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Annotated provisional agenda

for the session of the Executive Board to be convened
at United Nations Headquarters on 14 June 1965 at 10:45 a.m.

1. Adoption of agenda
2. Reports by the Executive Director

(a) General questions

This includes a reference to the main issues to be considered by the Board, a summary of the financial situation of UNICEF and other matters of general interest (E/ICEF/511).

(b) Programme trends and forecasts

This covers recent programme developments, generally and in each of the major fields of UNICEF aid. It also includes a forecast of requests for aid which may be ready for submission to the Board for the years 1966-1967 (E/ICEF/511/Add.1).

(c) Regional progress reports

This includes reports on programme developments in Africa South of the Sahara (E/ICEF/511/Add.2); Europe and North Africa (E/ICEF/511/Add.3); East Asia and Pakistan (E/ICEF/511/Add.4); South Central Asia (E/ICEF/511/Add.5); the Eastern Mediterranean (E/ICEF/511/Add.6); and the Americas (E/ICEF/511/Add.7). The reports will be presented to the Board by the Directors for the respective regions.

3. General statements by representatives of co-operating technical agencies

(The Director of the Bureau of Social Affairs and representatives of the ILO, FAO, UNESCO and WHO will have the opportunity under this agenda item of drawing the Board's attention to developments of interest to UNICEF in the work programmes of their agencies which would not come to the Board's knowledge in connexion with other agenda items.)

4. Policy questions

(a) Reaching the young child

A review will be made of the situation of the child from the age of one to six years, including his special needs and problems, and the channels through which he might be reached. Papers are presented by the Executive Director (E/ICEF/520) and by the International Children's Centre (E/ICEF/521). The Bureau of Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, the specialized agencies and international non-governmental agencies having consultative status with UNICEF have been invited to present statements. Board members who have had special experience with this question may also wish to present statements.

(b) Report of the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy

The report and recommendations of the JCHP session held in Geneva from 8 to 11 February 1965 (E/ICEF/509), together with the documentation considered by the Committee are presented to the Executive Board. The report deals with: the development of basic health services in relation to functions, organization and staffing requirements and also the integration of mass disease control activities into general health services; aid for certain immunization programmes; a review of BCG vaccination within the TB control programme; a review of jointly assisted leprosy control projects; and the need to strengthen health components in nutrition programmes. The Executive Director has prepared a note concerning the recommendations of the JCHP to UNICEF (E/ICEF/515).

(c) Review of leprosy control projects

As part of its programme for systematic assessments of major fields of aid, the Board has before it a review by the Director-General of WHO on jointly assisted leprosy control projects (E/ICEF/513). This report was reviewed in the first instance by the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy and its recommendations are contained in the report on its session held in February 1965 (E/ICEF/509, section 10). A note with recommendations on this question is presented by the Acting Executive Director (E/ICEF/519).

(d) Report of the FAO/UNICEF Joint Policy Committee

The Committee session was held in New York from 31 March to 3 April 1965. The report of the Committee (E/ICEF/510) deals with the following items: national planning to meet food and nutritional needs of children; prerequisites for planning, developing and evaluating applied nutrition projects; criteria governing assistance to food production in applied nutrition projects; evaluation report on milk conservation (socio-economic effects); criteria governing aid to increase rural milk production and collection; review of policies regarding assistance for the development of new sources of protein-rich foods; prevention of vitamin A deficiencies in children through the increased production of local foods combined with nutrition education; use of food aid for the benefits of children; and review of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign. The Executive Director has prepared a note concerning the recommendations of the Committee to UNICEF (E/ICEF/512).

(e) Use of world food surpluses for the benefit of children

The Board agreed at its June 1964 session to include in the agenda of the June 1965 session the subject "Use of world food surpluses for the benefit of children, perhaps within the context of the World Program" (E/ICEF/500, para. 87). The question of food aid for the benefit of children was discussed by the FAO/UNICEF Joint Policy Committee on the basis of a paper prepared by the World Food Program entitled "Co-operation between UNICEF and the World Food Program in the field of Food Aid" (FAO/UNICEF/J.P.65-8). The report of the FAO/UNICEF Joint Policy Committee (E/ICEF/510, paras. 70-78) discusses this problem. The Acting Executive Director has prepared a note (E/ICEF/524) commenting on this problem in the light of the recent session of the Joint United Nations /FAO Inter-Governmental Committee for the World Food Program (E/ICEF/CRP/65-10).

(f) Special aid to countries lacking the personnel and structure to initiate normal programmes

The need to adjust UNICEF policy to permit special aid to be given to countries lacking the personnel and infra-structure necessary to initiate services on behalf of children was drawn to the Board's attention at its June 1964 session by the UNICEF Director for Africa South of the Sahara. The Board requested the Executive Director to present recommendations on this question at the June 1965 session. These recommendations are contained in the general Progress Report of the Executive Director (E/ICEF/511/Add.1, para.92).

(g) Criteria for emergency aid

The Board agreed to discuss at the June 1965 session criteria for emergency aid, particularly the distinction between immediate aid and aid for rehabilitation following a disaster. A paper on this subject is presented by the Executive Director (E/ICEF/517).

(h) Experience with local costs

In response to the Board's request, the Acting Executive Director is presenting a paper summarizing recent experience with local costs and indicating the relative amounts of UNICEF allocations devoted to such costs for each major category of aid in terms of equipment and supplies, stipends, salaries, honoraria etc. (E/ICEF/518).

(i) Research-oriented projects

In response to the Board's request, a paper has been prepared by the the Acting Executive Director entitled "Applied research on problems of children and youth in developing countries" (E/ICEF/514).

5. Report of the Programme Committee

The Programme Committee will meet from 7 to 11 June 1965. Its report will include recommendations regarding the Executive Director's proposals for aid to about 200 projects. In accordance with the request of the Board at its June 1964 session, the Committee will also have reviewed an analytical paper including information on the number and nature of requests for aid which are not presented for the Board's approval (E/ICEF/P/L.605).

6. Report of the Committee on Administrative Budget

The Committee on Administrative Budget will meet on 27-28 May 1965. Its agenda (E/ICEF/AB/L.53) includes inter alia 1964 financial reports and the Executive Director's administrative and operational services budget estimates for 1966. It also includes a paper by the Acting Executive Director on "Planning the Use of UNICEF's Resources, 1966" (E/ICEF/AB/L.46).

7. Reports on activities of UNICEF National Committees

A reunion of the European National Committees was held in Montreux, Switzerland, from 10 to 13 May 1965. This agenda item provides an opportunity for a report from this meeting as well as reports from representatives of individual UNICEF National Committees.

8. Preparation for next Board session

(a) Review of decision to hold one Board session a year

The Board decided in January 1964 to hold one session a year, normally in June, but agreed that this session should be subject to review at the June 1965 session in the light of experience (E/ICEF/492, para. 171). A paper on this question is presented by the Acting Executive Director (E/ICEF/516).

(b) Review of experience with regard to conduct of business

At the June 1964 session several suggestions were made in the Programme Committee and Executive Board regarding documentation and its presentation with a view to facilitating the conduct of business. In accordance with the Board's wish, these have been taken into account in planning the June 1965 session. The Board agreed that before the conclusion of the session the experience with regard to the conduct of business should be reviewed (E/ICEF/500, para. 92).

(c) Date and place for 1966 Board session

The Government of Ethiopia has invited the Executive Board to hold its 1966 session in Addis Ababa. The session would be preceded by field observation trips in African countries of small groups of Board members. A special meeting, under the Board's auspices, would be held on needs and programmes for African children and youth in the context of national development, 16-18 May 1966. The Board session would begin on 19 May 1966 (E/ICEF/525).

(d) Suggestions for provisional agenda of 1966 session

This agenda item will give Board members an opportunity to suggest items for the agenda of the next session of the Board.