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### Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development

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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

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4. Contribution to the preparation of the Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in providing safe water supply and sanitation for all during the 1990s, to be submitted to the eighth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.
5. Review of salient trends and issues on energy development and use in the context of sustainable development:
  - (a) Environmentally sound and efficient fossil energy technologies;
  - (b) Renewable sources of energy, with special emphasis on wind energy;
  - (c) Development and implementation of rural energy policies;
  - (d) Energy and transportation.
6. Issues related to assessment and management of land and water resources on an integrated basis.
7. Other matters.
8. Provisional agenda for the second session of the Committee.
9. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its first session.

## Annotations

### 1. Election of officers

The Committee may wish to elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur(s), taking into consideration that the Committee comprises two sub-groups of twelve members each dealing with issues of energy and water resources.

### 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda contains items on issues in the energy and the water sectors that emerged after the cancelled sessions respectively of the former Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development and it is also based on the provisional agendas of those cancelled sessions.

### 3. Contribution to the preparatory process for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

In resolution 1998/47, the Economic and Social Council called for a special relationship between the work programme of the Committee and that of the Commission on Sustainable Development, and to ensure that the Committee's work programme will be structured in a manner that could enable it to contribute to the work of the Commission. In the multi-year work programme of the Commission, the sectoral theme of the ninth session of the Commission will be Atmosphere/Energy and the topic for the economic sector of the session will be Energy/Transport. Preparations of the ninth session of the Commission is to be initiated at its seventh session scheduled for 19 to 30 April 1999. Thus, the first session of the Committee would provide an opportunity for it to contribute substantively to the preparatory process at the very initial stage.

### 4. Contribution to the preparation of the Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in providing safe water supply and sanitation during the 1990s, to be submitted to the eighth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

Taking into consideration the special relationship called for in ECOSOC resolution 1998/47 mentioned in item 3 above, as well as General Assembly resolution 50/126, in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to its fifty-fifth session, through both the eighth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development and ECOSOC, the first session of the Committee could contribute to the preparation of the report.

#### *Documentation for information*

Report of the Secretary-General on freshwater, including clean and safe water supply and sanitation (E/1997/70)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in providing safe water supply and sanitation for all during the first half of the 1990s (A/50/213-E/1995/87)

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**5. Review of salient trends and issues on energy development and use in the context of sustainable development**

- (a) Environmentally sound and efficient fossil energy technologies**
- (b) Renewable sources of energy, with special emphasis on wind energy**
- (c) Development and implementation of rural energy policies**
- (d) Energy and transportation**

In its resolution 1996/303, the Economic and Social Council emphasized the crucial role of energy in sustainable development, and the importance of adopting a proactive approach towards removing the obstacles and barriers hampering the development of new and renewable energy technologies.

*Documentation*

Report of the Secretary-General on environmentally sound and efficient fossil energy technologies (E/C.13/1998/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on renewable sources of energy, with special emphasis on wind energy (E/C.13/1998/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on development and implementation of rural energy policies (E/C.13/1998/5)

Report of the Secretary-General on energy and transportation (E/C.13/1998/6)

**6. Issues related to assessment and management of land and water resources on an integrated basis**

At its third session, the former Committee on Natural Resources requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to prepare a report on issues related to the spatial planning of land (including minerals) and water resources, taking into account urban and rural development needs and food security requirements, as well as the protection of ecosystems.

*Documentation*

Report of the Secretary-General on issues related to the spatial planning of land (including minerals) and water resources (E/C.7/1998/5)

**7. Other matters****8. Provisional agenda for the second session of the Committee****9. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its first session**