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RULES OF PROCEDURE

Draft rules of procedure of the Governing Council

Comments from Governments

Note by the Executive Director

Addendum

1. After document UNEP/GC/12 had been prepared, further comments by Governments on the draft rules of procedure were received in time for them to be brought to the attention of the Working Group on Rules of Procedure (New York, 26-28 November 1973).
2. In their replies to the Executive Director's letter of 31 July 1973, the Government of Monaco states that it has no objection to the draft rules of procedure, as amended by the Governing Council (UNEP/GC/3 and Corr. 1), and the Governments of Poland and Yugoslavia suggest certain amendments to those draft rules. Those amendments are set out in the annex to this note. The Government of Poland further states that it may wish to suggest further amendments in the light of the discussion of the draft rules and the comments of other Governments thereon.

ANNEX

COMMENTS FROM GOVERNMENTS

Date of opening of Special Sessions

Rule 6

(For the text of draft rule 6 and the comments thereon by France and Mexico, see UNEP/GC/12, Annex)

Comments by Poland

The period of six weeks may be increased to ten weeks.

Notification of Date of Opening

Rule 7

(For the text of draft rule 7 and the comments thereon by Mexico, see UNEP/GC/12, Annex)

Comments by Poland

In sub-paragraph (a), the period of six weeks may be increased to ten weeks.

Terms of Office

Rule 19

Text of UNEP/GC/3

The President, the Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur shall hold office until their successors are elected. None of them may hold office after the expiration of the term of office of the member of which he is a representative.

Comments by Yugoslavia

The draft rule should stipulate that the term of office of members of the Bureau is one year and that they shall be eligible for re-election.

Replacement of the President

Rule 21

Text of UNEP/GC/3

If the President ceases to be a representative of a member of the Governing Council or is unable to perform his functions, or if the State of which he is a representative ceases to be a member of the Governing Council, the Bureau shall designate one of the Vice-Presidents as Acting President.

Comments by Poland

This rule should indicate the principles to be observed in designating an Acting President.

Quorum

Rule 31

(For the text of draft rule 31 and the comments thereon by France,
see UNEP/GC/12, Annex).

Comments by Poland

This rule should state that a quorum is required to adopt any resolution
or decision.