

INFORMAL MEETING OF THE PREPARATORY
COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT
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ITEM 2: AGENDA, DATES AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SECOND SESSION
OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

1. The Preparatory Committee at its first session discussed, among other things, the definition of the programme contents and topics for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, the preparation of documentation and measures to encourage national participation (A/CONF.48/PC/6, paras. 14-45); it made a number of recommendations on these matters. It proposed also to hold its second session at Geneva early in 1971 when it would discuss these subjects in greater detail and accordingly requested the Secretary-General to prepare the necessary studies or reports.
2. The Economic and Social Council, at its forty-ninth session, took detailed account of the views expressed by the Preparatory Committee,^{1/} particularly on the questions of the Conference programme, the areas for immediate action that should be identified in the course of preparations for the Conference and measures to encourage national participation and invited the Secretary-General to prepare his report which would cover these matters in time for distribution to the members not later than six weeks before the second session. The Council supported the recommendation that the second session of the Preparatory Committee be held early in 1971 at Geneva.
3. It will be very difficult to complete the Secretary-General's report in the time available and in the detail that will make it a good basis for discussion of the important items on the agenda of the second session. But, it is equally important to schedule the session as early as possible in order to provide the

^{1/} See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3, chap. IV, paras. 105-111.

Conference secretariat with the views of the Preparatory Committee on matters that must proceed without delay. In view of all the circumstances, preliminary arrangements have been made to convene the second session of the Preparatory Committee at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 8 to 16 February 1971. Every effort will be made to complete the Secretary-General's report in time for distribution to the members.

Agenda for the second session

4. On the basis of the Preparatory Committee's advice and of the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council, the following substantive items are tentatively listed for the agenda of the second session:

1. Progress report on the preparatory work
2. The Conference programme
3. Organizational structure for the Conference
4. Measures to encourage national and regional participation
5. Draft declaration on the human environment
6. Identification of possible conventions and agreements
7. Areas for immediate action that will be identified prior to the 1972 Conference
8. Participation and role of organizations other than United Nations organizations
