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Note by the Secretariat

The attention of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) is drawn to the following provisions of General Assembly resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, as highlighted in the first report of the General Committee ([A/78/250](#)), which was considered by the Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 2023:

(a) Paragraph 35 of resolution [77/335](#), in which the Assembly requested each Main Committee to further discuss its working methods ([A/78/250](#), para. 17);

(b) Paragraph 23 of resolution [72/313](#), in which the Assembly requested the Chairs of the Main Committees to organize handover meetings of the outgoing and incoming bureaux to exchange views on outcomes and the upcoming agenda, and invited the Chairs of the Main Committees to present a report to their successors on best practices and lessons learned (*ibid.*, para. 10);

(c) Paragraph 34 of resolution [77/335](#), in which the Assembly emphasized that the General Assembly and its Main Committees, 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 on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly (*ibid.*, para. 4);

(d) The relevant provision contained in the annex to resolution [72/313](#) on the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the seventy-fourth to the eighty-third sessions of the General Assembly (*ibid.*, para. 12);

(e) Paragraph 31 of resolution [71/323](#), in which the Assembly recalled rules 153 and 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and encouraged the Chairs of the Main Committees and the Secretary-General to ensure observance of those rules, within their respective mandates (*ibid.*, para. 73);



(f) Paragraph 44 of resolution [72/313](#), in which the Assembly reiterated its invitation to the President of the General Assembly and the Chairs of the Main Committees, in consultation with the General Committee and Member States, as well as to the Secretary-General, to enhance the coordination of the scheduling of the meetings of the Assembly, including high-level meetings and high-level thematic debates, with a view to optimizing their interactivity, effectiveness and distribution throughout the session, and to consider ways to decrease the number of high-level events held during the general debate (*ibid.*, para. 32);

(g) Paragraph 54 of resolution [72/313](#) and paragraph 47 of resolution [75/325](#), in which the Assembly requested the Secretariat to continue to improve, harmonize and unify e-services provided to Member States under e-deleGATE with a view to creating a full-fledged delegates' online workplace in all six official languages in order to save costs, reduce the environmental impact and improve the distribution of documents, and paragraph 36 of resolution [72/313](#), in which the Assembly requested the Secretariat to ensure the availability through the e-deleGATE portal of provisional lists of speakers at United Nations meetings and conferences not later than by the end of the business day preceding the relevant meeting or conference (*ibid.*, para. 67).
