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QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORKING GROUP  
OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Arrangements for the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole  
(as adopted by the Governing Council on 18 February 1986)

The Governing Council,

Decides that, subject to review at its thirty-third session (June 1986), the following arrangements shall govern the activities of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole, established by Council decision 85/17:

(a) The membership of the Working Group shall be increased from 24 to 26 with the following allocation of seats:

African States	6 seats
Asian and Pacific States and Yugoslavia	5 seats
Latin American and Caribbean States	4 seats
Western European and other States	9 seats
Eastern European States	2 seats

Beginning in 1990, the membership will be increased to 27 every fifth year thereafter. The additional seat will be allocated to the Eastern European Group;

(b) Membership on the Working Group shall be for one year, from one organizational meeting of the Governing Council to the following, with the possibility of re-election;

(c) The President of the Council shall be the Chairman of the Working Group; in case the Chairman of the Working Group has to be absent from a session or meeting, he/she should designate another member of the Bureau, who is a member of the Working Group, to preside;

(d) The rules of procedure of the Governing Council shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the Working Group;

(e) The Governing Council, resolving itself into the Committee of the Whole, shall assign topics to the Working Group. These topics will be chosen from among the Committee of the Whole's own agenda, in accordance with Council decision 85/17;

(f) Until June 1986, the topics to be assigned to the Working Group shall be derived from Council decision 83/5, section III A, paragraph 2 (c) and (d);

(g) The Governing Council, resolving itself into the Committee of the Whole, shall determine the number of sessions to be held by the Working Group. The exact dates for these sessions will be determined through informal consultations by the President of the Governing Council, taking into account the availability of services and facilities and Council decision 85/17;

(h) The Working Group will receive interpretation services in the six official languages of the Council;

(i) The documents before the Working Group shall be:

(i) Official documents of the Council prepared in accordance with its agenda relating to topics assigned to the Working Group in keeping with the mandate of the Committee of the Whole; such documents will be subject to the six-weeks rule in accordance with existing practices of the Council;

(ii) Working papers requested by the Working Group during its meetings for consideration at those or subsequent meetings; these working papers will be available to any member of the Programme wishing to obtain them, provided that where time allows such papers shall be made available in the official languages of the Council;

(j) The Chairman of the Working Group shall make a report to the Committee of the Whole in the form of a statement on the work of the Working Group on which the Committee of the Whole may deliberate. The Working Group will not be required to adopt the report;

(k) All members of the Programme will be formally notified of all meetings of the Working Group;

(l) The Working Group will invite participation by organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant bodies when it considers their presence required.

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