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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to General Assembly resolution [58/316](#). It contains the draft programme of work of the plenary for the seventy-fifth session of the Assembly. The draft programme of work is subject to further review, including in the light of any decisions that the Assembly may take in view of the situation concerning the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The draft programmes of work of five of the six Main Committees of the Assembly, which were approved by the Assembly, can be found in the respective decisions of the Assembly and are also subject to review in the light of any decisions that the Main Committees or the Assembly may take in view of the situation concerning COVID-19. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.



I. Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to its resolution [58/316](#) on further measures for the revitalization of the work of the Assembly, decided that, in July of each year, the General Committee would conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the Assembly, on the basis of a report submitted by the Secretary-General, and would also submit recommendations on the matter to the Assembly at its forthcoming session. The report would include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session.
2. The present report has been prepared in response to that request.
3. With a view to assisting the General Committee and the General Assembly in their efforts to maximize both effectiveness and efficiency, the present report contains the draft programme of work of the plenary for the seventy-fifth session. The draft programme of work is subject to further review, including in the light of any decisions that the Assembly may take in view of the situation concerning the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).
4. The draft programmes of work of the Main Committees, with the exception of the Fifth Committee,¹ have been approved by the respective Committees and were adopted by the General Assembly in the following decisions: First Committee (decision 74/512); Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (decision 74/516); Second Committee (decision 74/538); Third Committee (decision 74/519); and Sixth Committee (decision 74/521). The draft programmes of the Main Committees are available in the respective decisions and are subject to review in the light of any decisions that the Main Committees or the Assembly may take in view of the situation concerning COVID-19.
5. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

II. Draft programme of work of the plenary for the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly

First week (15–18 September)

Tuesday, 15 September, p.m.

Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly [1]²

Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2]

Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3 (a)]

Wednesday, 16 September

Meeting of the General Committee

Friday, 18 September

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee [7]

¹ The Fifth Committee has not taken a decision on this matter.

² Items and their numbers cited herein are from the provisional agenda of the seventy-fifth session ([A/75/150](#)). All items are pending approval by the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session for their inclusion in the agenda and allocation for consideration. Some items that are on the provisional agenda but not reflected in this draft programme are omitted either in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions of the Assembly or for scheduling at a later date.

Second week (21–25 September)

Monday, 21 September

High-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations [128 (a)]

Tuesday, 22 September, to Saturday, 26 September

General debate [8]³**Third week (28 September–2 October)**

Monday, 28 September

*Yom Kippur*⁴

Tuesday, 29 September

General debate [8]

Fourth week (5–9 October)**Fifth week (12–16 October)****[Organizational, administrative and other matters]**

Tuesday, 13 October

Election of members of the Human Rights Council [119 (c)]

Sixth week (19–23 October)**[Organizational, administrative and other matters]**

Wednesday, 21 October, p.m.

International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [133]

Seventh week (26–30 October)**[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]**

Monday, 26 October

Space as a driver of sustainable development [28]

[Promotion of justice and international law]

Thursday, 29 October

Report of the International Court of Justice [74]

[Promotion of human rights]

Friday, 30 October

Report of the Human Rights Council [67]

Eighth week (2–6 November)**[Promotion of justice and international law]**

Monday, 2 November

Report of the International Criminal Court [75]

³ As the first item before the opening of the general debate, the Secretary-General will present his report on the work of the Organization.

⁴ In its resolution [69/250](#) of 29 December 2014, the General Assembly invited United Nations bodies at Headquarters and other duty stations where observed to avoid holding meetings on this holiday.

[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Thursday, 5 November

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [9]; 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 [13]: *joint debate*
2. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [122]: specific meeting focused on development (resolution 60/265)

Ninth week (9–13 November)

Monday, 9 November

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [125]; Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [126]: *joint debate*

Wednesday, 11 November

[Disarmament]

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [93]

Thursday, 12 November

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Election of members of the International Court of Justice [118 (c)]

Friday, 13 November

*Diwali*⁴

Tenth week (16–20 November)

Monday, 16 November

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council [127]

Eleventh week (23–27 November)

Monday, 23 November

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

1. Election of members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination [119 (a)]

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [119 (d)] 3. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences [120 (g)] 4. Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit [120 (h)]
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Tuesday, 24 November	Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [130 (a) to (aa)]
Thursday, 26 November	<i>Official United Nations holiday (Thanksgiving)</i>
Twelfth week (30 November–4 December)	
Monday, 30 November	<i>Gurpurab⁴</i>
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Tuesday, 1 December	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 [13]; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [122]; Strengthening of the United Nations system [128 (a) and (b)]: <i>joint debate</i>
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Wednesday, 2 December	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Question of Palestine [37] 2. The situation in the Middle East [36]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Thursday, 3 December, p.m.	Sport for development and peace [11 (a) and (b)]
Thirteenth week (7–14 December)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday, 7 December	Global health and foreign policy [132]
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Tuesday, 8 December	Oceans and the law of the sea [76 (a) and (b)]

	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Wednesday, 9 December	Culture of peace [14]
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Thursday, 10 December	The situation in Afghanistan [38]
	[Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts]
Friday, 11 December	Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [73 (a) to (d)]
	[Maintenance of international peace and security; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday, 14 December	Report of the Credentials Committee [3 (b)]
	The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan [39]
	Election of members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission [119 (b)]
	Appointment of members of the Board of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns [120 (i)]
	(14 December: end of 13 weeks)

Plenary items not scheduled for consideration during the main part of the session

Election of the President of the General Assembly [4]

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly [6]

Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS [10]

2001–2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [12]; New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [66 (a) and (b)]: *joint debate*

Report of the Security Council [29]

Report of the Peacebuilding Commission [30]; Peacebuilding and sustaining peace [64]; Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund [116]: *joint debate*

Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion [31]

The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [32]

Prevention of armed conflict [33 (a) and (b)]

Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development [34]

Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [35]

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

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [115]

Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations [117]

Election of non-permanent members of the Security Council [118 (a)]⁵

Election of members of the Economic and Social Council [118 (b)]⁵

Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme [120 (j)]

Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development [120 (k)]

The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy [123]

Commemoration of the abolition of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade [124]: *commemorative meeting of the General Assembly to mark the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade*

Multilingualism [129]

Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him [134]

Sexual exploitation and abuse: implementing a zero-tolerance policy [135]

Impact of rapid technological change on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets [137]

Plenary items not yet scheduled for consideration during the seventy-fifth session, as their inclusion in the provisional agenda of the seventy-fifth session is subject to any action the Assembly may take on them at its seventy-fourth session

The situation in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine [65]

Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965 [91]

Request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on the consequences of legal obligations of States under different sources of international law with respect to immunities of Heads of State and Government and other senior officials [92]

⁵ The General Assembly, in its resolution [68/307](#), decided to conduct the elections of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and the members of the Economic and Social Council about six months before the elected members assume their responsibilities, beginning at the seventieth session.

Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the
Inter-Parliamentary Union [131]

The responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic
cleansing and crimes against humanity [136]
