Sixty-sixth session

Organization of the sixty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items

First report of the General Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 1st meeting, on 14 September 2011, the General Committee considered a memorandum by the Secretary-General relating to the organization of the sixty-sixth regular session and future sessions of the General Assembly, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items (A/BUR/66/1). A summary of the discussions will appear in the summary record of the meeting (A/BUR/66/SR.1).

2. The General Committee took note of the provisions of the following resolutions, which are reflected in the present document under the relevant sections:

   (a) Annex I (Guidelines on the Rationalization of the Agenda of the General Assembly) to resolution 48/264, entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”;

   (b) The annex to resolution 51/241, entitled “Strengthening of the United Nations system”;

   (c) The annex to resolution 55/285, entitled “Revitalization of the General Assembly: improving the efficiency of the General Assembly”;

   (d) Resolution 57/301, entitled “Amendment to rule 1 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and opening date and duration of the general debate”;

   (e) Resolution 58/126, entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”;

   (f) Resolution 58/316, entitled “Further measures for the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”;

   (g) Resolution 59/313, entitled “A strengthened and revitalized General Assembly”;

   (h) Resolution 60/286, entitled “Revitalization of the General Assembly”;

   (i) Resolution 63/309, entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”;

   (j) Resolution 64/301, entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”;

   (k) Resolution 65/315, entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”.

II. Organization of the session

A. General Committee

3. The General Committee took note of rule 40 of the rules of procedure and document A/56/1005 (annex, paras. 9 and 10) pertaining to the functions of the Committee.

4. The General Committee also took note of paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 58/316 pertaining to the functions of the Committee, in particular subparagraphs (e) to (h), according to which the Committee shall continue to
consider the further biennalization, triennalization, clustering and elimination of items of the customary agenda of the General Assembly; continue to schedule informal briefings on topical issues; recommend to the Assembly a programme of and format for interactive debates on the items on its agenda; and continue to consider ways and means to further improve its working methods to increase its efficiency and effectiveness in all aspects.

5. The General Committee further took note that, at the outset of each session, each Vice-President of the General Assembly should 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).

B. Rationalization of work

6. The General Committee took note of the following General Assembly resolutions relating to the rationalization of work, including the administrative and financial functioning of the Organization:

(a) Resolution 41/213, entitled “Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations”; 

(b) Resolution 48/264, entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”; 

(c) Resolution 52/12 B, entitled “Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform”; 

(d) Resolution 58/126, entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”; 

(e) Resolution 58/316, entitled “Further measures for the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”; 

(f) Resolution 59/313, entitled “A strengthened and revitalized General Assembly”; 

(g) Resolution 60/286, entitled “Revitalization of the General Assembly”; 

(h) Resolution 63/309, entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”; 

(i) Resolution 64/301, entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”; 

(j) Resolution 65/315, entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”. 

7. The General Committee also took note of paragraph 14 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which reads:

14. 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 his assessment of the debate on the report in order for the Assembly to determine the need for further action.
8. The General Committee draws to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 3 of the annex to resolution 58/316, paragraphs 8 and 9 of resolution 59/313 and paragraphs 25 and 26 of the annex to resolution 60/286 pertaining to the practices and working methods of the Main Committees.

9. The General Committee also draws 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 draws to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 15 of resolution 65/315, in which the Assembly encouraged each Main Committee to discuss its working methods at the sixty-sixth session, and invited the Chairs of the Main Committees, at the sixty-sixth session, to brief the Ad hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly, as appropriate, on the discussions on the working methods.

C. Closing date of the session

11. The General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the sixty-sixth session of the Assembly recess on Tuesday, 13 December 2011, and close on Monday, 17 September 2012 (rules of procedure, rule 2 and annex IV, para. 4).

12. The General Committee also recommends to the General Assembly that, during the main part of the session, the First Committee complete its work by Tuesday, 1 November, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) and the Sixth Committee by Thursday, 10 November, the Second Committee by Wednesday, 23 November, the Third Committee by Tuesday, 22 November, and the Fifth Committee by Friday, 9 December 2011.¹

D. Schedule of meetings

13. The General Committee took note of the fact that, in view of financial constraints, meetings at Headquarters are not serviced beyond 6 p.m. or at weekends, with the exception of the plenary of the General Assembly and the Security Council. Consequently, meetings of the Main Committees during the sixty-sixth session, including informal meetings, should start promptly at 10 a.m. and be adjourned by 6 p.m. on weekdays. The General Committee also took note of resolution 59/313, in which the Assembly strongly urged all officers presiding over meetings of the Assembly to start such meetings on time.

¹ 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 (see para. 38).
The General Committee took note of paragraph 1 (b) of the annex to resolution 58/316, which reads:

(b) 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.

Furthermore, the General Committee took note of the fact that measures introduced to reduce costs relating to overtime will be strictly enforced.

The General Committee recommends 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 is 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.

**E. General debate**

The General Committee draws to the attention of the General Assembly that, pursuant to resolutions 57/301, 65/160 and 65/279, the general debate for the sixty-sixth session shall begin at 9 a.m., Wednesday, 21 September. The General Committee recommends that the general debate continue on Saturday, 24 September 2011, in order to maximize the number of speakers during that week. The general debate will continue on Monday, 26 September and Tuesday, 27 September 2011. Pursuant to the resolutions mentioned above, the meetings for the general debate on Wednesday, 21 September will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and the meetings on Thursday, 22 September, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. and that these arrangements shall in no way create a precedent for future sessions. The General Committee also brings to the attention of the Assembly that the list of speakers for each day shall be completed and 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.

The General Committee also brings to the attention of the General Assembly that, pursuant to paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 58/126, the theme “The role of mediation in the settlement of disputes by peaceful means” has been proposed for the general debate at the sixty-sixth session.

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

The General Committee draws 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.
20. The General Committee also draws 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, either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation’s vote in 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 (A/520/Rev.17, annex V)).

21. The General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that points of order be limited to five minutes.

22. With a view to streamlining the procedures of the General Assembly and as another cost-saving measure, the General Committee recommends to the Assembly that it review the recommendations contained in paragraph 22 of the annex to resolution 51/241 and paragraph 23 of document A/52/855 regarding the length of statements.

23. The General Committee also recommends 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 (A/520/Rev.17, annex V)).

24. The General Committee draws to the attention of the General Assembly 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.

G. Records of meetings

25. The General Committee took note of the fact that, as at past sessions, during the sixty-sixth 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.

26. Furthermore, the General Committee draws 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 and 9).
27. The General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the practice of not reproducing in extenso statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the sixty-sixth session.

H. Resolutions

28. The General Committee brings 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 (A/520/Rev.17, annex V)).

- 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.2

- In order to ensure that resolutions have greater political impact, they should be short, in particular as regards the preambular parts, and should focus more on action-oriented operative paragraphs (resolution 57/270 B, para. 69).

- 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 (A/520/Rev.17, annex VII, para. 1)).

- The terms “takes note of” and “notes” are neutral terms that constitute neither approval nor disapproval (decision 55/488, annex).

29. The General Committee noted and decided to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that the Secretary-General encourages Member States to transmit all draft resolutions and decisions in electronic form and/or on paper in accordance with the guidelines outlined by the Secretariat; furthermore encourages Member States to clearly indicate changes to a previous resolution in tracked changes format, using the previously adopted resolution as a base text; and wishes to inform Member States that the submitters are responsible for ensuring that electronic and paper versions of draft resolutions and decisions are identical in content.

30. The General Committee also draws the attention of the General Assembly to rule 78 of the rules of procedure concerning discussions of and action by the Assembly on proposals. To ensure that copies of proposals may be circulated not later than the day preceding the meeting at which they will be considered, proposals should be submitted well in advance of the meeting.

I. Documentation

31. The General Committee draws to the attention of the General Assembly that the Assembly, including its Main Committees, should merely take note of those

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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 (A/520/Rev.17, annex V)).

32. The General Committee also draws 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 General Committee further draws 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 six-week rule for the issuance of official documentation simultaneously in all official languages.

33. The General Committee draws 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.

34. The General Committee further draws the attention of the General Assembly to resolution 63/309, in which the Assembly called upon Member States to respond to the annual review of the Meetings and Publishing Division of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management on the distribution of printed documents to Missions.

35. The General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to resolution 65/315, in which the Assembly encouraged Member States, the United Nations bodies and the Secretariat to consult on consolidation of documentation in order to avoid duplication of work and to exercise fullest possible discipline in striving for concise resolutions, reports and other documentation, inter alia by referring to previous documents rather than repeating actual content.

36. The General Committee also draws the attention of the General Assembly to the following:

- 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 (A/520/Rev.17, annex VII, para. 10)).

- 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).

37. The General Committee further draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution 58/316, paragraphs 16 to 19 of resolution 59/313 and paragraph 29 of resolution 60/286 concerning documentation.
J. Questions relating to the programme budget

38. The General Committee draws 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.

39. With regard to rule 153 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 13 (d) of decision 34/401, which requires a minimum period of 48 hours before action is taken on a proposal so as to allow the Secretary-General to prepare the programme budget implications of drafts before the General Assembly, the General Committee draws the attention of the Assembly to 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.

40. The General Committee also draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 12 and 13 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.17, annex V), 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.

41. The General Committee further draws 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/2000/8; first adopted in resolution 37/234, annex; the rules in the present revised edition are issued pursuant to resolutions 53/207 and 54/236 and decision 54/474). 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.

42. Furthermore, the General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 6 of its resolution 35/10 A, which reads:

6. 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.

43. The General Committee also draws 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.

44. The General Committee further draws 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 available resources” and to the report in which the 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.

K. Observances and commemorative meetings

45. Considering past practice, the General Committee recommends 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.

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3 Ibid., Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/38/7/Add.1-23), document A/38/7/Add.16.
4 Ibid., Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/54/7).
L. Special conferences

46. The General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to the following:

• The Committee on Conferences recommended that the General Assembly should instruct the Main Committees to review the number of special conferences of the United Nations already proposed and scheduled in their respective fields of activity prior to deciding upon the scheduling of new and additional special conferences, thus bearing in mind the relevant portions of resolution 33/55 (recommendation 6 of the Committee on Conferences, adopted by the Assembly in decision 34/405, subpara. (b)).

• The decision of the General Assembly that no more than five special conferences should take place in a given year and that no more than one special conference should be convened at the same time should be strictly implemented.

• The existing principle that United Nations bodies should meet at their respective established headquarters, as provided for in resolution 40/243, should be strictly enforced. Whenever the General Assembly accepts an invitation from the Government of a Member State to hold a conference or meeting away from established headquarters, the additional cost should be borne in full by that Government. The methods of budgeting these costs should be improved so as to ensure that all additional costs are accounted for.

III. Adoption of the agenda

47. The General Committee considered the draft agenda of the sixty-sixth session submitted by the Secretary-General in his memorandum (A/BUR/66/1). All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the sixty-sixth session have been communicated to Member States in the following documents:

(a) Provisional agenda of the sixty-sixth regular session (A/66/150);

(b) Supplementary list of items proposed for inclusion in the agenda of the sixty-sixth session (A/66/200).

48. The items proposed for inclusion are listed in the agenda, which appears in paragraph 72 below.

49. 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.

6 Ibid., Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49), para. 21, recommendation 2 (d).
7 Ibid., recommendation 4.
50. The General Committee took note of the relevant resolutions pertaining to the review and the 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, paragraphs 2 and 4 of the annex to resolution 58/316. The General Committee also took note of paragraph 14 of resolution 65/315, in which the General Assembly requested that the Assembly and its Main Committees, at the sixty-sixth session, in consultation with Member States, continue consideration of and make proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items on the agenda of the Assembly, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly, including through the introduction of a sunset clause, with the clear consent of the sponsoring State or States.

51. 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 took note of the suggestion by the Secretary-General 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).

52. The General Committee took note of 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 covered matters of interest to the Assembly.

53. With regard to item 29 of the draft agenda (People’s empowerment and a peace-centric development model), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading A (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences).

54. With regard to sub-item (a) of item 34 (Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading B (Maintenance of international peace and security).

55. In connection with item 40 of the draft agenda (Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading B (Maintenance of international peace and security), on the understanding that there would be no consideration of this item by the General Assembly.

56. In connection with item 61 of the draft agenda (Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India), the General Committee decided to recommend that consideration of this item be deferred to the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly and that the item be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

57. In connection with item 86 of the draft agenda (The law of transboundary aquifers), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading F (Promotion of justice and international law).

58. With regard to sub-item (b) of item 124 of the draft agenda (Central role of the United Nations system in global governance), the General Committee decided to
recommend its inclusion under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

59. With regard to item 130 of the draft agenda (International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

60. With regard to item 131 of the draft agenda (Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

61. With regard to item 166 of the draft agenda (Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

62. With regard to item 167 of the draft agenda (Observer status for the International Emergency Management Organization in the General Assembly), the General Committee took note of the withdrawal of the request for inclusion of the item by the sponsor.

63. With regard to item 168 of the draft agenda (Observer status for the Union of South American Nations in the General Assembly), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

64. With regard to item 169 of the draft agenda (Observer status for the International Renewable Energy Agency in the General Assembly), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

65. With regard to item 170 of the draft agenda (Observer status for the Central European Initiative in the General Assembly), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

66. With regard to item 171 of the draft agenda (Observer status for the United Cities and Local Governments in the General Assembly), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

67. With regard to item 172 of the draft agenda (Observer status for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development in the General Assembly), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

68. With regard to item 173 of the draft agenda (Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

69. With regard to item 174 of the draft agenda (Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).
70. With regard to item 175 of the draft agenda (Observer status for the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic-speaking Countries in the General Assembly), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

71. With regard to item 176 of the draft agenda (Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

72. Taking into account paragraphs 50 to 71 above, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following agenda:

**Agenda organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization**

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 sixty-sixth 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.  
5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.  
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**

10. Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declarations on HIV/AIDS.
11. Sport for peace and development:
   (a) Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal.

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8 In accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly will hold these elections for its sixty-seventh session at least three months before the opening of that session.
13. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa.

14. 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.

15. Culture of peace.

16. Information and communications technologies for development.

17. Macroeconomic policy questions:
   (a) International trade and development;
   (b) International financial system and development;
   (c) External debt sustainability and development;
   (d) Commodities.

18. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference.

19. Sustainable development:
   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;
   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;
   (c) International Strategy for Disaster 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) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-sixth session;
   (h) Harmony with Nature;
   (i) Sustainable mountain development;
   (j) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy.

21. Globalization and interdependence:
   (a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;
   (b) Science and technology for development;
   (c) Development cooperation with middle-income countries.

22. Groups of countries in special situations:
   (a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;
   (b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.

23. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:
   (a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017);
   (b) Women in development;
   (c) Human resources development.

24. Operational activities for development:
   (a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;
   (b) South-South cooperation for development.

25. Agriculture development and food security.


27. 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, disabled persons and the family;
   (c) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing.

28. 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.

29. People’s empowerment and a peace-centric development model.
B. Maintenance of international peace and security

32. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies.
33. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict.
34. Prevention of armed conflict:
   (a) Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution.
35. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development.
36. The situation in the Middle East.
37. Question of Palestine.
38. The situation in Afghanistan.
40. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte.
41. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba.
42. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development.\(^9\)
43. Question of Cyprus.\(^10\)
44. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo.\(^10\)
45. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).\(^10\)
46. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti.\(^10\)
47. 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.\(^10\)
48. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait.\(^10\)
49. Assistance in mine action.
50. Effects of atomic radiation.
51. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

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\(^9\) In accordance with decision 60/508, this item remains on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State.

\(^10\) 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.
52. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.
53. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories.
54. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects.
55. Questions relating to information.
56. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations.
57. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories.
58. 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.
59. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories.
60. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.
61. 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.

C. Development of Africa

63. 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

65. Promotion and protection of the rights of children:
   (a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children;
   (b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.
66. Rights of indigenous peoples:
   (a) Rights of indigenous peoples;
   (b) Second International Decade of the World’s Indigenous People.

67. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance:
   (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.

68. Right of peoples to self-determination.

69. 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.

E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

70. 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.

71. Assistance to survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence.

F. Promotion of justice and international law


76. Oceans and the law of the sea:
   (a) Oceans and the law of the sea;

77. Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States.

78. Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission.


83. The rule of law at the national and international levels.

84. The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction.

85. The law of transboundary aquifers.

G. Disarmament


87. Reduction of military budgets:
   (a) Reduction of military budgets;
   (b) Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures.

88. 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.

89. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace.

91. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification.


93. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security.

94. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East.

95. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

96. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.

97. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament.

98. General and complete disarmament:
   (a) Notification of nuclear tests;
   (b) Follow-up to nuclear disarmament obligations agreed to at the 1995 and 2000 Review Conferences of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;
   (c) Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok Treaty);
   (d) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;
   (e) Towards an arms trade treaty: establishing common international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms;
   (f) Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus;
   (g) Transparency in armaments;
   (h) Regional disarmament;
   (i) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;
   (j) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;
   (k) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them;
   (l) Relationship between disarmament and development;
   (m) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;
   (n) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;
   (o) Nuclear disarmament;
(p) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;
(q) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments;
(r) Reducing nuclear danger;
(s) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;
(t) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;
(u) Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;
(v) Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities;
(w) United action towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons;
(x) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons;
(y) Missiles.

99. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly:
(a) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;
(b) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;
(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;
(d) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;
(e) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

100. 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;

101. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East.


103. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region.

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

106. Revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations.

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


108. International drug control.

109. Measures to eliminate international terrorism.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

110. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.

111. Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund.

112. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.

113. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:
   (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;
   (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council;
   (c) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice.

114. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:
   (a) Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;
   (b) Election of the members of the International Law Commission;
   (c) Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;
   (d) Election of two members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission.

115. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:
   (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;
(f) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;
(g) Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit;
(h) Approval of the appointment of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;
(i) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal;
(j) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal.


117. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit.

118. The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

119. Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade.

120. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations.

121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.

122. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters.

123. Strengthening of the United Nations system:
   (a) Strengthening of the United Nations system;
   (b) Central role of the United Nations system in global governance.


125. Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme.

126. Global health and foreign policy.


129. International residual mechanism for criminal tribunals.

130. Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.
131. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors:

   (a) United Nations peacekeeping operations;
   (b) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;
   (c) Capital master plan.


133. Programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.


135. Programme planning.

136. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations.

137. Pattern of conferences.

138. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations.

139. Human resources management.

140. Joint Inspection Unit.

141. United Nations common system.


144. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.


146. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations.


166. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.
170. Observer status for the Central European Initiative in the General Assembly.
172. Observer status for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development in the General Assembly.
173. Observer status for the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic-speaking Countries in the General Assembly.
IV. Allocation of items

73. The allocation of items described in paragraph 82 below is based on the pattern adopted by the General Assembly for those items in previous years and organized under the headings of the agenda in paragraph 72 above. The General Committee took note of the relevant resolutions and decisions dealing with guidelines for the allocation of items, namely, decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.17, annex V), resolution 39/88 B, resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.17, annexes VI and VII), annex I to resolution 48/264 and the annex to resolution 51/241.

74. The General Committee also took note of subparagraphs 4 (c), (d), (e), (f), (i) and (j) of the annex to resolution 58/316 and paragraph 26 of resolution 61/134 relevant to the allocation of items for the sixty-sixth session.

75. The General Committee further took note that any request by an organization for the granting of observer status in the General Assembly would be considered in plenary meeting after the consideration of the issue by the Sixth Committee of the Assembly (resolution 54/195).

76. Taking into account the recommendations in section III above regarding the adoption of the agenda, the General Committee approved the allocation of items contained in paragraph 83 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/66/1).

77. Plenary meetings

(a) Item 9 (Report of the Economic and Social Council). The General Committee took note of paragraph 4 (c) of the annex to resolution 58/316 and decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item in its entirety should be considered in plenary meeting, on the understanding that the administrative, programme and budgetary aspects should be dealt with by the Fifth Committee. The General Committee also took 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 would be considered by the Main Committees concerned, under agenda items already allocated to them, for final action by the Assembly.

(b) Item 14 (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 General Committee took note of 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.

(c) Item 14 (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) and item 117 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit). The General Committee took note of paragraph 56 of resolution 60/265, in which the General Assembly decided to dedicate a specific meeting focused on development, including an assessment of progress over the previous year, at each session of the Assembly.
(d) **Item 18** (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference). The General Committee took note of paragraph 32 of resolution 65/145, by which the General Assembly decided to hold its fifth High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development, on 7 and 8 December 2011 at United Nations Headquarters.

(e) **Sub-item (e) of item 19** (Sustainable development: Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa). The General Committee took note of paragraph 9 of resolution 65/160, by which the General Assembly decided to convene a one-day high-level meeting on the theme “Addressing desertification, land degradation and drought in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication”, on 20 September 2011.

(f) **Sub-item (b) of item 27** (Social development: Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family). The General Committee took note of paragraph 14 of resolution 63/153, by which the General Assembly decided that, on or around 5 December 2011, the International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development, two plenary meetings at its sixty-sixth session would be devoted to follow-up to the International Year and the commemoration of its tenth anniversary.

(g) **Sub-item (b) of item 27** (Social development: Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family). The General Committee took note of paragraph 1 of resolution 65/184, by which the General Assembly decided to devote one plenary meeting to the launch of the International Year of Cooperatives 2012.

(h) **Sub-item (a) of item 34** (Prevention of armed conflict: Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution). The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the sub-item be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(i) **Item 64** (Report of the Human Rights Council). The General Committee took note of paragraph 6 of resolution 65/281, by 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 will 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 will 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.

(j) **Sub-item (b) of item 67** (Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action). The General Committee took note of paragraph 1 of resolution 65/279, by which the General Assembly decided to hold a one-day high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and the Programme of Action, on Thursday, 22 September 2011.

(k) **Item 110** (Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization). Pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 10 of resolution 51/241 and as at
previous sessions, the General Assembly will hear a brief presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report\textsuperscript{11} as the first item in the morning prior to the opening of the general debate on Wednesday, 21 September 2011.

(l) **Item 117** (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit). The General Committee took note of paragraph 1 of resolution 65/238, by which the General Assembly decided to convene a High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, on 19 and 20 September 2011 in New York.

(m) **Item 121** (Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly). The General Committee took note of resolutions 58/316 and 59/313 and, in order to facilitate the work of the Main Committees, decided to recommend that the General Assembly also allocate item 121 to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

(n) **Sub-item (b) of item 123** (Strengthening of the United Nations system: Central role of the United Nations system in global governance). The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that this sub-item be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(o) **Item 129** (International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals). The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be allocated to the plenary and to the Fifth Committee.

(p) **Item 130** (Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union). The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that this item be considered directly in plenary meeting.

78. **First Committee**

**Item 98** (General and complete disarmament). The General Committee took note of 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 86, deal with the subject matter of this item. The General Committee therefore decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the relevant paragraphs of the report be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 98.

79. **Second Committee**

**Item 29** (People’s empowerment and a peace-centric development model). The General Committee decided to recommend that the item be allocated to the Second Committee.

80. **Fifth Committee**

(a) **Item 135** (Programme planning). The General Committee took note of paragraph 2 of resolution 64/229, by which the General Assembly re-emphasized the role of the plenary and the Main Committees of the General 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

\textsuperscript{11} *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/66/1).*
Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8). The General Committee also took note of paragraph 2 of resolution 61/235, by 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 General Committee also recalled paragraph 9 of resolution 60/257, by 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. On that basis, the General Committee recommends that the Assembly allocate this item to all the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports.

(b) **Item 143** (Administration of justice at the United Nations). The General Committee took note of resolution 64/119, by which the General Assembly approved the rules of procedure of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, and resolution 65/251, in which the Assembly, inter alia, decided to defer until its sixty-sixth session a review of the statutes of the Tribunals and reaffirmed the role of the Fifth Committee in carrying out a thorough analysis and approving human and financial resources and policies, with a view to ensuring full, effective and efficient implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard. The General Committee also took note of decision 65/513, whereby the General Assembly decided that the consideration of the outstanding legal aspects of the administration of justice at the United Nations would be continued during its sixty-sixth session in the framework of a working group of the Sixth Committee. The General Committee therefore decided to recommend to the Assembly that, in the light of resolutions 64/119 and 65/251 and decision 65/513, this item be allocated to the Fifth Committee and to the Sixth Committee for the purpose of considering the legal aspects of the reports to be submitted in connection with the item.

(c) **Item 147** (Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei). The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

(d) **Item 161** (Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan). The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

81. **Sixth Committee**

(a) **Item 85** (The law of transboundary aquifers). The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

(b) **Item 167** (Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly). The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

(c) **Item 168** (Observer status for the Union of South American Nations in the General Assembly). The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be allocated to the Sixth Committee.
(d) **Item 169** (Observer status for the International Renewable Energy Agency in the General Assembly). The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

(e) **Item 170** (Observer status for the Central European Initiative in the General Assembly). The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

(f) **Item 171** (Observer status for the United Cities and Local Governments in the General Assembly). The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

(g) **Item 172** (Observer status for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development in the General Assembly). The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

(h) **Item 173** (Observer status for the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic-speaking Countries in the General Assembly). The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

(i) **Item 174** (Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly). The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

**Other matters**

82. Taking into account paragraphs 73 to 81 above, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following allocation of items: 12

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**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 sixty-sixth 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.


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

8. General debate.

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12 The numbers are those of the items of the agenda in paragraph 72 above.
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. 77 (a)).

10. Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declarations on HIV/AIDS.

11. Sport for peace and development:
   (a) Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal.


13. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa.

14. 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. 77 (b) and (c)).

15. Culture of peace.

18. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference (see para. 77 (d)).

19. Sustainable development:
   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (see para. 77 (e)).

27. Social development:
   (b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (see para. 77 (f) and (g)).

B. Maintenance of international peace and security


32. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies.

33. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict.

34. Prevention of armed conflict:
   (a) Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution (see para. 77 (h)).
35. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development.

36. The situation in the Middle East.

37. Question of Palestine.

38. The situation in Afghanistan.


40. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte.

41. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba.

42. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development.

43. Question of Cyprus.

44. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

45. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).

46. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti.

47. 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.

48. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait.

C. Development of Africa

63. 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

64. Report of the Human Rights Council (see para. 77 (i)).

67. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance:

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (see para. 77 (j)).
E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

70. 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.

71. Assistance to survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence.

F. Promotion of justice and international law


76. Oceans and the law of the sea:
   (a) Oceans and the law of the sea;

G. Disarmament

86. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (see para. 78).

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

110. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (see para. 77 (k)).

111. Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund.
112. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.

113. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:
   (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;
   (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council;
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   (a) Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;
   (b) Election of the members of the International Law Commission;
   (c) Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;
   (d) Election of two members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission.

115. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: 13
   (f) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;
   (g) Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit;
   (h) Approval of the appointment of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;
   (i) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal;
   (j) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal.


117. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit (see para. 77 (l)).

118. The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

119. Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade.

120. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations.

121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 77 (m)).

122. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters.

123. Strengthening of the United Nations system:
   (a) Strengthening of the United Nations system;
   (b) Central role of the United Nations system in global governance (see para. 77 (n)).

13 For sub-items (a) to (e), see Fifth Committee.

125. Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme.

126. Global health and foreign policy.


129. International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (see para. 77 (o)).

130. Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (see para. 77 (p)).

135. Programme planning (see para. 80 (a)).

First Committee

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

G. Disarmament

87. Reduction of military budgets:
   (a) Reduction of military budgets;
   (b) Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures.

88. 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.

89. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace.


91. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification.


93. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security.
94. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East.

95. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

96. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.

97. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament.

98. General and complete disarmament (see para. 78):
   (a) Notification of nuclear tests;
   (b) Follow-up to nuclear disarmament obligations agreed to at the 1995 and 2000 Review Conferences of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;
   (c) Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok Treaty);
   (d) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;
   (e) Towards an arms trade treaty: establishing common international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms;
   (f) Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus;
   (g) Transparency in armaments;
   (h) Regional disarmament;
   (i) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;
   (j) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;
   (k) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them;
   (l) Relationship between disarmament and development;
   (m) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;
   (n) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;
   (o) Nuclear disarmament;
   (p) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;
   (q) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments;
   (r) Reducing nuclear danger;
(s) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;
(t) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;
(u) Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;
(v) Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities;
(w) United action towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons;
(x) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons;
(y) Missiles.

99. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly:
(a) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;
(b) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;
(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;
(d) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;
(e) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

100. 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;

101. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East.


103. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region.


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

106. Revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations.
I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 77 (m)).

135. Programme planning (see para. 80 (a)).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee
(Fourth Committee)

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

B. Maintenance of international peace and security

49. Assistance in mine action.

50. Effects of atomic radiation.

51. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

52. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

53. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories.

54. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects.

55. Questions relating to information.

56. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations.

57. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

58. 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.

59. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories.

60. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 77 (m)).

135. Programme planning (see para. 80 (a)).
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

16. Information and communications technologies for development.

17. Macroeconomic policy questions:
   (a) International trade and development;
   (b) International financial system and development;
   (c) External debt sustainability and development;
   (d) Commodities.

18. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference (see para. 77 (d)).

19. Sustainable development:
   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;
   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;
   (c) International Strategy for Disaster 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 (see para. 77 (e));
   (f) Convention on Biological Diversity;
   (g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-sixth session;
   (h) Harmony with Nature;
   (i) Sustainable mountain development;
   (j) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy.

21. Globalization and interdependence:
   (a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;
   (b) Science and technology for development;
   (c) Development cooperation with middle-income countries.

22. Groups of countries in special situations:
   (a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;
   (b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.

23. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:
   (a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017);
   (b) Women in development;
   (c) Human resources development.

24. Operational activities for development:
   (a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;
   (b) South-South cooperation for development.

25. Agriculture development and food security.


29. People’s empowerment and a peace-centric development model (see para. 79).

B. Maintenance of international peace and security

61. 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. 77 (m)).

135. Programme planning (see para. 80 (a)).
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

27. 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, disabled persons and the family (see para. 77 (f) and (g));
   (c) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing.

28. 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


D. Promotion of human rights

64. Report of the Human Rights Council (see para. 77 (i)).
65. Promotion and protection of the rights of children:
   (a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children;
   (b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.
66. Rights of indigenous peoples:
   (a) Rights of indigenous peoples;
   (b) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.
67. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance:
(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 (see para. 77 (j)).

68. Right of peoples to self-determination.

69. 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. International drug control.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 77 (m)).
135. Programme planning (see para. 80 (a)).

Fifth Committee

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

115. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: For sub-items (f) to (j), see plenary meetings.

(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;

14 For sub-items (f) to (j), see plenary meetings.
(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. 77 (m)).

129. International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (see para. 77 (o)).

131. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors:
(a) United Nations peacekeeping operations;
(b) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;
(c) Capital master plan.


133. Programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.


135. Programme planning (see para. 80 (a)).

136. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations.

137. Pattern of conferences.

138. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations.

139. Human resources management.

140. Joint Inspection Unit.

141. United Nations common system.


143. Administration of justice at the United Nations (see para. 80 (b)).

144. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.


146. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations.

147. Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (see para. 80 (c)).


160. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:
   (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;
   (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

161. Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (see para. 80 (d)).


**Sixth Committee**

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

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

77. Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States.

78. Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission.


83. The rule of law at the national and international levels.

84. The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction.

85. The law of transboundary aquifers (see para. 81 (a)).

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

109. Measures to eliminate international terrorism.

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

121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 77 (m)).

135. Programme planning (see para. 80 (a)).

143. Administration of justice at the United Nations (see para. 80 (b)).

166. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

167. Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly (see para. 81 (b)).

168. Observer status for the Union of South American Nations in the General Assembly (see para. 81 (c)).

169. Observer status for the International Renewable Energy Agency in the General Assembly (see para. 81 (d)).

170. Observer status for the Central European Initiative in the General Assembly (see para. 81 (e)).

171. Observer status for the United Cities and Local Governments in the General Assembly (see para. 81 (f)).

172. Observer status for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development in the General Assembly (see para. 81 (g)).

173. Observer status for the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic-speaking Countries in the General Assembly (see para. 81 (h)).

174. Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly (see para. 81 (i)).