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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the First Committee

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to 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.
2. The First Committee considered the item at its 28th meeting, on 2 November 2017.¹
3. At the same meeting, the Chair made a statement and introduced the provisional programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2018.
4. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted its provisional programme of work and timetable for 2018, as set out in the annex to the present report.

Recommendation of the First Committee

5. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Provisional programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2018

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, approves the provisional programme of work and timetable of the Committee for 2018, as set out in the annex to the report of the Committee.

¹ For an account of the Committee's discussion of the item, see [A/C.1/72/PV.28](#).



Annex**Provisional programme of work and timetable of the
First Committee for 2018**

<i>Programme/meeting</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Number of meetings</i>
Meeting for the organization of work	Thursday, 4 October	1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items ^{a,b}	Monday, 8 October, to Wednesday, 17 October	8
Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on follow-up to resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its previous sessions/presentation of reports		
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items	Tuesday, 9 October, at 6 p.m.	
Thematic discussion ^c on specific subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items, including:	Wednesday, 17 October, to Wednesday, 31 October	12
(a) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and other high-level officials in the field of arms control and disarmament		
(b) Panel discussions and exchanges with independent experts		
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions and decisions under all agenda items	Thursday, 18 October, at 12 noon	
Closure of the list of speakers for the thematic discussion	Monday, 22 October, at 6 p.m.	
Action on all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items	Thursday, 1 November, to Thursday, 8 November	6

^a A rolling list of speakers will be opened about a month before the beginning of the session. Delegations are encouraged to limit their statements for the general debate to a maximum of 8 minutes; statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 13 minutes. The list will give priority to high-level representatives and should be shared with the Committee on a regular basis so as to increase transparency.

^b Wide civil society participation is encouraged.

^c During thematic discussions, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to a maximum of 5 minutes; statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 7 minutes.

<i>Week</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
1–5 October				4 October afternoon	
8–12 October	8 October morning	9 October morning	10 October morning	11 October morning	12 October morning
15–19 October	15 October afternoon	16 October afternoon	17 October morning and afternoon	18 October afternoon	19 October afternoon
22–26 October	22 October morning and afternoon	23 October morning	24 October morning	25 October morning	26 October morning
29 October– 2 November	29 October morning and afternoon	30 October afternoon	31 October afternoon	1 November afternoon	2 November afternoon
5–9 November	5 November morning	6 November morning	7 November ^a	8 November morning	9 November morning ^b

Note: The Committee will exercise flexibility on the scheduling of the meetings during the last two weeks of the session without prejudice to the decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its seventy-third session.

^a Diwali floating holiday (see resolution [69/250](#)).

^b If necessary.