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ANNOTATED LIST OF QUESTIONS

1. The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, at its third session and the first part of its fourth session, made certain recommendations concerning the organization of the work of the Conference. Those recommendations are reflected in document A/CONF.100/3.
2. The following annotations, which do not take into account the action to be taken by the Preparatory Committee for the Conference at its resumed fourth session, have been prepared to assist representatives participating in the pre-Conference consultations. Action taken by the Preparatory Committee at its resumed fourth session will be circulated in an addendum to this document.
 1. Opening of the Conference (item 1 of the provisional agenda for the Conference)
 3. At the outset of the pre-Conference consultations, the Secretariat will provide, for the information of delegations, details of the programme for the opening meetings and organizational arrangements at the Conference site.
 2. Election of the President of the Conference (item 2 of the provisional agenda for the Conference)
 4. Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.100/2) provides that the Conference shall elect a President and rule 40 provides that elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Conference decides otherwise.
 5. At special conferences held away from established United Nations headquarters, it has been the practice to elect the head of the delegation of the host country as President. This is normally done by acclamation and the requirement of a secret ballot is dispensed with.

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3. Adoption of the rules of procedure (item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda for the Conference)
6. The Preparatory Committee for the Conference, at its third session, recommended the adoption of the provisional rules of procedure contained in document A/CONF.100/2.
4. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work(item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda for the Conference)
7. The Preparatory Committee, at its fourth session, recommended the adoption of the provisional agenda contained in document A/CONF.100/1.
5. Allocation of items to the Main Committees and organization of work of the Conference
8. The Preparatory Committee (decision 2(IV)) recommended to the Conference that item 5 of the provisional agenda for the Conference (see A/CONF.100/1), entitled "Consideration and adoption of the programme of action", should be allocated to the two Main Committees established under rule 42 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, as follows:
 - (a) The First Committee should consider issues dealt with in the introduction and chapters I, II, III and V (B) and (C) of the preliminary draft programme of action (A/CONF.100/PC/51 and Add.2);
 - (b) The Second Committee should consider issues dealt with in chapters IV (A) and (B) and V (A) of the preliminary draft programme of action (A/CONF.100/PC/51/Add.1 and 2).
9. It is recalled in this connexion that the Preparatory Committee decided to resume its fourth session at Nairobi from 3 to 5 August 1981, in order to consider further the draft programme of action with a view to submitting an agreed text of the draft programme to the Conference. During the pre-Conference consultations, a tentative timetable for the work of the Conference will be circulated, taking into account, as necessary, the decisions taken by the Preparatory Committee at its resumed fourth session.
10. The Preparatory Committee also made the following recommendations with regard to the organization of meetings:
 - (a) Meetings should normally be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 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, at Nairobi;
 - (d) The time limit for statements in the general debate should be 15 minutes for the representatives of each State and 10 minutes for other participants;
 - (e) Statements in 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.

6. Election of officers other than the President (item 3 (c) of the provisional agenda for the Conference)
11. Under rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.100/2), the Conference is to elect 23 Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur-General as well as a Chairman for each of the Main Committees established under rule 42.
12. Under rule 40, elections are to be held by secret ballot, unless the Conference decides otherwise in an election where the number of candidates does not exceed the number of elective places to be filled. In accordance with past practice, the pre-Conference meetings may wish to recommend that, if there is an agreed slate of candidates equal to the number of positions to be filled, all officers of the Conference should be elected by acclamation, thus dispensing with the requirement of a secret ballot.
13. With regard to the composition and distribution of seats on the General Committee, the attention of representatives is drawn to the decision taken by the Preparatory Committee at the first part of its fourth session (decision 2 (IV)) whereby it authorized its Chairman to consult with the chairmen of the regional groups with a view to resolving the outstanding questions relating to the General Committee of the Conference, having due regard to the principle of equitable geographical representation on that Committee and to the practice of special United Nations conferences with regard to the distribution of the major posts of the Conference, and to report thereon to the Preparatory Committee at its resumed fourth session. Information regarding the recommendation to be made by the Preparatory Committee on this matter at its resumed fourth session will be circulated in an addendum to this document.
7. Credentials of representatives to the Conference: appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee (item 3 (d)(i) of the provisional agenda for the Conference)
14. Under rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.100/2), a Credentials Committee of nine members is to be appointed at the beginning of the Conference, and its membership is to be based on that of the Credential Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its thirty-fifth session.^{1/}
15. The pre-Conference meetings may wish to make a recommendation to the Conference on the composition of the Credentials Committee in the light of rule 4, and on the actual participation of States in the Conference.
8. Adoption of the report of the Conference (item 6 of the provisional agenda for the Conference)
16. The Preparatory Committee recommended that, as at previous United Nations conference 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.

^{1/} The Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at the thirty-fifth session consisted of representatives of the following countries: Angola, China, Costa Rica, Haiti, Kenya, Singapore, Spain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and United States of America.

17. It has been the practice of previous conferences to request each regional group to designate, before the opening of the Conference, two persons to serve as "friends of the Rapporteur-General" to assist the latter in preparing the draft report of the Conference. The pre-Conference meetings may wish to recommend that the Conference should follow that practice.

9. Officers to be elected by the Main Committees

18. In addition to the above questions connected with items of the provisional agenda for the Conference, the pre-Conference meeting may wish to make recommendations concerning the officers to be elected by the Main Committees, in order to facilitate the organization of the work of the Committees, which are expected to hold their first meetings on Tuesday, 11 August, in the afternoon.

19. Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure provides for the election by the Main Committees of three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. At previous United Nations conferences of this nature, each regional group was represented on the bureaux of the Main Committees. As indicated in paragraph 12 above, if there is an agreed slate of candidates equal to the number of positions to be filled the officers of the Committees may be elected by acclamation, thus dispensing with the requirement of a secret ballot.
