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Note by the Secretariat

1. The General Assembly, at its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2021, allocated agenda item 122 (Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly) 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 attention of the Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee) is drawn to the following provisions of General Assembly resolution [75/325](#), several of which are highlighted in the first report of the General Committee ([A/76/250](#)), which was considered by the Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting:

(a) Paragraph 29 of the resolution, in which the Assembly requested each Main Committee to further discuss its working methods ([A/76/250](#), para. 15);

(b) Paragraph 30 of the resolution, in which the Assembly emphasized that the General Assembly and its Main Committees, at the seventy-sixth session, in consultation with Member States, should continue their consideration of and make concrete 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, during the seventy-sixth session of the Assembly (*ibid.*, para. 11).

3. At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided that meetings of the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs should make provisions for accessible seating for representatives with disabilities through the following process:

(a) Upon a request by a delegation for accessible seating, the seating order in a given meeting room is changed in such a way as to allow the requesting delegation to move to the closest accessible seat from the one it occupies in accordance with the order established for each session of the Assembly, and the seating order for the rest of the delegations is moved by one seat;

(b) Should there be more than one request for accessible seating, the delegations requesting such seats will move to the accessible seats which are closest to their respective seats, which they occupy in accordance with the order established for each session of the Assembly, and the seating order for the rest of the delegations



is moved by the corresponding number of seats, omitting the ones newly occupied by the requesting delegations (*ibid.*, para. 24).

4. At the same meeting, the General Assembly took note of the fact that, once the Assembly adopts a draft resolution or decision, Member States can no longer alter the sponsorship thereof. Likewise, when a Main Committee has adopted a proposal and recommends its adoption by the Assembly, Member States can no longer alter the sponsorship thereof (*ibid.*, para. 51).

Annex**Pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the First Committee, in accordance with General Assembly resolution [72/313](#)**

Session	Regional group
Seventy-seventh	Asia-Pacific States
Seventy-eighth	Eastern European States
Seventy-ninth	Latin American and Caribbean States
Eightieth	Western European and other States
Eighty-first	Asia-Pacific States
Eighty-second	Eastern European States
Eighty-third	African States
