

8. *Reaffirms* the right of Member States to propose, in accordance with the rules of procedure, items for inclusion in the agenda of the Assembly;

9. *Adopts* the Guidelines on the Rationalization of the Agenda of the General Assembly set forth in annex I to the present resolution, which shall be embodied as an annex to the rules of procedure of the Assembly;

10. *Decides* to replace paragraph 4 of the annex to its resolution 33/138 with the text contained in annex II to the present resolution concerning the pattern of election of the six Chairmen of the Main Committees;

11. *Decides also* that the arrangement concerning the pattern of election of the six Chairmen of the Main Committees shall take effect at its forty-ninth session;

12. *Decides further* to review the arrangement concerning the pattern of election of the six Chairmen of the Main Committees at its fifty-third session;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its fifty-second session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution after having ascertained the views and experience of the Presidents of the Assembly at its forty-ninth, fiftieth and fifty-first sessions;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly".

*102nd plenary meeting  
29 July 1994*

#### ANNEX I

##### Guidelines on the Rationalization of the Agenda of the General Assembly

1. The plenary meetings of the General Assembly should constitute a forum for high-level policy statements, as well as for the consideration, *inter alia*, of agenda items of special political importance and/or urgency.
2. Agenda items which are of a nature that relates to more than one Main Committee or which do not come within the purview of any Main Committee should be considered by the General Assembly in plenary meeting, taking into account the recommendations of the General Committee.
3. Substantive items initially allocated directly to a plenary meeting of the General Assembly could be reviewed for allocation to a Main Committee in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in particular with Assembly decision 34/401, which is reproduced in annex VI to the rules of procedure.
4. There shall be periodic reviews of the agenda, taking into account the views of concerned Member States, in order to ascertain whether it is possible to delete any item on which no resolution or decision has been adopted for a period of time.
5. The Main Committees should be encouraged to continue with the review of their respective agendas, taking into account, *inter alia*, the following:
  - (a) Agenda items concerning issues of closely related substance could be merged within a single agenda title or be incorporated as sub-items where this is possible without loss of focus on the items/sub-items concerned;
  - (b) Items that cover related matters or issues could be considered in agreed clusters.
  - (c) Biennialization and triennialization of items on the agenda of the Main Committees could be considered in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;
  - (d) The existing broad division of work among the Main Committees should be maintained.

#### ANNEX II

##### Text to replace paragraph 4 of the annex to resolution 33/138

4. The six Chairmen of the Main Committees shall be elected according to the following pattern:
  - (a) One representative from an African State,

- (b) One representative from an Asian State;
- (c) One representative from an Eastern European State;
- (d) One representative from a Latin American or Caribbean State;
- (e) One representative from a Western European or other State;
- (f) The sixth chairmanship shall rotate over a period of twenty sessions according to the following pattern:
  - (i) One representative from an African State;
  - (ii) One representative from an Asian State;
  - (iii) One representative from a Latin American or Caribbean State;
  - (iv) One representative from an African State;
  - (v) One representative from an Asian State;
  - (vi) One representative from an African State;
  - (vii) One representative from a Latin American or Caribbean State;
  - (viii) One representative from an Asian State;
  - (ix) One representative from an African State;
  - (x) One representative from an Asian State;
  - (xi) One representative from a Latin American or Caribbean State;
  - (xii) One representative from an African State;
  - (xiii) One representative from an Asian State;
  - (xiv) One representative from an African State;
  - (xv) One representative from a Latin American or Caribbean State;
  - (xvi) One representative from an Asian State;
  - (xvii) One representative from an African State;
  - (xviii) One representative from an Asian State;
  - (xix) One representative from a Latin American or Caribbean State;
  - (xx) One representative from an African State.

#### 48/265. Observer status for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta in the General Assembly

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* the long-standing dedication of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta in providing humanitarian assistance and its special role in international humanitarian relations,

*Desirous* of enhancing cooperation between the United Nations and the Sovereign Military Order of Malta,

1. *Decides* to invite the Sovereign Military Order of Malta to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.

*103rd plenary meeting  
24 August 1994*