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### Organization of the seventy-eighth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items

#### Memorandum by the Secretary-General

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## I. Introduction

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to place before the General Committee, for its consideration, the following observations and proposals in connection with the report to be made to the General Assembly by the Committee regarding the organization of the seventy-eighth regular session and future sessions of the Assembly, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items.
2. Over the years, the General Assembly has adopted a number of provisions aimed at rationalizing the procedures and organization of the Assembly. Some of those provisions are reproduced in the annexes to the rules of procedure of the Assembly (A/520/Rev.20). The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to resolutions of the Assembly relating to the revitalization of its work.<sup>1</sup>

## II. Organization of the session

### A. General Committee

3. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to rule 40 of the rules of procedure and to document A/56/1005 (annex, paras. 9–10) pertaining to the functions of the Committee.
4. The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 58/316 pertaining to the functions of the General Committee. The Committee may wish to recall in particular subparagraphs (e) to (h), according to which it shall continue to consider the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items of the customary agenda of the General Assembly; schedule informal briefings on topical issues; recommend to the Assembly a programme of, and format for, interactive debates on the items of its agenda; and consider ways and means to further improve its working methods to increase its efficiency and effectiveness in all aspects, as well as paragraph 34 (c) of resolution 77/335, according to which the President of the General Assembly is encouraged to steer a more active General Committee.
5. In subsequent resolutions on the revitalization of its work, the General Assembly stressed the importance of enhancing the role of the General Committee. By its resolution 72/313, the Assembly, recalling its resolutions 1898 (XVIII), 2837 (XXVI), 45/45, 51/241, 58/126 and 58/316, called upon the President of the General Assembly to make full use of the Committee throughout the session with a view to reviewing the programme of work of the Assembly and its Main Committees, in line with rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly. In paragraph 38 of resolution 77/335, the Assembly requested the Committee, while exercising its functions under rule 40 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and within its mandate, to discuss gaps, overlaps and duplication and make recommendations annually to the General Assembly for its consideration.
6. The Secretary-General wishes to recall that, at the outset of each session, each Vice-President of the General Assembly shall designate a liaison person for the duration of the session. This designation may be made by means of a letter to the President (resolution 55/285, annex, para. 20).

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<sup>1</sup> Resolutions 46/77, 47/233, 48/264, 51/241, 52/163, 55/285, 56/509, 57/300, 57/301, 58/126, 58/316, 59/313, 60/286, 61/292, 62/276, 63/309, 64/301, 65/315, 66/294, 67/297, 68/307, 69/321, 70/305, 71/323, 72/313, 73/341, 74/303, 75/325 and 77/335.

## B. Rationalization of work

7. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to relevant resolutions relating to the rationalization of work, including the administrative and financial functioning of the Organization.<sup>2</sup>

8. The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 14 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which reads:

As regards implementation of paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 51/241, the President of the General Assembly, after consideration by the Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, shall inform the Assembly of [the President's] assessment of the debate on the report in order for the Assembly to determine the need for further action.

9. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that the Main Committees shall meet in substantive session only after the end of the general debate and that the First Committee and the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) shall not meet simultaneously and may consider meeting in a sequential manner during the regular session of the Assembly. This arrangement shall not apply if it affects their respective identities, programmes of work and effective consideration of their agendas (resolution 51/241, annex, paras. 31 and 36).

10. The General Committee may further wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 23 of resolution 72/313, in which the Assembly requested the Chairs of the Main Committees to organize handover meetings of the outgoing and incoming bureaux to exchange views on outcomes and the upcoming agenda, and invited the Chairs of the Main Committees to present a report to their successors on best practices and lessons learned.

11. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 25 of resolution 72/313, in which the Assembly called upon the six Chairs of the Main Committees to meet periodically during the Assembly session to share best practices and increase the coherence and complementarity of the work of the Main Committees.

12. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the seventy-eighth to the eighty-third sessions of the Assembly contained in the annex to resolution 72/313.

13. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 18 of resolution 77/335, in which the Assembly recognized the value of holding interactive inclusive thematic debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community, called for the rationalizing of such debates to ensure high-level attendance, called upon the President of the General Assembly to be mindful of the regular agenda of the Assembly as well as the need to enable the participation of all countries, and urged Member States to refrain from mandating recurring high-level and commemorative meetings where possible, and to consider establishing sunset clauses upon review, including to those already mandated.

14. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 19 of resolution 77/335, in which the Assembly urged Member States, when considering establishing new mandates for meetings of the General Assembly, to be mindful of existing mandated meetings, and in that regard requested

<sup>2</sup> Resolutions 41/213, 48/264, 52/12 B, 58/126, 58/316, 59/313, 60/286, 63/309, 67/297, 68/307, 69/321, 70/305, 71/323, 72/313, 73/341, 74/303, 75/325 and 77/335.

the Secretariat to advise the Member States of any existing mandated meetings that overlap in date or theme, with the aim of minimizing the overall number of high-level, thematic and commemorative meetings.

15. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 20 of resolution [77/335](#), in which the Assembly requested the Secretariat to draw the attention of the Assembly and its subsidiary organs to overlapping high-level meetings of the Assembly prior to action on proposals that mandate the holding of meetings of the Assembly on specific dates, and to advise co-chairs and co-facilitators appointed by the President of the General Assembly during the scheduling of informal consultations, if such meetings or consultations overlapped with other meetings of the Assembly already scheduled, to also take this guidance into account.

16. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 22 of resolution [77/335](#), in which the Assembly encouraged the President of the General Assembly to continue the practice of selecting one representative from a developed country and one representative from a developing country when appointing two co-chairs or co-facilitators, and strongly encouraged the President of the General Assembly to strive for geographical balance among the invited speakers and panellists for all meetings of the General Assembly.

17. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 35 of resolution [77/335](#), in which the Assembly reaffirmed the need to continue to improve the working methods of the Main Committees, and in that regard: invited each Main Committee to further discuss its working methods, as appropriate; and also invited each Main Committee to submit to the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly during the seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth sessions, a written update, as appropriate, on the progress achieved since the previous update in the efforts aimed at improving the working methods of the Committees.

18. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 37 of resolution [77/335](#), in which the Assembly stressed the necessity of aligning the agendas of the General Assembly and its Main Committees, consistent with resolution [75/325](#), and encouraged the General Assembly and its Main Committees to examine, on a case-by-case basis, all the resolutions and agenda items that focus on the same area, based on their purpose, relevance and content; and to paragraph 38.

19. The General Committee may further wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 42 of resolution [77/335](#), in which the Assembly welcomed the increasing number of women candidates nominated for the subsidiary organs of the Assembly in seeking to promote gender balance, and encouraged Member States to continue to do so, and paragraph 21 of the same resolution, in which the Assembly strongly encouraged the President of the General Assembly, supported by the membership, to achieve gender parity across all the co-chairs and co-facilitators appointed for intergovernmental processes, as well as among the invited speakers and panellists for all meetings of the General Assembly.

### **C. Opening and closing dates of the session**

20. In accordance with rule 1 of the rules of procedure, the seventy-eighth regular session of the General Assembly shall begin on Tuesday, 5 September 2023.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> The opening dates of the forthcoming regular sessions of the General Assembly and of the general debate are listed in [A/INF/78/1](#).

21. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the seventy-eighth session of the Assembly recess on Monday, 4 December 2023, and close on Tuesday, 10 September 2024, by 1 p.m. (rule 2 of the rules of procedure and para. 4 of annex IV to the rules of procedure).

22. The General Committee may also wish to recommend to the General Assembly that, during the main part of the session, the First Committee complete its work by Friday, 10 November 2023, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) by Monday, 13 November, the Second Committee by Wednesday, 22 November, the Third Committee by Friday, 17 November, the Fifth Committee by Friday, 1 December, and the Sixth Committee by Friday, 17 November 2023.<sup>4</sup>

#### **D. Seating arrangements**

23. In accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General has drawn lots for the purpose of choosing the Member State to occupy the first desk on the General Assembly floor from which the alphabetical seating order will begin. The name drawn was North Macedonia. The other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order, and the same order will be observed in the Main Committees. In accordance with established practice, the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and the Secretary will occupy the seats at the podium during formal plenary meetings.

24. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 42 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly decided that, with due consideration given to accessibility issues, in all plenary meetings of the General Assembly, including plenary meetings of high-level events, the seating arrangement of Member States shall follow English alphabetical order, beginning with the name of the country selected by lot each year and avoiding distinctions between Member States as to the rank of the head of delegation.

25. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraphs 33 and 34 of resolution 73/341, in which the Assembly decided that all meetings of the Assembly and its subsidiary organs should make provisions for accessible seating for representatives with disabilities through the following process:

(a) Upon a request by a delegation for accessible seating, the seating order in a given meeting room is changed in such way as to allow the requesting delegation to move to the closest accessible seat from the one it occupies in accordance with the order established for each session of the General Assembly, and the seating order for the rest of the delegations is moved by one seat;

(b) Should there be more than one request for accessible seating, the delegations requesting such seats will move to the accessible seats which are closest to their respective seats, which they occupy in accordance with the order established for each session of the General Assembly, and seating order for the rest of the delegations is moved by the corresponding number of seats, omitting the ones newly occupied by the requesting delegations;

and requested, in that regard, the Secretariat to inform the Member States as soon as possible of any changes to the seating plans of the conference rooms.

<sup>4</sup> It is imperative that Main Committees should allow sufficient time for the preparation of estimates of expenditures by the Secretariat and for consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee and that they should take this requirement into account, as well as the recommended completion of the work of the Fifth Committee by 1 December, when they adopt their programme of work (see para. 75).

## E. Schedule of meetings

26. The Secretary-General wishes to recall that, in view of financial constraints, meetings at Headquarters will not be serviced beyond 6 p.m. or on weekends. Consequently, meetings should start promptly at 10 a.m. and be adjourned by 6 p.m. on weekdays. The Secretary-General also wishes to recall resolution [59/313](#), in which the General Assembly strongly urged all officers presiding over meetings of the Assembly to start such meetings on time. The Secretary-General wishes to bring to the attention of the General Committee that, without exception, interpreters are assigned to service meetings up to a maximum of three hours; and that, beyond that, a courtesy of between 5 and 10 minutes is granted at the discretion of the interpretation team leader if it makes a significant difference to the proceedings.

27. The Secretary-General also wishes to recall paragraph 37 of resolution [72/313](#), in which the General Assembly recommended that speakers should be mindful of the speed of statement delivery, bearing in mind the need for accuracy of interpretation.

28. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 1 (b) of the annex to resolution [58/316](#), which reads:

With effect from the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, the meetings of the plenary Assembly shall normally be held on Mondays and Thursdays.

29. The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 5 of resolution [77/255](#), in which the General Assembly noted with satisfaction that the Secretariat had taken into account the arrangements referred to in relevant resolutions of the Assembly concerning Orthodox Good Friday and the official holidays of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha, and requested all intergovernmental bodies to observe those decisions when planning their meetings.

30. The Secretary-General further wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 6 of resolution [77/255](#), in which the General Assembly noted with satisfaction that the Secretariat had taken into account the arrangements referred to in relevant resolutions of the Assembly regarding the pattern of conferences, including resolution [69/250](#), concerning Yom Kippur, the Day of Vesak, Diwali, Gurpurab, Orthodox Christmas and Nowruz, and requested all relevant intergovernmental bodies to continue to observe the applicable decisions when planning their meetings.

31. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that, in accordance with past practice, it waive the requirement that at least one third of the members of the Assembly, in the case of plenary meetings, and one quarter of the members of a Main Committee, in the case of Main Committee meetings, be present in order to declare a meeting open and to permit the debate to proceed. This recommendation would be made on the understanding that such a waiver would not imply any permanent change in the provisions of rules 67 and 108 of the rules of procedure and that the requirement of the presence of a majority of the members for any decision to be taken would be maintained.

32. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 46 of resolution [72/313](#), in which the Assembly encouraged the scheduling of future high-level meetings during the first half of the year, from within existing resources, taking into account the calendar of conferences and without prejudice to the current practice of convening one high-level meeting in September at the beginning of each session of the Assembly.

33. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 44 of resolution [72/313](#), in which the Assembly reiterated its invitation to the President of the General Assembly and the Chairs of the Main Committees, in

consultation with the General Committee and Member States, as well as to the Secretary-General, to enhance the coordination of the scheduling of the meetings of the Assembly, including high-level meetings and high-level thematic debates, with a view to optimizing their interactivity, effectiveness and distribution throughout the session, and to consider ways to decrease the number of high-level events held during the general debate.

34. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 24 of resolution [77/335](#), in which the Assembly requested the President of the General Assembly to continue scheduling the plenary meetings of the Assembly on the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization and on the report of the Security Council in close coordination with the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council, so that discussions of these important reports are no longer conducted in a perfunctory manner.

35. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 17 of resolution [77/335](#), in which the Assembly underlined the urgent need to preserve the primacy, significance and established practice of the general debate of the General Assembly, and:

(a) Stressed the need to limit the number of high-level events held in the margins of the general debate to those of key significance that required immediate attention from Heads of State and Government, to enable the meaningful participation of all countries in the general debate;

(b) Called upon the President of the General Assembly, Member States, the Secretary-General and heads of other relevant United Nations bodies to be mindful of those aspects when planning and coordinating the events of the high-level week in September and to be guided by the existing mandates agreed upon by Member States;

(c) Also called upon Member States and the United Nations system to singly and collectively limit the number of side events held in parallel with or in the margins of the general debate, as well as other high-level sessions, and encouraged informal prior consultations to identify side events on similar topics in an effort to minimize overlap, and inform the Secretariat of the details of planned side events;

(d) Invited Member States and United Nations system entities to join the voluntary pledge contained in annex II to the resolution, to limit the number of side events held in parallel with or in the margins of the general debate, and requested the President of the General Assembly to circulate the pledge to Member States annually ahead of the General Debate and to provide information on States that have signed the pledge on the President's website;

(e) Requested the Secretariat to continue the practice of uploading information on the side events, when indicated by the organizers, in *the Journal of the United Nations*, and to do so in all six official languages when provided by the organizers.

36. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 40 of resolution [72/313](#), in which the Assembly encouraged the scheduling of side events at United Nations Headquarters outside of the hours when the general debate is being held.

37. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that, in accordance with past practice, the Assembly may hold a single debate on the items on its agenda each session (or each time an emergency special session that was adjourned temporarily is resumed), and that a specific mandate from the Assembly is needed for any additional debates.

## **F. General debate**

38. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that, pursuant to resolution [57/301](#), the general debate of the seventy-eighth session will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 19 September 2023, and will continue on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 20–22 September, and on Tuesday, 26 September. The Secretary-General recommends that the general debate also continue on Saturday, 23 September, in order to maximize the number of speakers during that week. The Committee may further wish to bring to the attention of the Assembly that the list of speakers for each day shall be completed and that no speakers will be transferred to the next day, notwithstanding the implications for hours of work. Furthermore, there shall be no time limits for statements in the general debate, but the Assembly will indicate a voluntary guideline of up to 15 minutes for each statement.

39. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that, pursuant to paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution [58/126](#), the theme “Rebuilding trust and reigniting solidarity: accelerating action on the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals towards peace, prosperity, progress and sustainability for all” has been proposed for the general debate at the seventy-eighth session.

40. The General Committee may further wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that, pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 10 of the annex to resolution [51/241](#) and as at previous sessions, the Secretary-General wishes to make a brief presentation of his annual report<sup>5</sup> as the first item in the morning prior to the opening of the general debate on Tuesday, 19 September 2023.

41. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 15 of resolution [72/313](#), in which the Assembly recommended that, unless decided otherwise, no other agenda items should be opened during the dates allocated for the general debate.

## **G. Conduct of meetings, length of statements, explanations of vote, right of reply, points of order and concluding statements**

42. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the relevant rules of procedure regarding the conduct of meetings, namely, rules 35, 68, 72, 73, 99 (b), 106, 109, 114 and 115.

43. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 32 of resolution [71/323](#) and paragraph 34 of resolution [72/313](#), in which the Assembly recalled rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly and called for strict adherence by each speaker to the time limits in the Assembly, where applicable, and in particular during the general debate, the high-level meetings of the Assembly and the high-level thematic debates convened by the President of the General Assembly, bearing in mind that all speakers shall get the same opportunity to deliver their statements within the allocated time limit, as set out in the rules of procedure of the Assembly.

44. The General Committee may further wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that, in accordance with past practice, debates in plenary, including during special and emergency special sessions, may include statements, as applicable, by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, Member States and

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<sup>5</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-eighth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/78/1)*.



observers,<sup>6</sup> in that order (regardless of whether or not the observer is delivering a group statement and of what level the observer speaker is at), unless otherwise mandated by the Assembly; that each delegation is to make no more than one statement in a debate, delivered by no more than one accredited representative physically present in the General Assembly Hall (and not with a video recording or screen-projected presentation), unless otherwise mandated by the Assembly; that the President shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak, in accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, including among speakers on behalf of a group of Member States (this first-come, first-served rule also applies when multiple delegations wish to take a particular slot on a list, such as becoming the last speaker on a list) and, among speakers of Member States and the European Union, Heads of State, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes or Princesses, Heads of Government, deputy prime ministers, ministers and vice-ministers (or their equivalents in case of the European Union) are given priority (regardless of areas of responsibilities of the ministers and vice-ministers), in that order, with group statements given further priority within each level; that a Member State introducing a proposal or a draft amendment thereto, if any, is entitled to take the floor at the beginning of the debate among Member States, regardless of the level of the speaker; that the introduction of a proposal or a draft amendment thereto is to be made by no more than one delegation; that the consideration of proposals would take place following the conclusion of the debate; that, in the event that the Assembly resumes its consideration of an agenda item after having concluded its debate on it with a view to considering a proposal and a draft amendment thereto, if any, statements by delegations are limited to the introduction, followed by the consideration, of the proposal (see also para. 34; “general statements” can be made only during the debate on the agenda item); that, when there are multiple proposals and proposed amendments thereto, if any, under an agenda item, statements in explanation of vote before the vote on any or all of the proposals, including proposed amendments, under the item, as well as on parts thereof, should be made in one intervention when a delegation is called on by the President, followed by action on all of them, one by one, and that, thereafter, there will be a sole remaining opportunity for statements in explanation of vote after the vote on any or all of them, including on parts thereof, as well as on any additional oral amendments proposed in the intervening time, in one intervention; that the President may initially give the floor, on a point of order, to a delegation requesting the floor during a debate or during explanations of vote where it is not permitted to make such a statement, in the light of paragraph 79 of annex IV to the rules of procedure; that the Secretary-General may be represented at the podium only by the Deputy Secretary-General or by another member of the Secretariat designated by him in order to make a statement on his behalf, in accordance with rule 70 of the rules of procedure; that statements by the President or the Secretary-General are made either by themselves (and not with a video recording or screen-projected presentation) or by a Vice-President of the General Assembly or a member of the Secretariat designated by the Secretary-General in order to make a statement on his behalf in accordance with rule 70 of the rules of procedure, respectively, who is physically present in the General Assembly Hall; that, in accordance with rule 88 of the rules of procedure, when a vote is taken by secret ballot, the President does not permit statements in the explanation of vote, including those for seeking or expressing thanks for support (except to announce a change in candidature); that, when the Assembly, upon the consideration of a report of a Main Committee and in the absence of a proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, decides not to discuss the report, statements are limited to explanations of vote and there is no separate opportunity to introduce a proposal recommended by the Committee; that, in accordance with rule 65 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly shall not, unless it decides

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<sup>6</sup> As listed in [A/INF/78/3](#).

otherwise, make a final decision upon any item on the agenda until it has received the report of a Committee on that item, and accordingly, a proposal that is meant for an agenda item exclusively allocated to a Main Committee may be submitted only after the conclusion of the work of the Committee in the main part of the session and may be considered by the Assembly only after consideration of the Committee's reports, subject to an Assembly decision to consider the agenda item directly in plenary meeting; that no object, other than what is mentioned under "Observances and commemorative meetings" in the present document, is to be placed by delegations on or around the podium, the stage and the floor of the General Assembly Hall during formal plenary meetings; and that the introduction of a pre-recorded statement, if authorized by the Assembly, is to be made from the national seat. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the Assembly that a legal opinion of the Legal Counsel may only be requested by the Assembly itself; that the Legal Counsel may not give an opinion at the request of a delegation or a group of delegations; and that a request for a legal opinion may be proposed by a delegation in accordance with rule 78 of the rules of procedure in the form of a draft decision or resolution that contains a clearly formulated question addressed to the Legal Counsel.

45. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 35 of resolution [72/313](#), in which the Assembly reiterated its invitation to the Chairs of meetings of the General Assembly, especially when there is very limited time available for debate, to consider recommending the "all protocol observed" principle, whereby participants are encouraged to refrain from listing standard protocol expressions during their statements.

46. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 38 of resolution [72/313](#), in which the Assembly urged all presiding officers and Member States to strictly adhere to the scheduled starting time of meetings of the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies.

47. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 39 of resolution [72/313](#), in which the Assembly called upon all officers chairing or facilitating intergovernmental processes to seek to conduct informal negotiations during regular working hours, in order to allow for the active and constructive participation of all Permanent Missions in the work of the United Nations.

48. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that explanations of vote should be limited to 10 minutes; that, when the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, that is, either in the Committee or in the plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in the plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee; and that delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item (decision 34/401, paras. 6–8).

49. The General Committee may also wish to recommend to the General Assembly that points of order be limited to five minutes.

50. The General Committee may further wish to recommend to the General Assembly that, in order to save time at the end of the session, the practice of making concluding statements in the Assembly and its Main Committees should be dispensed with except for statements by the presiding officers (decision 34/401, para. 17).

51. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to resolution [59/313](#), in which the Assembly invited Member States that are aligned with statements already made by the Chair of a group of Member States, where

possible, to focus additional interventions that they make in their national capacity on points that have not already been adequately addressed in the statements of the group in question, bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.

52. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that the voting results are final once the voting process has concluded in the Assembly. Delegations may submit voting intention forms provided by the Secretariat in order to clarify their voting intentions, which will be further reflected in the official records of the meetings.

53. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that, once the Assembly adopts a draft resolution or decision, Member States can no longer alter its sponsorship. Likewise, when a Main Committee has adopted a proposal and recommends its adoption by the Assembly, Member States can no longer alter its sponsorship.

54. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that members who wish to make observations in the nature of rights of reply to addresses by Heads of State should submit their observations in writing for circulation as an Assembly document. At the 2377th meeting of the thirtieth session of the Assembly, in 1975, the President indicated that he did not consider it appropriate for oral rights of reply to be exercised in relation to addresses made by Heads of State. He further indicated that he would see no objection to observations in the nature of rights of reply to such addresses when made in writing. This has become a practice of the Assembly.

55. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraphs 47 and 48 of resolution [71/323](#), in which the Assembly decided that the names of candidates for election by the Assembly or by the Main Committees should be communicated to the Secretariat, where possible, at least 48 hours prior to an election, unless otherwise required by specific rules governing the elections concerned, and that those names should be printed on the ballot papers, while additional space should be provided on the ballot paper for inscribing other names, where applicable; and that, on the day of election in the Assembly or in the Main Committees, the campaign materials distributed in the General Assembly Hall or in the Committee meeting room should be limited to a single page of information regarding the candidates, with a view to preserving the decorum of the Assembly.

56. The General Committee may further wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 53 of resolution [72/313](#), in which the Assembly requested the continuation of the practice implemented during the secret vote counting procedure, whereby no use of mobile phones or/and other electronic communication devices is permitted in the room where counting is being conducted, thus ensuring the confidentiality of elections and integrity of secret ballots.

## H. Records of meetings

57. The Secretary-General wishes to recall that, as at past sessions, during the seventy-eighth session, verbatim records will continue to be provided for the plenary meetings of the General Assembly and the meetings of the First Committee, and summary records will be provided for the other Main Committees and the General Committee of the Assembly pursuant to resolution [49/221](#) B (annex, paras. 1–2). In paragraph 76 of resolution [66/246](#), the Assembly stressed the importance of an open, transparent and all-inclusive United Nations, and decided to approve the live webcasting, and subsequent web storage, of all the formal meetings of its six Main Committees. The Department of Global Communications provides webcast coverage,

through the multilingual UN WebTV platform ([webtv.un.org](http://webtv.un.org)), in all six official languages and the floor language, of formal (numbered) plenary meetings and informal meetings (pursuant to paragraph 92 of resolution [77/335](#)). Other meetings of the Assembly are not automatically covered by webcast. However, if requested, the Department could provide additional webcast coverage of a meeting on a cost-recovery basis. The 2023 cost-recovery rates are \$296 for up to three hours of coverage during working hours.

58. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that the practice of reproducing statements in extenso as separate documents has been discontinued for all its subsidiary organs that are entitled to summary records and that any exceptions to this rule may be made by the body concerned only if the statements are to serve as bases for discussion and if, after hearing a statement of the relevant financial implications, the body decides that one or more statements in extenso may be included in the summary record, or reproduced as separate documents or as annexes to authorized documents (resolution [38/32 E](#), paras. 8–9).

59. The General Committee may also wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the practice of not reproducing in extenso statements made in a Main Committee be maintained for the seventy-eighth session.

## I. Resolutions

60. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that:

- Whenever possible, resolutions requesting the discussion of a question at a subsequent session should not call for the inclusion of a separate new item and such discussion should be held under the item under which the resolution was adopted (decision 34/401, para. 32).
- Efforts should be made to reduce the number of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. Resolutions should request reports of the Secretary-General only in cases where that would be indispensable for facilitating the implementation of those resolutions or the continued examination of the question.<sup>7</sup>
- In order to ensure that resolutions have greater political impact, they should be short, in particular as regards the preambular part, and should focus more on action-oriented operative paragraphs (resolutions [57/270 B](#), para. 69, and [77/335](#), para. 45).
- Whenever possible, for the adoption by the General Assembly of agreed texts of resolutions and decisions, informal consultations should be carried out with the widest possible participation of Member States (resolution [45/45](#), annex, para. 1).
- The terms “takes note of” and “notes” are neutral terms that constitute neither approval nor disapproval (decision 55/488, annex).

61. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 45 of resolution [77/335](#), in which the Assembly recalled the provisions related to its resolutions, contained in resolutions [60/286](#) of 8 September 2006 and resolution [66/294](#) of 8 October 2012, and recommended that, in order to ensure that they be effectively implemented and have greater political impact,

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<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, *Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49)*, para. 21, recommendation 3 (f).

Assembly resolutions should be short, in particular as regards the preambular parts, and should focus more on action-oriented operative paragraphs.

62. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 44 of resolution 77/335, in which the Assembly invited the main sponsors of draft resolutions that are submitted for the consideration of delegations to consider the procedural practices applied during previous sessions with the aim of enhancing the efficiency of the work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, and requested the Secretariat to advise main sponsors of draft resolutions on its guidelines for the preparation, co-sponsorship, and submission of proposals for consideration in the plenary of the General Assembly.<sup>8</sup>

63. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that the numbering of resolutions and decisions is sequential, and that resolutions or decisions containing identical titles will be assigned identical symbols followed by a letter designation (e.g. “A” and “B”).

## **J. Documentation**

64. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that the Assembly, including its Main Committees, should merely take note of those reports of the Secretary-General or subsidiary organs that do not require a decision by the Assembly and should neither debate nor adopt resolutions on them, unless specifically requested to do so by the Secretary-General or the organ concerned (decision 34/401, para. 28).

65. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to section III of resolution 57/283 B regarding the timely issuance of documents in the six official languages of the Assembly. The Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the Assembly to resolution 59/313, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure that documentation and reports are issued well in advance, in keeping with the 6-week rule for the issuance of official documentation simultaneously in all official languages, and resolution 47/202, in which the Assembly urged the substantive departments of the Secretariat to comply with the rule which required them to submit pre-session documents to the Office of Conference Services at least 10 weeks before the beginning of sessions, in order to permit processing in time in all official languages.

66. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to resolutions 48/264 and 55/285, in which the Assembly emphasized that restraint should be exercised in making requests for new reports and requested more integrated reports, and to resolution 57/270 B, in which it recognized the need to avoid requesting duplicative reports from the Secretary-General.

67. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to resolution 67/297, in particular its paragraph 19, on the consolidation of documentation and on document submission deadlines (see para. 58).

68. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 47 of resolution 75/325, in which the Assembly requested the Secretariat to continue to improve, harmonize and unify e-services provided to Member States under e-deleGATE with a view to creating a full-fledged delegates' online workplace in all six official languages in order to save costs, reduce the environmental impact and improve the distribution of documents, paragraph 46 of resolution 77/335, in

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<sup>8</sup> See [www.un.org/en/ga/pdf/guidelines\\_submit\\_draft\\_proposals.pdf](http://www.un.org/en/ga/pdf/guidelines_submit_draft_proposals.pdf).

which the Assembly called upon its subsidiary organs to use, as much as possible, existing e-deleGATE modules, and paragraphs 36 and 45 of resolution 72/313, in which the Assembly requested the Secretariat to ensure the availability through the e-deleGATE portal of provisional lists of speakers at United Nations meetings and conferences not later than by the end of the business day preceding the relevant meeting or conference, and requested the President of the General Assembly, in order to enhance transparency, to continue to attach the list of speakers at high-level thematic debates organized by the President to the summary of those events.

69. The General Committee may wish to bring the following to the attention of the General Assembly:

- Resolutions should contain requests for observations from States or reports by the Secretary-General insofar as they are likely to facilitate the implementation of the resolutions or the continued examination of the question (resolution 45/45, annex, para. 10).
- Documents originating in the Secretariat should be no longer than 16 pages (8,500 words) (resolution 52/214 B, para. 4), and all intergovernmental bodies are invited to consider, where appropriate, the possibility of further reducing the length of their reports from 32 pages to 20 pages (10,700 words) without adversely affecting either the quality of presentation or the content of the reports (resolution 53/208 B, para. 15).
- Member States and entities of the United Nations system should make a serious effort to submit their replies and inputs to requests for information or views pursuant to resolutions of the General Assembly within the prescribed deadlines (resolution 55/285, annex, para. 17).
- Member States, when seeking additional information, are encouraged to request that they be provided with the information either orally or, if in writing, in the form of information sheets, annexes, tables and the like (resolution 59/313, para. 17).

## **K. Questions relating to the programme budget**

70. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to rule 153 of the rules of procedure, which reads:

No resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General. No resolution in respect of which expenditures are anticipated by the Secretary-General shall be voted by the General Assembly until the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) has had an opportunity of stating the effect of the proposal upon the budget estimates of the United Nations.

71. Also with regard to rule 153 of the rules of procedure, and to paragraph 13 (d) of decision 34/401, under which a minimum period of 48 hours is required between the submission and the voting of a proposal involving expenditure in order to allow the Secretary-General to prepare and present the related statement of administrative and financial implications, the General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly the fact that, in most cases, more than 48 hours are required for the Secretary-General to review the programme budget implications of proposals before the Assembly.

72. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure, the consideration

by the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) of any proposal involving expenditure before such a proposal is voted on by the Assembly is mandatory and the rule as formulated does not provide for any exceptions.

73. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the need for initiators of proposals with budgetary implications to clarify a timetable at an early stage with the Chair of the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) and the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in order to ensure full compliance with rule 153.

74. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 31 of resolution [71/323](#), in which the Assembly recalled rules 153 and 154 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly and encouraged the Chairs of the Main Committees and the Secretary-General to ensure observance of those rules, within their respective mandates.

75. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 12 and 13 of decision 34/401, which read:

12. It is imperative that Main Committees should allow sufficient time for the preparation of the estimate of expenditures by the Secretariat and for its consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee and that they should take this requirement into account when they adopt their programme of work.

13. Furthermore:

(a) A mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications;

(b) The Fifth Committee should, as a general practice, consider accepting without debate the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financial implications of draft resolutions up to a prescribed limit, namely \$25,000 on any one item;

(c) Firm deadlines should be set for the early submission of the reports of subsidiary organs which require consideration by the Fifth Committee;

(d) A minimum period of 48 hours should be allowed between the submission and the voting of a proposal involving expenditure in order to allow the Secretary-General to prepare and present the related statement of administrative and financial implications.

76. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to regulation 5.9 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation ([ST/SGB/2018/3](#); promulgated pursuant to resolution [72/9](#)). Regulation 5.9 reads:

No council, commission or other competent body shall take a decision involving either a change in the programme budget approved by the General Assembly or the possible requirement of expenditure unless it has received and taken account of a report from the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the proposal.

77. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 6 of its resolution [35/10 A](#), in which the Assembly:

Decides that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly shall be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.

78. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to section VI of its resolution [45/248 B](#) on procedures for administrative and budgetary matters, in which the Assembly:

1. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

2. *Reaffirms* also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. *Expresses its concern* at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters.

79. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the oral statement of programme budget implications read by the Secretariat prior to the consideration of a proposal containing budgetary implications that would have an impact on future budget periods and that would be included in the proposed programme budget or that would be funded from extrabudgetary resources.

80. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the views expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the use of the phrase “within existing resources”<sup>9</sup> and to the report in which the Advisory Committee emphasized the responsibility of the Secretariat to inform the Assembly thoroughly and accurately about whether there are enough resources to implement a new activity,<sup>10</sup> as well as to the provisions of section VI of resolution [45/248 B](#) and subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which is resolution [77/262](#), in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with the responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

81. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that, pursuant to paragraph 5 of resolution [40/243](#), United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved. The methods of budgeting these costs should be improved so as to ensure that all additional costs are accounted for.<sup>11</sup>

82. The General Committee may further wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that all activities related to international conventions or treaties that, under their respective legal arrangements, ought to be financed outside the regular budget of the United Nations, may be undertaken by the Secretariat only when sufficient

<sup>9</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, *Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/38/7/Add.1-23)*, document [A/38/7/Add.16](#).

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, *Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/54/7)*.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, *Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49)*, para. 21, recommendation 4.



funding is received, in advance, from States parties and States not parties participating in the meetings.

83. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the provision contained in paragraph 11 of resolution 69/250 and subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which is resolution 77/255, in which the Assembly invited Member States to include in new legislative mandates adequate information on the modalities for the organization of conferences or meetings.

84. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the estimated conference servicing-related costs of convening an additional two meetings of up to three hours each in length during working hours, which are \$11,200, and that those costs do not include additional services relating to substantive support by a Secretariat office, webcast services or costs relating to the holding of meetings outside working hours, among others.

85. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the estimated costs relating to the issuance of an additional report or note by the Secretariat not exceeding 8,500 words in length when originating in the Secretariat or 10,700 words when not originating in the Secretariat, which are \$24,500 for 8,500 words and \$30,800 for 10,700 words, and that those costs relate to the editing, translation and issuance of the document and do not include additional services relating to substantive support in the drafting of its content.

#### **L. Observances and commemorative meetings**

86. Considering past practice, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that it adopt a format for commemorative meetings that includes statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Chairs of the five regional groups and the representative of the host country, but no cultural performance to be conducted during a formal plenary meeting, unless otherwise mandated by the Assembly.

87. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the practice of the Assembly to hold a formal plenary meeting to pay tribute to the memory of a deceased national leader who was the sitting Head of State at the time of death. In addition to those mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the representative of the delegation of the Member State of the deceased may make a statement. A still photo of the deceased may be either displayed on the stage or projected on the screens of the General Assembly Hall during the tribute. In the case of the passing of a former Head of State or of a sitting Head of Government, there is no such formal plenary meeting.

### **III. Adoption of the agenda**

88. All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the session have been communicated to Member States in the following documents:

(a) Provisional agenda (A/78/150);

(b) List of supplementary items proposed for inclusion in the agenda (A/78/200).

89. The items proposed for inclusion are listed in the draft agenda, which appears in paragraph 94 below.

90. In paragraph 2 (a) of the annex to resolution 58/316, the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that the agenda of the Assembly should be organized under

headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in each medium-term plan or in the strategic framework, as appropriate, with an additional heading for “Organizational, administrative and other matters”, for the purpose of giving a sense of structure to the work of the Assembly. Since the fifty-ninth session, the agenda of the General Assembly has been structured accordingly.

91. The Secretary-General wishes to recall the relevant resolutions pertaining to the review and coordination of the agenda, namely, annex I to resolution [48/264](#), the annex to resolution [51/241](#), the annex to resolution [55/285](#), paragraph 60 of resolution [57/270 B](#), and paragraphs 2 and 4 of the annex to resolution [58/316](#).

92. Bearing in mind the extremely heavy workload of the General Assembly and the need to make the most effective use of scarce resources, the General Committee may wish to consider deferring to a later session items for which decisions or action are not required at the current session (resolution [51/241](#), annex, paras. 23–26).

93. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to decision 49/426, whereby the General Assembly decided that the granting of observer status in the Assembly should in future be confined to States and to those intergovernmental organizations whose activities cover matters of interest to the Assembly (see also para. 97).

94. Subject to the recommendations of the General Committee regarding paragraphs 88 to 93 above, the draft agenda of the current session would consist of the following items:

### **Draft agenda organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization\***

1. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly [P.1].
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation [P.2].
3. Credentials of representatives to the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly [P.3]:
  - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly [P.4].<sup>12</sup>
5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [P.5].<sup>12</sup>
6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly [P.6].<sup>12</sup>
7. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee [P.7].
8. General debate [P.8].

\* Abbreviations used in the present document:  
 [P]: Item on the provisional agenda ([A/78/150](#)).  
 [S]: Item on the supplementary list ([A/78/200](#)).

<sup>12</sup> In accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly will hold these elections for its seventy-ninth session at least three months before the opening of that session.

**A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences**

9. Report of the Economic and Social Council [P.9].
10. Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS [P.10].
11. Sport for development and peace: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal [P.11].
12. Improving global road safety [P.12].
13. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [P.14].
14. Culture of peace [P.15].
15. Information and communications technologies for sustainable development [P.16].
16. Macroeconomic policy questions [P.17]:
  - (a) International trade and development;
  - (b) International financial system and development;
  - (c) External debt sustainability and development;
  - (d) Commodities;
  - (e) Financial inclusion for sustainable development;
  - (f) Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows and strengthen good practices on assets return to foster sustainable development;
  - (g) Promoting investments for sustainable development;
  - (h) Promotion of inclusive and effective international cooperation on tax matters at the United Nations.
17. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development [P.18].
18. Sustainable development [P.19]:
  - (a) Towards the achievement of sustainable development: implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through sustainable consumption and production, building on Agenda 21;
  - (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;
  - (c) Disaster risk reduction;
  - (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind;

- (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;
  - (f) Convention on Biological Diversity;
  - (g) Education for sustainable development;
  - (h) Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all;
  - (i) Combating sand and dust storms;
  - (j) Strengthening cooperation for integrated coastal zone management for achieving sustainable development.
19. Globalization and interdependence [P.20]:
- (a) Science, technology and innovation for sustainable development;
  - (b) Culture and sustainable development;
  - (c) Development cooperation with middle-income countries.
20. Groups of countries in special situations [P.21]:
- (a) Follow-up to the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;
  - (b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries.
21. Eradication of poverty and other development issues [P.22]:
- (a) Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027);
  - (b) Eradicating rural poverty to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
22. Operational activities for development [P.23]:
- (a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;
  - (b) South-South cooperation for development.
23. Agriculture development, food security and nutrition [P.24]:
- (a) Agriculture development, food security and nutrition;
  - (b) Natural plant fibres and sustainable development.
24. Social development [P.25]:
- (a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;
  - (b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, persons with disabilities and the family.
25. Advancement of women [P.26]:
- (a) Advancement of women;
  - (b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

## B. Maintenance of international peace and security

26. Report of the Security Council [P.27].
27. Report of the Peacebuilding Commission [P.28].
28. Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion [P.29].
29. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [P.30].
30. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [P.31].
31. Prevention of armed conflict [P.32]:
  - (a) Prevention of armed conflict;
  - (b) Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution.
32. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development [P.33].
33. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [P.34].
34. The situation in the Middle East [P.35].
35. Question of Palestine [P.36].
36. The situation in Afghanistan [P.37].
37. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte [P.38].
38. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [P.39].
39. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [P.40].<sup>13</sup>
40. Question of Cyprus [P.41].<sup>14</sup>
41. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo [P.42].<sup>14</sup>
42. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [P.43].<sup>14</sup>
43. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti [P.44].<sup>14</sup>
44. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [P.45].<sup>14</sup>
45. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [P.46].<sup>14</sup>
46. Assistance in mine action [P.47].
47. Effects of atomic radiation [P.48].
48. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [P.49].

<sup>13</sup> In accordance with decision 60/508, this item remains on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State.

<sup>14</sup> In accordance with paragraph 4 (b) of the annex to resolution 58/316, this item remains on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State.

49. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [P.50].
50. Israeli practices and settlement activities affecting the rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs of the occupied territories [P.51].
51. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [P.52].
52. Comprehensive review of special political missions [P.53].
53. Questions relating to information [P.54].
54. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations [P.55].
55. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories [P.56].
56. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [P.57].
57. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [P.58].
58. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [P.59].
59. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India [P.60].
60. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [P.61].
61. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [P.62].
62. Peacebuilding and sustaining peace [P.63].
63. The situation in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine [P.64].
64. Use of the veto [P.65].
65. Zone of peace, trust and cooperation of Central Asia [P.66].

### **C. Development of Africa**

66. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [P.67]:
  - (a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support;
  - (b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa.

### **D. Promotion of human rights**

67. Report of the Human Rights Council [P.68].
68. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [P.69].

69. Rights of Indigenous Peoples [P.70]:
  - (a) Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
  - (b) Follow-up to the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.
70. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [P.71]:
  - (a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
  - (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.
71. Right of peoples to self-determination [P.72].
72. Promotion and protection of human rights [P.73]:
  - (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;
  - (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
  - (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;
  - (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

#### **E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts**

73. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [P.74]:
  - (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;
  - (b) Assistance to the Palestinian people;
  - (c) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions.

#### **F. Promotion of justice and international law**

74. Report of the International Court of Justice [P.75].
75. Report of the International Criminal Court [P.76].
76. Oceans and the law of the sea [P.77]:
  - (a) Oceans and the law of the sea;
  - (b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments;

(c) Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction.<sup>15</sup>

77. Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission [P.78].
78. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifty-sixth session [P.79].
79. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [P.80].
80. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventy-third and seventy-fourth sessions [P.81].
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## **G. Disarmament**

90. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [P.91].
91. Reduction of military budgets [P.92].
92. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace [P.93].
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  - (b) Nuclear disarmament;
  - (c) Notification of nuclear tests;
  - (d) Relationship between disarmament and development;
  - (e) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;
  - (f) Regional disarmament;
  - (g) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;
  - (h) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;
  - (i) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;
  - (j) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;
  - (k) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons;
  - (l) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;
  - (m) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;
  - (n) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them;
  - (o) Reducing nuclear danger;
  - (p) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;
  - (q) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments;
  - (r) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;
  - (s) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

- (t) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;
  - (u) Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus;
  - (v) Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities;
  - (w) Follow-up to nuclear disarmament obligations agreed to at the 1995, 2000 and 2010 Review Conferences of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;
  - (x) The Arms Trade Treaty;
  - (y) Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok Treaty);
  - (z) Steps to building a common roadmap towards a world without nuclear weapons;
  - (aa) Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament;
  - (bb) Humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons;
  - (cc) Ethical imperatives for a nuclear-weapon-free world;
  - (dd) Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions;
  - (ee) Nuclear disarmament verification;
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  - (b) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;
  - (c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;
  - (d) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;
  - (e) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;
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  - (b) Election of members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission;
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  - (c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;
  - (d) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;
  - (e) Appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee;

- (f) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;
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    - (g) United Nations Children's Fund;
    - (h) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;
    - (i) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;
    - (j) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;
    - (k) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;
    - (l) United Nations Population Fund;

- (m) United Nations Human Settlements Programme;
  - (n) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;
  - (o) United Nations Office for Project Services;
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157. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [P.160]:
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168. Observer status for the International Organization of Employers in the General Assembly [P.171].
169. Observer status for the International Trade Union Confederation in the General Assembly [P.172].
170. Observer status for the Boao Forum for Asia in the General Assembly [P.173].
171. Observer status for the International Parliamentarians' Congress in the General Assembly [P.174].
172. Observer status for the Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture in the General Assembly [S.1].

#### **IV. Allocation of items**

95. The allocation of items described in paragraph 112 below is based on the pattern adopted by the General Assembly for those items in previous years and organized under the headings of the draft agenda in paragraph 94 above. The Secretary-General wishes to recall the relevant resolutions and decisions dealing with guidelines for the allocation of items, namely, decision 34/401, resolution [39/88 B](#), resolution [45/45](#), annex I to resolution [48/264](#) and the annex to resolution [51/241](#).

96. The Secretary-General also wishes to call the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 4 of the annex to resolution [58/316](#) and paragraph 26 of resolution [61/134](#) relevant to the allocation of items for the session.

97. The Secretary-General would like to recall that any request by an organization for the granting of observer status in the General Assembly will be considered in plenary meeting after the consideration of the issue by the Sixth Committee of the Assembly (resolution [54/195](#)).

98. The following items of the draft agenda have not been considered previously by the General Assembly:

76. Oceans and the law of the sea:

- (c) Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction.

141. Report on the activities of the Ethics Office.

171. Observer status for the International Parliamentarians' Congress in the General Assembly.

172. Observer status for the Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture in the General Assembly.

99. Owing to the nature of sub-item (c) of item 76 of the draft agenda, the Secretary-General suggests that it be considered directly in plenary meeting.

100. Owing to the nature of item 141 of the draft agenda, the Secretary-General suggests that it be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

101. In accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution [54/195](#), item 171 of the draft agenda should be allocated to the Sixth Committee, under heading I, "Organizational, administrative and other matters" (see para. 93).

102. In accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution [54/195](#), item 172 of the draft agenda should be allocated to the Sixth Committee, under heading I, "Organizational, administrative and other matters" (see para. 93).

103. In connection with item 9 of the draft agenda (Report of the Economic and Social Council), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 4 (c) of the annex to resolution [58/316](#), in which the General Assembly decided to consider the item in its entirety in plenary meeting, on the understanding that the administrative, programme and budgetary aspects should be dealt with by the Fifth Committee. The General Committee will recall that, at the fifty-ninth session, it took note of a clarification regarding consideration of the relevant parts of chapter I of the report by the Main Committees concerned. The General Committee may wish to recommend that the Assembly, when considering item 9 in its entirety in plenary meeting, take note of the clarification that, in implementing resolution [58/316](#), the relevant parts of chapter I of the report of the Economic and Social Council will be considered by the Main Committees concerned, under agenda items already allocated to them, for final action by the Assembly.

104. With regard to item 13 of the draft agenda (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields), the Secretary-General wishes to recall resolution [57/270 B](#), in which the General Assembly decided to consider under the item the chapters of the annual report of the Economic and Social Council relevant to the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including through the participation in its discussions of the President of the Council.

105. In connection with item 67 of the draft agenda (Report of the Human Rights Council), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee

to paragraph 6 of resolution [65/281](#), in which the General Assembly decided to continue its practice of allocating the item to the plenary and the Third Committee, in accordance with its decision 65/503 A, with the additional understanding that the President of the Council would present the report in her or his capacity as President to the plenary of the Assembly and the Third Committee and that the Third Committee would hold an interactive dialogue with the President of the Council at the time of her or his presentation of the report of the Council to the Committee.

106. With regard to item 70 of the draft agenda (Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 48 of resolution [77/205](#), in which the General Assembly requested the President of the General Assembly to continue to convene annual commemorative meetings during the commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, which has been held annually under the said item.

107. In connection with item 100 of the draft agenda (General and complete disarmament), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that some portions of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency, which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 90, deal with the subject matter of item 100. The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the relevant paragraphs of the report be brought to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 100.

108. Also with regard to item 100 of the draft agenda, the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 3 of resolution [72/51](#), in which the General Assembly requested the President of the General Assembly to organize annually a high-level plenary meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day against Nuclear Tests.

109. In connection with item 121 of the draft agenda (Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to resolutions [58/316](#), [59/313](#) and [75/325](#). In order to facilitate the work of the Main Committees, the General Committee may wish to recommend that the General Assembly also allocate item 121 to all the Main Committees for the purpose of discussing their working methods, as well as considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

110. With regard to item 136 of the draft agenda (Programme planning), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 3 of resolution [77/254](#), in which the General Assembly re-emphasized the role of the plenary and the Main Committees of the Assembly in reviewing and taking action on the appropriate recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination relevant to their work, in accordance with regulation 4.10 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation ([ST/SGB/2018/3](#)); and resolution [77/267](#), in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue with the submission of the programme budget according to an annual cycle, and reaffirmed that parts I (plan outline) and II (programme plan for programmes and subprogrammes and programme performance information) of the proposed programme budget document shall be submitted through the Committee for Programme and Coordination and part III (post and non-post resource requirements for the programmes and subprogrammes) through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The Secretary-General also wishes to recall paragraph 2 of resolution [61/235](#), in which the Assembly requested the General Committee to take fully into account resolutions [56/253](#), [57/282](#), [59/275](#) and [60/257](#) in the allocation of agenda items to the Main Committees. The Secretary-General further wishes to recall paragraph 9 of resolution [60/257](#), in which the Assembly took note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services ([A/60/73](#)) and encouraged intergovernmental bodies to make use of the findings in the programme performance



report of the Secretary-General and evaluation reports in planning and policymaking. The Secretary-General recalls paragraph 11 of resolution [77/254](#), in which the General Assembly reiterated that whenever the Committee for Programme and Coordination could not provide conclusions and recommendations on a given subprogramme or programme of the proposed programme budget, the plenary or the relevant Main Committee or Main Committees of the General Assembly responsible for those mandates would consider the said subprogramme or programme at the very start of its session in order to provide any conclusions and recommendations to the Fifth Committee, at the earliest opportunity, and no later than four weeks after the start of the session, for timely consideration by the Fifth Committee. In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to recall that the Committee for Programme and Coordination recommended that the plenary or the relevant Main Committee or Main Committees of the General Assembly, in line with General Assembly resolution [77/254](#), consider the programme plan of programme 2, Political affairs, programme 3, Disarmament, programme 6, Legal affairs, programme 10, Trade and development, programme 13, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, programme 17, Economic development in Europe, programme 20, Human rights, programme 21, International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees, programme 25, Management and support services, and programme 26, Internal oversight, of the proposed programme budget for 2024, under the agenda item entitled “Programme planning” at the seventy-eighth session of the Assembly. The General Committee may wish to recommend the allocation of item 136 to all the Main Committees and the plenary of the Assembly to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports.

111. With regard to item 145 of the draft agenda (Administration of justice at the United Nations), the Secretary-General wishes to recall resolution [64/119](#), in which the General Assembly approved the rules of procedure of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal; and paragraph 36 of resolution [77/260](#), in which the Assembly invited the Sixth Committee to consider the legal aspects of the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the role of the Fifth Committee as the Main Committee entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters. On that basis, the Secretary-General suggests that the General Committee recommend the allocation of item 145 to the Fifth and Sixth Committees.

112. Subject to changes that may be made by the General Committee in the light of paragraphs 99 to 111 above, the allocation of the items of the draft agenda would be as follows:<sup>16</sup>

### **Plenary meetings**

1. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Credentials of representatives to the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly:
  - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly.
6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

<sup>16</sup> The numbers are those of the items of the draft agenda in paragraph 94 above.

7. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee.
8. General debate.

**A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences**

9. Report of the Economic and Social Council (see para. 103).
10. Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS.
11. Sport for development and peace: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal.
12. Improving global road safety.
13. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields (see para. 104).
14. Culture of peace.

**B. Maintenance of international peace and security**

26. Report of the Security Council.
27. Report of the Peacebuilding Commission.
28. Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion.
29. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies.
30. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict.
31. Prevention of armed conflict:
  - (a) Prevention of armed conflict;
  - (b) Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution.
32. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development.
33. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic.
34. The situation in the Middle East.
35. Question of Palestine.
36. The situation in Afghanistan.
37. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte.
38. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba.
39. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development.

40. Question of Cyprus.
41. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
42. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).
43. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti.
44. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security.
45. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait.
62. Peacebuilding and sustaining peace.
63. The situation in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine.
64. Use of the veto.
65. Zone of peace, trust and cooperation of Central Asia.

### **C. Development of Africa**

66. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support:
  - (a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support;
  - (b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa.

### **D. Promotion of human rights**

67. Report of the Human Rights Council (see para. 105).
70. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (see para. 106).

### **E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts**

73. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:
  - (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;
  - (b) Assistance to the Palestinian people;
  - (c) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions;

### **F. Promotion of justice and international law**

74. Report of the International Court of Justice.
75. Report of the International Criminal Court.
76. Oceans and the law of the sea:
  - (a) Oceans and the law of the sea;

- (b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments.
  - (c) Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (see para. 99).
89. Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965.

## **G. Disarmament**

90. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (see para. 107).
100. General and complete disarmament (see paras. 107–108).

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  - (d) Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.
116. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:<sup>17</sup>
- (f) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;
  - (g) Appointment of members of the Board of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns;
117. Admission of new Members to the United Nations.

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<sup>17</sup> For sub-items (a) to (e), see Fifth Committee.

118. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit.
119. Commemoration of the abolition of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade.
120. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations.
121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 109).
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129. Sexual exploitation and abuse: implementing a zero-tolerance policy.
130. The responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity.
131. Report of the United Nations Youth Office.
136. Programme planning (see para. 110).

### **First Committee**

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

### **G. Disarmament**

91. Reduction of military budgets.
92. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace.
93. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty.
94. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament.
95. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security.
96. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East.
97. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
98. Prevention of an arms race in outer space:
  - (a) Prevention of an arms race in outer space;
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- (c) Further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space;
  - (d) Reducing space threats through norms, rules and principles of responsible behaviours.
99. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament.
100. General and complete disarmament (see paras. 107–108):
- (a) Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;
  - (b) Nuclear disarmament;
  - (c) Notification of nuclear tests;
  - (d) Relationship between disarmament and development;
  - (e) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;
  - (f) Regional disarmament;
  - (g) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;
  - (h) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;
  - (i) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;
  - (j) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;
  - (k) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons;
  - (l) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;
  - (m) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;
  - (n) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them;
  - (o) Reducing nuclear danger;
  - (p) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;
  - (q) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments;
  - (r) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;
  - (s) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;
  - (t) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;
  - (u) Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus;

- (v) Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities;
  - (w) Follow-up to nuclear disarmament obligations agreed to at the 1995, 2000 and 2010 Review Conferences of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;
  - (x) The Arms Trade Treaty;
  - (y) Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok Treaty);
  - (z) Steps to building a common roadmap towards a world without nuclear weapons;
  - (aa) Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament;
  - (bb) Humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons;
  - (cc) Ethical imperatives for a nuclear-weapon-free world;
  - (dd) Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions;
  - (ee) Nuclear disarmament verification;
  - (ff) Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons;
  - (gg) Youth, disarmament and non-proliferation.
101. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly:
- (a) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;
  - (b) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;
  - (c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;
  - (d) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;
  - (e) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;
  - (f) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament.
102. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session:
- (a) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;
  - (b) Report of the Disarmament Commission.
103. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East.
104. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects.
105. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region.
106. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty.

107. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction.

**I. Organizational, administrative and other matters**

121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 109).
136. Programme planning (see para. 110).

**Special Political and Decolonization Committee  
(Fourth Committee)**

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

**B. Maintenance of international peace and security**

46. Assistance in mine action.
47. Effects of atomic radiation.
48. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.
49. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.
50. Israeli practices and settlement activities affecting the rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs of the occupied territories.
51. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects.
52. Comprehensive review of special political missions.
53. Questions relating to information.
54. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations.
55. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories.
56. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations.
57. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories.
58. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.
59. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India.

**I. Organizational, administrative and other matters**

121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 109).
136. Programme planning (see para. 110).



## Second Committee

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

### **A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences**

15. Information and communications technologies for sustainable development.
16. Macroeconomic policy questions:
- (a) International trade and development;
  - (b) International financial system and development;
  - (c) External debt sustainability and development;
  - (d) Commodities;
  - (e) Financial inclusion for sustainable development;
  - (f) Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows and strengthen good practices on assets return to foster sustainable development;
  - (g) Promoting investments for sustainable development.
  - (h) Promotion of inclusive and effective international cooperation on tax matters at the United Nations.
17. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development.
18. Sustainable development:
- (a) Towards the achievement of sustainable development: implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through sustainable consumption and production, building on Agenda 21;
  - (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;
  - (c) Disaster risk reduction;
  - (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind;
  - (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;
  - (f) Convention on Biological Diversity;
  - (g) Education for sustainable development;
  - (h) Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all;

- (i) Combating sand and dust storms;
  - (j) Strengthening cooperation for integrated coastal zone management for achieving sustainable development.
19. Globalization and interdependence:
- (a) Science, technology and innovation for sustainable development;
  - (b) Culture and sustainable development;
  - (c) Development cooperation with middle-income countries.
20. Groups of countries in special situations:
- (a) Follow-up to the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;
  - (b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries.
21. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:
- (a) Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027);
  - (b) Eradicating rural poverty to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
22. Operational activities for development:
- (a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;
  - (b) South-South cooperation for development.
23. Agriculture development, food security and nutrition:
- (a) Agriculture development, food security and nutrition;
  - (b) Natural plant fibres and sustainable development.

## **B. Maintenance of international peace and security**

60. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.

## **I. Organizational, administrative and other matters**

121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 109).
136. Programme planning (see para. 110).

### **Third Committee**

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

**A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences**

24. Social development:

- (a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;
- (b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, persons with disabilities and the family;

25. Advancement of women:

- (a) Advancement of women;
- (b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

**B. Maintenance of international peace and security**

61. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions.

**D. Promotion of human rights**

67. Report of the Human Rights Council (see para. 105).

68. Promotion and protection of the rights of children.

69. Rights of Indigenous Peoples:

- (a) Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
- (b) Follow-up to the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

70. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (see para. 106):

- (a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
- (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

71. Right of peoples to self-determination.

72. Promotion and protection of human rights:

- (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;
- (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

- (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

## **H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations**

- 108. Crime prevention and criminal justice.
- 109. Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes.

## **I. Organizational, administrative and other matters**

- 121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 109).
- 136. Programme planning (see para. 110).

### **Fifth Committee**

- 5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

## **I. Organizational, administrative and other matters**

- 116. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:<sup>18</sup>
  - (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
  - (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;
  - (c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;
  - (d) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;
  - (e) Appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee;
- 121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 109).
- 132. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors:
  - (a) United Nations;
  - (b) United Nations peacekeeping operations;
  - (c) International Trade Centre;
  - (d) United Nations University;
  - (e) United Nations Development Programme;
  - (f) United Nations Capital Development Fund;
  - (g) United Nations Children's Fund;

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<sup>18</sup> For sub-items (f) and (g), see plenary meetings.

- (h) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;
  - (i) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;
  - (j) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;
  - (k) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;
  - (l) United Nations Population Fund;
  - (m) United Nations Human Settlements Programme;
  - (n) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;
  - (o) United Nations Office for Project Services;
  - (p) United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women);
  - (q) International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals;
  - (r) United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.
133. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.
  134. Programme budget for 2023.
  135. Proposed programme budget for 2024.
  136. Programme planning (see para. 110).
  137. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations.
  138. Pattern of conferences.
  139. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations.
  140. Human resources management.
  141. Report on the activities of the Ethics Office (see para. 100).
  142. Joint Inspection Unit.
  143. United Nations common system.
  144. Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.
  145. Administration of justice at the United Nations (see para. 111).
  146. Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.
  147. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations.
  148. Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei.
  149. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic.
  150. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire.
  151. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.
  152. Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

153. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor.
154. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.
155. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia.
156. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali.
157. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:
  - (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;
  - (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.
158. Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan.
159. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara.
160. Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur.
161. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution [1863 \(2009\)](#).

### **Sixth Committee**

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

## **F. Promotion of justice and international law**

77. Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission.
78. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifty-sixth session.
79. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law.
80. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventy-third and seventy-fourth sessions.
81. Crimes against humanity.
82. Expulsion of aliens.
83. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization.
84. The rule of law at the national and international levels.
85. The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction.
86. Responsibility of international organizations.
87. Protection of persons in the event of disasters.
88. Strengthening and promoting the international treaty framework.

## **H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations**

110. Measures to eliminate international terrorism.

**I. Organizational, administrative and other matters**

- 121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 109).
  - 136. Programme planning (see para. 110).
  - 145. Administration of justice at the United Nations (see para. 111).
  - 162. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.
  - 163. Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly.
  - 164. Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly.
  - 165. Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly.
  - 166. Observer status for the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands Secretariat in the General Assembly.
  - 167. Observer status for the Global Environment Facility in the General Assembly.
  - 168. Observer status for the International Organization of Employers in the General Assembly.
  - 169. Observer status for the International Trade Union Confederation in the General Assembly.
  - 170. Observer status for the Boao Forum for Asia in the General Assembly.
  - 171. Observer status for the International Parliamentarians' Congress in the General Assembly (see para. 101).
  - 172. Observer status for the Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture in the General Assembly (see para. 102).
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