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S U P P O R T

MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK
OF THE COUNCIL IN 1988

Waiver of the 10-week rule for certain documents to be
submitted to the Council at its thirty-fifth session,
6 June-1 July 1988

Note by the secretariat

In accordance with the request of the Governing Council, this note provides information on documents to be submitted at the thirty-fifth session and which are unable to meet the 10-week rule for submission to the United Nations Department of Conference Services.

In view of the reasons set forth, the secretariat requests the Council to waive the 10-week rule for the documents concerned.

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1. In accordance with Governing Council decision 83/40, operative paragraph 5, adopted at its thirty-first session, 1/ the secretariat has drawn up a schedule for the timely preparation of documents and steps have been taken to ensure that the deadlines for the transmission of the majority of documents to the United Nations Department of Conference Services (UNDCS) will be met.

2. However, as in previous years, financial and other data included in some of the reports will not be available before mid-March or April. This means that some documents cannot be submitted to the UNDCS by 10 weeks before the start of the session of the Governing Council, as recommended in decision 83/40, operative paragraph 5 (b). It should be stressed that an effort has been made to limit the number of documents falling into this category by using estimated data whenever possible or by foreseeing addenda containing more complete information to be submitted at a later date. In a few cases, reports may also be updated orally at the Council session in June. Details regarding each of these documents are provided below.

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agenda item

Title

- 3 Annual report of the Administrator: Addenda 1, 2 (Part II), 3, 4, 5 (Parts I and II) and 6

Reason for delay

The information required will not be available until the beginning of April. The time required for narrative analysis and integration of the data into the appropriate sections of the report means that the addendum will not be ready before mid-April, resulting in a delay of two to three weeks beyond the 10-week deadline.

- 6 UNFPA: Annual financial review

Reason for delay

The financial data upon which this report is based will not be available until mid-April. The document, therefore, will be submitted to UNDCS three weeks after the 10-week deadline.

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- 9 (a) - Annual review of the financial situation in 1987, Report of the Administrator
- Annual review of the financial situation in 1987, Net flow of contributions

Reason for delay

The information required for completion of these reports includes financial data from executing agencies in respect of 1987. This information is not available from the agencies until the second week of March. The time required for subsequent analysis and interpretation would result in a delay of approximately 3 weeks beyond the 10-week deadline.

- 9 (f) Ex-post facto report on agency support costs

Reason for delay

The information required for completion of this report cannot be obtained from the executing agencies until 1 April 1988. Allowing for necessary consolidation and analysis of this data at UNDP headquarters, this means a delay of approximately 4 weeks beyond the 10-week deadline.

- 10 Other matters, United Nations technical co-operation expenditures

Reason for delay

Data from agencies are available only in early May. Preparation of the report requires four weeks, moving submission to UNDCS to 30 May.

3. In light of the information provided above with regard to the late submission of the documents in question, the Council is invited to waive its requirements that they be submitted to UNDCS by at least 10 weeks before the thirty-fifth session. Even with this waiver, the secretariat will continue to do its utmost to ensure the timely distribution of these documents.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 9 (E/1983/20), annex I.

