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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED  
NATIONS CONFERENCE ON NEW AND  
RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY

DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED  
NATIONS CONFERENCE ON NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY AT  
ITS THIRD SESSION\*

30 March-16 April 1981

Decision 1 (III)

(Agenda item 4)

National papers

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy expresses its appreciation to those countries which have so far sent their national papers 1/ in response to decision 4 (II), adopted by the Preparatory Committee on 1 August 1980, and decides to extend the deadline for the submission of such papers to 31 May 1981 for those countries which have not yet responded and wish to do so.

Decision 2 (III)

(Agenda item 5)

Preliminary draft of a programme of action

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and

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\* The decisions are being issued in a separate document in view of the fact that the Committee postponed consideration and adoption of its draft report until the fourth session. They will be incorporated in the report when it has been adopted. The draft report of the Committee on its third session is contained in document A/CONF.100/PC/L.29.

1/ A/CONF.100/NR/1 to ....

Renewable Sources of Energy notes the preliminary draft outline of a programme of action submitted by the Secretary-General of the Conference 2/ and requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to prepare, for consideration by the Committee at its fourth session, a preliminary draft of a programme of action, taking into account the preparatory work to date and the observations and proposals, including those on the preliminary draft outline of a programme of action, made during the third session of the Preparatory Committee.

Decision 3 (III)

(Agenda item 6)

Provisional agenda for the Conference

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy decides to approve the preliminary draft of the provisional agenda for the Conference 3/ and to consider it again at its fourth session, together with annotations to the preliminary draft of the provisional agenda, in the light, inter alia, of the developments in the preparation of the draft programme of action, with a view to approving the provisional agenda.

Decision 4 (III)

(Agenda item 7)

Provisional rules of procedure for the Conference

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, having considered the draft provisional rules of procedure for the Conference, 4/ in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/204 of 16 December 1980, decides:

(a) That under rule 6, the number of Vice-Presidents shall be twenty-three;

(b) To approve the draft provisional rules of procedure and transmit them to the Conference.

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2/ A/CONF.100/PC/44.

3/ A/CONF.100/PC/13/Rev.1.

4/ A/CONF.100/PC/14.

Decision 5 (III)

(Agenda item 9)

Level of attendance at the Conference

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy urges all countries, in view of the importance of the issues to be considered at the Conference, to participate in the Conference with representatives at the highest possible level.

Decision 6 (III)

(Agenda item 2)

Compendium of existing studies on new and renewable sources  
of energy

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy takes note of the suggestion submitted by the Secretary-General of the Conference 5/ in response to subparagraph (d) of decision 5 (II), adopted by the Preparatory Committee on 1 August 1980, and requests the Secretary-General to pursue the idea of establishing a computerized retrieval system of the existing studies, to be provided for the Conference if the extrabudgetary resources required can be secured.

Decision 7 (III)Organization of the work of the Conference

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, having considered the note by the Secretariat on the organization of work of the Conference, 6/

1. Decides that:

(a) Pre-Conference consultations should be held for two days immediately prior to the beginning of the Conference, in order to consider and reach agreement on all procedural and organizational matters to be dealt with on the opening day of the Conference;

(b) The list of speakers in the general debate shall be opened at United Nations Headquarters on 9 June 1981 at 10 a.m.

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5/ See A/CONF.100/PC/43, paras. 5 and 6.

6/ A/CONF.100/PC/46.

2. Recommends to the Conference for its adoption the following organization of work:

(a) Meetings should normally be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. and they should start punctually;

(b) The general debate should be held in plenary meetings starting at the second meeting 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, at Nairobi;

(d) The time-limit for statements in the general debate should be fifteen minutes for the representatives of each State and ten 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;

(f) 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.

3. Decides to consider at its fourth session any other aspects of the organization of work of the Conference that may be required.

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