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## Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

### Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth 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 include in the agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly” and to allocate it 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 Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) considered the item at its 28th meeting, on 10 November 2017.<sup>1</sup>
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a note by the Secretariat on the revitalization of the General Assembly ([A/C.4/72/INF/4](#)).
4. At its 28th meeting, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled “Proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventy-third session of the General Assembly” ([A/C.4/72/L.11/Rev.1](#)), submitted by the Bureau.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision [A/C.4/72/L.11/Rev.1](#) (see para. 5).

### Recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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

<sup>1</sup> For an account of the Committee’s discussion of the item, see [A/C.4/72/SR.28](#).



## **Proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventy-third session of the General Assembly**

The General Assembly approves the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventy-third session of the Assembly, as set out in the report of the Committee.

### **Proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventy-third session of the General Assembly**

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Programme</i>
<b>Week of 1–5 October</b>	
<b>Thursday, 4 October</b>	
10–11 a.m.	Organization of work
	Approval of programme of work
	Approval of time limits for statements
	Establishment of Working Group of the Whole on the peaceful uses of outer space
	Consideration of aide-mémoire containing requests to petition on Non-Self-Governing Territories
<b>Week of 8–12 October</b>	
<b>Monday, 8 October</b>	
3 p.m.	Introductory statements and joint general debate on decolonization items:
	<b>Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 <i>e</i> of the Charter of the United Nations</b>
	<b>Economic and other activities that affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories</b>
	<b>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</b>
	<b>Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories</b>
	<b>Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples</b>
	Approval of requests to petition on Non-Self-Governing Territories
6 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on decolonization items
	Deadline for submission of proposals on decolonization items

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Programme</i>
<b>Tuesday, 9 October</b>	
3 p.m.	Consideration of decolonization items ( <i>continued</i> ):  Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee
<b>Wednesday, 10 October</b>	
3 p.m.	Consideration of decolonization items ( <i>continued</i> ):  Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee
<b>Thursday, 11 October</b>	
3 p.m.	Consideration of decolonization items ( <i>continued</i> ):  Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee
<b>Friday, 12 October</b>	
3 p.m.	Consideration of decolonization items ( <i>continued</i> ):  Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee  Joint general debate on decolonization items ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Week of 15–19 October</b>	
<b>Monday, 15 October</b>	
10 a.m.	Consideration of decolonization items ( <i>continued</i> ):  Joint general debate on decolonization items ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Tuesday, 16 October</b>	
10 a.m.	Consideration of decolonization items ( <i>continued</i> ):  Joint general debate on decolonization items ( <i>concluded</i> )  Action on proposals submitted under decolonization items
<b>Thursday, 18 October</b>	
10 a.m.	Introductory statement, interactive dialogue and general debate on:  <b>Questions relating to information</b>
6 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on “Questions relating to information”
<b>Friday, 19 October</b>	
10 a.m.	<b>Questions relating to information</b>  General debate ( <i>concluded</i> )  Action on proposals

**Week of 22–26 October****Tuesday, 23 October**

3 p.m.

Introductory statement and general debate on:

**International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space**

Working Group of the Whole on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space

**Wednesday, 24 October**

3 p.m.

**International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space**General debate (*continued*)Working Group of the Whole on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (*continued*)**Thursday, 25 October**

3 p.m.

**International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space**General debate (*concluded*)Working Group of the Whole on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (*concluded*)

Action on proposals

**Friday, 26 October**

3 p.m.

Introductory statement, general debate and action on proposal on:

**University for Peace****Week of 29 October–  
2 November****Tuesday, 30 October**

10 a.m.

Introductory statement, interactive dialogue and general debate on:

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

1 p.m.

Closure of the list of speakers on “Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects”

**Wednesday, 31 October**

10 a.m.

**Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects**General debate (*continued*)

Date/time	Programme
<b>Thursday, 1 November</b>	
10 a.m.	Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects  General debate ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Friday, 2 November</b>	
10 a.m.	<b>Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects</b>  General debate ( <i>concluded</i> )
<b>Week of 5–9 November</b>	
<b>Monday, 5 November</b>	
	Introductory statements, general debate and action on proposal on:  <b>Comprehensive review of special political missions</b>
3 p.m.	
<b>Tuesday, 6 November</b>	
3 p.m.	Introductory statements, general debate and action on proposal on:  <b>Effects of atomic radiation</b>
<b>Wednesday, 7 November</b>	
	Diwali
<b>Thursday, 8 November</b>	
	Introductory statement, question-and-answer period and general debate on:  <b>United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East</b>
3 p.m.	
<b>Friday, 9 November</b>	
3 p.m.	<b>United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East</b>  General debate ( <i>concluded</i> )
4 p.m.	Deadline for submission of proposals on “United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East” and “Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories”  Deadline for submission of proposals on all outstanding items
<b>Week of 12–16 November</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 13 November</b>	
10 a.m.	Introductory statement, question-and-answer period and general debate on:  <b>Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories</b>

Date/time

Programme

**Wednesday, 14 November**

10 a.m.

**Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories**General debate (*continued*)**Thursday, 15 November**

(if needed)

10 a.m.

**Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories**General debate (*concluded*)**Friday, 16 November**

10 a.m.

**United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East****Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories**

Introduction of and action on proposals

Action on proposals on all outstanding agenda items

**Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly**

Proposed programme of work and timetable for the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly and consideration of working methods

Conclusion of the work of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the main part of the session