidelines for reducing the wastage resulting from the cancellation of meetings:

(1) The substantive secretariat of each body should circulate to the members before the first meeting of each session a draft agenda and time-table for the completion of consideration of the items, taking into account the availability of documentation.

(2) The programme for each meeting should include more than one item of the agenda, so that if consideration of an item is interrupted or completed, the members may pass on to another item.

(3) In order that delegations may initiate substantive discussion at the first meeting of the session, after the organization of work, committee secretaries should consult with delegations before the opening of the session to ascertain whether some representatives would be prepared to speak on the first substantive item at the opening meeting. As is the practice of the General Assembly, a list of

11/ Ibid., para. 77.

speakers should be compiled several days in advance of the debate on each item. It would in general be advisable to convene meetings only when there are a sufficient number of speakers to ensure adequate utilization of available resources.

(4) The secretariat of each body should make sure that documentation is available to all members sufficiently in advance of the session to permit proper study of it, and in consultation with the chairman should schedule meetings only when the documentation has been available for an adequate period.

(5) In the planning of the requirements for a given session, allowance should be made for at least one day towards the end of the session without meetings so that draft reports, resolutions and decisions can be prepared without interfering with the committee's business.

(6) Committee secretaries should identify any possible overlapping in the membership of their committee with that of certain others, particularly those in the same field of activity, with a view to reducing the likelihood of conflicting meeting schedules; the Committee on Conferences, in its own examination of the proposed calendars, should also pay particular attention to this point.

(7) The secretary of each body should bring to the attention of members, as appropriate, any resolutions and decisions on the regulation of meetings and conferences, including directives on the allocation and utilization of conference resources.

(8) The secretary of each body should inform the members, at the beginning of each session, of the conference resources (including the number of meetings and the extent of interpretation services) made available to the body, and should give them a brief account, at appropriate intervals during the session, of the use they have been making of those resources.

B. Overprogramming

104. The Secretariat informed the Committee on Conferences that the utilization of resources could be further improved if the Secretariat were authorized to "overprogramme" the schedule of meetings by a percentage that would reflect the actual extent of cancellations.

105. The Secretariat faced a dilemma: on the one hand it was required, under the Charter of the United Nations, to provide services for meetings scheduled by the General Assembly and could do so only by engaging free-lance staff in periods when the scheduled meetings were beyond the capacity of the permanent staff; on the other hand it was aware that a considerable part of the resources was wasted because meetings were cancelled for reasons that were beyond its control.

106. The Secretariat had suggested that the best means of avoiding wastage of conference resources was "overprogramming", that is, planning the calendar of conferences and meetings on the assumption that a portion of the planned meetings would not actually be used and providing services to cover only the assumed level of conference activity. The idea was not novel; the Secretariat had made such assumptions on occasion in the past in the interest of economic use of resources. However, the Secretariat wished to have appropriate authorization before resorting to "overprogramming" in a systematic manner so that wastage of resources could be

eliminated while services were ensured for all conference activities approved by the General Assembly.

107. With reference to the criteria followed in cases of overprogramming, it was explained that when resources were limited, priority was given to bodies whose members had come from abroad; bodies on which States were represented by members of their permanent missions had greater scope for flexibility in their schedules.

108. The Office of Legal Affairs, which the Department of Conference Services had consulted on the matter, was of the opinion that it would be necessary to seek the approval of the General Assembly to any modifications in the servicing of organs by the Secretariat before any such modifications were introduced.

109. Some delegations insisted that overprogramming should not be automatic and that account should be taken in each case of all relevant factors such as the nature of the subjects under discussion, the length of the session, the size of the body, the availability of free-lance staff on short notice, and the convenience of members. For certain bodies the risk was minimal; for others it was inadmissible.

110. With reference to overprogramming, it was explained that the Secretariat could serve 280 meetings per month with its permanent staff and that any requirements beyond that level had to be met through the recruitment of free-lance interpreters.

111. It was generally agreed in the Committee that the Secretariat should be authorized to overprogramme the scheduled meetings. There were however differences of views concerning the extent to which it should do so. Some delegations considered that they did not have sufficient data on which to base a decision. They requested further information concerning the extent of the problem, the periods in which cancellations occurred, and the bodies responsible. They requested further information also on the risks involved in overprogramming.

112. It was understood that if the Secretariat was authorized to overprogramme it would have to exercise its authority in a flexible way; it would overprogramme only when, on the basis of its experience, it foresaw the possibility of the cancellation of some meetings. One delegation suggested that the Committee on Conferences could authorize the Secretariat to overprogramme by not more than 5 per cent in 1978, and if the Committee's mandate was prolonged, it could consider the question further on the basis of experience and of further information. Others believed that the percentage should be much higher, even 20 to 30 per cent. One delegation, stressing the need for more savings, suggested that the matter should be left to the discretion of the Secretariat but limited to a specified percentage of the available capacity.

113. In reply to a member of the Committee who had asked whether overprogramming had an effect on the quality of interpretations, the Secretariat stated that whenever it was necessary to engage interpreters at short notice, the choice was inevitably more limited, with the result that it was sometimes necessary to accept interpreters who were less experienced or less well qualified. It was suggested that if the Committee's mandate was renewed, it might give consideration to the question of the quality of interpretation.

114. Some members of the Committee on Conferences felt that the Committee should

strengthen its role as a monitoring body and should exercise closer control over the management of the programme of meetings. They suggested that its terms of reference should be strengthened in that regard and that the Committee should make specific proposals for reducing cancellations.

115. After consideration of the various possibilities, the Committee on Conferences recommends that the General Assembly authorize the Secretary-General to overprogramme meetings and interpretation services during 1978 at a level which could ensure maximum utilization of the permanent cadre of interpreters and reduce the over-recruitment of temporary staff. It recommends further that the matter should also be considered in the light of experience.

C. Informal meetings

116. The Committee noted from information supplied to it by the Secretariat that there was a continuing trend towards the holding of informal meetings, including unofficial meetings of official bodies such as working groups, and meetings of unofficial bodies such as regional groups.

117. A table showing the number of informal meetings (regional group meetings) serviced by Headquarters from 1972 to 1976 was submitted to the Committee for its information. The table, which is reproduced in annex VIII, indicated that the number of informal meetings continued to represent about 10 per cent of the total number of meetings serviced at Headquarters. The number had almost doubled in 1976 after a slight decline in 1975; the increase was however attributed largely to regional group meetings held during the fourth and fifth sessions of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

118. The Committee on Conferences recalled that it had expressed itself on this subject in its last report to the General Assembly 12/ and that the General Assembly, in taking note of its report (resolution 31/140) had endorsed its views.

D. Expansion of conference facilities at Headquarters, New York

119. A preliminary copy of a report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on the expansion of conference facilities at Headquarters in 1978 and 1979 13/ was placed before the Committee on Conferences at its substantive session for such observations as it might wish to present to the General Assembly under paragraph 3 (e) of its mandate as set forth in General Assembly resolution 3351 (XXIX), part II. Aware that the financial aspects of the subject were within the competence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, it limited its consideration of the matter to the conference servicing aspects, conference rooms, and related implications of the reconstruction plans.

120. Some delegations voiced a strong objection to consideration of the question, claiming that the Committee on Conferences was not the proper forum for discussion

12/ Ibid., paras. 78-82.

13/ Subsequently issued as document A/C.5/32/4 and Corr.1.

of the matter. One delegation argued that it was appropriate since the Committee was required under its mandate to advise the General Assembly on the current and future requirements of the Organization for conference services and facilities. The Committee addressed itself mainly to an evaluation of the benefits for the conference programme that would be derived from the reconstruction and the problems that might arise while the reconstruction was under way, with regard in particular to the scheduling of meetings.

121. A representative of the Office of General Services reviewed the reasons for the reconstruction and called attention to the plans set forth in the report of the Secretary-General on the subject.

122. In reply to questions raised by a member of the Committee on Conferences, he stated that the extension of the north lawn was necessary because of the inadequacy of the space currently used for sound recording equipment, for which there was an increasing demand, and for the reproduction and distribution areas, which did not meet the health and safety standards. He explained that the extension would provide more space for reproduction machinery and permit the use of more efficient machinery. The higher ceilings would increase the storage space in the distribution area and eliminate the present unsafe use of corridors for storage purposes. The space released by the reproduction and distribution services would be used for parking, for which it had originally been intended.

123. The extension of the north end of the Conference Building would meet the priority need for office space for conference servicing activities, including a lounge for interpreters and space for verbatim reporters, who were now partly accommodated in temporary quarters in hallways.

124. In answer to other questions, the Secretary of the Committee stated that the proposed new conference room was urgently needed because eight bodies with full membership were currently competing during sessions of the General Assembly for the use of the six large conference rooms now existing. As they could not all meet concurrently, valuable time was wasted.

125. Some members of the Committee, while sympathetic to the proposals for expansion, reserved their position pending study of other aspects of the question in the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

126. One member found the explanation concerning the extension of the north end of the Conference Building inadequate and said he required a more detailed explanation. He requested quantitative information concerning the overtime costs involved in the use of meeting rooms at night.

127. It was agreed that the views expressed in the Committee should be brought to the attention of the General Assembly in the Committee's report.

E. Documentation

128. When drawing up the agenda for its substantive session in June 1977, the Committee agreed that attention should be given to a searching inquiry into the efficiency of the production of documents for meetings (see also chap. II, paras. 16-22). It was, however, recognized that a serious study of the question

would require time and that the Committee could do little more than recommend an investigation into such matters as the causes of bottle-necks, means for their removal, the ability of the Secretariat to cope with demands with its present resources, and the scheduling of documentation.

129. It was suggested in the Committee that the date of distribution should appear on United Nations documents instead of, or in addition to, the date of registration, that is, the date of submission for reproduction or translation. The date of distribution would be useful as a management tool. It would enable delegations and the Secretariat to determine whether documents had been made available by the required deadlines.

130. The Committee adopted the following recommendation concerning the planning and timely issuance of documentation:

"The secretariat of each body should bring to its attention during a session the dates on which basic documents for the next session will be issued. A document should bear the date on which it is distributed in addition to the date of registration as at present."

The representative of the Secretary-General said that the last provision involved some practical difficulties; the Secretariat would, however, endeavour to apply it to all pre-session documents.

F. Rules of procedure for pledging conferences

131. The Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat brought to the Committee on Conferences a proposal for the establishment of a uniform set of rules of procedure for pledging conferences.

132. The Committee considered the proposal but in view of the lack of specific information and for lack of time to pursue the question further, it did not take any decision on it.

CHAPTER IV

MONITORING OF THE APPLICATION OF THE CRITERIA FOR THE PROVISION OF MEETINGS RECORDS

133. By its resolution 3415 (XXX), the General Assembly adopted on an experimental basis for the 1976-1977 biennium new criteria for the provision of meeting records and requested the Committee on Conferences to monitor the application of the criteria and to assess the optimum requirements of United Nations bodies for such records.

134. The Committee discussed the question at its substantive session in 1976 on the basis of a detailed working paper prepared by the Secretariat, which it annexed to its report to the General Assembly, 14/ together with its own recommendations, which were in effect endorsed by the General Assembly in section II of resolution 31/140.

135. The Committee had before it at its substantive session a working paper designed to provide it with up-to-date information concerning the application of the criteria. As the initial application of the criteria had been described in detail in the Committee's earlier report and as the basic situation remained unchanged, the working paper concentrated on the main points.

136. The Secretariat recalled that one of the principal aims of the new criteria had been to achieve a reduction in the number of subsidiary bodies provided with meeting records. That aim was sought in practice through consultations at a Secretariat level and then through correspondence from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the chairmen of the bodies concerned. Further correspondence was sent as a result of the adoption of General Assembly resolution 31/140. There had been no change in the position reported by the Committee in 1976, namely that records had been dispensed with for the sub-committees of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and for the committees of the Trade and Development Board. On the other hand, the following bodies had been added to the list of those receiving meeting records as a result of specific provision in the relevant Assembly resolutions:

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (General Assembly resolution 31/120)

Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament (General Assembly resolution 31/189 B)

137. Another aim had been to have subsidiary bodies that were entitled to meeting records dispense with them for meetings of lesser importance. In a formal sense,

14/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/31/32).

while subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council had continued to exercise selectivity, it had been difficult to persuade subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly, which usually had only one or two substantive items on the agenda of their meetings and consultations, to do so. On the other hand, the trend to informal, off-the-record meetings and consultations, which had been noted with approval by the Committee in an earlier report, 15/ had continued and even intensified. Bodies which had conducted a large part of their discussions in such meetings included the Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System and the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization. The same procedure was widely used at the sixth session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

138. The main practical change introduced as a result of General Assembly resolution 3415 (XXX) was that for meetings other than the plenary meetings of the principal organs, meeting records were issued in initial general distribution subject to subsequent corrigenda rather than in an original provisional edition and a subsequent final official record. That procedure had been applied for nearly a year and a half without any practical problems or any measurable reaction from users.

139. The new one-stage procedure was certainly more economical than the previous procedure, since it made it possible for the official records to be edited without recourse to substantial temporary assistance for the period of the General Assembly and resulted in appreciable savings in the reproduction of summary records, particularly when the final text had previously been printed. It would be recalled that funds for temporary editorial assistance amounting to \$300,000 had been deleted from the programme budget for the current biennium as a result of the decision to apply the new procedures. As regards internal reproduction and printing, it was estimated that internal resources of a value of some \$300,000 a year had become available for other documentary purposes. Further, savings of \$100,000 a year in external printing expenses should accrue, beginning partially in the current biennium. Thus the total resultant savings amounted to \$700,000.

140. The Committee on Conferences had approved some exceptions to the practice of issuing summary records in one stage, notably for the International Law Commission and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization had decided to annex the records of its recent meetings to its report to the General Assembly, thus in effect providing for a two-stage issuance of its records.

141. Summing up, the Committee concluded that the new procedures had worked reasonably well and without major criticism. The production and validation of records was on a reasonably current basis; however, there was a backlog of final verbatim records from previous years and sessions which was being reduced only gradually in English, French, Russian and Spanish and with greater difficulty in Arabic and Chinese.

142. Statistical information concerning meeting records prepared in 1976 is given in annex IX to the present report.

15/ Ibid., Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/10032), paras. 104-109.

143. Members expressed satisfaction at the successful introduction of the one-stage system of providing meeting records, which had resulted in savings of the order of \$500,000 per biennium in editing and external printing and had freed resources estimated at \$300,000 a year for the internal reproduction of other documentation. Members expressed regret, however, that the economies in internal reproduction achieved had not resulted in absolute savings. The representatives of the Secretariat pointed out that the savings thus effected had enabled the Secretariat to absorb work for additional conferences and meetings and for other purposes subject to approval by the General Assembly.

144. Members expressed interest in the possible introduction of word-processing and in its effect on meeting records. The representative of the Secretariat stated that word-processing, if as expected it worked well, would lead to considerable economies in the meeting records of plenary meetings of the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council, which continued to be issued on a two-stage basis, as well as in other documentation that had to be reissued. The Committee noted that significant benefits could be expected to be derived from timely production of appropriate documents by the use of modern word-processing techniques.

145. The Committee adopted the following conclusions and recommendations concerning meeting records:

(1) The Committee notes the successful application of the one-stage system of meeting records with corrigenda, which made possible the savings described in paragraph 139 above;

(2) The Committee expresses the hope that this system will be administered so as to provide continued substantial savings to the Organization;

(3) The Committee urges bodies entitled to meeting records to dispense with them for particular discussions, whether of an informal nature or otherwise, when they are not absolutely necessary;

(4) The Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the criteria, which were adopted on an experimental basis for the current biennium, should be continued and used more widely.

CHAPTER V

FUTURE OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

146. Recalling that under General Assembly resolution 3351 (XXIX) of 18 December 1974 it had been established on an experimental basis, subject to review by the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, the Committee on Conferences undertook an appraisal of its own performance with a view to consideration of recommendations for its future, with regard in particular to the question of its termination or of the extension of its mandate.

147. Speaking at the request of the Committee, the Under-Secretary-General for Conference Services called attention to the fact that the United Nations had in the course of the years changed its modus operandi. Whereas at one time the emphasis had been on statements and recorded opinions for public consumption, it was now on informal meetings and negotiations. The changing circumstances naturally brought with them changes in the machinery required for the conduct of meetings. The need for flexibility had to be reconciled with the rigid claims of various bodies to certain rights. The Secretariat considered that an intergovernmental body such as the Committee on Conferences, whose members represented a geographical balance, provided a means to guard the interests of all while allowing the machinery to work smoothly. On the other hand, if the Committee were not in existence, the Secretariat could as in the past take most decisions with regard to intersessional departures and other conference servicing matters on the basis of its best judgement, while recognizing that not all of its decisions could please all Member States. He noted also that the servicing of the Committee represented additional work that was not supported by additional staff or financial resources. It was, of course, a matter for the General Assembly to decide whether it would wish to extend the mandate of the Committee. As a body representing the various regional and other groups, the Committee on Conferences served a very useful purpose. It could, perhaps, assume an even stronger and more influential role among regional groups and also within delegations. But that too was a matter for Member States.

148. A majority of those who spoke in the debate believed that the Committee on Conferences was capable of a useful role.

149. Some members recalled that the Committee had been established pursuant to a study on conference servicing carried out by the Joint Inspection Unit, 16/ and said that the functions envisaged for the Committee were still necessary and useful ones. The experience of the past three years had brought to light the weaknesses in the Committee's mandate, in particular the lack of provision for enforcing its decisions. Its decisions with regard to the timing and venue of meetings, whether in respect of the general pattern of conferences or in respect of intersessional departures, were often pre-empted or overruled by other bodies and it had no machinery for enforcing its recommendations for improved use of conference services. Some expressed regret that the Committee had not, so far,

16/ See "Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the pattern of conferences of the United Nations and the possibilities for more rational and economic use of its conference resources" transmitted to the General Assembly by a note by the Secretary-General (A/9795).

been as effective as they had hoped it would be, either because of reticence on the part of members or because the Committee was not empowered to enforce its decisions.

150. The main arguments advanced in favour of extending the Committee's mandate were (a) that it was useful and even necessary to have an intergovernmental body to which conference servicing problems could be referred both by other United Nations bodies and by the Secretariat and which could provide intergovernmental supervision of the use of conference services by the Department concerned, which was responsible for almost 15 per cent of the budget resources; and (b) that with the change in the nature of United Nations meetings from fora for policy statements by Governments to arenas for the negotiation of international agreements, conference servicing was no longer merely a technical matter but a political instrument that required intergovernmental control.

151. Among the problems identified in the debate was that of conflicting claims of sovereignty. While the Committee on Conferences had been empowered by the General Assembly, the supreme organ of the United Nations, to take decisions with regard to such matters as intersessional departures from the approved calendar, it had found itself hampered by the decisions taken by other bodies and at times by the political will of sovereign States. It was agreed that if the Committee on Conferences was to continue and to function effectively, it would have to have broader powers and the means to execute its decisions. One representative referred to the "benign neglect" of the Committee on Conferences by other United Nations bodies, which had taken decisions regarding the time and venue of their meetings without consulting it. If the Committee was to function effectively and efficiently, the General Assembly would have to include in its mandate a provision whereby other bodies would have to consult it before taking any decisions with regard to matters within its competence.

152. The Committee was informed that at its sixty-third session the Economic and Social Council had adopted a decision (279 (LXIII)) to request its subsidiary bodies, before they submitted proposals for changes in the established pattern of their sessions to the Council for its consideration, to seek the advice of the Committee on Conferences, through the Bureau of the Council, which should make recommendations concerning the timing and co-ordination of the proposal. The decision had emerged from a debate in the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee of the Economic and Social Council, in which attention had been called to the fact that the Council was so flooded with meetings and documents that it was unable to give serious attention to most of the matters brought before it, and that the Secretariat, for its part, was unable to provide the in-depth studies required for serious consideration of the various issues. The result was, on the one hand, poor legislative action and, on the other, poor support services. It was imperative to reduce the number of meetings of United Nations bodies so that the Secretariat could provide solid studies and that delegations could give them serious consideration. The Council's decision was intended to prepare the way for co-ordination and consultation.

153. The Committee was reminded that as it had met only when conference resources were available, its servicing had not given rise to identifiable expenditures. Some members thought that if the Committee's mandate was extended, provision should be made for its meetings on a scheduled basis so that delegations could make more definite plans for attendance at them.

154. One delegation pointed out that the question of the continued existence of the Committee raised the counterpart question of the co-operation of the Secretariat. The representative of the Secretary-General reminded the Committee, in that regard, that for the past three years the Secretariat had provided services, such as the preparation of documentation and translation, out of its own resources, often through overtime for which professional officers were not, of course compensated. If the Committee's requirements remained at the same level, the Secretariat was willing to continue to serve the Committee on the same basis; if however the Committee would require expanded services such as in-depth research, provision would have to be made in the budget for additional Secretariat human and other resources. Some representatives thought it was important to quantify the resources required for the effective operation of the Committee and to include them in the budget.

155. One representative said he thought the Committee on Conferences had been less effective than it might have been because its powers were illusory: it was neither authorized nor competent to decide on certain of the issues that came before it. It had been expected to endorse decisions already taken by other bodies. He emphasized that the Committee on Conferences was not a technical body but a political one set up to take decisions in accordance with its mandate. To be effective it would have to have power to deal effectively with such matters as the optimum use of interpreters, the quality of their work, recruitment practices and other elements involved in conference servicing.

156. As regards the Committee's performance, one representative said that the Committee had been able to do little to achieve better use of conference servicing resources. It had, however, taken several political decisions of importance, which indicated its ability to act effectively when circumstances permitted.

157. It was recognized that the question of increasing the effectiveness of the Committee involved measures for the implementation of the Committee's decisions, which in turn involved the possibility of imposing sanctions or of using incentives and disincentives. The Committee would have to identify the loop-holes in the system and take action to close them.

158. One representative thought the Committee had at times tried to force issues. If the Committee was to serve a useful purpose, it would have to take into account the views of all members. It must not be a place of confrontation nor should it seek to impose any solution that did not have the support of the majority.

159. Several delegations stated that, if the majority favoured the renewal of the Committee's mandate, they would not oppose the wish of the majority even though they considered that the Committee had not been entirely effective.

160. One delegation suggested that if the Committee's mandate was extended, it should have only one substantive session of one week's duration each year and that at that session it should consider only one or two urgent items. It would then be able to deal with those matters in depth rather than dissipating its attention over a wider range of subjects.

161. Some representatives stated that they were opposed to an extension of the Committee's mandate.

162. In the opinion of one of them, the experiment initiated by the General Assembly in its resolution 3351 (XXIX) had not proved successful and the Committee's record of achievement would not therefore warrant the renewal of its mandate. It was illogical to suppose that the Committee would be more effective if it were given more powers. Sovereignty resided in the Member States, and experience had repeatedly shown that when faced with a choice between economical management and political considerations, the Member States had frequently decided that political considerations should prevail. That hard fact would not be altered by a decision to give the Committee on Conferences more powers. When the crunch came, the Committee would more often than not be overruled, as it had been in the past.

163. Another representative stated that the main function of the Committee when it was created by the General Assembly under resolution 3351 (XXIX) had been to work out and recommend to the General Assembly a series of measures for effective and economic utilization of the resources allocated for conference servicing within the United Nations. The Committee's other terms of reference, in particular the taking of decisions with regard to intersessional departures from the approved calendar, were secondary. From the discussions in the Committee an unjustified impression might be given that that additional function was the most important one. All of the arguments advanced with regard to the future of the Committee-related to the fact that it would have to improve and streamline the machinery for consideration of the question of departures from the calendar. He reminded the Committee that the Secretariat had formerly dealt with intersessional departures and could do so again. Cases involving divergent views could be decided on through informal consultations with representatives of regional groups; they did not require the forum of official meetings of the Committee. Intersessional departures did not involve policy decisions on the part of the Committee: such decisions had already been taken by the bodies that submitted the requests. The Committee's task in regard to departures was to streamline the administrative and budgetary arrangements resulting from the changes.

164. As regards the Committee's main function, he expressed the view that the Committee had played a useful role, in the three years of its existence, in suggesting measures for more effective utilization of resources but that its recommendations had been general rather than specific. It had failed to focus its attention on certain areas that required improvement and it had done nothing with regard to the question of co-ordinating the utilization of resources within the United Nations system as a whole. It ought to have dealt with problems that had implications of principle and that had to be decided at the intergovernmental level. It had been unable to deal with the question of a quota system or to suggest an alternative to it, and it had not found time to consider such important questions as workload standards and the co-ordination of resources within the United Nations system. It had carried out its function to the limit of its ability and had therefore finished its work. As the Committee had already done all it seemed capable of doing, he saw no serious justification for continuing its work. He thought that the Committee could set a valuable example by dissolving itself when it no longer served a useful purpose.

165. Introducing a proposal for the establishment, on a continuing basis, of a new Committee on Conferences having broader terms of reference than the Committee set up under resolution 3351 (XXIX), one representative stated that the proposal, which had been formulated as a draft resolution, had been discussed at length with other delegations. Many delegations expressed their support for the draft.

166. One representative considered that the Committee on Conferences was not authorized to pronounce itself on the question of its future; it was clearly for the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly to decide whether or not the Committee served a useful purpose. This delegation could not therefore associate itself with the draft resolution. Some other delegations supported that view and stated emphatically that there could be no consensus in the Committee on the proposal.

167. Although a majority of the members expressed support of the draft resolution, it was agreed that, as the Committee had traditionally taken decisions by consensus, it could not submit the draft resolution to the General Assembly as a text bearing its full support. It was therefore agreed that the views of members of the Committee should be conveyed to the General Assembly and that the draft resolution should be annexed to the Committee's report. 17/

17/ For the text of the draft resolution, see annex XI to the present report.

CHAPTER VI

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

168. The recommendations of the Committee on Conferences to the General Assembly are summarized below.

Recommendation 1

Concerned at the magnitude of the additional costs incurred as a result of intersessional departures from the approved calendar of conferences, the Committee recommends that the General Assembly should:

(a) Call upon all bodies to keep to a minimum the intersessional departures from the approved calendar of conferences;

(b) Affirm that, if and when intersessional departures are granted, the servicing should be financed from the approved appropriations for conference services;

(c) Urge all bodies to conclude their work within the time allotted to them (see para. 63 above).

Recommendation 2

Noting that the number of meetings scheduled at Geneva was sometimes below the capacity line during the last part of December and the first part of January, the Committee suggested that if there was no good reason for this, the same arrangement should be applied by the Secretariat at Geneva as had been approved for New York (see para. 101 above).

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the General Assembly should adopt the following guidelines for reducing the wastage resulting from the cancellation of meetings (see para. 103 above):

(1) The substantive secretariat of each body should circulate to the members before the first meeting of each session a draft agenda and time-table for the completion of consideration of the items, taking into account the availability of documentation.

(2) The programme for each meeting should include more than one item of the agenda, so that if consideration of an item is interrupted or completed, the members may pass on to another item.

(3) In order that delegations may initiate substantive discussion at the first meeting of the session, after the organization of work, committee secretaries should consult with delegations before the opening of the session to ascertain

whether some representatives would be prepared to speak on the first substantive item at the opening meeting. As is the practice of the General Assembly, a list of speakers should be compiled several days in advance of the debate on each item. It would in general be advisable to convene meetings only when there are a sufficient number of speakers to ensure adequate utilization of available resources.

(4) The secretariat of each body should make sure that documentation is available to all members sufficiently in advance of the session to permit proper study of it, and in consultation with the chairman should schedule meetings only when the documentation has been available for an adequate period.

(5) In the planning of the requirements for a given session, allowance should be made for at least one day towards the end of the session without meetings so that draft reports, resolutions and decisions can be prepared without interfering with the committee's business.

(6) Committee secretaries should identify any possible overlapping in the membership of their committee with that of certain others, particularly those in the same field of activity, with a view to reducing the likelihood of conflicting meeting schedules; the Committee on Conferences, in its own examination of the proposed calendars, should also pay particular attention to this point.

(7) The secretary of each body should bring to the attention of members, as appropriate, any resolutions and decisions on the regulation of meetings and conferences, including directives on the allocation and utilization of conference resources.

(8) The secretary of each body should inform the members, at the beginning of each session, of the conference resources, including the number of meetings and the extent of interpretation services, made available to the body, and should give them a brief account, at appropriate intervals during the session, of the use they have been making of those resources.

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that the General Assembly should authorize the Secretary-General to overprogramme meetings and interpretation services during 1978 at a level which could ensure maximum utilization of the permanent cadre of interpreters and reduce the overrecruitment of temporary staff. It recommends further that the matter should be considered in the light of experience (see para. 115 above).

Recommendation 5

The Committee recommends that the secretariat of each body should bring to its attention during a session the dates on which basic documents for the next session will be issued. A document should bear the date on which it is distributed in addition to the date of registration as at present (see para. 130).

Recommendation 6

Noting the successful application of the one-stage system of meeting records with corrigenda, the Committee:

(a) Expresses the hope that this system will be administered so as to provide continued substantial savings to the Organization;

(b) Urges bodies entitled to meeting records to dispense with them for particular discussions, whether of an informal nature or otherwise, when they are not absolutely necessary;

(c) Recommends to the General Assembly that the criteria, which were adopted on an experimental basis for the current biennium, should be continued and used more widely (see para. 145).

Recommendation 7

The Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Pattern of conferences

The General Assembly.

Recalling its resolutions 1202 (XII) of 13 December 1957, 1851 (XVII) of 19 December 1962, 1987 (XVIII) of 17 December 1963, 2116 (XX) of 21 December 1965, 2239 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, 2361 (XXII) of 19 December 1967, 2478 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, 2693 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, 2834 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971, 2960 (XXVII) of 13 December 1962, 3351 (XXIX) of 18 December 1974, 3491 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 and 31/140 of 17 December 1976,

Concerned at the magnitude of the additional costs incurred as a result of intersessional departures from the approved calendar of conferences and at the continued waste of resources through the cancellation of meetings,

I

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Committee on Conferences established by General Assembly resolution 3551 (XXIX) of 18 December 1974;

2. Approves the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 1978-1979 set forth in annex I to the report;

II

3. Takes note of the successful application of the one-stage system of meeting records with corrigenda, which made savings possible;

4. Expresses the hope that this system will be administered so as to provide continued substantial savings to the Organization;

5. Urges bodies entitled to meeting records to dispense with them for particular discussions, whether of an informal nature or otherwise, when they are not absolutely necessary;

6. Decides that the criteria, which were adopted on an experimental basis for the current biennium, should be continued and used more widely;

III

7. Calls upon all bodies to keep to a minimum the intersessional departures from the approved calendar of conferences;
8. Affirms that, if and when intersessional departures are granted, the servicing should be financed from the approved appropriations for conference services;
9. Urges all bodies to conclude their work within the time allotted to them;

IV

10. Sets forth a number of guidelines for reducing the cancellation of scheduled meetings, as follows:

1. The substantive secretariat of each body should circulate to the members before the first meeting of each session a draft agenda and time-table for the completion of consideration of the items, taking into account the availability of documentation.

2. The programme for each meeting should include more than one item of the agenda, so that if consideration of an item is interrupted or completed, the members may pass on to another item.

3. In order that delegations may initiate substantive discussion at the first meeting, after the organization of work, committee secretaries should consult with delegations before the opening of the session to ascertain whether some representatives would be prepared to speak on the first substantive item at the opening meeting. As is the practice of the General Assembly, a list of speakers should be compiled several days in advance of the debate on each item. It would in general be advisable to convene meetings only when there are a sufficient number of speakers to ensure adequate utilization of available resources.

4. The secretariat of each body should make sure that documentation is made available to all members sufficiently in advance of the session to permit proper study of it and, in consultation with the chairman, should schedule meetings only when the documentation has been available for an adequate period.

5. In the planning of the requirements for a given session, allowance should be made for at least one day towards the end of the session without meetings so that draft reports, resolutions and decisions can be prepared without interfering with the committee's business.

6. Committee secretaries should identify any possible overlapping in the membership of their committee with that of certain others, particularly those in the same field of activity, with a view to reducing the likelihood of conflicting meeting schedules; the Committee on Conferences, in its own examination of the proposed calendars, should also pay particular attention to this point.

7. The secretary of each body should bring to the attention of members, as appropriate, any resolutions and decisions on the regulation of meetings and conferences, including directives on the allocation and utilization of conference resources.

8. The secretary of each body should inform the members, at the beginning of each session, of the conference resources, including the number of meetings and the extent of interpretation services, made available to the body and should give them a brief account, at appropriate intervals during the session, of the use they have been making of those resources.

ANNEXES

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The following abbreviations are used in the annexes:

In column headed "Organ":

ACC	Administrative Committee on Co-ordination
ACABQ	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECLA	Economic Commission for Latin America
ECWA	Economic Commission for Western Asia
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
IDA	International Development Association
IDB	Industrial Development Board
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFC	International Finance Corporation
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IMCO	Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
TDB	Trade and Development Board
UNCDF	United Nations Capital Development Fund
UNCITRAL	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research

UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UPU	Universal Postal Union
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WMO	World Meteorological Organization

In column headed "Membership":

G	Governments
E	Experts
ST	Secretariat or secretariats

In column headed "Servicing":

I	Interpretation
T	Translation
PV	Verbatim records
SR	Summary records
M	Minutes
ACEFRS	Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish

ANNEX I

Calendars of conferences and meetings for 1978-1979

1. The draft calendar of conferences for the biennium 1978-1979 is set forth below. The calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies and IAEA is also given for information.
2. The calendar as submitted on 30 September 1977 includes provision both for bodies whose meetings have been scheduled for definite times and for bodies whose sessions have not been so scheduled.
3. Attention is drawn to the fact that the calendar includes the following conferences:

1978 calendar

- (a) Conference of Plenipotentiaries to Conclude a Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea, 6-31 March, at Hamburg
- (b) Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (seventh session), 28 March-12 or 19 May, at Geneva
- (c) Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament, 23 May to 28 June 1978, at New York
- (d) World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, 14 to 25 August, location to be determined
- (e) Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, August/September, at Buenos Aires
- (f) United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on Transfer of Technology, 16 October to 10 November, at Geneva

1979 calendar

- (a) United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, August/September, location to be determined a/

a/ Invitations to host this Conference have been extended by the Governments of Austria, Mexico, the Philippines and the United States of America.

(b) Fifth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, dates and locations to be determined b/

(c) Third General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, September, at New Delhi

(d) United Nations Conference on a Convention on International Multimodal Transport, dates to be determined, at Geneva

b/ The Trade and Development Board at its seventeenth session adopted a resolution recommending to the General Assembly that the fifth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development be held at Manila from 7 May to 1 June 1979.

A: DRAFT CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS OF THE UNITED NATIONS 1978-1979
1978 (as of October 1977)

Organ	Dates (1978)	Location	Membership	Servicing s/ (EFRS)	Periodicity
1 UNCITRAL - Working Group on Negotiable Instruments, sixth session /General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)/	3-13 January	Geneva	8 G	I T (EFRS)	One or two sessions a year
2 UNCITRAL - Working Group on the International Sale of Goods, tenth session /General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)/	3-13 January	New York	14 G	I T (EFRS)	One or two sessions a year
3 Military Staff Committee [Charter]	5 January, once every fortnight thereafter	New York	5 G	I T (CEFR)	Every second Thursday
4 Human Rights Committee, Working Group of Five /Decision of Human Rights Committee at its second session/	9-13 January	Geneva	5 G		
5 UNCTAD - Technical Committee of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre, UNCTAD/GATT, seventh session	9-19 January	Geneva	18 G	I T (EFRS)	One session a year

Organ	Dates (1978)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/ I T	Periodicity
6 Commission on Human Rights: <u>Ad Hoc</u> Working Group on the Situation of Human Rights in Chile /Economic and Social Council decision 233 (LXII)/	9-27 January	Geneva	5 E	I T (EFS)	-
7 Economic and Social Council, organizational session for 1978 / <u>Charter</u> /	10-13 January	New York	54 G	I T (CEFRS)	SR Two sessions a year
8 States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination /General Assembly resolution 2106 (XX)/	12 and 13 January	New York	-	I T (EFS)	SR One session every two years
9 United Nations Special Fund - Board of Governors /General Assembly resolution 3356 (XXIX)/	13 January	New York	36 G	I T (EFS)	-
10 UNDP - Intergovernmental Working Group on Agency Overhead Costs /Decision of Governing Council of UNDP at its 24th session/	16-20 January	New York	48 G	I T (CEFRS)	-

Organ	Dates (1978)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/ I T	Periodicity
11 <u>Ad Hoc</u> Working Group of Experts on the Social Development Sector within the United Nations /Economic and Social Council resolution 2079 (LXII)/ b/	16-20 January	New York	10 E	I T (CEFRS)	-
12 Commission on Human Rights: <u>Ad Hoc</u> Working Group of Experts established under Commission resolution 2 (XXIII) /Economic and Social Council resolution 2082 (LXII)/	16-27 January	Geneva	6 G	I T (EFS)	-
13 Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations /Rules of procedure of Economic and Social Council (Rule 80)/	16-27 January	New York	13 G	I T (EFRS)	c/ One session every two years
14 Human Rights Committee, third session /General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI) and International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, part IV/	16 January- 3 February	Geneva	18 E	I T (EFRS)	- Two sessions a year
15 UNDP - Governing Council /General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)/	18-20 January	New York	48 G	I T	SR

Organ	Dates (1978)	Location	Membership	Servicing <u>a/</u>	Periodicity
16 UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board, ninth special session, second part /UNCTAD resolution 90 (IV)/	23-27 January	Geneva	<u>d/</u>	I (ACEFRS)	SR Once between sessions of the Conference
17 Committee on Science and Technology for Development, second special session, acting as Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, second session /General Assembly resolution 31/184/	23-27 January	Geneva <u>e/</u>	149 G	I (CEFRS)	T -
18 Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices /Economic and Social Council resolution 2041 (LXI)/	23-27 January	New York	18 G	I (EFRS)	T -
19 Commission on the Status of Women, twenty-seventh session /Economic and Social Council resolution 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI)/	23 January- 10 February	New York	32 G	I (CEFRS)	SR ^{c/} One session every two years
20 Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament /General Assembly resolution 31/189S/	24 January- 24 February	New York	54 G	I (CEFRS)	T SR

Organ	Dates (1978)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/ Periodicity
21 Commission on Human Rights: Working Group on Situations which reveal a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights /Economic and Social Council decision 231 (LXII)/	30 January- 3 February	Geneva	5 G I (EFRS) T	
22 Commission on Human Rights: Group of Three under the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid /Commission resolution 13 (XXXII) and article IX of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid/	30 January- 3 February	Geneva	3 E - - -	
23 Committee on Science and Technology for Development, fourth session /Economic and Social Council resolutions 1621 (LI) and 1715 (LIII)/	30 January- 10 February	Geneva ^{e/}	54 G I (EFRS) T	One session every two years
24 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 328 (XXIX)/	Last week of January to first week of July	New York	24 G I (CEFRS) T	PV ^{f/} Two sessions a year

Organ	Dates (1978)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/ I T -	Periodicity
25 Meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions /Economic and Social Council resolution 1817 (LV)/	January (3 days)	To be determined	-	I (EF)	Two sessions a year
26 United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Committee of Actuaries /General Assembly resolution 248 (III), article 22/	January/ February (1 week)	New York	6 E	I (EFR)	Two sessions a year
27 Commission on Transnational Corporations - Intergovernmental Working Group of the Whole on the Code of Conduct for Transnational Corporations /Economic and Social Council resolution 1913 (LVII) and decision 189 (LXI)/	6-17 February	New York	48 G	I (EFRS)	-
28 Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee /General Assembly resolution 1721 (XVI)/	6-24 February	New York	37 G	I (EFRS)	One session a year
29 Commission on Human Rights, thirty-fourth session /Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)/	6 February- 10 March	Geneva	32 G	I (EFRS)	One session a year

Organ	Dates (1978)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/ I T	Periodicity
30 Committee on Natural Resources, third special session <u>E</u> / Economic and Social Council resolution 1535 (XLIX)	13-23 February	New York	54 G	I T (EFRS)	SR
31 UNCTAD - Intergovernmental Group of Experts on an International Code of Conduct for Transfer of Technology, fifth session Trade and Development Board decision 155 (XVII)	13-24 February	Geneva	d/	I T (EFRS)	-
32 Commission on Narcotic Drugs, fifth special session	13-24 February	Geneva	30 G	I T (EFRS)	c/ One session every two years
33 UNCTAD - Committee on Tungsten, eleventh (special) session Trade and Development Board decision 153 (S-VIII)	20-24 February	Geneva	29 G	I T (CEFRS)	- One session a year
34 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations World Food Programme - Pledging Conference	21 February (1 day)	New York	G	I T (CEFRS)	SR

Organ	Dates (1978)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/ I T E	Periodicity
35 Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Group of Rapporteurs, -- twenty-first session /Economic and Social Council resolution 1488 (XLVIII) and decision 213 (LXII)/	27 February- 10 March	Geneva	8 E	- (EFR)	One session a year
36 International Civil Service Commission /General Assembly resolution 3042 (XXVII)/	27 February- 17 March	New York	15 E	- I T (EFRS)	Two sessions a year
37 ECA - Executive Committee /Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXVI)/	February (4 days)	Addis Ababa	16 G	- I T (AEF)	Two sessions a year
38 UNDP - Working Group on Administrative and Finance Matters /General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)/	February	To be determined	24 ST	- - -	Two sessions a year
39 UNDP - Programme Working Group (Subsidiary body of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board) /General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)/	Mid or late February	To be determined	21 ST	- - -	Two sessions a year

Organ	Dates (1978)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/ I T	Periodicity
40 UNDP - Inter-Agency Consultative Board, twenty-fifth session /General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)/	Late February/early March	Geneva	21 ST	I - (EF)	Two sessions a year
41 UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board, ninth special session, third part (ministerial level) /UNCTAD resolution 90 (IV)/	6-10 March	Geneva	d/ d/	I T (ACEFRS)	Once between sessions of the Conference
42 UNCTAD - Joint Advisory Group on International Trade Centre, UNCTAD/GATT, eleventh session /General Assembly resolution 2297 (XXII)/	6-10 March	Geneva	Open	I T (CEFRS)	One session a year
43 Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development - Ad Hoc Working Group I /Economic and Social Council resolutions 980 A (XXXVI), 1621 B (LI) and 2033 (LXI)/	6-10 March	New York	8 G		
44 Committee for Development Planning, fourteenth session /Economic and Social Council resolution 1035 (XXXVII) and 1625 (LI)/	6-17 March	New York	24 E	I T (EFRS)	One session a year

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45 Conference of Plenipotentiaries to conclude a Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea /General Assembly resolution 31/100/	6-31 March	Hamburg	I (ACEFRS)	T SR
46 Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Legal Sub-Committee /General Assembly resolution 1721 (XVI)/	13 March - 7 April	New York ^{h/}	37 G	I (EFRS) T SR One session a year
47 Administrative Committee on Co-ordination - Working Group of the Preparatory Committee	15-17 March	London	22 ST	
48 Administrative Committee on Co-ordination - Preparatory Committee /Economic and Social Council resolution 3 (III)/	20-22 March	London	22 ST	- - Two sessions a year
49 Commission on Transnational Corporations - Intergovernmental Working Group of the Whole on the Code of Conduct for Transnational Corporations, fourth session /Economic and Social Council resolution 1913 (LVII) and decision 189 (LXI)/	20-31 March	New York	48 G	I (EFRS) T -

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50 International Narcotics Control Board /Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11/	20-31 March	Geneva	13 E	I (EF) T	Three sessions a year
51 Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, seventeenth session /General Assembly resolution 2106 (XX)/	20 March - 7 April	New York	18 E	I (EFRS) T	Two sessions a year
52 UNCTAD - Working Party on Programme Budget and Medium-Term Plan /Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)/	28-31 March	Geneva	19 G	I (ACEFRS) T	One session a year
53 Administrative Committee on Co-ordination - Preparatory Committee /Economic and Social Council resolution 3 (III)/	28 March - 4 April	London	22 ST	- -	Two sessions a year
54 United Nations Conference on Olive Oil /Trade and Development Board decision 155 (XVII)/	28 March - 14 April	Geneva	155 G	I (ACEFRS) T	-

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55 Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, seventh session /General Assembly resolutions 3067 (XXVII), 3334 (XXIX) and 3483 (XXX)/	28 March - 12 or 19 May	Geneva	150 G	I (ACEFRS) T SR	SR
56 ESCAP, thirty-fourth session /Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV), 69 (V), 414 C.1 (XIII) and 723 B.II (XXVIII)/	March (10 days)	To be determined	41 G	I (CEFR) T SR	One session a year
57 Consultative Panel on Public Information /General Assembly resolution 2897 (XXVI)/	March/April (3 days)	New York	26 G	I (CEFRS) - -	One session a year
58 Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a Specialized Agency /Economic and Social Council decision 2113 (LXII)/	Early part of the year	New York	160 G	I (CEFRS) T -	-

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59	ECLA - Committee of High-level Government Experts on Industrialization /Economic Commission for Latin America resolution 310 (XIV)/	First quarter	To be determined	I (ES)		As required
60	ECLA - Caribbean Development Co-operation Committee /Economic Commission for Latin America resolution 358 (XVI)/	First/second quarter	To be determined			
61	Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development - Regional Group for ESCAP countries /Economic and Social Council resolutions 980 A (XXXVI), 1621 B (LI) and 2033 (LXI)/	First/second quarter (3 days)	Bangkok			
62	Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development - Regional Group for ECLA countries /Economic and Social Council resolutions 980 A (XXXVI), 1621 B (LI) and 2033 (LXI)/	First second quarter (3 days)	Santiago			

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63	Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development - Regional Group for ECW countries /Economic and Social Council resolutions 980 A (XXXVI), 1621 B (LI) and 2033 (LXI)/	First/ second quarter (3 days)	Geneva			
64	Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development - Regional Group for ECA countries /Economic and Social Council resolutions 980 A (XXXVI), 1621 B (LI) and 2033 (LXI)/	First/ second quarter (3 days)	Addis Ababa			
65	Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development - Regional Group for ECWA countries /Economic and Social Council resolutions 980 A (XXXVI), 1621 B (LI) and 2033 (LXI)/	First/ second quarter (3 days)	Beirut			
66	Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices, fifth session /Economic and Social Council resolution 2041 (LXI)/	3-14 April	New York	18 G	I T (EFRS)	-

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67 UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board, seventeenth session, second part /General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)/	4 April	Geneva	<u>d/</u>	I T SR (ACEFRS)	
68 Administrative Committee on Co-ordination /Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)/	5-7 April	London	22 ST	I - SR <u>f/</u> (EF)	Two sessions a year
69 Administrative Committee on Co-ordination - Preparatory Committee /Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)/	10-11 April	London	22 ST	- - -	Two sessions a year
70 Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament /General Assembly resolution 31/1896/	10-21 April	New York	54 G	I T SR (CEFRS)	
71 ECE, thirty-third session /Economic and Social Council. resolution 36 (IV)/	11-22 April	Geneva	32 E	I T <u>c/</u> (EFR)	One session a year
72 Economic and Social Council, sixty-fourth session /Charter/	11 April - 12 May	New York	54 G	I T SR (CEFRS)	Two sessions a year

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73	ECWA, fifth session /Economic and Social Council resolution 1818 (LV)/	17-21 April	To be determined			One session a year
74	United Nations Conference on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties (Recommendation to the General Assembly made by the last Conference at its 74th meeting)	First half of year, preferably April	Vienna			
75	United Nations Administrative Tribunal /General Assembly resolution 957 (X)/	April/ early May	Geneva	7 E I (EF)	T PV	Two sessions a year
76	Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes, fifth session /General Assembly resolution 3404 (XXX)/	Spring	Rome	30 G I (EFS)	T SR	Two sessions a year
77	UNIDO - Permanent Committee of IDB, tenth session /General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI)/	2-12 May	Vienna	45 G I (CEFRS)	- T	Two sessions a year
78	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, spring session, first part /General Assembly resolution 14 (I)/	2-19 May	Geneva	13 E I (CEFRS)	- T	Two sessions a year

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79 UNICEF - Executive Board, Committee on Administration and Finance and Programme Committee /General Assembly resolution 57 (I)/	8-19 May	New York	30 G	I (EFRS) T SR	
80 Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, eighteenth session /Economic and Social Council resolutions 2008 (LX) and 2019 (LXI)/	8 May - 16 June	New York	21 G	I (EFRS) T SR	One session a year
81 International Law Commission /General Assembly resolution 1647 (XVI)/	8 May - 28 July	Geneva	25 E	I (EFRS) T SR	One session a year
82 UNEP - Governing Council /General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII)/	9-25 May	Nairobi	58 G	I (EF) T -	One session a year
83 International Narcotics Control Board /Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11/	11-26 May	Geneva	13 E	I (EF) T -	Three sessions a year
84 UNDP - Inter-Agency Task Force on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries /General Assembly resolutions 3241 (XXIX) and 3416 (XXX)/	12 May	New York	40 G	- - -	

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85 Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, third session /General Assembly resolutions 3251 (XXIX) and 3416 (XXX)/	15-19 May	New York	149 G I (ACEFRS)	T -	-
86 Commission on Transnational Corporations, fourth session /Economic and Social Council resolution 1913 (LVII)/	15-26 May	New York	48 G I (EFRS)	T SR	One session a year
87 Committee on Contributions /Rules of Procedure of General Assembly/	15 May - 2 June	New York	18 E I (CEFRS)	-	One session a year
88 UNCTAD - Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade, eighth session, second part /Trade and Development Board decision 10 (1)/	16-26 May	Geneva	d/ I (AEFRS)	T -	Normally twice between sessions of the Conference
89 UNIDO - IDB, twelfth session /General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI)/	16-26 May	Vienna	45 G I (CEFRS)	T SR	One session a year
90 Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, spring session, second part /General Assembly resolution 14 (1)/	22-26 May	Bangkok	13 E I (CEFRS)	T -	Two sessions a year

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91	Special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament <u>/General Assembly resolution 31/189 B/</u>	23 May - 28 June	New York	149 G	(ACEFRS)		PV/SR
92	UNCTAD - Committee on Manufactures, ninth session	29 May - 9 June	Geneva	d/	I (ACEFRS)	T	Normally twice between sessions of the Conference
93	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, spring session, third part <u>/General Assembly resolution 14 (I)/</u>	30 May - 30 June	New York	13 E	I (CEFRS)	T	Two sessions a year
94	World Food Council - preparatory meetings for the fourth session <u>/General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX)/</u>	May (1 week)	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	One session a year
95	Trusteeship Council and drafting committees, forty-fifth session <u>/Charter/</u>	May/June (4 weeks)	New York	6 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV <u>f/</u> As required
96	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Committee of Actuaries <u>/General Assembly resolution 248 (III), article 22/</u>	May/June (1 week)	New York	6 E	I (EFR)	-	-

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97 UNDP - Intergovernmental Working Group on Overhead Costs /UNDP Governing Council decision at its 24th session/	5-7 June	Geneva	48 G I (CEFRS)	T - Two sessions a year
98 UNDP - Budgetary and Finance Committee /General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)/))))		48 G I (CEFRS)	T - Two sessions a year
99 UNDP - Committee of the Governing Council on Technological Co-operation among Developing Countries)))) 8-30 June	Geneva		
100 UNDP - Governing Council /General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)/))))		48 G I (CEFRS)	T SR Two sessions a year
101 Committee on Crime Prevention and Control /General Assembly resolution 415 (V) and Economic and Social Council resolution 1584 (L)/	5-16 June	New York	15 E I (EFRS)	T - Two sessions a year
102 UNCITRAL, eleventh session /General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI)/	30 May - 6 June	New York	36 G I (EFRS)	T SR One session a year
103 Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space /General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)/	19-30 June	New York	37 G I (EFRS)	T PV ² / One session a year

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104	Preparatory Committee for the World Conference on the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980 /Economic and Social Council resolution 2062 (LXII)/	19-30 June	New York	23 G	I T	
105	Council of the United Nations University /General Assembly resolution 3081 (XVIII)/	26-30 June	Vienna	24 E	I T (EFS)	Two sessions a year
106	UNCTAD - Committee on Transfer of Technology, second session /Trade and Development Board decision 117 (XIV)/	26 June-7 July	Geneva	d/	I T (ACEFRS)	Normally twice between sessions of the Conference
107	Meetings of Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions /Economic and Social Council resolution 1817 (LV)/	27-30 June	Geneva	-	I - (EP)	Two sessions a year
108	United Nations Board of Auditors /General Assembly resolution 74 (I)/	June (3 weeks)	New York	3 E	I - (ES)	Two sessions a year
109	United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation /General Assembly resolution 913 (X)/	June (1 week)	Vienna	20 G	I T (EFRS)	One session a year

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110 World Food Council, fourth session /General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX)/	June (1 week)	To be determined	36 G	I T (ACEFRS)	One session a year
111 UNITAR - Annual meeting of directors of institutes within the United Nations family /General Assembly resolution 1934 (XVIII)/	June/July (3 days)	Geneva	9 ST	- -	One session a year
112 Five regional meetings of experts in preparation for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology /General Assembly resolution 31/184/	June/July	To be determined			
113 ECLA - Committee of High-Level Government Experts on Human Settlements /Commission resolution 310 (XIV)/	Second quarter	To be determined			
114 Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination	2-3 July	Geneva	54 G	I T (CEFRS)	One session a year
115 International Civil Service Commission, eighth session /General Assembly resolution 3042 (XVII)/	3-21 July	Paris	15 E	I T (EFRS)	Two sessions a year

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116	Economic and Social Council, sixty-fifth session [Charter]	5 July - 4 August	Geneva	54 G	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions a year
117	Human Rights Committee, fourth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI) and International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, part IV]	10-28 July	New York	18 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions a year
118	UNCTAD - Intergovernmental Group on Least Developed Countries, second session [Trade and Development Board decision 119 (XIV)]	17-28 July	Geneva	d/	I (CEFRS)	T	-	
119	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, eighteenth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 (XX)]	24 July - 11 August	New York	18 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions a year
120	Commission on Human Rights: Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts established under Commission resolution 2 (XXIII) [Economic and Social Council resolution 2082 (LXII)]	31 July - 3 August	Geneva					

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121 Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development [Economic and Social Council resolutions 980 A (XXXVI), 1621 B (LI) and 2033 (LXI)]	31 July - 11 August	Geneva	24 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	
122 United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board [General Assembly resolution 248 (III), article 22]	July/ August	To be determined	21 E	I (EF)	T	-	One session a year
123 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 3328 (XXIX)]	First week of August to first week of September	New York	24 G	I (CEFRS)	T	PV f/	Two sessions a year
124 Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Group of Rapporteurs, twenty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1488 (XLVIII) and Economic and Social Council decision 213 (LXII)]	7-11 August	Geneva	8 E	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions a year

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125 Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Group of Experts on Explosives /Economic and Social Council resolution 1488 (XLVIII) and Economic and Social Council decision 213 (LXII)]	14-18 August	Geneva	4 E	I (EFR)	One session a year
126 Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Communications /Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVII)]	14-25 August	Geneva	5 E	I T (EFRS)	One session a year
127 World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination /General Assembly resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) and 31/78 and Economic and Social Council resolution 2057 (LXIII)]	14-25 August	Geneva, New York or other location	-	I T (ACEFRS)	-
128 Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission: Working Group /Economic and Social Council resolution 1893 (LVII)]	21-25 August	New York	75 E	I T (EFRS)	-
129 Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Group of Five on Slavery /Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI)]	23-25 August	Geneva	5 G	I T (EFRS)	One session a year

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130 Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, thirty-first session /Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)/	28 August 15 September	Geneva	26 E	I T (EFRS)	c/ One session a year
131 UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board, eighteenth session, first part /General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)/	29 August- 15 September	Geneva	d/	I T (ACEFRS)	SR
132 United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries /General Assembly resolution 31/172/	August/ September 1/	Buenos Aires	149 G	I T (ACEFRS)	-
133 Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development Ad Hoc Working Group III /Economic and Social Council resolutions 980 A (XXXVI), 1621 B (LI) and 2033 (LXI)/	4-8 September	Geneva			
134 General Assembly, thirty-third session /Charter/	19 September- December	New York	149 G	I T (ACEFRS)	PV/SR ^{k/}

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135 Committee on Science and Technology for Development, third special session, acting as Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, third session /General Assembly resolution 31/184/	5-15 September	New York	54 G	I (EFRS)	SR
136 Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions /General Assembly resolution 14 (I)/	5 September- December	New York	13 E	I T	Two sessions a year
137 States Parties to the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights /General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI) and International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, part IV/	15 September	New York		I T (EFRS)	One session a year
138 UNCTAD - Intergovernmental Preparatory Group on a Convention on International Multimodal Transport, fifth session /Trade and Development Board decisions 96 (XII) and 155 (XVII)/	18 September- 6 October	Geneva	68 G	I T (CEFRS)	-

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139	UNITAR - Board of Trustees /General Assembly resolution 1934 (XVIII)/	September (4-5 days)	New York	24 E	I (EF) T SR	One or two sessions a year
140	United Nations Administrative Tribunal /General Assembly resolution 957 (X)/	September/ October (3 weeks)	New York	7 E	I (EF) T PV i/	Two sessions a year
141	Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development - Ad Hoc Working Group II /Economic and Social Council resolutions 980 A (XXXVI), 1621 B (LI) and 2033 (LXI)/	Third quarter (5 days)	Geneva			
142	UNCTAD - Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries, second session /Trade and Development Board decision 142 (XVI)/	2-13 October	Geneva	d/	I (ACEFRS) T -	Normally twice between sessions
143	International Narcotics Control Board /Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11/	9 October - 3 November	Geneva	13 E	I (EF) T -	Three sessions a year

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144	Administrative Committee on Co-ordination - Working Group of the Preparatory Committee	16-17 October	New York			
145	UNCTAD - United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology /UNCTAD resolution 89 (IV)/	16 October - 10 November	Geneva	a/ I (ACEFRS)	T -	
146	Administrative Committee on Co-ordination - Preparatory Committee	18-20 October	New York			
147	UNCTAD - Working Group on International Shipping Legislation, sixth session /Trade and Development Board decision 46 (VII)/	23 October- 3 November	Geneva	43 G I (EFRS)	T -	
148	Administrative Committee on Co-ordination - Preparatory Committee /Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)/	24-25 October	New York	22 ST I (EF)	- -	Two sessions a year
149	Administrative Committee on Co-ordination /Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)/	30-31 October	New York	22 ST I (EF)	T I (EF)	SR ^f / Two sessions a year
150	UNHCR - Executive Committee /General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII)/	October (10 days)	Geneva	30 G I (EF)	T I (EF)	SR One session a year

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151	ECA - Executive Committee /Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXVI)]	October (4 days)	Addis Ababa	16 G	I (AEF)	Two sessions a year
152	UNDP - Working Group on Administrative and Finance Matters /General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)]	October (2-3 days)	New York	24 ST	- - -	Two sessions a year
153	UNDP - Programme Working Group, Subsidiary body of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board /General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)]	October (2-3 days)	New York	21 ST	- - -	Two sessions a year
154	Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemi- nation and Wider Appreciation of International Law /General Assembly resolution 2939 (XXVI)]	October (2 days)	New York	13 G	I (EFFS)	One session a year
155	UNDP - Inter-Agency Consultative Board, twenty-sixth session /General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)]	October (1 day)	New York	21 ST	I (EF)	Two sessions a year
156	UNEP - Environment Co-ordination Board /General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII)]	October (1 day)	New York	22 ST	I (EF)	SR

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157	United Nations Pledging Conference on the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Capital Development Fund <u>[General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]</u>	October (1 day)	New York	149 G	I (CEFRS)	One meeting a year
158	Economic and Social Council, resumed sixty-fifth session <u>[Charter]</u>	October/ November	New York	54 G	I (CEFRS)	SR
159	United Nations Board of Auditors <u>[General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]</u>	October/ November (2 weeks)	To be determined	3 E	I (ES)	Two sessions a year
160	Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes, sixth session <u>[General Assembly resolution 3304 (XXX)]</u>	Autumn (2 weeks)	Rome	30 G	I (EFS)	Two sessions a year
161	Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency <u>[General Assembly resolution 1438 (XIV)]</u>	October/ November	To be determined	7 E	I (ES)	One session a year
162	Administrative Committee on Co-ordination - Preparatory Committee <u>[Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]</u>	1-3 November	New York			

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163	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, tenth session /Economic and Social Council resolution 14888 (XVIII) and Economic and Social Council decision 213 (LXII)/	20 November- 1 December	Geneva	10 E	I (EFR)	One session every two years
164	UNCTAD - <u>Ad Hoc</u> Intergovernmental Group on Container Standards for International Multimodal Transport, second session /Trade and Development Board decision 157 (XVII)/	20 November - 1 December	Geneva	d/	I (EFRS)	-
165	UNIDO - Pledging Conference /General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI)/	November (1 day)	New York	149 G	I (CEFRS)	One day a year
166	UNICEF - Pledging Conference /General Assembly resolution 3250 (XXIX)/	November (1 day)	New York	149 G	I (CEFRS)	One day a year
167	<u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency in the Near East /General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)/	November (1 meeting)	New York	149 G	I (CEFRS)	One meeting a year

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168	Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	149 G	I (CEFRS) T SR	One meeting a year
169	UNIDO - Permanent Committee of IDB, eleventh session [General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI)]	November/ December (2 weeks)	Vienna	45 G	I (CEFRS) T -	Two sessions a year
170	Council of the United Nations University [General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)]	4-8 December	Tokyo	24 E	I (EFS) -	Two sessions a year
171	Security Council [Charter]	As required	New York	15 G	I (CEFRS) T PV	As required
171	Security Council - Committee established in pursuance of Security Council resolution 253 (1968) concerning the question of Southern Rhodesia	As required	New York	15 G	I (CEFRS) T SR	As required

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		(1978)				I	T	SR	
172	Security Council - Committee of Experts /Decision taken by the Security Council at its first meeting, 1946/	As required	New York	15 G	I (CEFRS)			SR	As required
173	Security Council - Committee of Experts established by the Security Council at its 1506th meeting	As required	New York	15 G	I (CEFRS)			SR	As required
174	Security Council - <u>Ad Hoc</u> Sub-Committee on Namibia /Security Council resolution 283 (1970)/	As required	New York	15 G	I (CEFRS)			SR	As required
175	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	I (CEFRS)			SR	As required
176	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	I (CEFRS)			SR	As required
177	Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations /General Assembly resolutions 2006 (XIX) and 31/105/	As required	New York	33 G	I (EPRS)			SR	As required

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		As required				I	T	
178	Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations - Working Group /General Assembly resolutions 2006 (XIX) and 31/105/	As required		New York	13 G	(EFRS)	-	As required
179	United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine /General Assembly resolution 2792 A (XXVI)/	As required		New York	3 G	(EF)		As required
180	Peace Observation Commission /General Assembly resolution 377 (V)/	To be determined		New York	13 G	I	T	SR
181	Disarmament Commission /General Assembly resolution 1403 (XIV)/	To be determined		To be determined	149 G	I (CEFRS)	T	PV As required
182	Conference of the Committee on Disarmament /General Assembly resolution 3261 (XXIX)/	To be determined		Geneva	31 G	I (EFRS)	T	PV Two sessions a year
183	Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference /General Assembly resolution 3260 (XXIX)/	To be determined		New York	18 G	I	T	SR

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		To be determined	To be determined			I (CEF)	T	SR	
184	<u>Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean /General Assembly resolution 3259 (XXIX)/</u>	To be determined	To be determined	New York	18 G	(CEF)	T	SR	To be determined
185	United Nations Council for Namibia /General Assembly resolution 2238 (S-V) and 3295 (XXIX)/	As required	New York	25 G	(CEFRS)	I	T	SR	As required
186	Special Committee against Apartheid /General Assembly resolution 2923 C (XXVII)/	To be determined	New York	18 G	(EFRS)	I	T	SR	As required
187	United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa - Committee of Trustees /General Assembly resolution 2923 B (XXVII)/	To be determined	New York	5G	(EFS)	I	T	-	About four meetings a year
188	Committee on Arrangements for a Conference for the Purpose of Reviewing the Charter /General Assembly resolution 2285 (XXII)/	To be determined	New York	149 G	(CEFRS)	I	T	SR	To be determined
189	Committee on Applications for Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements /General Assembly resolution 351 (IV)/	If required	New York	25 G	(CEFRS)	I	T	-	If required

	Organ	Dates (1978)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/	Periodicity
190	Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa /General Assembly resolution 2431 (XXIII)/	To be determined	New York	7 G	I (EFS) T	About four meetings a year
191	United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee /General Assembly resolution 1344 (XIII)/	To be determined	To be determined	7 G	I (EFR) T	To be determined
192	Investments Committee /General Assembly resolution 83 (I), annex, sect.25/	To be determined	New York	6 E	-	Four meetings a year
193	United Nations Staff Pension Committee /General Assembly resolution 248 (III), article 20/	To be determined	New York	9 E	-	Three sessions of one meeting each a year
194	UNEP - Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on Natural Resources shared by two or more States	To be determined	Nairobi	1/ I (EFRS)	T	-

	Organ	Dates (1978)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/	Periodicity
195	UNEP - Working Group on Environmental Law	To be determined	Nairobi	-	I T (EFRS)	-
196	United Nations Staff Pension Board-Standing Committee /General Assembly resolution 248 (III), article 22/	To be determined	New York	9 E	I (EF)	- Three sessions of three meetings a year
197	Committee on Relations with the Host Country /General Assembly resolution 3107 (XXVIII)/	As required	New York	15 G	I T (CEFRS)	SR Two meetings a month
198	UNCTAD - Meetings under the Integrated Programme for Commodities /UNCTAD resolution 93 (IV)/	As required (up to 50 weeks)	Geneva	d/	I T (ACEFRS)	-
199	United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development - Expert Group on Science and Technology and the Future m/	To be determined	To be determined			
200	UNCTAD - Working parties, study groups and expert groups (convened by virtue of a special authorization in each particular case)	As required (up to 16 weeks)	Geneva	G or E	I T (EFRS)	-

Organ	Dates (1978)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/	Periodicity
201 Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against <u>Apartheid</u> in Sports /General Assembly resolution 31/6 F/	To be determined	New York	25 G	I T (EFRS)	As required
202 Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Fifth meeting of Operational Heads of National Narcotics Law Enforcement Agencies, Far East Region /Economic and Social Council resolution 1845 (LVI)/	To be determined	A capital in the region	18 G	- -	-
203 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 (LVI)/	To be determined	A capital in the region	5 G	- -	-
204 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 T (EFRS)	One session a year
205 Committee for Development Planning Working Group II /Economic and Social Council resolutions 1035 (XXXVII) and 1625 (LI)/	To be determined	Geneva	24 E	I T (EFRS)	One session a year

Organ	Dates (1978)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/ T	Periodicity
206 Committee for Development Planning, Working Group III / <u>E</u> conomic and Social Council resolutions 1035 (XXXVII) and 1625 (LI) <u>II</u>	To be determined	New York	24 E	I T (EFRS)	One session a year
207 Board of Governors of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries /General Assembly resolution 31/17 <u>II</u>	To be determined	To be determined			

a/ The languages in which interpretation will be provided are indicated. The languages in which translation and meeting records will be provided vary according to the rules of procedure applicable to the body concerned and, in the case of some working groups and similar bodies, to the actual requirements when less than would be provided under the rules of procedure.

b/ The Economic and Social Council by its decision 273 (LXIII), decided that its resolution 2079 (LXII) should not be put into effect until such time as the Council had reviewed its implications at its organizational session for 1978 in the light of the outcome of the work of the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system.

c/ May request summary records for particular discussions when needed.

d/ Open for participation to all interested States members of UNCTAD /UNCTAD resolution 80 (III), para. 9/.

e/ At the sixty-third session of the Economic and Social Council, views were expressed for and against holding this session in New York. The Secretariat undertook to explore the possibility of holding the session in New York and to inform the General Assembly at its thirty-second session of the result of the inquiry.

f/ For plenary meetings only.

g/ The third special session of the Committee on Natural Resources is to be preceded by regional meetings; the dates of the session will be reviewed at the organizational session of the Economic and Social Council session for 1978.

h/ See chapter II B of the present report.

i/ When holding oral hearings.

j/ The change in the date for the convening of the Conference was recommended to the General Assembly by the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries at its second session.

k/ It has been the practice to provide verbatim records for plenary meetings and First Committee meetings only.

l/ Open for participation to all interested States, Members of UNEP Governing Council.

m/ Subject to confirmation by the Economic and Social Council at its next organizational session.

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Organ	Dates (1979)	Location	Member- ship	I (EFRS)	T	Servicing a/ -	Periodicity
1 UNCITRAL - Working Group on Negotiable Instruments, seventh session <u>General Assembly</u> resolution 2928 (XXVII)	2-12 January	New York	8 G	I (EFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions a year
2 Military Staff Committee <u>Charter</u>	4 January, once every fortnight thereafter	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV	Every second Thursday
3 Economic and Social Council, organizational session for 1978 <u>Charter</u>	9-12 January	New York	54 G	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions a year
4 Commission on Human Rights - <u>Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts</u> established under Commission resolution 2 (XXIII)	9-19 January	Geneva	6 G	I (EFS)	T	-	
5 United Nations Special Fund - Board of Governors <u>General Assembly</u> resolution 3356 (XXIX)	12 January	New York		I (EFRS)	T	-	

Organ	Dates (1979)		Location	Membership	Servicing a/		Periodicity
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6 Statistical Commission, twentieth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L)]	15-26 January		New York	24 G	I (EFPS)	T -	One session every two years
7 Commission for Social Development twenty-sixth session b/ [Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1147 (XLI)]	15 January- 2 February or 20 February- 9 March		Vienna or New York	32 G	I (EFPS)	T c/	
8 Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology for Development [Economic and Social Council resolutions 980 A (XXXVI), 1621 B (LI) and 2033 (LXI)]	22 January- 2 February		Geneva	24 E	I (EFPS)	T -	One session every two years
9 Population Commission, twentieth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 150 (VII) and 1147 (XLI)]	29 January- 9 February		New York	27 G	I (EFPS)	T -	One session every two years
10 Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Inde- pendence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 3328 (XXIX)]	Last week of January to first week of July		New York	24 G	I (CEFRS)	T P ^d /	Two sessions a year

Organ	Dates (1979)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/ T	Periodicity
11 UNCTAD - Technical Committee of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT eighth session	January (1 week)	Geneva	18 G	I (EFRS) T -	One session a year
12 UNCTAD - Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre, UNCTAD/GATT, twelfth session <u>General Assembly resolution 2297 (XXI)</u>	January (4 days)	Geneva	e/	I (CEFRS) T -	One session a year
13 UNDP - Governing Council and Intergovernmental Working Group on Overhead Costs <u>General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)</u>	January (3-5 days)	New York	48 G	I (CEFRS) T SR	
14 Meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions <u>Economic and Social Council resolution 1817 (LV)</u>	January (3 days)	To be determined	-	I (ES) T -	Two sessions a year
15 United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Committee of Actuaries <u>General Assembly resolution 248 (III), article 22</u>	January/ February	New York	6 E	I (EFR) T -	Two sessions a year

Organ	Dates (1979)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/	Periodicity
16 Commission on Human Rights: Group of Three under the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of <u>Apartheid</u> (Article IX of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of <u>Apartheid</u>)	5-9 February	Geneva	3 E		
17 Commission on Human Rights: <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee on Periodic Reports <u>Economic and Social Council</u> resolution 1074 C (XXXIX)	5-9 February	Geneva	8 G	I T - (EFRS)	One session a year
18 Committee on Science and Technology for Development, fourth special session, acting as Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, fourth session <u>General Assembly</u> resolution 31/184	5-16 February	New York	54 G	I T -	
19 Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee <u>General Assembly</u> resolution 1721 (XVI)	5-16 February	New York	37 G	I T SR (EFRS)	One session a year
20 Committee on Natural Resources, sixth session <u>Economic and Social Council</u> resolution 9 (I)	12-23 February	New York	54 G	I T c/ (EFRS)	One session every two years

	Organ	Dates		Location	Membership	Servicing a/			Periodicity
		(1979)				I	T	SR	
21	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, twenty-eighth session <u>Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (I)</u>	12-23 February		Geneva	30 G	(FRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
22	Commission on Human Rights, thirty-fifth session <u>Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)</u>	12 February-16 March		Geneva	32 G	(EPRS)	T	c/	One session a year
23	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations <u>Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV)</u>	26 February-2 March		New York	13 G	(EPRS)	T	c/	One session every two years
24	UNCTRAL - Working Group on the International Sale of Goods, eleventh session <u>General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)</u>	February (2 weeks)		Geneva	14 G	(EPRS)	T	-	
25	Second United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas <u>Economic and Social Council resolution 2048 (LXII)</u>	February (2 weeks)		Mexico City		(EPRS)	T	-	
26	ECA - Executive Committee <u>Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)</u>	February (3 days)		Rabat	16 G	(AEF)	T		Two sessions a year

	Organ	Dates (1979)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/ I	Periodicity
27	UNDP - Working Group on Administrative and Finance Matters [General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)]	February (2-3 days)	Geneva	24 ST	- - -	Two sessions a year
28	ECA - Technical Committee of Experts [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	February (1 week)	Rabat	41 G	I (EP) T	One session a year
29	ECA - Conference of Ministers, fourteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	February (1 week)	Rabat			
30	UNDP - Programme Working Group [subsidiary body of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board]	Mid or late February (2-3 days)	Geneva	21 ST	- - -	Two sessions a year
31	UNDP - Inter-Agency Consultative Board, twenty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)]	Late February/early March	Geneva	21 ST	I (EP) -	Two sessions a year
32	UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board tenth special session [Trade and Development Board resolution 154 (XVII)]	5-16 March	Geneva	e/	I T (ACEFRS)	SR

Organ	Dates (1979)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/ T	Periodicity
33 Eighth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names /Economic and Social Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV)/	5-16 March	New York	45 E	I (CEFRS)	One session a year
34 Commission on Transnational Corporations, fifth session	12-23 March	New York	28 G	I (CEFRS)	One session a year
35 Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Legal Sub-Committee /General Assembly resolution 1721 (XVI)/	12 March-6 April	New York ^{f/}	37 G	I (EFRS)	One session a year
36 Committee for Development Planning, fifteenth session /Economic and Social Council resolutions 1035 (XXXVII) and 1625 (LI)/	26 March-6 April	New York	24 E	I (EFRS)	One session a year
37 United Nations Administrative Tribunal /General Assembly resolution 957 (X)/	26 March-12 April	Geneva	7 E	I (EF)	Two sessions a year

Organ	Dates (1979)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/			Periodicity
38 Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, nineteenth session /General Assembly resolution 2106 (XX)/	26 March- 13 April	New York	18 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions a year
39 ECE, thirty-fourth session /Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)/	27 March 6 April	Geneva	32 E	I (EFR)	T	S/	One session a year
40 International Civil Service Commission /General Assembly resolution 3042 (XXVII)/	March (3 weeks)	New York	13 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions a year
41 International Narcotics Control Board /Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11/	March (2 weeks)	Geneva	11 E	I (EP)	T	-	Three sessions a year
42 UNCTAD - Working Party on the Programme Budget and Medium-Term Plan /Trade and Development Board resolution 156 (XVII)/	March (4 days)	Geneva	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session a year

Organ	Dates (1979)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/ I T SR	Periodicity
43 UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board, eighteenth session, second part General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)]	March (1 day)	Geneva	e/	I T SR (ACEFRS)	
44 Human Rights Committee, fifth session General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI) and International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, part IV]	March/ April	New York	18 E	I T (EFRS)	Two sessions a year
45 Administrative Committee on Co-ordina- tion and its Preparatory Committee Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	March/ April (3 weeks)	Geneva	22 ST	I ^d / (EF)	Two sessions a year
46 ESCAP - thirty-fifth session General and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV), 69 (V), 414 C.1 (XIII) and 723 B.II (XXVIII)]	March/ April (2 weeks)	To be determined	30 G	I T (EF)	One session a year
47 UNCITRAL, twelfth session General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI)]	March/ April (3 weeks)	Geneva	36 G	I T SR (EFRS)	One session a year
48 Consultative Panel on Public Informa- tion General Assembly resolution 2897 (XXVI)]	March/ April (3 days)	New York	26 G	I T SR (CEFRS)	One session a year

Organ	Dates (1979)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/ I T SR	Periodicity
49 Economic and Social Council, sixty-sixth session [Charter]	10 April- 11 May	New York	54 G	I T SR (CEFRS)	Two sessions a year
50 ECWA, sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1818 (LV)]	16-20 April	To be determined			One session a year
51 UNIDO - Twelfth session of the Permanent Committee of IDB [General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI)]	17-20 April	Vienna	45 G	I T (CEFRS)	Two sessions a year
52 Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 14 (I)]	24 April- 13 July	New York	13 E	I T (CEFRS)	Two sessions a year
53 ECLA - eighteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI), 234 B (IX), 414 C.1 (XIII) and 2019 (LXI)]	April/ May	To be determined			
54 UNIDO - IDB, thirteenth session [General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI)]	2-18 May (8-9 days)	Vienna	45 G	I T SR (CEFRS)	One session a year

Organ	Dates (1979)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/ I T	Periodicity
55 UNCTAD - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Pre-Conference meeting /General Assembly resolution 31/159/	3-4 May	Manila	155 G	I T (ACEFRS)	
56 UNCTAD - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, fifth session /General Assembly resolution 31/159 and TDB decision/	7 May- 1 June	Manila	155 G	I T (ACEFRS)	SR
57 Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, nineteenth session /Economic and Social Council resolutions 2008 (LX) and 2019 (LXI)/	7 May- 1 June	New York	21 G	I T (EFRS)	SR One session a year
58 International Law Commission /General Assembly resolution 1647 (XVI)/	7 May- 27 July	Geneva	25 E	I T (EFRS)	SR One session a year
59 UNICEF - Executive Board, Committee on Administration and Finance, Programme Committee	14-25 May	New York	30 G	I T (EFRS)	SR ^d

Organ	Dates (1979)		Location	Membership	Servicing a/			Periodicity
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60 Committee on Review and Appraisal, fifth session /Economic and Social Council resolution 1621 C (LI)/	14 May-1 June		New York	54 G	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Normally once every two years
61 UNEP - Governing Council /General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII)/	May		Nairobi	58 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session a year
62 Conference of Plenipotentiaries to Conclude a Convention on the International Sale of Goods	May/June (6 weeks)		To be determined	-	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
63 Trusteeship Council (and drafting committees), forty-sixth session /Charter/	May/June (4 weeks)		New York	6 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV ^d /	As required
64 International Narcotics Control Board /Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11/	May/June (2 1/2 weeks)		Geneva	11 E	I (EF)	T	-	Three sessions a year
65 United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Committee of Actuaries /General Assembly resolution 248 (III), article 22/	May/June (1 week)		New York	6 E	I (EFR)	-	-	Two sessions a year

Organ	Dates (1979)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/	Periodicity
66 Committee on Contributions <u>General</u> Assembly rules of procedure/	4 June- 6 July	New York	18 E	I - (CEFRS)	One session a year
67 Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space <u>General Assembly</u> resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	11-22 June	New York	37 G	I T (EFRS)	One session a year
68 Council of the United Nations University, twelfth session <u>General Assembly</u> resolution 3081 (XXVIII)]	25-29 June	Tokyo	24 E	I T (EFS)	Two sessions a year
69 Meetings of Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions <u>Economic and Social Council</u> resolution 1817 (LVI)]	28 June- 2 July	Geneva	-	- -	Two sessions a year
70 UNDP - Governing Council, twenty- sixth session <u>General Assembly</u> resolution 2029 (XX)]	June (4 weeks)	Geneva	48 G	I T (CEFRS)	SR
71 UNDP - Governing Council - Budgetary and Finance Committee <u>General</u> Assembly resolution 2813 (XXVI)]	June (3 weeks)	Geneva	48 G	I T (EFRS)	-

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72	UNDP - Intergovernmental Working Group on Overhead Costs	June	Geneva	48 G	I T (CEFRS)	-
73	United Nations Board of Auditors [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	June (3 weeks)	New York	3 E	I (ES)	Two sessions a year
74	International Civil Service Commission [General Assembly resolution 3042 (XXVII)]	June (2 1/2 weeks)	To be determined	13 E	I T (EFRS)	Two sessions a year
75	World Food Council, fourth session [General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX)]	June (3 days)	Rome	36 G	I T (ACEFRS)	One session a year
76	Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination	2-3 July	Geneva	54 G 22 ST	I T (CEFRS)	SR One session a year
77	UNITAR - Annual meeting of directors of institutes within the United Nations family [General Assembly resolution 1934 (XVIII)]	2-4 July	Geneva	9 ST	-	One session a year

Organ	Dates (1979)		Location	Membership	Servicing a/		Periodicity
78 Statistical Commission - Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination /Economic and Social Council resolution 1306 (XLIV)/	2-4 July		Geneva	8 G	I T (EFR)	-	One session a year
79 Economic and Social Council, sixty-seventh session /Charter/	4 July-3 August		Geneva	54 G	I T (CEFRS)	SR	Two sessions a year
80 Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980 /Economic and Social Council resolution 2062 (LXII)/	16-27 July		Vienna or New York ^{b/}	23 G	I T (CEFRS)	-	
81 Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission: Working Group /Economic and Social Council resolution 1893 (LVII)/	23-27 July		New York	75 E	I T (EFRS)	-	
82 Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, twentieth session /General Assembly resolution 2106 (XX)/	30 July-17 August		New York	18 E	I T (EFRS)	SR	Two sessions a year
83 Human Rights Committee, sixth session /General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI) and International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, part IV/	July/August (3 weeks)		Geneva	18 E	I T (EFRS)	SR	Two sessions a year

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84 United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board /General Assembly resolution 248 (III), article 22/	July/ August	To be determined	21 R	I (EF)			-	One session a year
85 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 3328 (XXIX)/	First week of August to first week of September	New York	24 G	I (CEPRS)		T	PV ^d /	Two sessions a year
86 Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Communications /Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII)/	6-17 August	Geneva	5 E	I (EFPS)		T	-	One session a year
87 Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Group of Five on Slavery /Economic and Social Council resolution 16 (LVI)/	15-17 August	Geneva	5 E	I (EFPS)		T	-	One session every two years
88 Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, thirty-second session /Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)/	20 August- 7 September	Geneva	26 E	I (EFPS)		T	c/	One session a year

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89 UNCTAD - TDB, nineteenth session (first part) /General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) /	28 August- 14 September	Geneva	e/	I T ST (ACEFRS)	
90 United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development /General Assembly resolution 31/184 /	August/ September (2 weeks)	To be determined	149 G	I T SR (CEFRS)	
91 Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions /General Assembly resolution 14 (I) /	4 September- December	New York	13 E	I T - (CEFRS)	Two sessions a year
92 General Assembly, thirty-fourth session /Charter /	18 September- December	New York	149 G	I T PV/SR ^h / (ACEFRS)	
93 UNITAR - Board of Trustees /General Assembly resolution 1934 (XVIII) /	September (4-5 days)	New York	24 E	I T SR (EF)	One or two sessions a year
94 UNIDO - Third General Conference	September/ October (3 weeks)	New Delhi	154 G	I T SR ^d / (CEFRS)	One session every four years
95 United Nations Administrative Tribunal /General Assembly resolution 957 (X) /	September/ October	New York	7 E	I T PV ^d / (EF)	Two sessions a year

Organ	Dates (1979)		Location	Membership	Servicing a/		Periodicity
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96 Committee on Housing, Building and Planning / Social and Economic Council resolutions 903 C (XXXIV) and 1147 (XLI) / i/	8-19 October		Geneva	27 G	(ETR)	-	One session every two years
97 International Narcotics Control Board / Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11/	10 October-2 November		Geneva	11 E	I (EF)	T	Three sessions a year
98 Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and its Preparatory Committee / Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III) /	October (2 1/2 weeks)		New York	22 ST	I ^d / (EF)	-	Two sessions a year
99 UNHCR - Executive Committee	October (10 days)		Geneva	30 G	I (EF)	T	One session a year
100 UNDP - Working Group on Administrative and Finance Matters / General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX) /	October (2-3 days)		New York	24 ST	-	-	Two sessions a year
101 UNDP - Programme Working Group subsidiary body of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board	October (2-3 days)		New York	21 ST	-	-	Two sessions a year

Organ	Dates		Location	Membership	Servicing a/		Periodicity
	(1979)				I	T	
102	Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law / General Assembly resolution 2838 (XXVI)]	October (2 days)	New York	13 G	I (EPRS)	T -	One session a year
103	UNDP - Inter-Agency Consultative Board, twenty-eighth session / General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)]	October (1 day)	New York	21 ST	I (EF)	-	Two sessions a year
104	UNEP - Environment Co-ordination Board	October (1 day)	New York	22 ST	I (EF)	-	SR
105	Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes / General Assembly resolution 3404 (XXX)]	October/November (2 weeks)	Rome	30 G	I (EFS)	T	Two sessions a year
106	United Nations Board of Auditors / General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	October/November (2 weeks)	To be determined	3 E	I (ES)	-	Two sessions a year
107	Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency / General Assembly resolution 1438 (XIV)]	October/November (1 week)	To be determined	7 E	I (ES)	-	One session a year

	Organ	Dates		Location	Membership	Servicing a/		Periodicity
		(1979)				I	T	
108	United Nations Pledging Conference on the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Capital Development Fund /General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)/	October/ November (1 day)		New York	149 G	(CEFRS)	SR	One meeting a year
109	UNIDO - Pledging Conference /General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI)/	November (1 day)		New York	149 G	(CEFRS)	SR	One day a year
110	UNICEF - Pledging Conference /General Assembly resolution 3250 (XXIX)/	November (1 day)		New York	149 G	(CEFRS)	SR	One day a year
111	Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency in the Near East /General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)/	November (1 meeting)		New York	149 G	(CEFRS)	SR	One meeting a year
112	Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees /General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)/	November (1 meeting)		New York	149 G	(CEFRS)	SR	One meeting a year

Organ	Dates (1979)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/ I T -	Periodicity
113 UNIDO - Permanent Committee of IDB, fourteenth session /General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI)/	November/ December (2 weeks)	Vienna	45 G	I (CEFRS)	Two sessions
114 Council of the United Nations University /General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)/	3-7 December	To be determined	24	I (EFS)	Two sessions a year
115 Expert Group on Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries /Economic and Social Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV)/	10-21 December	New York	18 E	I (EFS)	-
116 Security Council /Charter/	As required	New York	15 G	I (CEFRS)	PV As required
117 Security Council - Committee established in pursuance of Security Council resolution 253 (1968) concerning the question of Southern Rhodesia	As required	New York	15 G	I (CEFRS)	SR As required

Organ	Dates (1979)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/			Periodicity
				I	T	SR	
118 Security Council Committee of Experts / Decision taken by the Security Council at its first meeting, 1946/	As required	New York	15 G	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	As required
119 Security Council - Committee of Experts established by the Security Council at its 1506th meeting	As required	New York	15 G	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	As required
120 Security Council - Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on Namibia / Security Council resolution 283 (1970)/	As required	New York	15 G	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	As required
121 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	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	As required
122 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	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	As required

	Organ	Dates (1979)		Location	Membership	Servicing a/			Periodicity
						I	T	SR	
123	Special Committee on Peace-Keeping Operations /General Assembly resolution 2006 (XIX) and 31/105]	As required	New York	33 G	I (EFRS)			SR	As required
124	Special Committee on Peace-Keeping Operations - Working Group /General Assembly resolution 2006 (XIX) and 31/105]	As required	New York	13 G	I (EFRS)			-	As required
125	United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine /General Assembly resolution 2792 A (XXVI)]	As required	New York	3 G	I (EF)			SR	As required
126	Peace Observation Commission /General Assembly resolution 377 (V)]	To be determined	New York	13 G	I			SR	To be determined
127	Disarmament Commission /General Assembly resolution 1403 (XIV)]	To be determined	To be determined	147 G	I (CEFRS)			PV	As required
128	Conference of the Committee on Disarmament /General Assembly resolution 3261 (XXIX)]	To be determined	Geneva	31 G	I (EFRS)			PV	Two sessions

Organ	Dates (1979)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/	Periodicity
129 Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference /General Assembly resolution 3260 (XXIX)/	To be determined	New York	40 G	I T (CEFRS)	SR
130 Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean /General Assembly resolution 3259 (XXIX)/	To be determined	To be determined	18 G	I T (CEF)	SR To be determined
131 United Nations Council for Namibia /General Assembly resolution 2248 (S-V) and 3295 (XXIX)/	As required	New York	25 G	I T (CEFRS)	SR As required
132 Special Committee against Apartheid /General Assembly resolution 2923 C (XXVII)/	To be determined	New York	18 G	I T (EFRS)	SR As required
133 Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against Apartheid in Sports /General Assembly resolution 31/6 F/	To be determined	New York	25 G	I T (EFRS)	- As required
134 United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa - Committee of Trustees /General Assembly resolution 2923 B (XXVII)/	To be determined	New York	5 G	I T (EFS)	- About four meetings a year

Organ	Dates (1979)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/	Periodicity
135 Committee on Arrangements for a Conference for the Purpose of Reviewing the Charter <u>General Assembly resolution 2285 (XXII)</u>	To be determined	New York	149 G	I T (CEFRS)	To be determined SR
136 Committee on Applications for Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements <u>General Assembly resolution 351 (IV)</u>	If required	New York	25 G	I T (CEFRS)	If required -
137 Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa <u>General Assembly resolution 2431 (XXIII)</u>	To be determined	New York	7 G	I T (EFS)	About four meetings a year -
138 United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee <u>General Assembly resolution 1344 (XIII)</u>	To be determined	To be determined	7 G	I T (EFR)	To be determined SR
139 Investments Committee <u>General Assembly resolution 83 (I), annex, sect. 25</u>	To be determined	New York	6 E	- -	Four meetings a year -
140 Committee on Relations with the Host Country <u>General Assembly resolution 3107 (XXVIII)</u>	As required	New York	15 G	I T (CEFRS)	Two meetings a month SR

Organ	Dates (1979)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/	Periodicity
141 UNCTAD - Main committee	If required (2 weeks)	Geneva	e/	I T (ACEFRS)	Normally twice between sessions of the Conference
142 UNCTAD - Main committee	If required (2 weeks)	Geneva	e/	I T (ACEFRS)	Normally twice between sessions of the Conference
143 UNCTAD - Main committee	If required (2 weeks)	Geneva	e/	I T	Normally twice between sessions of the Conference
144 UNCTAD - Committee on Tungsten, twelfth session	If required (1 week)	Geneva	29 G	I T (CEFRS)	One session a year
145 UNCTAD - Special Committee on Preferences, ninth session /UNCTAD resolution 77 (III)/	To be determined (2 weeks)	Geneva	e/	I T (ACEFRS)	

Organ	Dates (1979)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/ Periodicity
146 UNCTAD - Permanent Group on Synthetics and Substitutes, seventh session	To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	24 G	I T (EFRS) -
147 UNCTAD - United Nations Conference on a Convention on International Multimodal Transport /Trade and Development Board decision 96 (XII)/	To be determined (4 weeks)	Geneva	e/	I T (ACEFRS) -
148 UNCTAD - Commodity conferences /Trade and Development Board decision 7 (I)/	As required (up to 10 weeks)	Geneva	e/	I T (CEFRS) -
149 UNCTAD - Commodity consultations /UNCTAD resolution 83 (III)/	As required (up to 10 weeks)	Geneva	e/	I T (EFRS) -
150 UNCTAD - Working Parties, study groups and expert groups /Convened by virtue of a special authorization in each particular case/	As required (up to 16 weeks)	Geneva	G or E	I T (EFRS) -

	Organ	Dates		Location	Membership	Servicing a/			Periodicity
		(1979)				I	T	-	
151	United Nations Staff Pension Board - Standing Committee /General Assembly resolution 248 (III), article 22/	To be determined	New York	9 E	(EF)	-	-	-	Three sessions of three meetings each per year
152	United Nations Staff Pension Committee /General Assembly resolution 248 (III), article 20/	To be determined	New York	9 E	-	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
153	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - sixth meeting of Operational Heads of National Narcotic Law Enforcement Agencies, Far East Region /Economic and Social Council resolution 1845 (LVII)/	To be determined	A capital in the region	5 G	-	-	-	-	
154	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic in the Near and Middle East /Economic and Social Council resolution 1776 (LIV)/	To be determined	A capital in the region	5 G	-	-	-	-	
155	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Group of Rapporteurs /Economic and Social Council resolution 2050 (LXII)/	To be determined (2 weeks)	Geneva						

Organ	Dates		Location	Membership	Servicing a/		Periodicity
	(1979)						
156	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 (EFRS)	T -	One session a year
157	Committee for Development Planning - Working Group II /Economic and Social Council resolutions 1035 (XXXVII) and 1625 (LI)/	To be determined	Geneva	24 E	I (EFRS)	T -	One session a year
158	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 (EFRS)	T -	One session a year
159	Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development- Ad Hoc Working Group I /Economic and Social Council resolutions 980 A (XXXVI), 1621 B (LI) and 2033 (LXI)/	To be determined (5 days)	Geneva				
160	Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development- Ad Hoc Working Group II /Economic and Social Council resolutions 980 A (XXXVI), 1621 B (LI) and 2033 (LXI)/	To be determined (5 days)	To be determined				

Organ	Dates (1979)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/ Periodicity
161 Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development - <u>Ad Hoc</u> Working Group III /Economic and Social Council resolutions 980 (XXXVI), 1621 B (LI) and 2033 (LXI)	To be determined (5 days)	To be determined		
162 Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development - Regional Group for ECE countries /Economic and Social Council resolutions 980 A (XXXVI), 1621 B (LI) and 2033 (LXI)	To be determined (3 days)	Geneva		
163 Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development - Regional Group for ECA countries /Economic and Social Council resolutions 980 A (XXXVI), 1621 B (LI) and 2033 (LXI)	To be determined (3 days)	Addis Ababa		
164 Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development - Regional Group for ECLA countries /Economic and Social Council resolutions 980 A (XXXVI), 1621 B (LI) and 2033 (LXI)	To be determined (3 days)	Santiago		

Organ	Dates (1979)	Location	Membership	Servicing a/	Periodicity
165 Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development - Regional Group for ECWA countries /Economic and Social Council resolutions 980 A (XXXVI), 1621 B (LI) and 2033 (LXI)/	To be determined (3 days)	To be determined			
166 . Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development - Regional Group for ESCAP countries /Economic and Social Council resolutions 980 A (XXXVI), 1621 B (LI) and 2033 (LXI)/	To be determined (3 days)	Bangkok			

a/ The languages in which interpretation will be provided are indicated. Languages in which translation and meeting records will be provided vary according to the rules of procedure applicable to the body concerned and, in the case of some working groups and similar bodies, to the actual requirements when less than would be provided under the rules of procedure.

b/ It is expected that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs will be moved to Vienna late in 1978. Should the Centre not move to Vienna in time, the session of the Commission will be held in New York on the dates specified.

c/ May request summary records for particular discussions when needed.

d/ For plenary meetings only.

e/ Open for participation to all interested States members of UNCTAD /UNCTAD resolution 80 (III), para. 2/.

f/ See chapter II B of the present report.

g/ When holding oral hearings.

h/ It has been the practice to provide verbatim records for plenary meetings and First Committee meetings only.

i/ Subject to review in the light of decisions by the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the question of the institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements.

**B. Provisional calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal
organs of the specialized agencies and IAEA, 1978-1979**

1978

Organ	Dates (1978)	Location
1. WHO - Executive Board, 61st session	January	Geneva
2. ILO - Governing Body, 205th session	13 February- 3 March	Geneva
3. IAEA - Board of Governors	21-24 February	Vienna
4. ICAO - Council, 93rd session	27 February- 23 March	Montreal
5. WIPO - Permanent Committee for Development Co-operation related to Industrial Property	15-19 March	Geneva
6. WIPO - Permanent Committee for Development related to Copyright and Neighbouring Rights	18-22 March	Geneva
7. ITU - International Radio Consultative Committee (CCIR) Plenary Assembly	April/May (2-3 weeks)	Geneva
8. UNESCO - Executive Board, 104th session	25 April- (5-6 weeks)	Paris
9. ILO - Governing Body 206th session	29 May- 3 June	Geneva
10. WHO - Thirty-first World Health Assembly and Executive Board, 62nd session	May (3 weeks)	Geneva
11. IMCO - Council, 40th session	May (1 week)	London
12. UPU - Executive Council	May	Berne
13. WMO - Executive Committee, 30th session	May-June	Geneva
14. ICAO - Council, 94th session	5-30 June	Montreal
15. IAEA - Board of Governors	6-9 June	Vienna
16. ILO - General Conference	7 June- (3 weeks)	Geneva
17. IMCO - Conference on Search and Rescue	14-30 June	London
18. ITU - Administrative Council, 33rd session	June (3 weeks)	Geneva

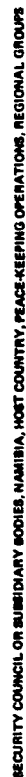
	Organ	Dates (1978)	Location
19	WHO - International Conference on Primary Health Care	6-12 September	Alma Ata (USSR)
20	IAEA - Board of Governors	15 September	Vienna
21	IAEA - General Conference	18-22 September	Vienna
22	IAEA - Board of Governors	25 September	Vienna
23	IMF, IBRD, IDA, IFC - Board of Governors	25-29 September	Washington
24	WIPO - Governing Bodies	25 September- 2 October	Geneva
25	UNESCO - Executive Board, 105th session	Mid-September (3 weeks)	Paris
26	IMCO - Council, 41st session	October (1 week)	London
27	UNESCO - General Conference, 20th session	October/ November	Paris
28	ILO - Governing Council, 207th session	6-17 November	Geneva
29	IMCO - Conference on Training	8 November- 1 December	London
30	ICAO - Council, 95th session	13 November- 20 December	Montreal
31	FAO - Council, 74th session	November (2 weeks)	Rome
32	IFAD - Executive Board	As required	To be determined
33	IFAD - Governing Council	One session a year	To be determined
34	WIPO - Diplomatic Conference for the revision of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property	To be determined	Geneva

Organ	Dates (1979)	Location
1. WHO - Executive Board, 63rd session	January	Geneva
2. ILO - Governing Body	12 February- 2 March	Geneva
3. IAEA - Board of Governors	20-23 February	Vienna
4. ICAO - Council, 96th session	26 February- 30 March	Montreal
5. UPU - Executive Council	February/March	Berne
6. WIPO - Permanent Committee for Development Co-operation related to Industrial Property	16-20 March	Geneva
7. WIPO - Permanent Committee for Development related to Copyright and Neighbouring Rights	19-23 March	Geneva
8. UNESCO - Executive Board, 106th session	April/May (5-6 weeks)	Paris
9. IMCO - Legal Conference	April/May	London
10. WMO - Eighth World Meteorological Congress	April/May	Geneva
11. ILO - Governing Body	28 May-2 June	Geneva
12. WMO - Executive Committee, 31st session	May	Geneva
13. WHO - Thirty-second World Health Assembly and Executive Board, 64th session	May (3 weeks)	Geneva
14. IMCO - Council, 42nd session	May/June (1 week)	London
15. ILO - General Conference	6 June (approx. 3 wks)	Geneva
16. ICAO - Council, 97th session	4-29 June	Montreal
17. IAEA - Board of Governors	12-15 June	Vienna
18. ITU - Administrative Council	June (3 weeks)	Geneva
19. FAO - Council, 75th session	June (2 weeks)	Rome

Organ	Dates (1979)	Location
20. FAO - World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development	July (6 days)	To be determined
21. UPU - XVIII Congress	Autumn	Rio de Janeiro
22. IAEA - Board of Governors	21 September- 1 October	Vienna
23. IAEA - General Conference	24-28 September	Vienna
24. UNESCO - Executive Board, 107th session	Mid-September (3 weeks)	Paris
25. WIPO - Governing Bodies	26 September- 3 October	Geneva
26. IMF, IERD, IDA, IFC - Boards of Governors	To be determined	To be determined
27. ILO - Governing Body	10-21 November	Geneva
28. ICAO - Council, 98th session	12 November- 14 December	Montreal
29. FAO - Council, 76th session	November (1 week)	Rome
30. FAO - Council, 77th session	November (1-2 days)	Rome
31. IMCO - Assembly, 11th session	November (2 weeks)	London
32. IMCO - Council, 43rd session	November (1 day)	London
33. FAO - Conference, 20th session	November (3 weeks)	Rome

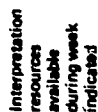
A. New York
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**Capacity line:
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as of 1 October 1977

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ANNEX III

as of 1 October 1977



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ANNEX IV

Conference rooms available during week indicated

Seating capacity

ANNEX V ROOM UTILIZATION, NEW YORK 1979

as of 1 October 1977

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Subsidiary bodies of Security Council, Namibia, Apartheid,
Host Country, Peace-keeping, Twenty-four, others and regional groups

* Seating capacity

ANNEX VI

Financial implications of intersessional departures from the calendar for 1977 (US dollars)

Committee decision	Financial implications other than conference services	Conference services		
		Estimated cost	Estimated additional expenditure	Estimated additional appropriation
United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Committee of Actuaries (A/AC.172/12)	Travel and subsistence of members	19 200	4 900	-
Committee on Contributions (A/AC.172/12/Add.1)	-	20 500	20 500	-
Intergovernmental Working Group on the Code of Conduct for Transnational Corporations (A/AC.172/12/Add.2)	-	34 000	20 500	-
Preparatory Sub-Committee for the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (A/AC.172/12/Add.3)	Travel and subsistence of substantive staff	56 000	-	-
Committee for Programme and Co-ordination - Postponement	-	29 000	29 000	-
Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations	-	12 400	-	-

Committee decision	Financial implications other than conference services	Conference services		
		Estimated cost	Estimated additional expenditure	Estimated additional appropriation
Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations and its Working Group	-	37 200	24 800	-
Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (intersessional meetings)	-	12 400	-	-
Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices (A/AC.172/12/Add.4)	Travel and subsistence of substantive staff	11 900	11 900	-
Committee on Contributions (A/AC.172/12/Add.6 and Corr.1)	Travel and subsistence of members and substantive staff	48 100	48 100	-
Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference (A/AC.172/12/Add.5/Rev.1)	-	7 450	7 450	-
Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System (A/AC.172/12/Add.7)	-	108 200	61 000	-
Ad Hoc Working Group on the Situation of Human Rights in Chile (A/AC.172/12/Add.8)	-	26 900	23 400	-
United Nations Board of Auditors (A/AC.172/12/Add.10 and Corr.1)	-	15 100	15 100	-
Total		438 350	266 650	-

ANNEX VII

Meetings allocated and meetings actually held in 1976

A. New York a/

Organ or body	Allocated	Actually held
Security Council	As required	113
Security Council Committee on Admission of New Members	-	7
Security Council Committee established in pursuance of resolution 253 (1968) concerning the question of Southern Rhodesia	52	20
Security Council Committee of Experts established by the Council at its 1506th meeting	As required	-
Security Council - <u>Ad Hoc</u> Sub-Committee on Namibia	As required	-
United Nations Council for Namibia and its Standing Committees	156	41
Special Committee against <u>Apartheid</u> and its Sub-Committee	104	28
Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations and its Working Group	52	14
Committee on Relations with the Host Country	24	9
Committee on Applications of Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements	If required	-
United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee	To be determined	-
United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine	To be determined	-
Peace Observation Commission	To be determined	-
Committee on Arrangements for a Conference for Reviewing the Charter	To be determined	-
Investments Committee	To be determined	-

a/ Including meetings held at other locations but serviced by Headquarters.

A. New York (continued)

Organ or body	Allocated	Actually held
Expert Group on the Establishment of an International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women	10 (no services)	8
States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination	6	1
Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	30	25
Military Staff Committee	26	26
Economic and Social Council	65	55
Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements - Preparatory Committee	24	25
Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements	80	103 (Vancouver)
UNDP - Committee on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries	-	4
UNDP - Governing Council and Budgetary and Finance Committee	40	39
UNDP - Working Group on Administrative and Finance Matters	6	6 (no services)
UNDP - Programme Working Group	6	6 (no services)
UNDP - Inter-Agency Consultative Board, twenty-first session	2	2
United Nations Special Fund - Board of Governors	34	6
<u>Ad Hoc Committee</u> to Review the Role of the United Nations on Disarmament and its Working Group	38	30
Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, its Sub-Committees and Working Groups	271	81
UNCITRAL and Committee of the Whole	60	64
UNCITRAL - Working Group on Negotiable Instruments	20	15

A. New York (continued)

Organ or body	Allocated	Actually held
Committee on Science and Technology for Development	28	23
World Food Programme - Pledging Conference	2	2
<u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System, its contact and its informal working group	95	58
Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization and its Working Group	38	27
Committee on Natural Resources acting as Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Water Conference	10	9
<u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee on the World Disarmament Conference	30	8
Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions	20	37 (no services)
International Civil Service Commission	30	27
Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (including preparatory meetings of Group of 77, Juridical Experts and Group of Land-locked Countries)	980	846
Committee for Development Planning	20	11
Consultative Panel on Public Information	4	4
<u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee on the Indian Ocean	28	12
UNICEF, Executive Board, Committee on Administration and Finance and Programme Committee	20	23
Committee for Programme and Co-ordination	48	46
Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, Preparatory Committee	4 (no services)	17 (no services)
Administrative Committee on Co-ordination	3	7
Joint meetings of CPC and ACC	2	2
Committee on Contributions	38	24
Trusteeship Council, forty-third session	20	10
United Nations Board of Auditors	38	14

A. New York (continued)

Organ or body	Allocated	Actually held
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	190	117
Committee on Crime Prevention and Control	20	21
Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	30	18
IOC Scientific Advisory Board	10	9
United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board	28	19
United Nations Staff Pension Committee	2	6 (no services)
United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Committee of Actuaries	10	7
United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund	-	5
Group of Experts on the Economic and Social Consequences of the Arms Race	10	6
General Assembly, thirty-first session	739	534
UNITAR - Board of Trustees	82	6
UNITAR - Seminar for new Representatives to the General Assembly	-	3
UNITAR - Seminar on Financing the Work of the United Nations	-	3
UNITAR - Seminar on the Making of a Resolution	-	1
United Nations Administrative Tribunal	9 (21 no services)	1 (29 no services)
Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law	-	1
United Nations Pledging Conference on the UNDP and UNCDF	2	2
UNDIO - Pledging Conference	2	1
UNICEF - Pledging Conference	2	2
<u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to UNRWA for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	1	1

A. New York (continued)

Organ or body	Allocated	Actually held
<u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to UNHCR	1	1
Committee on Conferences	As required	36
<u>Ad Hoc</u> Working Group to Inquire into the Situation of Human Rights in Chile	10	25
Advisory Committee on the United Nations Education and Training Programme for Southern Africa	To be determined	3
United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa - Committee of Trustees	To be determined	2
Working Group on the Financing of UNRWA	To be determined	5
Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People	56	40
Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories	6	4 (no services)
Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations	32	13
Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations	1	1
Commission on Transnational Corporations	20	21 (Lima)
First United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas	20	20 (Panama City)
<u>Ad Hoc</u> Intergovernmental Working Group on Corrupt Practices	10	7
International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights - Meeting of the States Parties to the Covenant	-	2
UNEP - Environmental Co-ordination Board	-	2
Review Conference on the Sea-Bed Treaty	-	4
With services	3,823	2,808
Without services	35	105
Regional and sectoral groups and informal meetings of official bodies	-	496
Total number of meetings provided with interpretation services	3,823	3,304

B. Geneva a/

Organ or body	Allocated	Actually held
UNCITRAL - Working Group on International Sales of Goods, 7th session	20	33
UNEP - Mediterranean Project	10	9
UNEP - Working Group on Shared Natural Resources	36	34
UNEP, Barcelona	40	31
UNEP Governing Council, Nairobi	84	65
Commission on Human Rights - <u>Ad Hoc</u> Group Established under Resolution 2 (XXIII)	24	18
Commission on Human Rights - <u>Ad Hoc</u> Group on Human Rights in Chile established under Resolution 8 (XXXI)	30	26
Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on the Situations which Reveal a Consistent Pattern of Gross Violations	10	5
Commission on Human Rights	50	55
Group of 5 on Slavery	10	4
Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities	52	61
<u>Ad Hoc</u> Working Group to Inquire into the Present Situation in Chile	13	13
Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices affecting the Human Rights of the Population of Occupied Territories	20	20
Human Rights - Group of Experts, Maputo	18	22
United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea - informal and regional groups	22	22
Economic Commission for Europe	38	26
Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments	30	29
Committee on Gas	10	9

a/ Including meetings held at other locations but serviced by the United Nations Office at Geneva.

B. Geneva (continued)

Organ or body	Allocated	Actually held
Inland Transport Committee	10	9
Committee on Agricultural Problems	10	7
Conference of European Statisticians	18	9
Meeting of Government Officials responsible for Standardization Policies	10	6
Committee on Housing, Building and Planning	10	9
Coal Committee	10	7
Committee on Water Problems	10	10
Chemical Industry Committee	10	5
Timber Committee	10	8
Steel Committee	10	10
Committee on Electric Power	10	9
Committee on Development of Trade	9	10
Expert Groups, <u>ad hoc</u> groups, consultations, seminars, working groups, informal groups etc.	1,315	745
UNCTAD IV, Nairobi	240	283
Trade and Development Board	179	184
Preparatory meetings, <u>ad hoc</u> committees, expert groups, working groups, consultations etc.	732	416
Informal meetings, regional groups etc.	-	95
UNCTAD/Gatt International Trade Centre	1	1
UNCTAD/GATT - Technical Committee of the Joint Advisory Group of ITC	20	13
Special Committee on Preferences	80	38
Commission on Narcotic Drugs	20	17
Conference of the Committee on Disarmament	67	98
Group of Experts on the Reduction of Military Budgets	20	12
Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	28	25

B. Geneva (continued)

Organ or body	Allocated	Actually held
Expert Group on Methods of Measuring the Impact of Family Planning Programmes on Fertility	14	10
Committee on Permanent Representatives	1	1
Expert Group on the Distribution of Social Consumption	10	9
Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Legal Sub-Committee	70	72
International Law Commission	116	81
International Law Seminar	28	12
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	12	17
International Narcotics Control Board	50	38
United Nations Development Programme	54	54
Economic and Social Council (including meetings in Abidjan)	167	140
Executive Secretaries of Regional Commissions	6	6
Administrative Committee on Co-ordination	6	3
Group of Experts on International Standards of Corporate Reporting	16	16
Commission on the Status of Women	63	61
Statistical Commission (New Delhi)	20	18
UNHCR - Executive Committee	20	14
Lead and Zinc Study Group	13	9
Staff Council	27	27
Informal meetings of UNICEF, UNITAR, OPI and other bodies and organs, including press conferences of the Secretary-General	221	157
Total number of meetings provided with interpretation services	4,260	3,253
Meetings scheduled but not held	488	

ANNEX VIII

Number of informal meetings serviced at Headquarters from 1972 to 1976

Year	Informal meetings with services	Total number of meetings serviced by Headquarters
1972	286	2 471
1973	358	2 775
1974	325	2 636
1975	293	2 689
1976	692 <u>a/</u>	3 324

a/ This figure includes 348 regional group meetings held during the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea and 20 regional group meetings serviced during Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements.

ANNEX IX

Meetings of bodies entitled to meetings records held in 1976

A. New York

Note: Unless otherwise indicated the figures are for summary records. The figures in parentheses give, where comparable, the number of meetings for which records were provided in 1975.

Body	Number of meetings			SR (Final standard pages)	PV (Final standard pages)	
	With records		Without records			Total
A. GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND RELATED BODIES						
Plenary	107	(95)	-	107	-	4 649
General Committee	2	(3)	-	2	30	-
First Committee	58	(64)	-	58	-	2 003
Special Political Committee	36	(44)	-	36	464	133
Second Committee	69	(60)	-	69	1 495	-
Third Committee	77	(71)	-	77	1 367	-
Fourth Committee	49	(58)	-	49	904	-
Fifth Committee	62	(77)	-	62	1 075	-
Sixth Committee	70	(61)	-	70	1 045	-
Subtotal	530	(533)	-	530	6 380	6 785
Commission on International Trade Law	57	(39)	-	57	714	-
Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations	2	(2)	-	2	31	-
Committee on Relations with the Host Country	9	(15)	-	9	84	-
Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System	27	(7)	-	27	352	-
Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the United Nations	14		-	14	87	-
Pledging Conference - UNHCR	1	(1)	-	1	11	-
" " UNHWA	1	(1)	-	1	19	-
" " UN/FAO	2	(2)	-	2	26	-
" " UNIDO	1	(1)	-	1	19	-
" " UNDP/UNCDF	2	(2)	-	2	33	-
" " UNICEF	2	(2)	-	2	21	-
Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	24	(27)	-	24	287	-
International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	2		-	2	24	-
Total	674		-	674	8 088	6 785

Body	Number of meetings			SR (Final standard pages)	PV (Final standard pages)
	With records		Without records	Total	
Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea					
Plenary	20		38	58	354
General Committee	15		-	15	151
First Committee	14		41	55	109
Second Committee	1		62	63	6
Third Committee	8		56	64	139
Total	58		197	255	759
B. BODIES DEALING WITH POLITICAL AND SECURITY COUNCIL MATTERS					
Security Council	113	(57)	-	113	- 4 591
Committee on the Admission of New Members	7	(6)	-	7	21 -
Committee Established in Pursuance of Resolution 253 (1968)	20	(37)	-	20	311 -
Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	11	(13)	-	11	- 324
Special Committee against <u>Apartheid</u>	25	(18)	-	25	397 -
<u>Ad Hoc Committee</u> on the Indian Ocean	8	(6)	-	8	30 -
<u>Ad Hoc Committee</u> on the World Disarmament Conference	8	(12)	-	8	57 -
<u>Ad Hoc Committee</u> on the Review of the Role of the United Nations in the Field of Disarmament	19		-	19	107 -
Total	211		-	211	923 4 915
C. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND RELATED BODIES					
Economic and Social Council	30	(20)	-	30	323 -
Social Committee	17	(22)	-	17	229 -
Administrative Committee on Co-ordination	8	(6)	1	9	115 -
Committee for Programme and Co-ordination	38	(10)	8	46	603 -
Committee on Science and Technology for Development	22		1	23	259 -
UNDP - Governing Council	23	(23)	-	23	423 -
UNDP - Consultative Board	2		-	2	24 -
Commission on Transnational Corporations	4		3	7	93 -
Committee on Natural Resources	9		-	9	86 -
UNICEF - Executive Board	10	(18)	-	10	165 -
UNICEF - Programme Committee	10	(8)	-	10	202 -
UNITAR - Board of Trustees	6		-	6	63 -
Total	179		13	192	2 585 -

Body	Number of meetings			SR (Final standard pages)	PV (Final standard pages)
	With records		Without records	Total	
D. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL					
Trusteeship Council	10	(15)	-	10	- 297
Special Committee of 24	34	(34)	-	34	- 792
United Nations Council for Namibia	16	(13)	-	16	149 -
Total	<u>60</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>149</u> 1 089
Grand total 1976					13 087 12 834
1975					11 411 12 217
1974					15 000 12 110
1973					14 723 11 155

Average length of a summary record in 1976: 14.7 pages

" " " " verbatim record in 1976: 33.5 pages

B. Geneva

Body	With records	Without records	Total	SR Final standard pages
A. GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND RELATED BODIES				
International Law Commission	54		54	984
UNHCR - Executive Committee	11		n.a.	150
Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space				
Legal Sub-Committee	20		20	177
Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee	19	3	22	234
Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	25		25	408
B. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND RELATED BODIES				
Economic and Social Council	79		79	1 211
Commission on Human Rights	42	3	45	600
Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination	27		n.a.	492
Commission on Narcotic Drugs	11	5	16	252
Commission on the Status of Women	46		n.a.	579
Economic Commission for Europe	6	6	12	109
UNCTAD	26		n.a.	286
UNDP				
Governing Council	27		24	538
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Total 1976	393	17	410	6 079
1975	527			7 115
1974	364			4 881
1973	517			7 185

Average length of a summary record in 1976: 15.2 pages

ANNEX X

Agenda of the substantive session

- 1. Intersessional departures from the approved calendar of conferences for 1977**
- 2. Financial information to be included in documents on intersessional departures**
- 3. Utilization and apportionment of conference services**
- 4. Monitoring of the application of the criteria on meeting records of bodies of the United Nations**
- 5. Calendar of conferences**
- 6. Future of the Committee on Conferences**

ANNEX XI

Draft resolution submitted to the Committee on Conferences on behalf of some delegations a/

The General Assembly

1. Decides to establish, on a continuing basis, a Committee on Conferences composed of 22 States Members of the United Nations;
2. Requests the President of the General Assembly, after consultations with the chairmen of the regional groups, to designate Member States, on the basis of an equitable geographical balance, to serve on the Committee for a three-year term;
3. Decides that the Committee on Conferences shall have the terms of reference set forth below:
 - (a) To advise the General Assembly on the calendar of conferences;
 - (b) To act on behalf of the General Assembly in dealing with departures from the approved calendar of conferences that have administrative and financial implications;
 - (c) To recommend to the General Assembly means to provide the optimum apportionment of conference resources, facilities and services, including documentation, in order to ensure their most efficient and effective use;
 - (d) To advise the General Assembly on the current and future requirements of the Organization for conference services, facilities and documentation;
 - (e) To advise the General Assembly on means to ensure improved co-ordination of conferences within the United Nations system, including conference services and facilities, and to conduct the appropriate consultations in that regard;
4. Invites its subsidiary bodies to seek the advice of the Committee on Conferences with regard to the scheduling of their regular meetings and with regard to any proposed changes in their established pattern of sessions.

a/ See para. 165 of the present report.

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