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2nd Meeting of the Planning Committee

New York - 19 March 1990

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

- Introduction by H.E. Senator Javed Jabbar (Chairman)
- Introduction of members of the Planning Committee
- Introduction of Government observers
- Invitations to additional members for the Planning Committee

The Chairman invited members of the Planning Committee [ATTACHMENT I] to introduce themselves, and welcomed the Governments of Bangladesh, Finland, Italy, Netherlands, Senegal and Uganda as new members of the Planning Committee.

The Chairman welcomed the Governments of Algeria and Malaysia who had communicated their desire to attend the Planning Committee as observers.

The Chairman requested the Executive Director of UNICEF to address letters of invitation to the Heads of State or Government of Algeria and Malaysia, inviting them to designate Personal Representatives to join the Planning Committee, according to the procedure established at the 1st meeting of the Planning Committee.

- Chairman's review of developments since the 1st Meeting

The Chairman noted that progress since the 1st meeting of the Planning Committee was consistent and satisfactory, particularly including the opening

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for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child on 26 January 1990, the formal announcement of the World Summit for Children by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 8 February 1990, and the issuance of invitations by the Secretary-General to Heads of State or Government in February.

The Chairman expressed appreciation for the steady documentation provided by the Summit Secretariat for the planning of the World Summit for Children and to the work of the Planning Committee.

The Chairman noted the informal and formal efforts of Planning Committee representatives in encouraging participation in the World Summit for Children and efforts to alert the public to this initiative.

The Chairman noted the many submissions of governments and United Nations agencies to the request for suggested themes and topics for the World Summit for Children, and suggested that this reflected the authenticity and breadth of enthusiasm generated by the concept of the World Summit.

-- Adoption of the Agenda

DECISION: The Planning Committee adopted the Draft Agenda for the meeting which had been circulated in advance [ATTACHMENT II].

-- Approval of the Report of the 1st Meeting of the Planning Committee

The Chairman introduced the draft Report of the 1st Meeting of the Planning Committee [ATTACHMENT III] which had been circulated in advance.

The Chairman requested that the draft Report incorporate the word "of" in item 2.1, paragraph 2, sentence 1, which should be corrected to read: "...membership in the Planning Committee should be open to any Member State of the United Nations or of its Specialized Agencies...".

The representative of the United Kingdom called attention to item 3.6, which he noted excluded participation of other than Heads of State or Government. The representative asked if item 3.6 might be amended so as to not exclude others from attending and thus reflect comments made by several delegations. The representatives of Japan, France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, India and China expressed similar concerns.

The representative of Japan noted the omission of his query at the 1st Meeting of the Planning Committee on whether the travel costs of participation in Planning Committee meetings would be covered.

The representative of Canada (Chairman of the 1st Meeting of the Planning Committee) commented that item 3.6 accurately reflected the views expressed and consensus reached by the Planning Committee during its 1st meeting. The

representative further mentioned that the six Initiating Heads of State or Government, in asking the Secretary-General to issue invitations on their behalf, intended the invitations to be sent only to Heads of State or Government. He added that if a Head of State or Government proposes to send a representative, then the Planning Committee should deal with that situation when it arises. The representative noted that this is a "summit" of world leaders at the highest level and that it is in the interest of the success of the Summit that it remain so. The Representative of China supported the comments of the representative of Canada.

The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics proposed that item 3.6 be amended as follows: "The Planning Committee noted the intention of the six Initiating Heads of State or Government that the conference is intended for Heads of State or Government".

The representative of India agreed that the Planning Committee should consider the wording proposed by the representative of the USSR, and expressed the opinion that the Secretary-General's letter of invitation (14 February 1990) does not necessarily make it clear that the invitation is personal to the addressee or that if the Head of State or Government could not attend then that country could not participate in the Summit. The Representative of China shared this opinion. The representative of India asked if those countries that could not participate at the Head of State or Government level could continue to participate in the Planning Committee.

The Chairman repeated that the concept of the Summit is that it is a meeting of Heads of State or Government. He noted that it is considered critical by the six Initiating Heads of State or Government to insure the participation of other Heads in order to achieve the very specific objectives for children by the year 2000.

The Chairman made note of the formulation proposed by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The Chairman further noted the comment of the representative of India and referred the Planning Committee to the Secretary-General's letter of invitation (paragraphs 2 and 5).

The Chairman, speaking on behalf of the the Initiating Governments, mentioned that the Initiators would welcome and benefit from the optimum participation of all interested governments in the Planning Committee, and that the Executive Director's letter inviting designation of a Personal Representative to serve on the Planning Committee explicitly did not link the Head's commitment to attend the Summit to present membership on the Committee.

The representative of France suggested that item 3.6, sentence 2, be deleted.

DECISION: The draft Report of the 1st meeting of the Planning Committee was amended to delete sentence 2 of item 3.6.

DECISION: The Planning Committee approved the Report of its 1st meeting, as corrected.

-- Initiator's proposal for the co-chairs of the Summit.

The Representative of Egypt to the Planning Committee nominated the Prime Minister of Pakistan to be co-chair of the Summit. The representative of Pakistan thanked the representative of Egypt and accepted the nomination on behalf of the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

The Representative of Sweden, on behalf of the Prime Minister of Sweden, nominated the Prime Minister of Canada to be co-chair of the Summit. The representative of Canada thanked the representative of Sweden for conveying the nomination of the Prime Minister of Sweden and noted the strong commitment of the Prime Minister of Canada to the Summit.

The representative of India welcomed the nominations, which he said were excellent, but in regard to the procedure called the attention of the Planning Committee to item 3.4 of the Report of the 1st Meeting of the Planning Committee, which indicated that the Initiators would advise the members of the Planning Committee of their proposal for the co-chairs of the Summit prior to the present meeting. He asked that the procedural process of the Planning Committee be made more clear.

The representative of Canada acknowledged the importance of clear procedures for the Planning Committee. He explained that, while some consultations among Governments had taken place, all Planning Committee members were not consulted. The representative suggested that the Planning Committee return to this issue later in its meeting.

The representative of Egypt noted that consultations had taken place in the spirit of the agreement of the 1st Planning Committee Meeting and that item 3.6 is an accurate reflection of the procedure which the Initiators had followed. He affirmed that all procedures agreed to in the Planning Committee should be strictly observed.

The representative of Zimbabwe asked that further consultations take place on the matter of the co-chairs for the Summit, and that a decision be made later in the day.

The representative of India stressed the need for more consultations among members of the Planning Committee and greater clarity and adherence to the procedures and modalities of the Planning Committee.

The Chairman proposed to defer item 1.5 until the afternoon.

The representative of India suggested decision on item 1.5 not be delayed.

The representative of the Netherlands noted that his Government had overcome its initial hesitations in regard to the Summit and is now very supportive at the highest levels. He encouraged more prior consultation on the part of the Initiators.

The representative of Italy proposed that the Planning Committee approve the nominations while keeping in mind the need for more prior consultations among the Planning Committee by the Initiators.

The representative of France supported the nominations of the co-chairs and suggested that the final decision could be made at the 3rd Meeting of the Planning Committee in June.

The Chairman summarised the suggestions, which included: (1) to delay decision on the issue until later in the day; (2) to adopt the decision with the proviso that in the future prior consultations should be ensured; or (3) to delay decision on the issue until the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

The representative of the Netherlands stressed the need for a decision on the issue during this meeting.

The representative of the United Kingdom agreed with what had previously been said in regard to prior consultations. The Representative noted his delegation's support of the nominations and the need to make a decision during this meeting.

The representative of Senegal agreed with what had previously been said in regard to prior consultations with all members of the Planning Committee, and noted his delegation's support of the nominations and the need to make a decision during this meeting.

The representative of China repeated the proposal that the Planning Committee approve the nominations while keeping in mind the need for more prior consultations among the Planning Committee by the Initiators.

The representative of Zimbabwe fully supported the nominations of the two co-chairs and encouraged a decision on the item at this meeting.

The representative of Bangladesh characterized the nominations as excellent, and proposed further consultations, with a decision being made later in this meeting.

The representative of India noted that other delegations had also expressed the desire for wider consultations.

The representative of Japan supported the proposal of Italy and proposed that the decision be made in the afternoon session.

The representative of Indonesia regarded the nominations as excellent, and encouraged that a decision be taken at this meeting.

The representative of Uganda endorsed the nominations and requested wider consultations on important matters.

The Chairman, noting the comments of the Planning Committee in support of the nominations and the comments concerning need for additional, broader consultations on important matters, deferred the decision on the co-chairs until the first item of the afternoon session.

DECISION: The Planning Committee, after further consultations, took note of the comments of the members on the need for broad consultations on future important items, and endorsed the nomination of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, nominated by the Government of Egypt, and the Prime Minister of Canada, nominated by the representative of Sweden on behalf of the Prime Minister of Sweden, to be co-chairs of the World Summit for Children.

2. OBJECTIVES AND THEMES

- Discussion of the objectives (desired outcomes) of the Summit
- Discussion of the proposed content of the Summit Declaration and possible other documents (eg, a framework for action)
- Discussion of preparatory materials for the Summit (ie, possible official briefing papers, etc.)
- Agreement on the process for proceeding, including establishment of a working group

The Chairman introduced the 2nd agenda item and noted three broad categories of issues: (1) those related to child survival and development; (2) accelerated ratification and implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and (3) the larger global context, including such issues as the environment, drugs and violence.

The Chairman called the Planning Committee's attention to the Suggested Themes and Topics for the World Summit for Children [ATTACHMENT IV], dated 15 March 1990, which contains the written inputs of Governments and multilateral agencies, and summarizes those inputs.

The Chairman also called the attention of the Planning Committee to the forthcoming annual meeting of the UNICEF Executive Board (16-27 April 1990), and noted that the Planning Committee will want to consider the collective views of the Executive Board and aim for a drafting exercise to begin in early May.

The Chairman further called the attention of the Planning Committee to the discussion paper entitled Objectives of the Summit [ATTACHMENT V] that was

prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Initiators. The Chairman noted that the discussion paper draws from the Statement of Agreement of the Initiators and lists 8 objectives.

The representative of Italy noted that distribution of papers at the time of the meeting did not allow adequate time for consideration. The representative noted, however, that the declaration should focus on specific themes vital to child survival and development and which can be realistically dealt with (eg, health and education). He cautioned against a diffuse text that deals with a number of global problems and not on what is attainable, and noted that the themes suggested by Governments and Agencies are vast, and that an attempt to focus on such a large spectrum would result in an extremely diffuse Declaration, rather than focus on specific items and precise actions.

The representative of Canada commended the large quantity and high quality of the inputs, and suggested that the Planning Committee set up a drafting committee which would take the inputs into consideration and prepare a first draft of the Summit document.

The representative of Finland suggested that the declaration be a clear, short, political commitment on the part of Governments to improve the situation and well-being of children, and suggested that the Convention on the Rights of the Child is a good starting point for this declaration. He encouraged that a drafting group meet as soon as possible in order to have a first draft of a declaration for the UNICEF Executive Board meeting.

The representative of China noted the usefulness of the UNICEF document Strategies for Children in the 1990s and the Summit Secretariat document Objectives of the Summit. The representative stressed the need for the formation of a drafting group to make a first attempt at a declaration. The representative noted that the declaration will be a political document and will need to be brief.

The representative of the United Kingdom agreed that the declaration should have specific political commitments to specific actions. The representative noted the issues of AIDS, basic health services and the environment and the need for specific actions in regard to children.

The representative of Sweden proposed that the declaration be a short, attractive, political document - a political declaration of a direct nature. The declaration should be able to be read by the public and by children and should not have too much technical language. The representative proposed two documents: (1) a short political declaration which takes into account the three broad categories of issues proposed by the Chairman; and (2) a plan of action that goes into detail. He asserted that the declaration should be a commitment and an appeal to those not at the Summit to do what they can do.

The representative of India expressed the view that the aims of the Summit should be: (1) a re-commitment by Governments to better the lot of children; (2) identification of the problems; and (3) identification of the methods and

means to resolve them. He especially stressed the commitments needed to achieve points 3 and 4 of the Objectives of the Summit paper, ie, the need for the identification of resources and the need for international co-operation. The representative asked that UNICEF give more thought to this aspect, and that there thus be a fourth area of the Summit's objectives.

The representative of France noted that the declaration should be concise and contain specific commitments, and mentioned the need to consider follow-up to the Summit. The representative noted that the Convention of the Rights of the Child provides for an expert commission which will review the submissions of governments and monitor implementation of the Convention. The representative suggested that this same commission have jurisdiction for monitoring follow-up to the outcome of the Summit. He also suggested that the Summit cover a broad range of issues and should consider those that go beyond the traditional areas of UNICEF concern. In addition, he proposed that the Summit consider the problems of children in the industrialized countries.

The representative of Indonesia proposed that a special working group be formed to draft the declaration.

The representative of Pakistan endorsed the suggestion for a two-part document, including a brief political declaration and an annex containing a programme of action. The document should also contain an international aspect, consideration of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and a follow-up mechanism. The representative supported the proposal for an open-ended drafting group to meet after the annual meeting of the UNICEF Executive Board.

The representative of the United States noted the close relationship between the objectives and themes of the Summit and its format and agenda. The representative proposed that a number of working groups be formed to consider specific target issues and that would include experts from national governments. The representative mentioned that this format was used for the World Conference on Education for All. The working groups could identify themes and specific actions which could then be considered in the declaration.

The representative of Venezuela noted that the Secretariat paper, Objectives of the Summit, offers a good beginning to the declaration process, and suggested that the declaration be a concise political statement and that a drafting committee be formed and be open to all members of the Planning Committee.

The representative of Senegal encouraged that the declaration be a concise political statement and agreed with the proposal for an additional plan of action and for a follow-up mechanism. The representative noted the difficulty of having the Convention on the Rights of the Child commission conduct follow-up since the Convention is not yet ratified.

The representative of Ireland supported the opening comments of the Chairman, and the comments of India, Finland and Italy, in regard to the nature of the

declaration and the need for a working group for the drafting of the declaration.

The representative of the Netherlands supported the comments of the United States on the important relationship of the declaration and the Summit format and on the need for expert working groups on specific issues. In addition, the representative supported the outline of the declaration presented by the representative of Sweden. The declaration and action plan should focus on children in a state of deprivation and therefore, though not exclusively, on children in the developing countries.

The Representative of Egypt supported the comments of Sweden related to the declaration, and the comments of India related to the need for international action and the need for commitment. The representative also supported the need for a drafting committee which should be open-ended.

The Representative of Japan supported the comments of Sweden related to the declaration. The representative questioned the possibility for expert working groups given the time constraints of the Summit, and suggested that the United Nations General Assembly or the UNICEF Executive Board consider these matters. The representative supported the formation of an open-ended drafting group and suggested a first draft be submitted to the UNICEF Executive Board during its April session.

The representative of Bangladesh supported the comments of Sweden related to the declaration, the formation of an open-ended working group to draft a short, specific, political declaration with a plan of action that focusses on the LDCs. The declaration should consider follow-up needs and should take into consideration the resource needs of the LDCs and the rights and role of women.

The representative of Algeria supported the comments of Sweden related to the declaration, the formation of an open-ended working group to draft a short, specific, political declaration with a plan of action. The plan of action should consider the need for international co-operation on follow-up and implementation of the declaration.

The representative of Uganda suggested that the UNICEF Executive Board could elaborate on the inputs of Governments, agencies and the Secretariat and develop a draft. He supported the comments of Bangladesh and suggested that the plan of action include such international issues as children under apartheid as well as resource mobilization for implementation and any follow-up measures, including the role of the United Nations and UNICEF itself. To avoid a proliferation of working groups, the representative suggested a single working group be formed to account for the limited ability of delegations to attend many sessions.

The representative of Mexico noted the agreement on the format of the documents as suggested by Sweden and the need to consolidate the various inputs through an open-ended working group. The representative suggested that Sweden coordinate the working group on the declaration.

The Representative of Sweden accepted the proposal that Sweden coordinate a drafting group.

The Chairman asked for volunteers to form the core of an open-ended working group, and the Governments of Egypt, Pakistan, Zimbabwe, Uganda, the United States, the Netherlands, France, Indonesia, Senegal, the United Kingdom, Japan, Bangladesh, Venezuela, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Yugoslavia, China and India indicated their interest.

The Chairman suggested that the working group identify a core group, and that the working group delegate authority to the core group to carry on regardless of attendance at the meetings.

DECISION: The Planning Committee agreed to the establishment of a Working Group on the Declaration to draft the political documents of the Summit, and elected Sweden as chairman of the Working Group.

The Chairman requested that UNICEF formulate a summary incorporating the inputs of the Planning Committee and provide this summary to the UNICEF Executive Board. The working group will then consider the deliberations of the UNICEF Executive Board before it begins drafting the Summit documents.

The Executive Director of UNICEF noted the important contributions to be drawn from meetings which precede the drafting of the Summit documents, including the World Conference on Education for All and the expert meeting on Health Goals in the 1990s. He also noted that the UNICEF Executive Board's determination of strategies and action priorities for the 1990s will be completed at its forthcoming session.

The Chairman mentioned that the Summit is a one-time event which will be one of the shortest summits ever, and therefore the use of the expert group approach might be applied during the preparatory process rather than the meeting itself.

3. STRUCTURE AND FORMAT

- Discussion of the schedule/structure of the Summit
- Discussion of the role of Heads at the Summit, opportunities to speak in and around the meeting, other means for presentation of positions
- Discussion of means for inter-governmental, institutional and non-governmental leaderships and constituencies to contribute to the substantive debate
- Agreement on the process for proceeding, including establishment of a working group

The Chairman referred the members of the Planning Committee to the discussion paper entitled Structure and Format [ATTACHMENT VI] that was prepared by

Canada, Mexico and Mali and a second document, prepared by the Secretariat, under the title Framework for the Agenda [ATTACHMENT VII]. The representative of Canada, on behalf of the Initiators, offered introductory remarks on the format of the Summit.

The representative of France noted his Government's reservations on item 4 of the discussion paper Framework for the Agenda - that only Heads of State or Government could participate in discussions - and referred to item 3.6 of the Report of the 1st Meeting of the Planning Committee related to attendance by Heads of State or Government to the Summit. The Representatives of Japan, the United Kingdom, Finland, India, Indonesia and China noted that commitments on the attendance of their Heads of State or Government could not yet be made and, therefore, some modalities for participation of other than Heads of State may need to be made.

The representative of Japan noted that the Japanese parliament session may preclude his Prime Minister's attendance. If the Prime Minister may not be able to attend, he asked what forum would there be for the participation of a Minister.

The representative of the United Kingdom supported the recommendation of Canada to defer decision on this issue until it is more clear how many Heads of State or Government will attend. The representative noted the precedent of other summits where Ministers were able to attend and participate when the Head was unable to do so. Concerning format, Heads of State or Government or Ministers might meet in Plenary to deliver statements while others could meet to negotiate final agreements.

The representative of Finland supported the comments of the United Kingdom.

The representative of the Netherlands asserted that the Summit should be of a closed character and without prepared statements to allow a real dialogue among Heads of State. The opening and closing sessions could be public.

The representative of India noted the short duration of the Summit meeting and the need, therefore, for substantial preparations in advance.

The representative of Ireland supported item 1 of the Format and Structure paper as an essential way in which to organize the Summit sessions. The representative noted the need for identifying ways for Heads of State or Government to participate publicly, and suggested that if there are still outstanding items of the Summit declaration for discussion, that these discussions should take place in private. The representative of Italy supported the comments of Ireland.

The representative of Indonesia suggested that, due to the limited time of the Summit meetings, Summit documents need to be completed prior to the Summit.

The Chairman suggested that Heads of State or Government might meet informally Saturday before the formal proceedings. This informal gathering might

possibly touch on one or two central issues. On Sunday, sessions would be open with opportunity for public statements to be made.

The representative of Sweden, speaking in regard to the concern of delegates on attendance by other than Heads of State or Government, referred to the letter of invitation of the Secretary-General which was addressed personally and exclusively to Heads of State or Government.

The representative of Canada suggested a working group be set up, chaired by Mali, to work with format and structure items. The working group should be open-ended and have a core group to prepare its work.

The representative of Mali accepted the proposal of Canada to chair a working group on format and structure of the Summit meeting.

The representative of Japan asked for clarification of the difference between this proposed working group and the one already established, and that the terms of reference of the working group be determined before a chairman of the working group can be identified.

The Chairman explained the rationale for a second working group due to the unique and complex nature of the Summit. Unlike other summits where established rules of procedure, membership, and convention guide the basic planning for the meeting, this Summit does not yet have such. Therefore, and especially due to the complexity of the drafting responsibility assigned to the Declaration working group, it seems necessary to have two working groups which will work in close coordination and cooperation with each other.

DECISION: The Planning Committee agreed on the rationale of the Working Group on Format and structure of the Summit and elected Mali to chair the working group.

The Chairman asked for volunteers for the open-ended working group on format and structure of the Summit, and the United States, Canada, Mexico, Senegal, France, Egypt, the United Kingdom, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Uganda, Pakistan, Zimbabwe, Uganda, India and Indonesia volunteered.

4. PARTICIPATION OF HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT

-- Discussion on encouraging attendance at the Summit and "Head-to-Head" encouragement through collective forums

The Chairman introduced the Secretariat's discussion paper entitled Encouragement to Attend [ATTACHMENT VIII].

The representative of France again noted his delegation's strong reservations on item 4 since a decision has not yet been made by the French Government as to who will attend the Summit. The representative could not agree to item 4 of the discussion paper.

The representative of Finland asserted that everything possible should be done to encourage attendance by Heads of State or Government, but felt that the ultimate decision on participation should be left to each Government.

The Chairman noted that the concept of the Summit requires the optimum attendance of Heads of State, and that therefore the discussion paper does not seek to obtain a commitment but suggests methods to encourage attendance by Heads of State or Government.

The representative of Bangladesh noted the lack of clarity on the attendance issue.

The Chairman emphasized the suggestion that the Saturday of the Summit weekend include informal sessions and that Sunday be for public presentations. There might also be opportunity for private interaction during a luncheon session. The Chairman noted that no decision has been made on the format and structure of the Summit.

5. PLANNING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

-- Determination of the tentative schedule for the Planning Committee in relation to other meetings and requirements

The Chairman introduced the document entitled Suggested Schedule for the Planning Committee and Related Meetings/Activities [ATTACHMENT IX]. He explained that the purpose of the Initiators meetings is to organize and facilitate the meetings of the Planning Committee, and not to pre-empt decisions which should be taken by the full Committee.

The representative of Sweden proposed having an early meeting of the Declaration working group to organize its work. He suggested that the working group meet during the first week of the UNICEF Executive Board.

The representative of Japan noted the intention of the Planning Committee in its 1st meeting [Report of the 1st Meeting, item 4] to present a first draft of the declaration to the UNICEF Executive Board.

The Chairman suggested that a summary of the inputs of Governments and agencies, as well as a summary of the Planning Committee's discussions, be the basis of the UNICEF Executive Board's consideration.

The representative of Sweden noted the importance of the task of the working group on the declaration and the substantial work that needed to take place - and could not take place before the UNICEF Executive Board.

The representative of Algeria suggested that the meeting of the drafting group be delayed until two or three days after the UNICEF Executive Board due to the substantial work which takes place during the Board meetings.

The representative of Mali suggested that a meeting of the format and structure group might take place during the meeting of the UNICEF Executive Board.

The representative of Indonesia noted the importance of the tasks of the working groups and suggested that they meet prior to the UNICEF Executive Board.

The representative of Italy suggested that the working groups meet at a time other than those proposed for May.

The representative of Egypt suggested that the working groups meet after the UNICEF Executive Board but in early May. Meetings of the working group prior to the UNICEF Executive Board would not be able to take its comments into account in preparing their work.

The representative of Canada noted the consensus of the Planning Committee that the two working groups meet before the meeting of the UNICEF Executive Board. In this way the groups could make preliminary reports to the UNICEF Executive Board.

The Chairman requested that the chairmen of the two working groups suggest dates for the working group meetings.

The UNICEF Executive Director noted that some time is needed for translation and preparation of documents to go to the Executive Board. The Executive Director suggested that the working groups meet by 28 March.

The representative of Sweden suggested that the working groups meet over the middle weekend of the UNICEF Executive Board.

The representative of the United States suggested that the working groups meet at the end of March to allow for translation of documents prior to the Executive Board.

The Chairman suggested that the Planning Committee may need to meet for an additional day at its June meeting.

The representative of Italy suggested that the last review of the text of the declaration be made during the September special session of the UNICEF Executive Board and that the final meeting of the Planning Committee be adjusted to accommodate this.

The UNICEF Executive Director noted that the Executive Board's role is to offer its advice to the Planning Committee, but that the Planning Committee must ultimately produce the declaration and other documentation for the Summit.

DECISION: The Planning Committee decided that its 3rd meeting should allow for two days, over 7-8 June.

DECISION: The Planning Committee decided that the Personal Representatives of Canada and Pakistan should rotate as chairmen of the Planning Committee.

6. SECRETARIAT OPERATIONS

- Executive Director's report on establishment of the Secretariat
- Revised Budget Estimates
- Pledges/contributions and discussion on fundraising

The Executive Director of UNICEF advised the Planning Committee of the key officers of the Summit Secretariat [ATTACHMENT X].

The Chairman called the attention of the Planning Committee to the report on Pledges and Contributions [ATTACHMENT XI] and to the Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [ATTACHMENT XII], and noted that the ACABQ Report had been received by the Secretariat only very late on Friday, 16 March.

The Chairman noted that the ACABQ document will be distributed in languages as a UNICEF Executive Board document.

The Chairman announced that he had been informed of a contribution by the Government of Indonesia of US\$50,000 - with US\$20,000 for the Summit meeting budget and US\$30,000 for the Mobilization budget. He expressed the Planning Committee's appreciation for this pledge.

The representative of France announced his Government's intention to participate in financing of the Summit at a level to be announced at a later date after reviewing the ACABQ report.

The Chairman noted that even before the distribution of the letters of invitation, some US\$1,000,000 had been pledged.

The UNICEF Executive Director expressed the hope that as many Governments as possible might announce pledges to the Summit accounts prior to the UNICEF Executive Board's consideration of the matter, and particularly cited the ACABQ's concern that voluntary contributions should cover all commitments.

The representative of India noted the ACABQ's reference to the details of the Budgets. He expressed India's concern that the on-going activities of UNICEF should not be adversely affected by preparations for the Summit, and queried as to the obligation of Governments participating in the Planning Committee to contribute to the costs.

The representative of Canada replied that there is no direct obligation for members of the Planning Committee - or even any participant in the Summit - to contribute to either budget, but that such support would, of course, be most welcome.

The representative of the United Kingdom supported the comments of India, and particularly drew attention to paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 of the ACABQ report concerning the size of the Secretariat and the possibility for economies.

The representative of France referred to the comments of Canada and affirmed his commitment to encourage the full participation of the French Head of State, but also again noted that there has been no decision that participation should be restricted to Heads of State or Government.

The representative of Japan requested the preliminary comments of the Executive Director on the ACABQ report.

The UNICEF Executive Director noted that the ACABQ report will go to the UNICEF Executive Board which, last December, set a ceiling on expenditures of US\$1.5 million for the Summit and authorized commitments of up to US\$700,000 pending review of the budget. A ceiling on mobilization expenditures was set at US\$2 million, with a limited commitment of US\$650,000 prior to the meeting of the Executive Board. He expressed the view that the budgets are well within the concerns expressed by the ACABQ.

The representative of the Netherlands announced his Government's pledge of US\$100,000 for the Summit meeting, and indicated that a decision on contributing to the Mobilization activities would be taken separately.

The Chairman expressed the Planning Committee's appreciation for the pledge announced by the Government of the Netherlands.

7. SUMMIT-RELATED MOBILIZATION

- Executive Director's report on UNICEF Mobilization activities
- Reports by members of the Planning Committee on activities anticipated within their countries

The UNICEF Executive Director referred to the Mobilization activities highlighted in the March "Update" which had been distributed to the Planning Committee. Further to this Update, the mobilization effort has been targetting the public at-large through UNICEF National Committees and non-governmental organizations (especially including environmental, youth, womens, education, parliamentarians, religious, and artists groups), as well as inter-governmental organizations such as the OAU, SAARC, and local and municipal community organizations. He reported that many activities are already underway, and particularly mentioned that the Mayor of New York City is considering the possibility of a New York City Summit for Children to address the needs of its own children. The Executive Director noted, in this regard, the need to focus on what happens after the Summit to implement the conclusions of the declaration and plan of action. A general information kit, videos and a press kit are also under preparation.

The representative of Egypt commented on the experience of his country in initiating a Decade of the Egyptian Child to strengthen action during the 1990s.

The representative of Mali reported that his Government was organizing a media seminar in June, among other activities related to the Summit.

The representative of Mexico mentioned that World Environment Day will be observed on 5 June in Mexico City with the global release of the UNEP-UNICEF World Environment Report on Children and the Environment, and that a mass gathering of children and other activities are planned, which will include reference to the Summit.

The representative of Zimbabwe reported that Mrs. Sally Mugabe, the First Lady and Executive Chairperson of the Zimbabwe Child Development Committee, has established several chapters of the Committee and taken the initiative to encourage other countries to mobilize action around the Summit.

The representative of France reported on the French Government's campaign on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and mentioned that the French Committee for UNICEF will be actively mobilizing around the Summit.

The representative of Bangladesh reported his Government's enactment of a law for compulsory and free education and free education for the girl child until age eight. The First Lady has begun a campaign for free education for street children and working children as well as free health care. Also, the Government has a national council for women and child care.

The Executive Director noted that the Government of Turkey's National Congress on Policies on Children in the 1990s, with both private and public participation, is an excellent example of how countries might prepare for the Summit and organize their actions for children in the decade ahead. Similar congresses might be held both before and after the Summit. He also mentioned that NGOs in Finland, with Government encouragement, plan nationwide district-level meetings prior to the Summit, and a national conference as follow-up to the Summit.

8. OTHER MATTERS

The representative of France expressed the need for the working groups to meet before the UNICEF Executive Board and address newly emerging concerns such as refugees, AIDS, etc., and stressed that other agencies of the United Nations should be involved in this work to strengthen commitment to children throughout the system.

The representative of Zimbabwe stressed the need to address the issue of the impact of apartheid on children.

The representative of Japan called attention to the emblem of the World Summit for Children, which was on display.

The representative of Egypt supported the comment of Zimbabwe and also noted the need for consideration of protection of children in areas of conflict.

The representative of Senegal supported the comment of Zimbabwe and suggested the working group address the underlying causes of the problem.

There being no further requests to speak, the Chairman expressed appreciation to all the members of the Planning Committee for their very constructive contributions to its work, and adjourned the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

- I: Participants in the 2nd Meeting of the Planning Committee
- II: Agenda for the 2nd Meeting of the Planning Committee

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- III: Report of the 1st Meeting of the Planning Committee [as approved]
- IV: Suggested Themes and Topics for the World Summit for Children [updated as of 28 March 1990]
- V: Objectives of the Summit (Secretariat Discussion Paper)
- VI: Structure and Format (Canada-Egypt-Mali Discussion Paper)
- VII: Framework for the Agenda (Secretariat Discussion Paper)
- VIII: Encouragement to Attend (Secretariat Discussion Paper)
- IX: Tentative Schedule for the Planning Committee and Related Meetings & Activities [updated]
- X: Principal Summit Secretariat and UNICEF Focal Points
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- XII: Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions



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2nd MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday - 19 March 1990 -- 10:00-1:00 & 3:00-6:00

Proposed Agenda

1. Chairman's introduction (H.E. Senator Javed Jabbar),
and review of developments since 1st Planning Committee meeting
 - Adoption of the Agenda
 - Approval of the Report of the 1st Planning Committee meeting
 - Report of additional memberships of the Planning Committee
 - designation of Personal Representatives
 - requests from additional Governments
 - Initiators' proposal for the co-chairs of the Summit

2. Objectives and Themes of the World Summit
 - discussion of the objectives (desired outcomes) of the Summit
 - discussion of the proposed content of the Summit Declaration and possible other documents (eg, a "framework for action")
 - discussion of preparatory materials for the Summit (ie, possible official briefing papers, etc.?)
 - agreement on the process for proceeding, including establishment of a Working Group

3. Structure and Format of the World Summit
 - discussion of the schedule/structure of the Summit
 - discussion of the role of Heads at the Summit
 - opportunities to speak in and around the meeting
 - other means for presentation of positions
 - discussion of the means for inter-governmental, institutional and non-governmental leaderships and constituencies to contribute to the substantive debate
 - agreement on the process for proceeding, including establishment of a Working Group

4. Participation of Heads of State or Government in the World Summit
 - Discussion on encouraging attendance at the Summit
 - Head-to-Head encouragement
 - through collective forums, etc.

5. Proposal for the Schedule and Workplan of the Planning Committee

6. Secretariat operations
 - Executive Director's report on establishment of the Secretariat
 - Budget Estimates
 - comments to be forwarded to the UNICEF Executive Board
 - comments of the ACABQ
 - Fundraising
 - pledges/contributions received to date
 - announcements of further pledges by Governments
 - discussion on fundraising

7. Summit-related Mobilization activities
 - Executive Director's report on UNICEF programme activities
 - Reports by members of the Planning Committee on activities anticipated within their countries

8. Other matters