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## INTRODUCTION

1. The thirteenth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) was held at UNEP headquarters, Nairobi, from 14 to 24 May 1985. The Council adopted the present report at the 15th meeting of the session, on 24 May 1985.

## CHAPTER I

### ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

#### A. Opening of the session

2. The thirteenth session was opened by Mr. A. Al Agib (Sudan), President of the Council at its twelfth session.

#### B. Attendance

3. The following States members of the Governing Council 1/ were represented at the session:

Algeria	Malta
Argentina	Mexico
Australia	Nepal
Austria	Nigeria
Belgium	Norway
Botswana	Oman
Brazil	Panama
Bulgaria	Papua New Guinea
Canada	Peru
Chile	Philippines
China	Poland
Colombia	Rwanda
Finland	Saudi Arabia
France	Sri Lanka
Germany, Federal Republic of	Sudan
Ghana	Tunisia
Hungary	Turkey
India	Uganda
Indonesia	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Italy	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Ivory Coast	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Jamaica	United States of America
Japan	Venezuela
Jordan	Yugoslavia
Kenya	Zaire
Kuwait	
Lesotho	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	
Malaysia	

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1/ The membership of the Governing Council was determined by elections held at the 70th plenary meeting of the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly, held on 17 November 1982, the 98th plenary meeting of the thirty-eighth session, held on 15 December 1983, and the 93rd plenary meeting of the thirty-ninth session, held on 10 December 1984 (decisions 37/312, 38/316 and 39/310).

4. The following States Members of the United Nations but not members of the Governing Council were represented by observers:

Bangladesh  
Burundi  
Byelorussian Soviet  
Socialist Republic  
Congo  
Costa Rica  
Cyprus  
Czechoslovakia  
Democratic Kampuchea  
Denmark  
Egypt  
Ethiopia  
Gambia  
Greece  
Guinea  
Guyana  
Iran (Islamic Republic of)  
Iraq

Ireland  
Israel  
Liberia  
Malawi  
Morocco  
Netherlands  
Pakistan  
Portugal  
Senegal  
Somalia  
Spain  
Swaziland  
Sweden  
Thailand  
United Republic of  
Tanzania  
Uruguay  
Zimbabwe

5. The following States not Members of the United Nations were represented by observers:

Democratic People's Republic of Korea  
Holy See  
Republic of Korea  
Switzerland

6. The following United Nations bodies and Secretariat units were represented:

United Nations Department of International Economic and Social Affairs  
United Nations Department of Technical Co-operation for Development  
Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)  
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)  
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)  
Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)  
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)  
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)  
United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)  
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)  
United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations (UNCTC)  
United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO)

The World Food Programme (WFP) was also represented.

7. The following specialized agencies were represented:

International Labour Organisation (ILO)  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)  
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)  
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)  
World Health Organization (WHO)  
World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was also represented.

8. The following other intergovernmental organizations were represented:

African Development Bank (ADB)  
Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO)  
Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA)  
Desert Locust Control Organization for Eastern Africa  
European Economic Community (EEC)  
Inter-American Commission for Environmental Law and Administration  
League of Arab States (LAS)  
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)  
Organization of African Unity (OAU)  
South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP)

9. In addition, 31 non-governmental organizations were represented by observers.

10. The following other organizations were represented by observers:

African National Congress (ANC)  
Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)  
Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC)

#### C. Election of officers

11. At the opening meeting of the session, on 14 May 1985, the Council elected the following officers by acclamation:

<u>President:</u>	Mr. E. Salim (Indonesia)
<u>Vice-Presidents:</u>	Mr. A. Kantshev (Bulgaria) Mr. D. Miller (Canada) Mr. A. Waligo (Uganda)
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. J. Illueca (Panama)

#### D. Credentials

12. In accordance with rule 17, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Bureau examined the credentials of the delegations attending the thirteenth session. The Bureau found the credentials in order and so reported to the Council, which approved the Bureau's report at the 13th meeting of the session, on 23 May.

13. In the course of the discussion on agenda item 4, one representative, speaking on behalf of a group of countries, objected to the presence of another representative, whose credentials they regarded as unacceptable.

#### E. Agenda

14. At the opening meeting of the session, the Council adopted the following provisional agenda for the session, as approved at its twelfth session:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organization of the session:
  - (a) Election of officers;
  - (b) Agenda and organization of the work of the session.
3. Credentials of representatives.
4. Executive Director's reports.
5. State-of-the-environment report, 1985.
6. Co-ordination questions.
7. Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification.
8. Programme matters.
9. Administrative and budgetary matters.
10. The Environment Fund.
11. Provisional agenda, date and place of the fourteenth session of the Governing Council.
12. Other business.
13. Adoption of the report.
14. Closure of the session.

#### F. Organization of the work of the session

15. At the opening meeting of the session, the Governing Council considered and approved the organization of the work of the session in the light of the suggestions made by the secretariat in the annotations to the provisional agenda and the timetable of meetings suggested by the Executive Director (UNEP/GC/13/1/Add.1 and Corr.1).

16. At the same meeting, the Council decided to establish a sessional Committee of the Whole and to allocate to it agenda items 7 and 8, as well as part of item 6. It was agreed that the Committee would be chaired by Mr. D. Miller (Canada).

17. The Council also decided to establish an informal open-ended drafting group under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Waligo (Uganda), with a core membership of two representatives from each regional group, to ensure the initiation of draft decisions pertaining to the items considered in plenary and the co-ordination of