

36. It seems hardly possible to schedule in advance, at the beginning of the Conference, meetings of the Credentials Committee. It should be noted that rule 5 of the draft rules of procedure provides that, pending a decision of the Conference, representatives of States and international organizations shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the Conference.

37. In view of the functions of the General Committee set out in rule 13 of the draft rules of procedure, the General Committee would have to meet in the course of the Conference whenever necessary, and therefore it does not seem possible to schedule in advance meetings of the General Committee. However, it may be expected that the General Committee would meet on the afternoon of Tuesday, 18 February 1986.

38. The Committee of the Whole would, it is expected, convene its 1st meeting on the morning of Wednesday, 19 February 1986, and conclude its work at a final meeting on Friday, 14 March 1986.

39. The Drafting Committee would, it is expected, convene its 1st meeting on Monday, 24 February 1986, and conclude its work approximately on Wednesday, 19 March 1986.

40. The Conference may wish to consider establishing a description, on a weekly basis, indicating the rate at which work should proceed, of the meetings expected to be held by the plenary, the Committee of the Whole and the Drafting Committee, as was done by recent codification conferences. This matter may be addressed once the Conference has dealt with the question that would arise under rule 28 of the draft rules of procedure, namely, which of the draft articles of the basic proposal should be referred by the Conference to the Committee of the Whole and which should be referred directly to the Drafting Committee (see para. 34, above).

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