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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Note by the Secretariat

The attention of the First Committee is drawn to the following provisions of General Assembly resolution [67/297](#) of 29 August 2013, as highlighted in the first report of the General Committee ([A/68/250](#)), which was considered by the Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting on 20 September 2013:

(a) Paragraph 12 of the resolution, in which the General Assembly encouraged the Main Committees:

- (i) To ensure adequate coordination in their work while avoiding overlap and duplication;
- (ii) To elect the bureau of each Committee at least three months in advance of the session for better coordination and for a smoother hand-over of their work;
- (iii) To benefit from their respective QuickPlace to facilitate the smooth organization and timely conclusion of their work;
- (iv) To share experiences, best practices and lessons learned concerning their respective working methods;

(b) Paragraph 13 of the resolution, in which the General Assembly requested each Main Committee to further discuss its working methods at the beginning of every session and in that regard invited the Chairs of the Main Committees to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly at the sixty-eighth session, as appropriate;

(c) Paragraph 15 of the resolution, in which the General Assembly requested that the Assembly and its Main Committees, at the sixty-eighth 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, including through the introduction of a sunset clause, with the clear consent of the sponsoring State or States, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group;



(d) Paragraph 18 of the resolution, regarding the need to enhance the coordination of the scheduling of high-level meetings and high-level thematic debates, with a view to optimizing the number and distribution of such events, including by exploring the possibility of scheduling future high-level meetings during the early part of the year, from within existing resources, taking into account the calendar of conferences;

(e) Paragraph 19 of the resolution, in which the General Assembly encouraged Member States, United Nations bodies and the Secretariat to continue to consult on the consolidation of documentation in order to avoid duplication of work, to exercise the fullest possible discipline in striving for concise resolutions, reports and other documentation, inter alia, by referring to previous documents rather than repeating actual content, and to focus on key themes, and called upon them to observe existing submission deadlines in order to allow for the timely processing of documents to be examined by intergovernmental bodies;

(f) Paragraph 22 of the resolution, in which the General Assembly requested the Ad Hoc Working Group to prepare arrangements concerning the election of Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees of the Assembly, with the aim of establishing a predictable, transparent and fair mechanism for the elections at an early stage of the sixty-eighth session of the Assembly, and to submit them to the Assembly not later than three months before the start of its sixty-ninth session.
