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REPORT OF THE PRE-CONFERENCE CONSULTATIONS HELD AT  
THE KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, NAIROBI  
ON 7 AUGUST 1981

1. The pre-Conference consultations were held on 7 August 1981 at the Kenyatta International Conference Centre, Nairobi. Participation in the consultations was open to representatives of all States invited to participate in the Conference.
2. Mr. Makoto TANIGUCHI (Japan), Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference, presided over the pre-Conference consultations.
3. The following questions formed the subject of the pre-Conference consultations: 1/
  1. Election of the President of the Conference (item 2 of the provisional agenda). 2/
  2. Adoption of the rules of procedure (item 3 (a))
  3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (item 3 (b))
  4. Election of officers other than the President (item 3 (c))
  5. Credentials of representatives to the Conference: appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee (item 3 (d) (i))
  6. Adoption of the report of the Conference (item 6)
  7. Officers to be elected by the Main Committees

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1/ Annotations to these questions were circulated (see A/CONF.100/PRE-CONF/L.1 and Add.1).

2/ For the provisional agenda of the Conference, as approved by the Preparatory Committee, and annotations see A/CONF.100/1\*.

4. The Secretary of the Conference provided, for the information of the delegations details of the programme for the inaugural meeting and the organizational arrangements made by the secretariat and the host Government at the Conference site.

5. After consideration of the questions referred to above, it was agreed to make to the Conference the recommendations set forth below.

(a) Election of the President of the Conference

6. It is recommended that the Conference should elect by acclamation the head of the delegation of Kenya, as President of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy.

(b) Adoption of the rules of procedure

7. It is recommended that the Conference should adopt the provisional rules of procedure recommended by the Preparatory Committee (A/CONF.100/2), subject to an amendment to rule 6 which should read:

"The Conference shall elect the following officers: a President, a Vice-President in charge of co-ordination, 22 other Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur-General, as well as a Chairman for each of the Main Committees established in accordance with rule 42 3/. Each Main Committee shall elect three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur."

(c) Adoption of the agenda

8. It is recommended that the Conference should adopt the provisional agenda recommended by the Preparatory Committee (A/CONF.100/1\*).

(d) Organization of the work of the Conference

9. It is recommended that items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 should be allocated to the Plenary and that item 5 of the provisional agenda, entitled "Consideration and adoption of the programme of action" should be allocated to the two Main Committees as follows:

3/ Rule 42 of the provisional rules of procedure provides:

"There shall be two Main Committees: working groups may be established, if necessary, by the Conference and by the Main Committees."

## ANNEX

Proposed time-table for the work of the ConferencePLENARY MEETINGS a/

Monday, 10 August	10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	Inaugural meeting
	3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.	1. Organizational matters (items 2 and 3)
		2. General debate (item 4)
Tuesday, 11 August through	10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	Continuation of general debate (item 4)
Tuesday, 18 August	3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.	
Wednesday, 19 August through	10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	1. Consideration of the reports of the Main Committees <u>b/</u>
Friday, 21 August	3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.	
		2. Adoption of the report of the Conference (item 6) <u>b/</u>

a/ The Credentials Committee examines the credentials of representatives and reports to the Conference without delay. The report of the Credentials Committee will be taken up by the Plenary as soon as it is available. Not more than four meetings with interpretation can be held in the morning or in the afternoon (eight per day).

b/ Sections of the reports of the Main Committees and the draft report of the Conference prepared by the Rapporteur-General will be taken up by the Plenary as and when they become available.

FIRST COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 11 August, afternoon  
through  
Wednesday morning, 19 August

1. Election of officers and organization of work
2. Consideration and adoption of the programme of action: (item 5) Introduction, Chapters I, II, III and V (B) and (C) of the draft programme of action (A/CONF.100/4) \*/

SECOND COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 11 August, afternoon  
through  
Wednesday morning, 19 August

1. Election of officers and organization of work
2. Consideration and adoption of the programme of action: (item 5) Chapters IV (A) and (B) and V (A) of the draft programme of action (A/CONF.100/4) \*/

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\*/ The text of the draft Programme of Action transmitted by the Preparatory Committee will be circulated under cover of document A/CONF.100/4.

(a) The First Committee should consider issues dealt with in the Introduction and Chapters I, II, III and V (B) and (C) of the draft programme of action (A/CONF.100/4);

(b) The Second Committee should consider issues dealt with in Chapters IV (A) and (B) and V (A) of the draft programme of action (A/CONF.100/4).

It is further recommended that the Conference should approve the proposed time-table for the work of the Conference annexed to this document.

10. It is further recommended that:

(a) Meetings should normally be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m., and they should start punctually;

(b) The general debate should be held in plenary meetings starting on 10 August and should be concluded by Tuesday, 18 August. There should be no general debate in the Main Committees;

(c) The list of speakers in the general debate should be closed at noon on Wednesday, 12 August 1981;

(d) The time-limit for statements in the general debate should be 15 minutes for the representatives of States and 10 minutes for other participants;

(e) Statements in the exercise of the right of reply should be made at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever they are devoted to the same item: the number of such statements by any delegation should be limited to two per item at a given meeting, with the first intervention lasting not more than five minutes and the second not more than three minutes.

(e) Election of officers other than the President

11. It is recommended that the Vice-President in charge of co-ordination should be from a Latin American State, the Rapporteur-General from an Eastern European State, and the Chairmen of the First and Second Committees from an Asian State and Western European and other States, respectively.

12. It is also recommended that the other 22 offices of Vice-President should be distributed as follows:

6 from African States

5 from Asian States

3 from Eastern European States

4 from Latin American States

4 from Western European and other States

13. It is further recommended that, if the number of candidates nominated by the various groups corresponds to the number of offices to be filled, the Conference should waive election by secret ballot and proceed to their election.

(f) Credentials of representatives to the Conference: appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

14. It is recommended that in conformity with rule 4 of the rules of procedure, the Conference should appoint Angola, China, Costa Rica, Haiti, Kenya, Singapore, Spain, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America as members of the Credentials Committee, on the understanding that, if a State is not attending the Conference, the Conference should replace that State by another State of the same regional group and designated by that group.

(g) Adoption of the report of the Conference

15. It is recommended that, in accordance with the practice of previous United Nations conferences of this nature, the report of the Conference should consist of the decisions of the Conference, a brief account of the events leading to the convening of the Conference, the proceedings, including a summary of the general debate in plenary and a repertorial account of the work of the Main Committees and of the action in plenary on their recommendations.

16. It is further recommended that, in accordance with the practice of previous conferences, each regional group should designate, by 12 noon on Monday, 10 August, two persons to serve as "friends of the Rapporteur-General" to assist the latter in preparing the draft report of the Conference.

(h) Officers to be elected by the Main Committees

17. It is recommended that each Main Committee should elect its three Chairmen and its Rapporteur at its first meeting, to be held on Tuesday, 11 August, in the afternoon, and that each regional group should be represented on the Bureau of each of the Main Committees.

18. It is further recommended that, if the number of candidates corresponds to the number of offices to be filled, the Committees should waive election by secret ballot and proceed to their election.