



General Assembly

Distr.: General
20 November 2013

Original: English

Sixty-eighth session
Agenda item 135

Programme planning

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Ken Siah (Singapore)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2013, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-eighth session the item entitled “Programme planning” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 5th and 7th meetings, on 9 and 17 October 2013. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records ([A/C.5/68/SR.5](#) and [7](#)).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its fifty-third session ([A/68/16](#)).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/68/L.3

4. At its 7th meeting, on 17 October, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Programme planning” ([A/C.5/68/L.3](#)), submitted by the Chair on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Nigeria.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/68/L.3](#) without a vote (see para. 7).
6. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Cuba and a representative of the European Union made statements.



III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Programme planning

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/234 of 21 December 1982, 38/227 A of 20 December 1983, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 55/234 of 23 December 2000, 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 57/282 of 20 December 2002, 58/268 and 58/269 of 23 December 2003, 59/275 of 23 December 2004, 60/257 of 8 May 2006, 61/235 of 22 December 2006, 62/224 of 22 December 2007, 63/247 of 24 December 2008, 64/229 of 22 December 2009, 65/244 of 24 December 2010, 66/8 of 11 November 2011 and 67/236 of 24 December 2012,

Recalling also the terms of reference of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, as outlined in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its fifty-third session,¹

1. *Reaffirms* the role of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as the main subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council for planning, programming and coordination;

2. *Re-emphasizes* the role of the plenary and the Main Committees of the General Assembly in reviewing and taking action on the appropriate recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination relevant to their work, in accordance with regulation 4.10 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation;²

3. *Stresses* that setting the priorities of the United Nations is the prerogative of the Member States, as reflected in legislative mandates;

4. *Also stresses* the need for Member States to participate fully in the budget preparation process, from its early stages and throughout the process;

5. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on evaluation,³ on the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2012,⁴ on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development⁵ and on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit.⁶

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/68/16).*

² ST/SGB/2000/8.

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/68/16),* chap. II.B.

⁴ *Ibid.*, chap. III.A.

⁵ *Ibid.*, chap. III.B.

⁶ *Ibid.*, chap. IV.