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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SESSION  
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Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit the provisional agenda for the twenty-third session of the Economic and Social Council, which was considered by the Council at its 952nd meeting during the resumed twenty-second session.
2. It will be recalled that the Council, at its 953rd meeting, decided that the Secretary-General should call to its attention, in writing, before the opening of the twenty-third session, any items which arise out of the eleventh session of the General Assembly, pointing out those which appear to require consideration at the spring session. It was understood that the Council would then decide, when it adopted the agenda for the session, which items arising out of the General Assembly it wished to include, the disposition of the remainder of the items being determined at the close of the session when the Council considers the provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth session (see item 19 below).
3. Any further items proposed for the twenty-third session in accordance with rule 13 will also be reported by the Secretary-General to the Council for consideration at the first meeting of the session when the Council adopts its sessional agenda.
4. The twenty-third session of the Council will be convened on Tuesday, 16 April 1957, at 11 a.m., at the United Nations Headquarters, New York.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

to be convened at Headquarters on  
16 April 1957

1. Election of President and Vice-Presidents for 1957
2. Adoption of the sessional agenda
3. Report of the International Monetary Fund
4. Report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
5. Economic development of under-developed countries
6. Financing of economic development
7. Report of the Transport and Communications Commission
8. Development of international travel, its present increasing volume and future prospects
9. Report of the Population Commission
10. Recommendation addressed to the Council by the United Nations Conference of Plenipotentiaries on a Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices similar to Slavery
11. Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights
12. Freedom of information
13. United Nations Children's Fund
14. Review of the membership of the United Nations Refugee Fund (UNREF) Executive Committee
15. Non-governmental organizations
16. Elections
17. Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council
18. Financial implications of actions of the Council
19. Consideration of the provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth session and establishment of dates for opening debate on items

Together with any further business arising out of the eleventh regular session of the General Assembly.

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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

1. Election of President and Vice-Presidents for 1957

The election takes place under rule 20 of the rules of procedure.

2. Adoption of the sessional agenda

Under rule 14 of the rules of procedure, the Council is required to adopt its agenda for the session on the basis of the provisional agenda considered by it at the resumed twenty-second session under rule 11, and of any items on the supplementary list referred to in rule 13.

In accordance with its decision of 19 December 1956 (E/SR.953) the Council will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General calling its attention to items arising out of the eleventh session of the General Assembly (see paragraph 2 above).

As requested by the Council at its 952nd meeting on 17 December 1956, the Secretary-General, after consultation with delegations and specialized agencies, will circulate a paper on the arrangement of business at the session.

3. Report of the International Monetary Fund

The Council will have before it the annual report of the Fund (E/2945) for the fiscal year ended 30 April 1956 and a summary of Fund activities since that date.

4. Report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

The Council will have before it the annual report of the Bank (E/2944) for the fiscal year ended 30 June 1956 and a supplementary report containing a summary of principal activities of the Bank since that date.

5. Economic development of under-developed countries

(a) Industrialization

In accordance with Council resolutions 597 A (XXI) and 618 (XXII), the Secretary-General will put before the Council a progress report on the implementation of the work programme on industrialization.

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(b) Land reform

Under Council resolutions 370 (XIII) and 512 C.I (XVII), the Council will have before it the second periodic report on progress in land reform (E/2930) containing an analysis of replies of Governments to the second questionnaire. The report includes information on work in the field of land reform by the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned.

(c) Co-operatives

Under Council resolution 512 C.II (XVII), the Council will have before it a report presented by the Secretary-General and prepared in collaboration with FAO and the ILO dealing with the help that Governments and other bodies could provide for the achievement of the full potentialities of co-operatives and the demarcation of sectors in which co-operative organization may be considered suitable.

6. Financing of economic development

The Council will have before it the final report of the ad hoc committee established by General Assembly resolution 923 (X) to analyse the replies received from Governments to the Secretary-General's request for "their views, as definitely as possible, relating to the establishment, role, structure and operations of a special United Nations fund for economic development".

7. Report of the Transport and Communications Commission

The Commission will report on its eighth session which is scheduled to convene on 7 January 1957.

8. Development of international travel, its present increasing volume and future prospects

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General (E/2933 and Add.1 and 2) on measures taken in response to Council resolution 563 (XIX).

9. Report of the Population Commission

The Population Commission will report to the Council on its ninth session, schedule to meet on 25 February 1957.

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10. Recommendation addressed to the Council by the United Nations Conference of Plenipotentiaries on a Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices similar to Slavery

The Council decided at its 953rd meeting on 19 December 1956, to include this item in the provisional agenda for the twenty-third session.

The recommendation addressed to the Council by the Slavery Conference is reproduced in document E/2934.

11. Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights

In conformity with Council resolutions 277 (X), 351 (XII) and 474 (XV), the Secretary-General will put before the Council any allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights relating to States not members of the International Labour Organisation which are received by him before 26 February 1957, and any observations by Governments on allegations transmitted to them.

12. Freedom of information

In accordance with Council resolution 574 D (XIX), the Council will have before it a report (E/2947) on media of information in under-developed areas, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Director-General of UNESCO.

13. United Nations Children's Fund

The Council will have before it the report of the Executive Board on its sessions in October and December 1956 (E/2937).

14. Review of the membership of the United Nations Refugee Fund (UNREF) Executive Committee

In accordance with Council resolution 565 (XIX), the membership of the Executive Committee is subject to review by the Council at its twenty-third session.

15. Non-governmental organizations

The Council will have before it:

(a) a report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on applications and **reapplications** for consultative status submitted in accordance with Council resolution 288 B (X). The Committee is scheduled to convene on 4 March 1957;

(b) reports of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on hearings and applications for hearings under rules 84, 85 and 86.

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16. Elections

The Council will be required:

(a) to renew one-third of the membership of the following commissions: Transport and Communications, Statistical, International Commodity Trade, Population, Social, Human Rights, Status of Women.

The Secretary-General will communicate to the Council the names of those members which have indicated their interest in serving on the functional commissions, in accordance with Council resolution 557 C.V (XVIII);

(b) to renew the membership of the Permanent Central Opium Board.

Under the provisions of the International Opium Convention of 19 February 1925, as amended by the Protocol of 11 December 1946, the PCOB consists of the eight members appointed by the Council for a period of five years. The last renewal of the Board's membership by the Council took place in 1952, effective as from March 1953.

The Secretary-General will prepare for the Council a working paper on procedural arrangements for this election;

(c) in accordance with the General Assembly resolution of 7 December 1956 (A/RES/423) and the Council's decision of 19 December 1956 (E/SR.953), to elect eight members of the Executive Board of UNICEF, to hold office for a period of three years.

17. Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council

The Secretary-General will submit to the Council for confirmation the names of those representatives of members of functional commissions nominated or re-nominated since the close of the twenty-second session.

18. Financial implications of actions of the Council

The Council will have before it a summary of the financial implications of its actions during the twenty-third session.

19. Consideration of the provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth session and establishment of dates for opening debate on items

Under rule 11 of the rules of procedure the Council is required to consider the provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth session in the light of the basic annual programme established at the resumed twenty-second session in accordance with rule 9.

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In accordance with its decision of 19 December 1956 (E/SR.953) the Council will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General calling its attention to items arising out of the eleventh session of the General Assembly (see paragraph 2 above).

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