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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

Note by the Executive Director

Item 1

Opening of the session

1. The thirteenth session of the Governing Council will be opened by the President of the Council at its twelfth session or, in his absence, by one of the other members of the Bureau of the Council at its twelfth session.

Item 2

Organization of the session

(a) Election of officers

2. The bureau of the Governing Council is elected each year in accordance with rule 18 of the Council's rules of procedure, which provides inter alia that, in electing its officers, the Council shall have due regard to the principle of equitable geographical representation and that the offices of President and Rapporteur shall be subject to rotation among the five regional groups of States. 1/

3. Should the Council decide to establish a sessional committee of the whole, as is suggested in the annotation to item 2 (b) (see below), the committee will elect its own officers, except the chairman, in accordance with rule 61 of the rules of procedure. In the past, the Council has designated the chairmen of its sessional committees from the vice-presidents of the Council. As the Council, in its decision 11/2, paragraph 2 (b), decided there should be only one sessional Committee of the Whole, the Council may wish to consider designating from the three vice-presidents of the session one to serve as chairman of the Committee of the Whole, and one to assist the President, especially when Plenary deals with Fund and administration matters, while the third could then chair the informal drafting group.

(b) Agenda and organization of work of the session

4. The provisional agenda for the thirteenth session, as approved by the Council at its twelfth session, 2/ was distributed on 23 November 1984 (UNEP/GC.13/1).

5. The Executive Director recommends that the Council should deal with the following provisional agenda items primarily in plenary meetings: item 4 (Executive Director's reports); item 5 (state-of-the-environment report 1985) and item 6 (co-ordination questions). Additionally, items 9 (administrative and budgetary matters) and 10 (the Environment Fund) would also be dealt with by Plenary.

6. In keeping with Council decision 11/2, paragraph 2 (b), the Council may wish to establish, under rule 60 of the rules of procedure, a sessional committee of the whole. The Executive Director proposes that the committee of the whole would deal primarily with provisional agenda item 8 (programme matters). Further, in line with the recommendation made at the pre-sessional informal consultations with Governments in January 1979 to the effect that some additional items or special items could be allocated to sessional committees, the Executive Director proposes that the Council should consider also assigning to the Committee of the Whole item 7 (implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification), which the Committee may wish to consider when it reviews the activities of the Programme on arid and semi-arid lands ecosystems and desertification control. The Council may also wish to consider assigning to the Committee the task of considering the report on the joint bureau meeting (UNEP/GC.13/6) under item 6 when the Committee reviews activities under the programme on health and human settlements.

7. As 1985 marks the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations, the Executive Director is proposing that, during the opening meeting on the morning of 14 May, a brief period of about 45 minutes should be set aside for a ceremony to observe this anniversary.

8. A chart illustrating the organization of work of the thirteenth session, as proposed by the Executive Director, is contained in annex I. It should be noted that no meetings of the Council are scheduled for Wednesday 22 May, which is expected to be set aside for the second session of the

Intergovernmental Inter-sessional Preparatory Committee on the Environmental Perspective (IIPC). In preparing his proposals, the Executive Director has taken into account Council decisions 7/1 of 3 May 1979, section III, paragraphs 3 and 4, and 11/2 of 23 May 1983, paragraph 2, as well as the results of his meetings with the Group of Permanent Representatives to UNEP. Annex III contains a list of the pre-session documents, giving their symbols, the agenda items to which they pertain, and the Executive Director's proposals as to whether they should be discussed in Plenary or in the Committee of the Whole.

Item 3

Credentials of representatives

9. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of representatives at the thirteenth session of the Council will be examined by the Bureau, which will report thereon to the Council. It should be noted that, under rule 16, each member of the Council is to be represented by one accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Item 4

Executive Director's reports (UNEP/GC.13/2, chaps. I and II and annex I; UNEP/GC.13/3 and Adds. 1, 2, 3*, 4*, 5* and 6*)

10. In compliance with Council decision 11/1, section I, paragraph 7, the Executive Director is submitting to the Council at its thirteenth session an Annual Report covering the year 1984 (UNEP/GC.13/2). The Annual Report, which incorporates a number of reports that were previously submitted to the Council in separate documents, touches on a number of items of the provisional agenda, including items 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10. Chapters I (The year in retrospect) and II (Intergovernmental legislation of relevance to UNEP) are relevant to item 4 of the provisional agenda.

11. In his introductory report (UNEP/GC.13/3) the Executive Director will, inter alia:

(a) Outline some of the major issues and events since the twelfth session;

(b) Report on major ongoing or forthcoming events within the United Nations system;

(c) Give a brief summary of regional intergovernmental meetings on the environment;

(d) Report on the expected major analysis by the Committee on Programme and Co-ordination of the environment programmes of the United Nations system (cross-organizational programme analysis) in 1987;

* Documents marked with an asterisk are not expected to be submitted in time to comply with the six-week rule.

(e) Present a series of brief status reports on specific areas of UNEP activities;

(f) Make proposals concerning the 1986 and 1987 state-of-the-environment reports;

(g) Call attention to a number of issues likely to arise as a result of the fact that there will be no session of the Governing Council in 1986, as well as others which may arise as the Programme looks ahead to the year 1990.

12. There are also, under this provisional agenda item, a number of related reports which are being submitted to the Council as addenda to the introductory report:

(a) "The environmental impacts of apartheid, with specific reference to the adverse and severe environmental conditions under which black workers are working, especially in mines" (UNEP/GC.13/3/Add.1);

(b) "Progress report on the process of preparation of the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond (UNEP/GC.13/3/Add.2);

(c) A report on the implementation and follow-up by the secretariat of a number of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at its twelfth session, together with a summary of resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session that call for specific action by UNEP, and proposals for their implementation (UNEP/GC.13/3/Add.3*);

(d) Recommendations and conclusions adopted by the World Industry Conference on Environmental Management, the Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Environment, and the Global Meeting of non-governmental organizations on Environment and Development (UNEP/GC.13/3/Add.4*);

(e) A report by the Executive Director on innovative means of financing and alternatives for utilization of national currencies and contributions in kind to support the implementation of regional environmental programmes of common interest (UNEP/GC.13/3/Add.5*);

13. The Committee on Programme and Co-ordination (CPC) is to decide at its April/May 1985 session on the topic to be selected for cross-organizational programme analysis for 1987. The Administrative Committee on Co-ordination has proposed to CPC that it should take environment as the topic. Should CPC agree, a paper on the design of the analysis will probably have to be prepared. Any such paper will be submitted to the Governing Council as a further addendum to the introductory report (UNEP/GC.13/3/Add.6*) for consideration, following which the views of the Council will be transmitted to CPC.

14. The Executive Director's introductory statement, which will complement his introductory report, will also be issued as an addendum to the introductory report.

Item 5

State-of-the-environment report 1985 (UNEP/GC.13/4 and Add.1, 2* and 3* and UNEP/GC.13/L.7*)

15. In response to Council decision 10/1, section II, paragraph 5, these reports are included under a separate item in the provisional agenda, to serve as a basis for substantive debate and action by the Council. The main document (UNEP/GC.13/4) is divided into two parts, concerning, first, environmental aspects of emerging agricultural technologies and, second, population and the environment, the subjects approved by the Council at its twelfth session. 3/ Addendum 1 to the report consists of an update on emerging environmental issues as requested by the Council in decision 12/3 B, paragraph 2. Addendum 2, which is being submitted in response to Council decision 11/1, section II, paragraph 5, contains a brief analytical report on the main chemical industry accidents in 1984. In addendum 3, the Executive Director is presenting a brief note on the preparation of environmental data; this note will be supplemented at the Governing Council session by an informal background paper giving the proposed structure and including a draft model chapter of the proposed environmental data report.

16. As regards the 1984 state-of-the-environment report, the Council decided, by decision 12/3 A, paragraph 6, to transmit the Executive Director's suggestions for further action, as contained in chapter IV of the report, to the Permanent Representatives to UNEP in Nairobi for their consideration. The results of the Permanent Representatives' deliberations are transmitted to the Council in document UNEP/GC.13/L.7*.

Item 6

Co-ordination questions (UNEP/GC.13/2, chap. III; UNEP/GC.13/5 and UNEP/GC.13/6)

17. In chapter III of his Annual Report (UNEP/GC.13/2), the Executive Director describes current developments with respect to the co-ordinating and catalytic role of UNEP. Document UNEP/GC.13/5 contains the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to the Council. Document UNEP/GC.13/6 reports on the seventh joint meeting of the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the bureau of the Commission on Human Settlements with the Executive Director of UNEP and the bureau of its Governing Council. The Executive Director of the Centre will address the Governing Council on the subject of co-operation between UNCHS (Habitat) and UNEP.

Item 7

Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification
(UNEP/GC.13/7 and Add.1)

18. Document UNEP/GC.13/7 reports on the co-ordination and follow-up of the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification since the twelfth session of the Council. Addendum 1 deals with progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action in the Sudano-Sahelian region over the same period, and is intended to form the basis for the Council's report to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, in response to resolution 39/168 B of 17 December 1984.

Item 8

Programme matters (UNEP/GC.13/2, chap. IV and annexes III and IV; UNEP/GC.13/8; UNEP/GC.13/9 and Adds. 1 and 2*; UNEP/GC.13/10; UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/11/Rev.1*; UNEP/GC.13/L.1* and UNEP/GC.13/L.6*)

19. Chapter IV of the Annual Report (UNEP/GC.13/2) describes the performance of the Programme in 1984; this chapter is supplemented by the list of publications and papers (annex III) and meetings (annex IV) of UNEP in 1984.

20. Document UNEP/GC.13/8 contains the proposed programme budget for 1986-1987, in compliance with Council decision 12/18, paragraph 3, while document UNEP/GC.13/9 reports on programme matters that require reporting to or guidance by the Governing Council. UNEP/GC.13/9/Add.2* will contain an updated report on such matters, covering the period 1 January to 31 March 1985.

21. In document UNEP/GC.13/9/Add.1, the Executive Director is submitting a report on shared natural resources and legal aspects of offshore mining and drilling, in response to General Assembly resolution 37/217 of 20 December 1982. This report is intended to form the basis for the Council's report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session, in accordance with resolution 37/217.

22. In document UNEP/GC.13/10 the Council will have before it the report of the Executive Director on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment. Associated with this report will be an updated version of the "Register of international treaties and other agreements in the field of the environment" (UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/11/Rev.1*). These reports represent the Executive Director's response to Governing Council decision 24 (III) of 30 April 1975 and General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, in which the Council and Assembly asked to be kept informed annually of progress made in securing adherence to agreements concerning the environment.

23. In document UNEP/GC.13/L.1*, the Executive Director is submitting a report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the contribution of the United Nations system to conservation and management of the cultural and natural heritage in Asia and the Pacific. Further, in document UNEP/GC.13/L.6* the Executive Director is submitting a draft Action Plan for Biosphere Reserves developed jointly by UNEP and UNESCO in association with FAO and IUCN.

Item 9

Administrative and budgetary matters (UNEP/GC.13/2, chap. VI and annex II; UNEP/GC.13/11; UNEP/GC.13/12; UNEP/GC.13/L.2; UNEP/GC.13/L.3*; UNEP/GC.13/L.4*; and UNEP/GC.13/L.5*)

24. In chapter VI of his Annual Report, the Executive Director describes the basic management and administration of the UNEP secretariat. Supplementing this chapter is annex II to the report, showing the geographical distribution of the professional staff of UNEP as at 31 December 1984.

25. Document UNEP/GC.13/11 contains a performance report on the programme and programme support costs budget of the Environment Fund for the biennium 1984-1985. The Council will also have before it the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the report (UNEP/GC.13/L.4*). Document UNEP/GC.13/12 contains the proposed budget for programme and programme support costs of the Environment Fund for the biennium 1986-1987. The Council will also have before it the comments of the Advisory Committee on the proposed budget (UNEP/GC.13/L.5*).

26. The financial report and audited accounts of the Environment Fund for the biennium 1982-1983 ended 31 December 1983 will be submitted to the Council in document UNEP/GC.13/L.2. The financial report and interim accounts (unaudited) for the first year of the biennium 1984-1985 ended 31 December 1984 will be submitted to the Council for information in document UNEP/GC.13/L.3*.

Item 10

The Environment Fund (UNEP/GC.13/2, chap. V and annex V; UNEP/GC.13/13 and Add.1*; and UNEP/GC.13/14 and Add.1*)

27. Chapter V of the Annual Report deals with the implementation of the Fund programme in 1984, including the resources available and their utilization. The information in chapter V is augmented by the financial tables in annex V to the report. A list of Fund projects approved during 1984 has appeared in Report on New Projects 1984, which was circulated to all Governments in February 1985.

28. Document UNEP/GC.13/13 contains a report on the management of the Environment Fund, including a revised outlook for Environment Fund resources in 1985 and a projection of the financial framework within which the Fund will have to be managed in the biennium 1986-1987. In the addendum to that report the information will be supplemented by a report on developments relating to the Fund from 1 January to 31 March 1985 (UNEP/GC.13/13/Add.1*).

29. In document UNEP/GC.13/14, the Executive Director is reporting on the management, in 1984, of trust funds and other funds managed by him under the rules of the Environment Fund. This report will be updated by an addendum (UNEP/GC.13/14/Add.1*) reviewing developments with regard to the management of such funds from 1 January to 31 March 1985.

Item 11

Provisional agenda, date and place of the fourteenth session of the Governing Council

30. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure provides that regular sessions of the Governing Council shall be held at UNEP headquarters, unless otherwise decided by the Council at a previous session.

31. The Executive Director will propose a provisional agenda and dates for the fourteenth session of the Council.

Item 12

Other business

32. No subjects having been proposed under this item, no documentation is planned.

Item 13

Adoption of the report

33. Section 1, paragraph 3, of General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 provides that the Governing Council shall report annually to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council. It is suggested that the Council's report should be succinct and action-oriented, omitting unnecessary background material and annexes.

Notes

1/ For information on the regional distribution of posts at previous sessions, see annex II.

2/ Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its twelfth session, Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/39/25), p. 56.

3/ Governing Council decision 12/3 C, paragraph 2.

Annex I

**THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNEP
(PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS)**

UNEP/GC.13/1/Add.1
Annex I
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PLENARY		COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	
Agenda items		Agenda items	
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		3 - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
			3 - 6 p.m.
Monday 13 May	Informal meeting of heads of delegation (3.30)		
Tuesday 14 May	2 (a), 2 (b), 4 (Executive Director's introductory statement); Brief ceremony commemo- rating the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations	4	No meeting
			Organization of work 8
Wednesday 15 May	4	4	6, 7, 8 a/
Thursday 16 May	6 (Statement by the Executive Director of UNCHS); 4	10	8
Friday 17 May	10	10, 9	8
Monday 20 May	9	9	8
Tuesday 21 May	5	5	8
Wednesday 22 May	No meeting	No meeting	IIPC
Thursday 23 May	6b/, 3, 11, 12	13	No meeting
Friday 24 May	13	13, 14	No meeting

a/ Items 6 (except for the ACC report) and 7 will be taken up by the Committee of the Whole at an appropriate moment.

b/ Under this item, Plenary will deal with the ACC report (UNEP/GC.13/5) only.

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Annex II

GEOGRAPHICAL COMPOSITION OF UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL BUREAUX

	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
AFRICAN GROUP	VP (II)	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP (I)	VP	VP (I)	Rapp	Pres	VP
ASIAN GROUP	VP (I)	Rapp	VP (I)	VP (II)	Pres	VP (I)	Rapp	VP (I)	VP	Pres
EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP (II)	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP
LATIN AMERICAN GROUP	Pres	VP (I)	VP (II)	VP (I)	Rapp	Pres	VP (II)	VP (II)	VP	Rapp
WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP	Rapp	VP (II)	Pres	VP	VP (II)	Rapp	VP	Pres	VP	VP

Note: Pres - President
 VP - Vice-President
 VP (I) - Vice-President and Chairman of Sessional Committee I
 VP (II) - Vice-President and Chairman of Sessional Committee II
 Rapp - Rapporteur.

Annex III

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AT ITS THIRTEENTH SESSION

Provisional agenda item	Symbol	Working title	Forum for discussion
2 (b)	UNEP/GC.13/1	Provisional agenda	P
	UNEP/GC.13/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda and organization of the work of the session	P
	UNEP/GC.13/Inf.1	Report on the state of preparedness of documents for the thirteenth session	-
4	UNEP/GC.13/2	Annual Report of the Executive Director 1984	P and CW
	UNEP/GC.13/3	Introductory report of the Executive Director	P
	UNEP/GC.13/3/Add.1	The environmental impacts of <u>apartheid</u> , with specific reference to the adverse and severe environmental conditions under which black workers are working, especially in mines	P
	UNEP/GC.13/3/Add.2	Progress report on the process of preparation of the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond	P
	*UNEP/GC.13/3/Add.3	Report on the implementation and follow-up by the secretariat of a number of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at its twelfth session, together with a summary of resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session that call for specific action by UNEP, and proposals for their implementation	P

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4	*UNEP/GC.13/3/Add.4	Recommendations and conclusions adopted by the World Industry Conference on Environmental Management, the Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Environment and the Global Meeting of non-governmental organizations on Environment and Development	P
	*UNEP/GC.13/3/Add.5	Report of the Executive Director on innovative means of financing and alternatives for utilization of national currencies and contributions in kind to support the implementation of regional environmental programmes of common interest	P
	*UNEP/GC.13/3/Add.6	Cross-organizational programme analysis for 1987 (subject to CPC decision - see paragraph 13)	P
5	UNEP/GC.13/4	State-of-the-environment report 1985 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental aspects of emerging agricultural technology - Population and the environment 	P
	UNEP/GC.13/4/Add.1	Emerging environmental issues - update 1985	P
	*UNEP/GC.13/4/Add.2	Major environmental events	P
	*UNEP/GC.13/4/Add.3	Note on the preparation of environmental data	P
	*UNEP/GC.13/L.7	Recommendations for further action on the 1984 state-of-the-environment report	P
	UNEP/GC.13/Background Paper 1	Environmental data report: structure and model chapter	P
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6	UNEP/GC.13/5	Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination	P
	UNEP/GC.13/6	Report on the seventh joint meeting of the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the bureau of the United Nations Commission on Human Settlements with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the bureau of its Governing Council	CW
7	UNEP/GC.13/7	Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification	CW
	UNEP/GC.13/7/Add.1	Implementation of the Plan of Action in the Sudano-Sahelian region	CW
8	UNEP/GC.13/8	Proposed programme budget of UNEP for the second biennium of the system-wide medium-term environment programme, 1986-1987	CW
	UNEP/GC.13/9	Matters requiring guidance from the Governing Council and implementation of programme decisions of the Council	CW
	UNEP/GC.13/9/Add.1	Shared natural resources and legal aspects of offshore mining and drilling	CW
	*UNEP/GC.13/9/Add.2	Programme matters requiring reporting to or guidance by the Governing Council (1 January - 31 March 1985)	CW
	UNEP/GC.13/10	International conventions and protocols in the field of the environment	CW

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8	*UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/11/Rev.1	Register of international treaties and other agreements in the field of the environment	CW
	*UNEP/GC.13/L.1	Comments of the Executive Director on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on contribution of the United Nations system to conservation and management of cultural and natural heritage in Asia and the Pacific	CW
	*UNEP/GC.13/L.6	Draft Action Plan for Biosphere Reserves	CW
9	UNEP/GC.13/11	Performance report on the programme and programme support costs budget for the biennium 1984-1985	P
	UNEP/GC.13/12	Proposed budget for programme and programme support costs of the Environment Fund for the biennium 1986-1987	P
	UNEP/GC.13/L.2	Financial report and audited accounts of the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme for the biennium 1982-1983 ended 31 December 1983	P
	*UNEP/GC.13/L.3	The Environment Fund: financial report and interim accounts (unaudited) for the first year of the biennium 1984-1985 ended 31 December 1984	P
9	*UNEP/GC.13/L.4	Performance report on the programme and programme support costs budget for the biennium 1984-1985 - Comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	P
	*UNEP/GC.13/L.5	Proposed budget for programme and programme support costs of the Environment Fund for the biennium 1986-1987 - Comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	P

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Provisional agenda item	Symbol	Working title	Forum for discussion
10	UNEP/GC.13/13	The management of the Environment Fund	P
	*UNEP/GC.13/13/Add.1	The management of the Environment Fund (1 January - 31 March 1985)	P
	UNEP/GC.13/14	Management of trust funds and other funds	P
	*UNEP/GC.13/14/Add.1	Management of trust funds and other funds (1 January - 31 March 1985)	P

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