

Item 2. Election of officers and adoption of rules of procedure

2. It may be recalled that the Preparatory Committee at its first session adopted, as its own rules of procedure, the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

3. In accordance with these rules the Preparatory Committee is called upon to elect a chairman, three vice-chairmen and a rapporteur, with due regard to equitable geographical distribution.

Item 3. Adoption of the agenda

4. The provisional agenda has been drawn up by the Secretary-General of the Conference based on the decisions of the General Assembly at its forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions and is contained in document A/CONF.157/PC/14.

Item 4. Organization of work

5. A provisional programme of work (A/CONF.157/PC/15) has been drawn up by the Secretary-General of the Conference taking into account the time available. It may be recalled that the General Assembly, in resolution 46/116, decided that no more than two meetings should take place simultaneously during the sessions of the Preparatory Committee and that no inter-sessional working group should be established.

6. Taking the provisional agenda into account, the Committee may wish to set up two working groups of the whole to address specific agenda items. The two groups may meet simultaneously if necessary.

7. In view of the limited time available to the Preparatory Committee at its second session, the Committee may wish to establish time-limits on the length and/or number of statements made at the meeting. The Committee may also wish to encourage participants to make joint statements, to the extent possible, as well as statements addressed to more than one item of the agenda.

Item 5. Provisional agenda for the World Conference and related documentation

8. The attention of the Preparatory Committee is drawn to paragraph 4 I (a) of General Assembly resolution 46/116 in which the Assembly decided that the Preparatory Committee at its second session should take up the provisional agenda for the World Conference and the documentation related thereto. The Assembly also decided that the elaboration of the provisional agenda for the World Conference should be based on paragraph 1 of resolution 45/155. In that regard, the Committee may wish to consider the recommendations of the Commission on Human Rights contained in the annex to resolution 1991/30 of 5 March 1991. The Committee has before it document A/CONF.157/PC/16 containing the draft provisional agenda for the World Conference.