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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution [74/303](#), the General Assembly decided to establish, at its seventy-fifth session, an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, open to all Member States:

(a) To identify further ways to enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on progress achieved in past sessions as well as on previous resolutions, including evaluating the status of their implementation;

(b) To submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-fifth session.

2. The General Assembly also decided that the Ad Hoc Working Group should continue its review of the inventory of Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted at the seventy-third session ([A/73/956](#)) and, as a result, continue to update the inventory to be attached to the report to be submitted at the seventy-fifth session of the Assembly. The present report and the recommendations contained herein are submitted pursuant to the provisions of that resolution.

3. During the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly, the President of the General Assembly appointed the Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations, Egriselda López, and the Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the United Nations, Michal Mlynár, as Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

II. Proceedings

4. The Working Group held a total of three formal meetings, on 11 February and 27 July 2021, and four virtual thematic meetings on 25 February, 11 March and 14 and 23 April 2021. At its first meeting, on 11 February, the Working Group approved its working arrangements for the seventy-fifth session as set out in the letter of the Co-Chairs dated 2 February 2021. The proceedings of the four virtual thematic meetings are reflected in annex I to the present report.

5. The programme of work consisted of a general discussion and four virtual thematic meetings on the following themes identified by the Co-Chairs:

(a) The role and authority of the General Assembly;

(b) The working methods of the Assembly;

(c) The selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads of the United Nations system;

(d) The strengthening of the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly.

6. In addition, one meeting was held on 25 March 2021 as part of the interactive dialogue between permanent missions and the Secretariat. On 10 June 2021, the Co-Chairs presented virtually the zero draft of the resolution.

General discussion

7. The first and second meetings of the Working Group were convened by its Co-Chairs on 11 February 2021. Following introductory remarks by the President of the General Assembly, participants heard interventions from 31 delegations, including on behalf of four groups of States. The Working Group also had before it a tentative

timetable for the thematic discussions to be held virtually and a draft updated inventory chart of all revitalization mandates, which was uploaded on the dedicated web page accessible from the website of the General Assembly (www.un.org/en/ga/revitalization/).

8. In his opening remarks, the President of the General Assembly commended Member States for their support in keeping the General Assembly functioning during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, which continued to present the greatest challenge to its operations. He noted that the past months had demonstrated that the Assembly could adapt to new challenges when there was strong political will. The President called upon Member States to continue to find new and improved ways of doing business and to strengthen the role of the Assembly. He indicated that, to be effective, the Assembly must remain relevant and respond to the rapid changes taking place in the world. Despite pandemic-related limitations, as a candidate, the President had met with representatives of Member States in an informal interactive dialogue, successfully held in a virtual format. In addition, elections had concluded in June, three months in advance of the opening of the session, thus allowing sufficient time for preparations. The President had also taken his oath of office and agreed to abide by the code of ethics. With regard to the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General, the President informed the Working Group that he and the President of the Security Council had launched the selection process by a joint letter dated 5 February 2021 (A/75/780-S/2021/179), in accordance with the landmark resolution 69/321 negotiated by the Working Group, a resolution that established a new era of transparency and inclusivity in the appointment process. In closing, the President invited delegations to reflect on the Assembly's effectiveness at adapting its working methods, which had enabled it to continue to address evolving global challenges despite the ongoing health crisis.

9. In the subsequent debate, delegations noted the importance of the revitalization process and highlighted the achievements realized during previous sessions, citing, in particular, the adoption of resolutions 69/321, 70/305, 71/323, 72/313 and 73/341. Many called for sustaining momentum around the revitalization of the Assembly and the reinvigoration of multilateralism that was generated during the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations. Given that only a technical rollover resolution (resolution 74/303) was adopted at the seventy-fourth session, many expected the Working Group to make tangible progress at the seventy-fifth session. One group emphasized the importance of preserving the intergovernmental, inclusive and democratic nature of the United Nations and the need to ensure the proper implementation of the Charter of the United Nations with respect to the functional relationship between its principal organs, while also fully respecting their respective mandates.

10. Among the many interrelated global challenges, the COVID-19 pandemic remained the most immediate one. Delegations recognized the unprecedented challenges for the operations and working conditions caused by the pandemic but nevertheless welcomed the Organization's capacity to change and adapt during a crisis, when all activities had to be prioritized more than ever before and with many processes being either cancelled or limited to technical rollover outcomes under such exceptional circumstances. Delegations praised the efforts of the Presidents of the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth and seventy-fifth sessions to ensure business continuity. In this regard, some delegations, in keeping with the spirit of pragmatism and prioritization that had recently prevailed, suggested continuing the discussion to biennialize or sunset resolutions and to align the work of the Assembly with the priorities outlined in the declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations (resolution 75/1) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. On the other hand, a group of States underscored the

exceptional nature of the current working methods and reiterated the importance of maintaining strict compliance with and adherence to the rules of procedure of the Assembly. That group of States emphasized that the rationalization measures must be analysed on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with the Member States. Speakers called upon the Assembly and its Main Committees to streamline, rationalize and bring an action-oriented focus to their decisions and resolutions. In the light of the rapidly evolving developments related to COVID-19, the Assembly had been carrying out its work through novel means to guarantee business continuity and mitigate the spread of the disease. Delegations welcomed the adoption of decision 75/510, entitled “Procedure for decision-making in the General Assembly when an in-person meeting is not possible”, which equipped the Assembly and its Main Committees with tools and methods to ensure business continuity under any circumstances. Speakers also recalled the procedure established by the Assembly at the seventy-fourth session on the proposal of its President that had enabled it and its Main Committees to take essential decisions through a silence procedure from March to August 2020, when a plenary meeting was not practicable as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic (see decisions 74/544, 74/555, 74/558 and 74/561).

11. The majority of speakers called for greater support for multilingualism in the working methods, recalling the most severe impact that the pandemic had had on the ability of delegations at Headquarters to meet, consult or negotiate with interpretation in the official languages of the United Nations. One group specifically referred to the need to remove language barriers for briefers from the field, including civil society and humanitarian briefers. On another note, speakers also underlined that the pandemic should not jeopardize the engagement of civil society and other stakeholders in the work of the United Nations.

12. Many delegations reiterated that the number of high-level and side events organized in parallel with the general debate of the General Assembly should be kept to a minimum in order to preserve the sanctity of the general debate. Delegations suggested that capping the number of events, in particular during the high-level week, would contribute to the Assembly focusing on main priorities.

13. Many speakers reiterated the importance of enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, especially in the context of the pandemic, when the Office had played an important role in allowing the Assembly to adapt its programme of work and continue to perform essential functions. One group further reiterated the need to strengthen the Office by allocating to it adequate resources from the regular budget.

14. The need to further streamline and rationalize the agenda of the Assembly was also mentioned. One group reiterated the importance of achieving greater coherence and coordination in the work of the Main Committees, including better use of lessons learned, as well as achieving better synergies and alignment in the work of the Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. Another group recalled that the Assembly had encouraged the Main Committees to continue to consider and make proposals on their working methods and, in that connection, reiterated the intergovernmental and inclusive nature of such discussions, which should engage all delegations.

15. Promoting the interactive nature of discussions to generate real dialogue was another proposal to consider. Some delegations welcomed the move to a virtual format on a remote simultaneous interpretation platform for the four thematic debates, which would allow a more informal discussion and a frank exchange of views.

16. Attention was given to the selection process for the Secretary-General and other executive heads, in particular the requirement to appoint the Secretary-General for a term beginning in 2022. Speakers said that the process of selection and appointment

of the Secretary-General should be carried out in full compliance with Article 97 of the Charter and relevant General Assembly resolutions, in particular resolutions [69/321](#) and [70/305](#). It was important to keep the best practices and lessons learned from the previous selection and appointment process (see [A/71/774-S/2017/93](#) and [A/72/514-S/2017/846](#)) in view, while underscoring that the achievements in terms of transparency, democracy and inclusivity of all Member States in connection with the election of the incumbent Secretary-General should inform the current year's selection and appointment process. Delegations also welcomed the leadership shown by the President of the General Assembly in initiating this important process in line with positive standards and the principles of transparency, inclusivity and accountability.

17. Speakers also welcomed the cooperation between the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council, which resulted in the joint letter dated 5 February 2021 ([A/75/780-S/2021/179](#)) and the intent to continue the practice of vision statements and dialogues with the candidates. Appreciation was expressed for the collaboration between the Assembly and the Council, and delegations encouraged interaction between both organs in all stages of the process.

18. One group encouraged the early presentation of highly qualified candidates, especially women candidates. The identification and appointment of the most qualified candidate for the post should be guided by best practices in high-level appointments.

19. Delegations encouraged the President of the General Assembly to optimize the informal dialogue format by minimizing duplication of questions and ensuring ample time for responses. Regarding the incumbent candidate, speakers welcomed his commitment to transparency and his willingness to produce a vision statement and participate in a dialogue with the membership.

20. One group highlighted the contribution of civil society during the previous process and underlined the high and legitimate expectations of global civil society to be more closely included in the work of the United Nations after the successful global outreach for the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations. The group called for various elements of the 2016 process to be replicated and, where possible, strengthened by allowing for greater participation, including through virtual modalities. The current COVID-19 situation represented an opportunity for innovation and for strengthening interaction with civil society. The group called upon the President of the General Assembly to facilitate these interactions and looked forward to discussing more concrete proposals at the thematic debate in April.

21. With regard to the draft resolution of the Working Group, delegations suggested that the Working Group should lead by example and streamline both its programme of work and its resolution. In addition, biennializing the resolution on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly was suggested, so that substantive changes would be made every two years, while implementation would be monitored in the intervening year.

22. In their concluding remarks, the Co-Chairs noted the wide range of substantive issues raised and emphasized that their main objective would continue to be to listen to Member States' interventions during the forthcoming thematic debates. The views and positions expressed would form the basis for the zero draft of the resolution to be circulated before the commencement of the negotiations.

III. Conclusion

23. In accordance with its mandate, the Working Group endeavoured to identify key issues of concern and possible consensus, to examine the current status of implementation of those issues, and either to take action or to indicate possible further action to be taken.

24. At its final meeting, held on 27 July 2021, the Working Group considered and adopted the present report, including the draft resolution contained in section III below (see para. 27).

25. At the same meeting, the Secretary read out a statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution. Statements were made by several delegations, including on behalf of three groups of States.

IV. Recommendation

26. On the basis of a draft resolution circulated by the Co-Chairs, the Working Group formulated the resolution set out below.

27. At its final meeting, on 27 July 2021, the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly concluded its work for the seventy-fifth session. The Working Group recommended that the Assembly adopt the following draft resolution:

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the role and authority of the General Assembly as a principal organ of the United Nations and the importance of its effectiveness and efficiency in fulfilling its functions under the Charter of the United Nations,

Reiterating that the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly is a critical component of the overall reform of the United Nations,

Welcoming the calls to increase the efficiency of the work of the General Assembly through streamlining its agenda, including by elimination of duplication and overlap of agenda items,

Welcoming also the efforts of the President of the General Assembly to provide impetus to and promote the process of revitalization of the work of the Assembly during its seventy-fifth session in favour of strengthening multilateralism and international cooperation,

Recalling the declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, adopted as resolution [75/1](#) of 21 September 2020, which reaffirms overarching priorities for the work of the General Assembly, including the commitment to multilateralism and to continue to work to revitalize the Assembly,

Recognizing the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on the work of the General Assembly during its seventy-fourth and seventy-fifth sessions, and welcoming the efforts of the Presidents of the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth and seventy-fifth sessions to ensure the continued functioning of the Assembly despite the limitations as a consequence of the pandemic,

Mindful of the importance of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, which continue to guide its work,

Recognizing the temporary adjustments that were carried out by the Secretariat without setting a precedent due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which demonstrated its adaptability and resilience under exceptional circumstances, and taking note of the analysis of the Secretary-General on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the work of the General Assembly and the briefing thereon provided to the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly during the seventy-fifth session,

Recognizing also that multilingualism, as a core value of the Organization, contributes to the achievement of the goals of the United Nations, as set out in Article 1 of the Charter,

Underlining the need to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the General Assembly to address the evolving global challenges,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions [73/341](#) of 12 September 2019 and [74/303](#) of 4 September 2020 and all other previous resolutions adopted by consensus relating to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly;

2. *Welcomes* the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly issued during the seventy-fifth session and the updated inventory of Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed thereto,¹ which continues to form a basis for the deliberations of Member States under the item on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue updating regularly and equally the multilingual web page devoted to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly in all six official languages and its substantive content within existing resources in a cost-effective manner, including through the use of existing capabilities such as automation of translation, while ensuring the accuracy of translation;

4. *Decides* to establish, at its seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh sessions, an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, open to all Member States:

(a) To identify further ways to enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on the progress achieved in past sessions as well as on previous resolutions, including evaluating the status of their implementation, with the primary focus on:

(i) During the seventy-sixth session: role and authority of the General Assembly, and working methods;

(ii) During the seventy-seventh session: strengthening the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads;

(b) To also place the primary focus on implementation of the present resolution during the seventy-sixth session, and to submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-seventh session;

5. *Also decides* that the next resolution shall be considered during the seventy-seventh session and biennially thereafter;

¹ [A/75/973](#).

6. *Further decides* that the Ad Hoc Working Group shall continue its review of the inventory of General Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted at the seventy-fifth session and, as a result, continue to update the inventory to be attached to the reports to be submitted at the seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh sessions of the Assembly, including the separate indication of relevant provisions that were not implemented, with reasons therefor;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit an update on the provisions of the General Assembly resolutions on revitalization addressed to the Secretariat for implementation that have not been implemented, with an indication of the constraints and reasons behind any lack of implementation, for further consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh sessions;

8. *Reiterates* its decision to hold annually an interactive and comprehensive dialogue between the Permanent Missions and the Secretariat as mandated in resolution [71/323](#) of 8 September 2017, during the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group, and strongly emphasizes the importance of the follow-up on issues raised during the dialogue aimed at improving the work of the Secretariat in its interaction with Permanent Missions, including the circulation of these follow-up measures to Permanent Missions;

Role and authority of the General Assembly

9. *Reaffirms* the role and authority of the General Assembly and the strict respect of the Charter-based prerogatives and division of work among the principal organs of the United Nations;

10. *Welcomes* the decision of the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session to select “The future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism – confronting COVID-19 through effective multilateral action” as the theme of the general debate, and also welcomes the decision of the President-elect of the General Assembly to select “Building resilience through hope – to recover from COVID-19, rebuild sustainably, respond to the needs of the planet, respect the rights of people, and revitalize the United Nations” as the theme of the general debate of the seventy-sixth session of the Assembly;

11. *Stresses* the importance of implementing the resolutions of the General Assembly on a non-selective basis, including those related to the revitalization of its work that require a follow-up or further actions, as shown in the updated inventory of Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group;

12. *Welcomes* the efforts of the President of the General Assembly to reinforce synergy, coherence and complementarity between the agendas of the Assembly and its Main Committees and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, and encourages regular interaction and continued coordination between the Presidents of the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council in this regard;

13. *Stresses* the need for United Nations intergovernmental bodies to effectively address the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development² as a whole, including its Sustainable Development Goals, in order to effectively and efficiently support its accelerated implementation during the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development;

² Resolution [70/1](#).

14. *Takes into account* the respective mandates and distinct functions of each intergovernmental body, recognizes that it is necessary to further align the agendas of the General Assembly and its Main Committees and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies with the 2030 Agenda, considering a comprehensive and holistic view of the agendas, and also recognizes the need for the Assembly process on alignment to identify and simultaneously address gaps, overlaps and duplication in a balanced manner and on a case-by-case basis;

15. *Underlines* that the work of the General Assembly on the alignment of agendas does not undermine the sovereign right of any Member State to introduce a new agenda item or resolution, taking into account the alignment-related principles and objectives of the present resolution;

16. *Invites* delegations proposing draft resolutions, where possible, to consider including provisions to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the resolutions, and also invites them to take into consideration the principles and objectives agreed during the alignment process;

17. *Invites* the General Assembly and its Main Committees and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies to consider ways to address those Sustainable Development Goals that have limited or no coverage, and ways to avoid overlaps and duplication, bearing in mind their respective mandates, and to make recommendations to Member States for their consideration;

18. *Invites* the main sponsors of draft resolutions that are submitted for the consideration of delegations to consider the procedural practices applied during previous sessions with the aim of enhancing the efficiency of the work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies;

19. *Underlines* the urgent need to preserve the primacy, significance and established practice of the general debate of the General Assembly, and:

(a) Stresses the need to limit the number of high-level events held in the margins of the general debate to those of key significance that require immediate attention from Heads of State and Government, and calls upon the President of the General Assembly, Member States, in close coordination with the Secretary-General and heads of other relevant United Nations bodies, to be very mindful of these aspects when planning the events of the high-level week in September and to be guided by the existing mandates agreed upon by Member States;

(b) Encourages Member States and the United Nations system to singly and collectively limit the number of side events held in parallel with or in the margins of the general debate, as well as other high-level sessions, including by consulting one another to identify side events on similar topics in an effort to minimize overlap and informing the Secretariat of the details of planned side events;

(c) Requests the Secretariat to upload information on the side events, when indicated by the organizers, in the *Journal of the United Nations*;

(d) Invites Member States to continue discussions on efforts to limit the number of side events held in parallel with or in the margins of the general debate and other high-level sessions, with a view to taking stock and exploring further improvements, as necessary, during the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly;

20. *Recognizes* the value of holding interactive inclusive thematic debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community, calls for the rationalizing of such debates to ensure high-level attendance, calls upon the President of the General Assembly to be mindful of the regular agenda of the Assembly when

organizing such debates, and urges Member States to be mindful of existing mandates when considering new mandates for meetings of the Assembly and, in this regard, to refrain from mandating recurring high-level and commemorative meetings where possible;

21. *Encourages* the President of the General Assembly, supported by the membership, to achieve gender parity among invited speakers and panellists for high-level and other relevant meetings of the General Assembly;

22. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to continue scheduling the plenary meetings of the Assembly on the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization and on the report of the Security Council in close coordination with the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council, so that discussions of these important reports are not conducted in a perfunctory manner;

23. *Recognizes* the timely submission of the report of the Security Council to the General Assembly in accordance with Article 24, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, recalls resolution 69/321 of 11 September 2015 and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly, and reiterates the importance of the Security Council continuing its efforts to provide its annual report to the Assembly in accordance with resolutions 51/193 of 17 December 1996 and 58/126 of 19 December 2003;

24. *Notes* the progress aimed at increasing the visibility of the General Assembly in the media and in bringing the priorities of the Assembly to a wider audience, including during the COVID-19 pandemic with a view to ensuring relevance and providing accurate and reliable information to the global public in a timely manner, requests the Department of Global Communications of the Secretariat to continue to take appropriate measures to further enhance public awareness of the role and activities of the Assembly throughout its session in all six official languages, including on as many platforms as possible, requests the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly to continue to make efforts to ensure that multilingualism is not undermined by the measures taken in response to the liquidity situation and the COVID-19 pandemic, and requests the Secretariat to continue to explore cost-neutral options to that effect;

Working methods

25. *Stresses* the desirability of the General Assembly further streamlining its agenda and dedicating more time for dialogue as well as the review of the implementation of the resolutions it adopts;

26. *Reaffirms* existing relevant mandates related to the improvement of the working methods of the Main Committees;

27. *Notes* the important role of information and communications technologies in carrying out the work of the United Nations, including the General Assembly, on an exceptional basis, during the COVID-19 pandemic, and:

(a) *Recognizes* the use of information and communications technologies in holding interactive inclusive thematic debates during the COVID-19 pandemic, and encourages the President of the General Assembly to be mindful of the proper use of such technologies to ensure full and equal participation of Member States when organizing such events;

(b) *Requests* the Secretariat to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, including the use of information and communications technologies, with a view to ensuring better preparedness in exceptional circumstances;

28. *Requests* the Secretariat to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly on the implementation of past decisions regarding the streamlining of the agenda of the Assembly to further address the issue of the increasingly overloaded agenda of the Assembly;

29. *Requests* each Main Committee to further discuss its working methods, and in this regard invites the Chairs of the Main Committees to continue briefing the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-sixth session on any best practices and lessons learned with a view to improving working methods, and to coordinate their briefings through, inter alia, possible identification of commonalities in the working methods and the lessons learned;

30. *Emphasizes* 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, and encourages the General Committee to play a more active role in this regard, in line with the rules of procedure of the Assembly;

31. *Requests* each Main Committee to submit to the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-sixth session a written update on progress achieved so far in the efforts aimed at improving the working methods of the Committees, taking into account recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group as appropriate, and encourages the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-sixth session to appoint two focal points who would work closely with the Chairs and Bureaux of the Main Committees, the President of the General Assembly and the Secretariat to assist the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group in elaborating practical proposals for consideration by the Working Group for the implementation of paragraphs 29 and 30 of the present resolution and of reports submitted by the Main Committees;

32. *Notes* the pilot analysis on Sustainable Development Goal 2 carried out during the seventy-fifth session to examine in depth the coverage of Goal 2 (zero hunger) and the mapping developed during the seventy-third session of the Assembly, along with the pilot analysis, which remain relevant reference documents for the consideration of Member States during the seventy-eighth session of the Assembly;

33. *Recognizes* that, when considering Sustainable Development Goals that are not fully covered by intergovernmental bodies, due consideration should be given to addressing these through an integrated approach across the intergovernmental bodies, and not in silos;

34. *Highlights* that the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting all Sustainable Development Goals and that dedicated attention by intergovernmental bodies is required to address these impacts, notably on the most affected Goals and resulting gaps, and that it will be important to closely monitor various aspects of the 2030 Agenda to enable governments to respond to the pandemic and its impacts and establish the way forward to build back better and to strengthen international cooperation;

35. *Invites* the General Committee, within its mandate, to consider the best possible way to conduct the discussions on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic within the agenda of the General Assembly and make recommendations to Member States for their consideration;

36. *Emphasizes* that addressing overlaps and duplication in the agendas of the General Assembly and its Main Committees and the Economic and Social Council

and its subsidiary bodies will free up time and create space in the agendas and allow resources to be applied effectively, and that this will also allow these bodies to better and more comprehensively address the 2030 Agenda as a whole as well as emerging global issues of an important and urgent nature;

37. *Notes* that identifying duplication and overlaps in the agendas of the intergovernmental bodies should entail encouraging the General Assembly and its Main Committees and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies to examine, on a case-by-case basis, all the resolutions and agenda items that focus on the same area, based on their purpose, relevance and content;

38. *Recognizes*, at the same time, that some issues may need to be addressed by different intergovernmental bodies from their own specific perspective and based on their respective mandates, which should be reflected in setting agendas and in the reporting of the Secretary-General, taking due consideration of synergies and mandates of respective resolutions;

39. *Invites* the General Assembly and its Main Committees and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies to strengthen synergies and complementarities in their respective work and outcomes, in line with resolution [73/341](#), when covering interrelated issues, as appropriate;

40. *Reaffirms* the respective mandates of the Main Committees of the General Assembly, and on that basis, calls upon those Committees to continue their consideration, in consultation with all relevant bodies, of addressing gaps, overlaps and duplication in their respective agendas as they relate to the 2030 Agenda as a whole and, in this regard, invites the Bureaux of the relevant Main Committees of the Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies to facilitate the consideration of the alignment principles by their respective intergovernmental bodies and to present concrete proposals for the consideration of Member States;

41. *Requests* the General Committee, while exercising its functions under rule 40 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and within its mandate, to also consider discussing gaps, overlaps and duplication and make recommendations to Member States for consideration;

42. *Encourages* the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue to convene an annual joint briefing, highlighting the connection between agenda items and their interlinkages across the 2030 Agenda;

43. *Also encourages* the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council to facilitate informal joint meetings of the Bureaux of the Main Committees of the Assembly and the Bureau of the Economic and Social Council to discuss how their respective work relates to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to ensure synergies among their work and outcomes, as stipulated in resolution [73/341](#) and the present resolution, on an ongoing basis and in full transparency, including regular reporting on those meetings to the entire membership;

44. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session to draw lessons learned from the implementation of the provisions contained in paragraphs 13 to 18 and 32 to 44 of the present resolution on the revitalization of the work of the Assembly and identify further proposals on alignment, and, in the interim, requests the Ad Hoc Working Group, during both the seventy-sixth and the seventy-seventh sessions, to hold one or two dedicated meetings, as required, on the progress of the implementation of the aforementioned provisions;

45. *Welcomes* the increasing number of women candidates nominated for the subsidiary organs of the General Assembly in seeking to promote gender balance, and encourages Member States to continue to do so;

46. *Reiterates* the need to continue to produce the *Journal of the United Nations* in all six official languages in strict compliance with rule 55 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and in that regard emphasizes the importance of the extension of the information in the *Journal* published in the six official languages, reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group, on a yearly basis, on the progress achieved in this regard, and requests the Secretariat to continue to explore cost-neutral options to that effect;

47. *Requests* 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;

48. *Recognizes* the need to have open access to the archive of past statements, and requests the Secretariat to ensure open access, by the end of the seventy-sixth session, to all documents uploaded to PaperSmart and, further, to ensure its replacement with the eStatements module of the *Journal of the United Nations*;

49. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 33 to 37 of resolution [73/341](#), and requests the Secretariat to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly on the progress reached so far and on ways to improve the accessibility of the United Nations Headquarters premises for persons with disabilities;

50. *Recalls* the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Opening of the regular sessions of the General Assembly", submitted pursuant to resolution [72/313](#) of 17 September 2018,³ and decides, in order to allow more time for the incoming President of the General Assembly and his/her Office to prepare for the general debate, to amend rule 1 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly to read, effective from the opening of the seventy-eighth session:

The General Assembly shall meet every year in regular session commencing on the Tuesday of the second week in September, counting from the first week that contains at least one working day.

The general debate in the General Assembly shall open on the Tuesday of the fourth week in September, counting from the first week that contains at least one working day, and shall be held without interruption over a period of nine working days;

Selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads

51. *Reaffirms* the important role played by the Secretary-General in the context of current global challenges and in the implementation of the three pillars of the United Nations, namely, peace and security, human rights and sustainable development;

52. *Reaffirms its commitment* to continue, in the Ad Hoc Working Group, in accordance with the provisions of Article 97 of the Charter, its thorough consideration of the issues under the third thematic cluster of the Working Group, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, including the examination of innovative ways to improve the process of selecting and appointing the Secretary-General and other executive heads in all its aspects, and recalls all relevant

³ [A/73/723](#).

resolutions, including resolutions 11 (I) of 24 January 1946, 46/77 of 12 December 1991, 47/233 of 17 August 1993, 48/264 of 29 July 1994, 51/241 of 31 July 1997, 52/163 of 15 December 1997, 55/14 of 3 November 2000, 55/285 of 7 September 2001, 56/509 of 8 July 2002, 57/300 of 20 December 2002, 57/301 of 13 March 2003, 58/126 of 19 December 2003, 58/316 of 1 July 2004, 59/313 of 12 September 2005, 60/286 of 8 September 2006, 61/292 of 2 August 2007, 62/276 of 15 September 2008, 63/309 of 14 September 2009, 64/301 of 13 September 2010, 65/315 of 12 September 2011, 66/294 of 17 September 2012, 67/297 of 29 August 2013, 68/307 of 10 September 2014, 69/321 of 11 September 2015, 70/305 of 13 September 2016, 71/323 of 8 September 2017, 72/313 of 17 September 2018 and 73/341 of 12 September 2019, reaffirming the applicable procedures set out in the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in particular rule 141, and acknowledging existing relevant practices of the Assembly;

53. *Encourages* future Presidents of the General Assembly to actively contribute to the implementation of provisions guiding the selection and appointment of the next Secretary-General, as contained in all relevant resolutions, in particular resolutions 69/321 and 70/305, and stresses the need for the selection and appointment process of the Secretary-General and other executive heads to be guided by the principles of transparency and inclusiveness;

54. *Welcomes* the progress achieved in the selection and appointment process of the Secretary-General in the consensual resolutions 69/321, 70/305, 71/323 and 72/313, in full compliance with the General Assembly mandate under Article 97 of the Charter, and reaffirms previous resolutions referring to gender balance and regional rotation in the course of the identification and appointment of the best well-qualified and experienced candidate for the post of Secretary-General;

55. *Recommends* that the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council, in future joint letters on the selection and appointment process of the Secretary-General, encourage Member States to publicize the call for nominations, including with civil society and other stakeholders with the aim of identifying potential candidates;

56. *Decides* that, in order to be circulated in a joint letter by the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council pursuant to the process established in resolution 69/321, nominations of candidates must be submitted by at least one Member State, in accordance with the ongoing practice;

57. *Also decides* to further assess during the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly the selection and appointment process of the Secretary-General, to consolidate the advances gained in the relevant Assembly resolutions and to explore possible steps to improve future processes, including the collaboration between the Assembly and the Security Council, consistent with Article 97 of the Charter;

58. *Notes with appreciation* the presentation of a vision statement by the incumbent Secretary-General, and the informal dialogue with Member States and observers⁴ of the General Assembly on its content, including the engagement of civil society in line with the letter dated 26 April 2021 from the President of the General Assembly, and encourages the continuation of such practices;

59. *Reiterates* the possibility of providing the process of selection and appointment of the Secretary-General with provisional timelines in accordance with paragraph 72 of its resolution 72/313, and decides to further discuss this issue during its seventy-seventh session in the Ad Hoc Working Group;

⁴ See A/INF/75/3/Rev.1.

60. *Notes* that the Secretary-General-designate shall take an oath of office before the General Assembly during a swearing-in ceremony, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

61. *Welcomes* again the ongoing efforts of the Secretary-General towards achieving equal and fair distribution in terms of the gender and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization, while securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, in accordance with Article 101 of the Charter and its resolutions [46/232](#) of 2 March 1992, [51/241](#), and [71/263](#) of 23 December 2016, commends in particular the fact that gender parity was achieved in the Senior Management Group, and requests that further effective measures be taken in this regard;

62. *Supports* the request of the Secretary-General for Member States to submit the names and résumés of nationals who may be considered for positions of executive heads and senior management of the Secretariat;

63. *Reiterates* the need to follow best practices in all senior appointments, including a public call for candidates, including women;

64. *Reaffirms* that no post should be considered the exclusive preserve of any Member State or group of States and that the Secretary-General should ensure that this principle is applied faithfully in accordance with the principle of equitable geographical distribution;

65. *Welcomes* the fact that gender parity has already been reached in the Senior Management Group, and commends the Secretary-General's commitment to reach gender parity and to recruit staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible across the United Nations Organization;

66. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General that he continue his ongoing efforts to ensure the attainment of equitable geographical distribution in the Secretariat and to ensure as wide a geographical distribution of staff as possible in all departments and offices and at all levels, including at the Director and higher levels, of the Secretariat;

67. *Reiterates* the need to ensure equal and fair distribution based on gender balance and as wide a geographical basis as possible, while also being diverse from a multilingual perspective, and in this regard recalls its resolutions [46/232](#) and [51/241](#), adopted without a vote, which contain the principles that the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity are the paramount considerations in the recruitment and performance of international civil servants, and that candidates' independence should be considered;

68. *Notes* that there is yet to be a woman Secretary-General, and invites Member States to bear this in mind in the future, when nominating candidates for the position of Secretary-General;

69. *Requests* the Office of Human Resources of the Secretariat to continue with the practice of providing a briefing to the Ad Hoc Working Group, during the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly, on the gender and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization, as well as with a breakdown showing those originating from the States that are permanent members of the Security Council;

Strengthening the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly

70. *Emphasizes* the important role of the President of the General Assembly within the United Nations Organization, as well as in the overall success of the work of the Assembly;

71. *Invites* Member States to equally consider women as candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, and encourages Presidents-elect to continue to strive for both gender and geographical balance within the Office of the President of the General Assembly;

72. *Recalls with appreciation* the decision of Member States to fund the transition period, the trust fund in support of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, seconding national staff as well as the convening of annual retreats;

73. *Welcomes* the induction programme delivered to the Office of the President of the General Assembly, and calls upon the Secretariat to strengthen the programme through enhanced content and increased delivery time;

74. *Also welcomes* the initiatives by Member States to support the strengthening of the efficiency and effectiveness of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, including through the annual General Assembly retreat and a transition workshop that includes the revitalization of the work of the Assembly among its central components;

75. *Recognizes* the heavy reliance of the Office of the President of the General Assembly on voluntary contributions to deliver on a growing number of mandates entrusted to it by the Assembly;

76. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide to the President of the General Assembly, within existing resources, adequate administrative, technical, logistical and protocol-related support necessary to effectively execute his or her mandates as president of a principal organ of the United Nations;

77. *Recalls* that the activities of the President of the General Assembly have increased continuously and markedly in recent years, also recalls the provisions regarding the support for the Office of the President of the General Assembly in previous resolutions, and expresses continued interest in seeking ways to further support and strengthen the Office in accordance with existing procedures, in particular rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly;

78. *Requests* the Secretariat to provide to the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly a written update with recommendations, and a briefing on the functioning of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, as a follow-up to the report of the Task Force convened by the Secretary-General in November 2015 and circulated in the annex to the letter dated 11 March 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly,⁵ taking into consideration its previous relevant resolutions;

79. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the measures necessary to preserve and further strengthen the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the General Assembly revitalization process, through utilizing existing United Nations record-keeping and archiving facilities, in particular in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management and the Department of Global Communications of the Secretariat;

⁵ [A/70/783](#).

80. *Requests* the Secretariat to issue, during the seventy-seventh session, within existing resources, in coordination with the Office of the President of the General Assembly, a compendium of best practices of past Presidents that could serve to contribute to strengthening the institutional memory of the Office;

81. *Emphasizes* the importance of a handover report for the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly in accordance with resolution [69/321](#) and other relevant mandates contained in resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the Assembly;

82. *Welcomes* the good practice of the organization by the President of the General Assembly of informal interactive dialogues of the Member States, with the engagement of civil society, with the candidate(s) for the position of President of the General Assembly based on his or her vision statement.

Annex

Oath of office of the Secretary-General

I, [name], solemnly swear to exercise in all loyalty, discretion and conscience the functions entrusted to me as Secretary-General of the United Nations, to discharge these functions and regulate my conduct with the interests of the United Nations only in view and in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, without seeking or accepting any instructions in regard to the performance of my duties from any Government or other authority external to the Organization.

Annex I

Thematic meetings held virtually

Thematic meeting: the role and authority of the General Assembly

1. The Co-Chairs convened the thematic meeting on the role and authority of the General Assembly on 25 February virtually. Nineteen delegations made statements, including on behalf of two groups. A briefing was provided by the Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications on the efforts of the Department of Global Communications to enhance the visibility of the work of the Assembly. The Under-Secretary-General focused on the efforts undertaken during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, which required careful rethinking of how to reach and engage with the global public. In 2020, in response to the flood of misinformation on the Internet and other digital platforms, the Department had launched the Verified initiative. There was a dramatic increase in viewership of the website and social media channels of the United Nations amid the global health crisis. The number of visits to the multilingual web pages of United Nations News soared by more than 250 per cent to over 70 million in 2020. Much of the content featured on those pages focused on the work of the Assembly, including the thirty-first special session, held in December 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Social media continued to generate interest in the Assembly's goals and activities, especially during the high-level period in September, when most meetings and events had to be conducted virtually. With regard to the Department's efforts to support the Office of the President of the General Assembly, the Department continued to provide a spokesperson, arrange media interviews, monitor media coverage of the President's activities and facilitate connections with civil society, academia and celebrities. The Department also worked with the Office of the President to create a dedicated COVID-19 web page to meet Member States' needs by consolidating information related to the Assembly's novel working arrangements during the pandemic. In an interactive segment, five delegations, including on behalf of one group, asked questions about the briefing, particularly on multilingualism, efforts to reduce and prevent misinformation and ways in which the Assembly could contribute to the implementation of the mandate of the Department. The Under-Secretary-General responded by reiterating that the use of all six official languages of the United Nations was a priority, especially to convey information related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. In a subsequent debate, delegations focused on the role and authority of the Assembly, especially from the perspective of its relationship with the other principal organs. The ongoing global health crisis amplified the need to strengthen the central role and authority of the Assembly in addressing global challenges, as well as the critical importance of a reinvigorated multilateralism and international cooperation. One group stressed the necessity of complete observance by the Security Council of all relevant Charter provisions, as well as of Assembly resolutions, and reiterated the importance of the Council reporting to the Assembly, as well as the need for more analytical annual reports and special subject-oriented reports on issues of current international concern. Others stated that the best way to enhance the role and authority of the Assembly was to improve its efficiency and effectiveness by focusing on current priorities and suggested reducing the length and number of resolutions and other outcome documents and focusing on their operational aspects. They urged that concrete steps be taken collectively towards more effective mandate delivery, while making better use of the resources available. Many delegations called for greater coherence in the work of the various principal organs, including the rationalization of agendas. The importance of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was also highlighted. Speakers stressed the importance of

multilingualism as a fundamental value of the United Nations and called for the equal treatment of all official languages in all activities of the Organization, while expressing regret at the severe negative effect of the pandemic on multilingualism. Some delegations emphasized the importance of including other stakeholders in the work of the Assembly and its Main Committees, as well as improving the possibility of such participation, including by virtual means. Delegations looked forward to the analysis and lessons learned by the Secretary-General pertaining to the impact of COVID-19 on the work of the Assembly, scheduled in March. Delegations noted the progress made in increasing the visibility of the Assembly and requested further measures to enhance public awareness of its role and activities. One group suggested communicating in a citizen-friendly way.

Thematic meeting: the working methods of the General Assembly

3. The Co-Chairs convened the thematic debate on the working methods of the General Assembly virtually on 14 April 2021. In their opening remarks, the Co-Chairs invited the Working Group to reflect deeply on the working methods of the Assembly and its Main Committees and to consider lessons learned from operating under COVID-19 restrictions in 2020. The representatives of the Bureaux of the Main Committees and the Chef de Cabinet of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the President in his capacity as Chair of the General Committee, reflected on experiences in their respective Committees. All briefers noted that, owing to the constrained working arrangements at United Nations Headquarters, and as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the programmes of work of the Main Committees had to be condensed into fewer meetings. This led to the emergence of a number of innovative working arrangements that enabled the Assembly and its Main Committees to successfully complete their work in an efficient and timely manner.

4. In general, action was taken during in-person meetings, whereas most interactive dialogues, debates and meetings of the working groups of the Main Committees were held virtually with remote simultaneous interpretation. Informal consultations on draft resolutions were also held virtually, without interpretation. Despite the challenges, briefers noted that all Committees broadly succeeded at collaboration and coordination internally in each Main Committee, among Committees and among the different branches of the Secretariat. The President of the General Assembly provided the necessary leadership and was a key partner in the process. In addition, briefers acknowledged helpful use of various tools and platforms, including e-deleGATE, United Nations webcast and virtual meeting and remote simultaneous interpretation platforms.

Briefings by the Chairs of the Main Committees

5. The Chair of the First Committee reported that the organization of work, including any novel methods of work due to the pandemic, had been prepared in consultation with the full membership through the respective regional groups in advance of the session. At its organizational meeting, the Committee considered a logistical note that described these arrangements. One novelty was to compile a 500-page compendium of all statements made in addition to verbatim records so that all members of delegations could have access to all positions expressed. The Committee proceeded in two phases: first, a debate that included an in-person component and three virtual informal meetings; and, second, in-person action on draft proposals. Consideration of proposals took place over the course of five days of in-person meetings and included 80 separate recorded votes. As a recommendation for the future, the Chair stressed the need to

consult the members in advance of the session before applying any innovative working methods to ensure broad agreement and transparency.

6. The Vice-Chair (Malta) of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) highlighted some of the innovative organizational arrangements adopted at the seventy-fifth session to facilitate the Committee's work in the midst of the pandemic. The organization of work of the Committee during this extraordinary session was the result of extensive consultations and coordination between the incoming Chair, Bureau members-designate, Member States, observers and the Committee secretariat. The balance between in-person meetings for decision-making and the joint general debate and virtual ones for introductory statements was agreed by the Bureau on the basis of the comments on a non-paper on possible options for the working arrangements for the session and subsequent consultations with Member States. Owing to restrictions, the Committee held a consolidated joint general debate on all 12 substantive agenda items before it, on an exceptional basis. A number of written statements under individual agenda items were also submitted to the Committee secretariat and uploaded to the First Committee Place on e-deleGATE and the Committee website. Another novel working arrangement was the convening of two virtual informal meetings on a remote simultaneous interpretation platform to hear introductory statements by the officers of subsidiary bodies and senior Secretariat officials prior to the start of the joint general debate and to engage in an interactive dialogue in a consolidated manner. Informal consultations on draft proposals submitted by Member States were held virtually without interpretation, and main sponsors were encouraged by the Bureau to consider submitting drafts with mostly technical and procedural updates. In addition, the Committee decided, on an exceptional basis, not to have its annual interaction with the representatives of and petitioners on the 17 Non-Self-Governing Territories on its agenda under the decolonization cluster owing to logistical and technical challenges.

7. The Chair of the Second Committee stated that the review of the Committee's working methods was an ongoing process, building on decision 74/537 B. Most of the measures recommended in the decision had been implemented at the seventy-fifth session, in addition to other adjustments to the working methods imposed by restrictions. These measures to revitalize the work of the Committee included: adoption of a theme for the general debate of the Committee; wider use of joint consideration of items in the general discussions; restriction of side events to a maximum of three; a request to focus reports of the Secretary-General, *inter alia*, on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and their interlinkages and to include recommendations; and a number of practical measures related to draft resolutions, including the periodicity of some of them. In addition to limiting the number of meetings, reducing time limits and holding virtual meetings, the Committee exceptionally agreed that changes to the draft resolutions should be limited and should comprise one cross-cutting preambular paragraph on the general impact of COVID-19 on economic and development aspects; no more than one preambular paragraph for substantive COVID-19-related aspects; and no more than one operative paragraph related to COVID-19. Technical updates critical to the resolution were also introduced. With regard to further discussions on revitalization, in decision 75/548 A, it was decided that the Bureau of the Committee would convene informal dialogues to discuss the revitalization of the Committee's work in the first months of 2021 and would convene a plenary meeting following those dialogues to take stock of the deliberations and, as appropriate, take action on any recommendations, for subsequent approval by the Assembly. In conclusion, the Chair emphasized that any discussions on the revitalization of the work of the Committee would be conducted while taking into account other ongoing intergovernmental processes linked to its work.

8. The Rapporteur of the Third Committee (Liechtenstein) noted that, considering the unprecedented situation, the Bureau, in consultation with the members, proposed revised modalities for the work of the Committee during the session, taking into account physical distancing guidelines and constraints related to the pandemic. The lessons learned from the revised modalities could be considered in further rationalizing the work of the Committee. Some resolutions were considered as “technical rollovers” on the recommendation of the Bureau. A single general debate of the Committee was held through six in-person formal meetings, in lieu of separate general discussions on each agenda item or cluster of items. The general debate provided an opportunity for delegations to deliver their statements, in person, virtually, through pre-recorded video statements or in writing, on any or all of the agenda items before the Committee at the session. This resulted in a significantly lower number of formal meetings overall. The interactive dialogues with 64 special procedures mandate holders and other experts and United Nations officials took place through virtual informal meetings using a remote simultaneous interpretation platform. Increasing the periodicity of reports and draft resolutions was one of the key recommendations of the Bureau at the seventy-fourth session. The current Bureau had strongly discouraged the introduction of draft proposals, unless it was in respect of a new draft resolution, and encouraged main sponsors to make only a single short statement prior to action on the draft. None of the 50 draft resolutions were formally introduced. Time management in the Committee remained strong with strict adherence to the agreed time limits and to the timely opening of meetings as well as automatic microphone cut-offs. The Bureau was working on updating the content of the conference room paper describing the methods of work of the Committee, originally prepared by the Bureau of the Committee at the sixty-fifth session.

9. The Chair of the Fifth Committee commented on the current session, drawing on the views expressed by delegations during the negotiations, as well as on the advice and experience of previous Chairs. The working methods of the Committee were unique and had been seriously affected by the pandemic. The Chair said that the Assembly should consider ensuring that the innovative working methods that had been used so far would remain available for use when required. Given the long-standing practice of the Committee to make decisions by consensus, negotiations were often long and difficult. Under current restrictions, long hours of in-person negotiations were not possible, and yet owing to the commitment of delegations to overcoming the challenges, the necessary budgetary and fiscal deadlines were met. The timely availability of documentation was critical for decision-making. The reports of the Secretary-General on administrative and budgetary matters should be considered in conjunction with the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. This required proper planning and timely action to allow for the required revisions so that documentation was available in the official languages. Another continued challenge related to the volume of questions posed in the context of the work. The Committee had taken specific steps to request that written replies provided by the Secretariat to the Advisory Committee also be made available to the Fifth Committee to avoid duplication of questions that required written answers. Another concrete step was to ensure that the Committee had access to useful data on an ongoing basis and in a more user-friendly format. In response to requests from the Committee, the Secretariat established a new portal that provided budget-related information, including expenditures for both the Advisory Committee and the Fifth Committee. The Chair intended to continue to advocate the improvement and expansion of the scope of such information, which was necessary to address the growing demand for data by delegations. In conclusion, he suggested improving synergies among all the Main Committees, especially in the context of programme budget implications.

10. The Chair of the Sixth Committee reported that, after consultations with delegations and given the difference of views as to the holding of meetings in person or virtually and the long-standing practice of consensus, the Committee, on the basis of a recommendation by the Bureau, held its meetings in the following format: plenary meetings were held in person only, whereas Working Group meetings were held online only with remote simultaneous interpretation. Informal consultations on draft resolutions were held online only, without interpretation. Given the constraints, most resolutions and decisions were “technical rollovers”. In terms of innovations on working methods introduced to face the unprecedented COVID-19 situation in the Committee, the Chair highlighted: (a) introducing a series of deadlines for the closing of inscription to the list of speakers; (b) agreeing on time limits for the statements, for the first time, a measure that helped to stay on track with the schedule, even in the face of last-minute cancellations of meetings due to the temporary closure of the building; and (c) cancellation of the traditional International Law Week, which is one of the most important and substantive activities of the Committee, and which led to the preparation of a shorter but meaningful activity aimed at partly maintaining the usual environment, to continue to stress the significant role in the codification and progressive development of international law during the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Organization. Expressing regret at the discontinuation of the PaperSmart portal, the Chair reported that the Committee secretariat, at the request of the Bureau and delegations, had been progressively transferring statements previously posted on PaperSmart to the website of the Committee. On a more specific revitalization-related matter, the Bureau of the Committee recommended, from the seventy-sixth session onward, aligning its practice on the election of its Rapporteur with that followed by the majority of the other Main Committees, in accordance with resolution 68/307, whereby the Rapporteur should be selected from the regional group that chaired the previous session.

11. The Chef de Cabinet of the President of the General Assembly, speaking on behalf of the President, expressed hope that some of the innovations, streamlining and pragmatism could help to continue to revitalize the working methods of the Assembly while building back from the pandemic. As an example of the utility of regular General Committee meetings, she recalled the informal meeting held on 30 March, during which the President gave a briefing on forthcoming events, including on the format of and participation at high-level events. At the same meeting, the issue of the ever-increasing number of mandates being assigned to the Assembly was also mentioned by the President. In this regard, the Chef de Cabinet appealed to delegations to continue to look for ways to improve the efficiency of the work and focus on the most critical issues.

12. During the formal debate, many delegations expressed appreciation for the continued dedication and commendable work undertaken by the Office of the President and the Secretariat to ensure business continuity under challenging circumstances. They also welcomed the flexibility and commitment of the Member States, which allowed the Assembly and its Main Committees to conclude the main part of the session efficiently. One group of States reiterated the exceptional nature of the current working methods in the context of the pandemic, as well as the importance of maintaining strict compliance with and adherence to the existing rules of procedure of the Assembly, while welcoming the fact that the Assembly had managed to adapt its working methods to ensure continuous functioning, including through the use of virtual platforms. Many delegations expressed a preference for in-person meetings and intergovernmental negotiations, if the situation allowed and the precautionary measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 were fully respected.

13. One group of States reiterated the need to focus on agreed priorities as set out in the 2030 Agenda and the declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth

anniversary of the United Nations (resolution 75/1). In its view, the endless flow of new mandates and initiatives, often lacking a clear added value, distracted from the implementation of the already agreed mandates and from dealing with new global challenges, such as the current pandemic. Many speakers reiterated the need to address the periodicity of the agenda items and resolutions, in consultation with Member States. Some delegations emphasized the need to seek the broadest possible consensus on all decisions and avoid forcing a vote in the Assembly, arguing that it would help with better implementation of the adopted mandates. A group of States proposed considering agreement, as part of the resolution on revitalization, on a list of agenda items that could be addressed every other year and biennializing the resolution on revitalization itself. Delegations reiterated proposals concerning agenda streamlining, including moving away from annual resolutions; covering any new initiatives dealing with an emerging or new challenge by default with a one-off resolution; equipping all recurring existing and new resolutions with a sunset clause; and consolidating agenda items and clustering topics at longer intervals.

14. Some delegations also suggested extending certain innovations required by the COVID-19 pandemic to improve operations into the future, such as holding virtual and hybrid meetings, which would cut down on the cost of travel and reduce the environmental impact. Many speakers welcomed the use of virtual platforms for the negotiation of resolutions, the creative implementation of hybrid meetings and the adoption of decision 75/510, entitled “Procedure for decision-making in the General Assembly when an in-person meeting is not possible”, to be used in exceptional circumstances. One delegation welcomed the successful use of the e-voting platform in Geneva by the Human Rights Council, while another delegation questioned the difference in the application of the procedure for remote voting in Geneva from what had been done in New York.

15. Many delegations reiterated the need to preserve and strengthen the sanctity of the general debate. One group of States reiterated its wish that the Working Group formulate guidelines for holding side events during the high-level week. Delegations reiterated that meetings organized in parallel with the general debate of the General Assembly, including those convened by the President of the General Assembly, should be kept to the critical minimum. Many speakers reiterated that multilingualism remained a core value of the United Nations and wished to achieve full parity among the six official languages, including on official websites. Delegations emphasized greater inclusion and participation of various stakeholders in the work of the Assembly, including youth and civil society organizations.

Thematic meeting: selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads of the United Nations system

16. The Co-Chairs convened the thematic meeting on the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads of the United Nations system virtually on 23 April 2021 and heard statements from 22 delegations, including on behalf of three groups of States. The Co-Chairs stated that, in 2015, in its resolution 69/321, the General Assembly established the basic criteria for the selection of the Secretary-General, called for the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council to issue a joint letter describing the entire process and proposed that the Assembly conduct interactive hearings with the candidates. Other issues on this thematic cluster remained under discussion, including for the Council to present more than one candidate; the call for a more inclusive, transparent and democratic process; the presentation of highly qualified candidates; and the question of the term of appointment of the Secretary-General. The Co-Chairs stressed that progress had been

achieved thanks to the active engagement of the Member States and the cooperation between the Assembly and the Council.

17. Before the debate, the Working Group was briefed by the Director of the Global Strategy and Policy Division, Office of Human Resources, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, on the gender and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization, as well as on the issue of candidacies of senior United Nations officials currently holding office, in accordance with paragraph 50 of resolution [73/341](#), reaffirmed in resolution [74/303](#). The Director informed the Working Group that 59 per cent of Secretariat staff were men and 41 per cent were women; 39 per cent were from the Western European and other States, 26 per cent were from African States, 19 per cent were from Asia-Pacific States, 9 per cent were from Eastern European States and 7 per cent were from Latin American and Caribbean States. Of the 45 members of the Senior Management Group, 31 members, or 69 per cent, were women. Of the 31 executive heads, 12, or 39 per cent, were women; 45 per cent were from Western European and other countries, 19 per cent were from African countries, 23 per cent were from Asia-Pacific countries, 6 per cent were from Eastern European countries and 6 per cent were from Latin American and Caribbean countries. The Director stated that, since 2016, the number of underrepresented and overrepresented Member States had decreased while the number of Member States “within range” had increased. To achieve geographical representation of Member States, the Secretary-General included a target for “geographical appointments” in the senior managers’ compacts. With this target, all senior managers were required to make 50 per cent of appointments to geographical posts from unrepresented and underrepresented Member States. The Geographical Diversity Strategy of the Secretary-General, launched in 2020 and currently being updated, provided a road map and key resources to streamline the efforts to improve geographical representation within all the Secretariat entities. He also informed the Working Group that an important initiative currently under way included a series of consultations with heads of all entities in the Secretariat to accelerate their progress towards equitable geographical representation and gender parity. He added that there was a positive trend in the numbers on gender parity but that the pace was much too slow. Gender parity had been reached at the level of Under-Secretaries-General, among the resident coordinators and in the majority of the entities other than peacekeeping and special political missions. The promulgation of the policy on temporary special measures ([ST/AI/2020/5](#)) was a milestone in the efforts to attain gender parity. Progress continued to be monitored through the senior managers’ compacts, which included the objective of achieving gender parity in the Professional and higher categories in the Organization. He said that the Office of Human Resources was developing a United Nations talent pool, a technology solution and database of talent from which recruiters across entities could draw to conduct outreach for their vacancies, including to key target groups, such as women and unrepresented and underrepresented Member States.

18. In the subsequent debate, delegations stressed the importance of a more inclusive, transparent and democratic selection process carried out in full compliance with Article 97 of the Charter and relevant provisions of the landmark Assembly resolutions [69/321](#) and [70/305](#), which continued to provide a good framework for ensuing an inclusive, transparent, well-structured and merit-based process for the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General. One delegation stated that transparency should be balanced with an understanding of the sensitivity of the process. In this regard, delegations welcomed the joint letter of the Presidents of the General Assembly and Security Council dated 5 February 2021 ([A/75/780-S/2021/179](#)) outlining the procedure for Member States presenting candidates and their subsequent consideration, thereby setting in motion the process of selecting and

appointing the Secretary-General for a term beginning in 2022. Delegations welcomed the decision by the incumbent Secretary-General to run for a second term and his willingness to meet the expectations of the United Nations membership regarding transparency and inclusivity in line with relevant Assembly resolutions, in particular his submission of a vision statement and his scheduled participation in an informal dialogue on 7 May 2021. One group of States pointed out that the joint letter and the organization of the informal dialogue, including town hall meetings, were an essential element of the selection and appointment process and should be the main framework to be followed. Another group pointed out the need for clarity regarding the nomination of candidates as well as their withdrawal. One delegation emphasized that there were stumbling blocks in the absence of detailed rules applying to all aspects of the appointment process, for example for the applicants who lacked a recommendation from any Member State. Another delegation welcomed the President's commitment to transparency by continuing to provide a section on the website of the Office of the President on the selection process for the Secretary-General.

19. Many delegations stressed the importance of civil society contribution to the informal dialogue and the town hall and urged that this be replicated and, where possible, strengthened to allow for greater participation, including through virtual means. Some called for more in-depth interaction with candidates within regional groups.

20. Speakers also stressed the importance of establishing a more specific timeline for the overall process. In this regard, one group of States proposed a timeline according to which the joint letter from the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council encouraging Member States to nominate qualified candidates would be sent out in October of the year preceding the appointment; the deadline for the submission of candidatures would be 1 April; the deadline for completing General Assembly hearings would be set for 30 June of the appointment year in order for the process to be concluded upon entering the final quarter of the calendar year ahead of the start of the term of the new Secretary-General; and the recommendation of the Secretary-General and the resolution from the Assembly regarding the appointment of the Secretary-General would be finalized by 1 October of the appointment year to allow three months of preparation for the Secretary-General-designate. One delegation expressed disagreement on a strict deadline, adding that a competent candidate could submit her or his candidature late in the process and the Security Council should retain the flexibility to decide.

21. Delegations requested regular updates from the President of the Security Council to the wider membership on developments in the selection process and full transparency on the results of the straw poll process in a competitive scenario. Speakers proposed further discussion on the prospect of multiple candidates being nominated by the Security Council for consideration by the General Assembly. One delegation proposed a recommended shortlist of at least three candidates with gender parity and in line with best practice in other senior appointments at the United Nations. Another delegation proposed that, upon recommendation of the Council, the Secretary-General be appointed through a secret ballot in the Assembly.

22. Many delegations encouraged Member States to consider nominating women candidates for the position of Secretary-General, as a woman had never led the United Nations in its 75-year history.

23. Some delegations proposed having a thorough discussion on the term of office of the Secretary-General, including on a longer, single, non-renewable term for future appointments.

24. Delegations referred to the notes containing lessons learned from the selection process (see [A/71/774-S/2017/93](#) and [A/72/514-S/2017/846](#)) and called for the further strengthening of future appointment processes. The possibility of preparing a compendium of best practices and lessons learned on the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General was mentioned, including a clear timetable for the selection process, to be made public by the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

25. On the appointment of other executive heads of the United Nations system, many delegations expressed strong appreciation and support for the continued commitment of the Secretary-General to reaching gender parity across the Organization and welcomed the achievement of full gender parity in the Senior Management Group. Speakers stressed that, in line with the provisions of the Charter, the Secretary-General should exercise full independence in the selection of any senior official and urged candidates and Member States to desist from any actions that could compromise this principle. Speakers stressed that there should be no monopoly on senior posts and stressed the importance of recruitment taking place on as wide a geographical basis as possible, in line with resolution [46/232](#). They recalled the continued need for equal and fair distribution in terms of gender, linguistic and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group. One delegation proposed that hearings be considered for senior officials appointed by the General Assembly. Another delegation pointed out that the Latin American and Caribbean States remained one of the most underrepresented groups in the Secretariat, together with the Eastern European States, and not only in senior positions.

Thematic meeting: strengthening the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly

26. The Co-Chairs convened the thematic meeting on strengthening the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly on 11 March 2021 virtually. It included briefings by the Chef de Cabinet of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the President of the General Assembly, and the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management. The briefings were followed by an interactive question-and-answer session and, subsequently, by remarks from 21 delegations, including on behalf of two groups of States. Opening the debate, the Co-Chairs invited views from delegations on ways to further strengthen the position of leadership of the President, including whether the role played by the President at the United Nations had reached its full potential, as well as the size and composition of the Office of the President.

27. The Chef de Cabinet of the Office of the President expressed appreciation to the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management for the excellent support that the Office had received, highlighted the experience of transitioning the Office into the seventy-fifth session and shared the efforts undertaken to increase transparency and accountability, while outlining the staffing and budget issues faced by the Office. One year after the shutdown of United Nations Headquarters in March 2020 due to the pandemic, the Chef de Cabinet expressed appreciation to the President of the General Assembly at the seventy-fourth session and his team, who had found creative ways to ensure the continuous functioning of the Assembly, despite unprecedented challenges. In assuming office in September, the President of the General Assembly at the seventy-fifth session faced challenges similar to those faced by previous Presidents, primarily in connection with the organization of the Office

and preparations for the high-level week within a short period. Referring to the previous discussions in the Working Group about the change of the opening date of the regular session while retaining the dates of the general debate, the Chef de Cabinet recommended reconsidering the issue of advancing the start of the session by at least one week. Owing to the pandemic, the Office had faced additional challenges. For example, all recruitment over the three months prior to the opening of the session had to be done remotely and many members of the Office were able to arrive only on the first day of the session. In 2020, the Office could not benefit from the annual retreat and instead participated in an informal dialogue organized by Finland in October. The induction programme was organized by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management virtually, and the team had to carry out duties in hybrid mode, online and in person, which resulted in limited social interaction.

28. The Chef de Cabinet said that the seventy-fifth session would be remembered as special because of the first-ever general debate and a number of high-level meetings that had been convened in hybrid mode. Moreover, the Main Committees had concluded their work successfully by having adapted their working methods to hybrid operations. She recalled that the President had briefed the Assembly on his priorities several times, most recently in January 2021. He continued to provide updates on his activities through regular publication of the newsletters, convened regular briefings by the Secretariat on business continuity with the participation of the host country and continued the practice of convening regular monthly meetings with the Presidents of the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council to exchange information and strengthen coordination and cohesion, including the circulation of summaries of the discussions. The President also continued the practice of convening the morning dialogues with the permanent representatives, the summaries of which had been circulated online even though the discussions were considered informal.

29. With regard to staffing, the Chef de Cabinet reported that both gender parity and geographical balance had been achieved in the Office in 2021, with 56 per cent women, half of them in leadership roles. The Office comprised a wide variety of nationalities, and all regional groups were represented. To strengthen the institutional memory of the Office, 13 of the current members of the Office had served previous Presidents. The Office continued to rely on secondments and was grateful to the Member States for providing staff who had brought extensive experience and networks with them for the benefit of the Office. In terms of the allotment of posts from the regular budget, the Chef de Cabinet recommended reconsideration of a decision by the Assembly on strengthening the Office with an additional P-5 post. The post would not only strengthen the institutional memory of the Office but also cover the administrative and financial aspects of managing it. In terms of the regular budget, the Chef de Cabinet suggested also considering a review of the regular budget allocation to the Office, highlighting that, in 1998, Member States approved the establishment of an annual budget for the Office of the President of the General Assembly of \$250,000, to be adjusted for inflation and approved reductions. In 2020, the budget allocated for the Office was \$307,800. In 2021, that was reduced by the Assembly to \$210,800, or \$40,000 less than 12 years ago. The allocation covered hospitality, official travel and other expenditures related to the discharge of the official responsibility of the President. Owing to ongoing health restrictions, very little money was spent in these areas in 2021. Instead, much of the regular budget was consumed by the costs of servicing mandated meetings that were not covered elsewhere, such as extensions into lunchtime and into late evenings to exhaust the lists of speakers, the cost of interpretation on various virtual platforms and payment for non-mandated translation to support multilingualism. In this regard, the Chef de Cabinet urged Member States to be realistic when negotiating modalities for future mandated meetings while expressing full understanding for various political views.

Unrealistic modalities had brought extra pressure on the Office in the implementation when sufficient time had not been planned to accommodate all speakers, for example. Referring to the unique challenge faced by the Office at the seventy-fifth session of having to carry out mandates that were postponed in 2020 as a result of the pandemic, she reassured Member States that the President was committed to fulfilling all outstanding mandates with the best possible quality. She asked delegations to carefully consider the already full calendar of meetings of the Assembly before mandating any new activities.

30. The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management briefed the Working Group on the support provided by the Secretariat to the Office of the President of the General Assembly, which covered staffing, sources of funding and regular Secretariat support available to the Office, while highlighting the wide range of support provided from within the Secretariat, which transcended any one department. With regard to staffing, the Department covered the expenses of five staff members (two D-2, one D-1, one P-5 and one General Service) in the Office. In addition, and also from within its own resources, the Department made available two General Service staff members, who were located in the Office, as well as translators and text processors, as needed. The Department also provided protocol services, as required, and correspondence services. The Department of Operational Support provided a car and a driver for official purposes, as well as office space, including transitional office space during the three-month transition period. The Department of Safety and Security provided a detail of two security officers, including during travel. The President was entitled to select a spokesperson for the term of office from the Department of Global Communications, while legal guidance was provided by the Office of Legal Affairs on an as-needed basis. Other substantive departments and offices were ready to accommodate the needs of the President, as required, for the work of the General Assembly. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management also provided administrative support for the President's official travels when financed by the United Nations and the trust fund in support of the Office of the President. In terms of other support, the Department fulfilled the role of focal point and assisted the Office throughout the year through conference management support, protocol and institutional memory. The Department would also continue the practice of organizing an induction programme for incoming Presidents.

31. With regard to funding, the 2021 budget was approved at \$210,800. Expenditures in the amount of \$282,100 were reported in 2020. The funding was normally complemented through the redeployment of funds at the discretion of the President in the course of the budget year to cover the costs of official travel, official hospitality, miscellaneous staff expenditures (such as overtime) and other expenditures (such as mobile phones). The President had full discretion over the use of these funds for the official activities of the Office. In the light of the static nature of the funding, a trust fund was established in 2010 for the purpose of complementing the regular budget resources with voluntary funds to support the Office and its programme of work. The General Assembly has stressed the importance of Member States' contributions to the trust fund and encouraged Member States to continue to contribute to it and to allow for unspent contributions from previous sessions to be made available for succeeding terms. Pursuant to the conditions of the trust fund agreement, contributions were usually either earmarked for specific purposes, that is, in support of specific meetings, or broadly utilized for general administrative, logistical and management support associated with a specific Assembly session. Since 2015, the programme support cost for the Office of the President trust fund has been reduced from 13 per cent to 7 per cent. For the seventy-fifth session, the contributors and amounts pledged and received had been listed on the website of the President.

32. In the subsequent question-and-answer segment, four delegations sought clarification on how to strengthen the Office and how the additional P-5 position could increase capacity for the institutional memory of the Office. In response, the Chef de Cabinet said that administrative and finance areas could be strengthened by creating a permanent post that carried this function to decrease the learning curve with the internal workings of the Organization for the incoming team in transition. On what the Assembly could do to avoid overburdening the Office with mandates, the Chef de Cabinet called upon the Member States to be realistic when drafting modalities, that is, not to expect that all Member States would have time to speak when only a one-day high-level meeting was mandated. She suggested building in an expectation in such cases that not all Member States might be able to speak. With regard to the transition period, the Chef de Cabinet responded by explaining how it was organized, highlighting that it was more difficult in 2021 owing to physical distancing and that the learning curve was steep, even with good support from the Secretariat. Moreover, as approved by the Assembly, the budget to support transition could be used only from mid-August. The Under-Secretary-General echoed the statement by the Chef de Cabinet, reminding the delegations to avoid the use of the phrase “within existing resources” when drafting resolutions, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and approved by the Assembly at its fifty-seventh session. He called attention to the fact that during the cash liquidity crisis this approach was no longer working, while expressing understanding of the political nature of discussions. On the question about existing measures to support institutional memory, the Under-Secretary-General recalled the induction programme, regular meetings and overall ongoing support from the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, including its Executive Office on administrative and financial matters.

33. In the subsequent formal debate, 21 delegations spoke, including two groups. Speakers highlighted the importance of strengthening the accountability and transparency of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, including by holding interactive dialogues with the candidates. Many delegations commended the current and former Presidents for their leadership role, which enabled the Assembly to adapt its working methods and continue to perform its essential functions under exceptional circumstances brought about by the pandemic. Delegations welcomed the digital publication of documents by the President, including newsletters and summaries. Speakers referred to the adoption of an oath of office, as well as a code of ethics for the President of the General Assembly, as important milestones. One group suggested extending the practice to other senior posts. Delegations reiterated the need to allocate adequate human and financial resources from the United Nations regular budget to the Office and called for an increase in the regular budget of the amount allocated to it. Delegations recognized that the workload of the Assembly and the mandates given to the Office of the President continued to increase, with the pandemic causing additional strain. Against this background, one group called for efforts to be focused on further streamlining and prioritizing the work of the Assembly in line with our common agenda, as agreed in the declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations (resolution [75/1](#)). Many speakers welcomed secondments as a mechanism and expressed their continued willingness to loan staff. Delegations also emphasized the need to strive for both gender and geographical balance in the Office, while recognizing the strong achievement in this regard by the President at the seventy-fifth session.

Annex II

Updated inventory chart of General Assembly resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, issued pursuant to resolution [74/303](#)

Explanatory note by the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly (seventy-fifth session)

1. In accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution [74/303](#), in which the Assembly decided that the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly should continue its review of the inventory of Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted to the Assembly at its seventy-third session ([A/73/956](#)) and, as a result, continue to update the inventory to be attached to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-fifth session, the Co-Chairs, assisted by the Secretariat, have prepared the updated inventory chart for consideration by Member States.
2. The present inventory chart has been updated to reflect the progress achieved since the adoption of resolution [73/341](#).
3. The Co-Chairs, assisted by the Secretariat, obtained updated information, where possible, from relevant entities responsible for implementation.
4. The updated inventory chart retains the following two-part structure, which was also utilized in the report submitted at the seventy-third session:
 - (a) The first part contains unimplemented provisions, in order to focus on their follow-up;
 - (b) The second part contains implemented provisions, both those that required one-time action and those to be implemented on an ongoing basis, in order to keep track of previous achievements and provide the means to compare with and learn from past experience.
5. The inventory chart does not have a definite character and may be amended at any time by Member States through the Ad Hoc Working Group. Furthermore, it is not intended to, and does not, have any legal effect. It should serve only as a tool to facilitate discussions on the follow-up to the implementation of the previous related resolutions.

Part I

Provisions requiring follow-up

Cluster I: role and authority of the General Assembly

<i>No.</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Text of provision</i>	<i>Implementing entity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
C. Provisions related to the annual report of the Security Council (see also part II)				
1.	60/286 , annex, para. 7 <i>Also in:</i> 59/313 , para. 2 (d); and 58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 2	Invites the Security Council to submit periodically, in accordance with Articles 15 and 24 of the Charter, special subject-oriented reports to the General Assembly for its consideration on issues of current international concern.	Member States (Security Council)	Since the adoption of resolution 60/286 no special subject-oriented reports have been formally submitted to the General Assembly. The special subjects, however, are to some extent covered by the monthly assessments by the President of the Security Council.

Cluster II: working methods

<i>No.</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Text of provision</i>	<i>Implementing entity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
F. Provisions related to documentation: resolutions (see also part II)				
2.	60/286 , annex, para. 23 <i>Also in:</i> 58/126 , annex, sect. B, para. 5	Encourages Member States to submit draft resolutions in a more concise, focused and action-oriented form.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by the Member States, bearing in mind the sovereign right of Member States to submit proposals in the context of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Part II

Provisions that have been implemented or are being implemented on an ongoing basis

Cluster I: role and authority of the General Assembly

No.	Resolution	Text of provision	Implementing entity	Comments
A. General provisions related to the role and authority of the General Assembly				
3.	72/313, para. 6 <i>Also in:</i> 73/341, para. 7; 71/323, para. 6; 70/305, para. 6; 69/321, para. 6; 68/307, para. 6; 66/294, para. 4; 65/315, para. 4; 64/301, para. 4; 60/286, annex, para. 1; and 59/313, para. 2 (b)	Reaffirms the role and authority of the General Assembly, including on questions relating to international peace and security, in accordance with Articles 10 to 14 and 35 of the Charter of the United Nations, where appropriate, using the procedures set forth in rules 7 to 10 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, which enable swift and urgent action by the Assembly, bearing in mind that the Security Council has primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security in accordance with Article 24 of the Charter.	Member States	Ongoing provision. The General Assembly has a number of items on its agenda that fall under the heading “Maintenance of international peace and security”. Since this provision was first adopted, the tenth emergency special session held its 30th and 31st plenary meetings on 15 December 2006; its 32nd to 36th plenary meetings on 15 and 16 January 2009; its 37th plenary meeting on 21 December 2017; and its 38th plenary meeting on 13 June 2018.
4.	73/341, para. 18 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313, para. 10; 71/323, para. 10; 70/305, para. 10; and 69/321, para. 10	Reiterates its decision to hold an interactive and comprehensive dialogue between the Permanent Missions and the Secretariat as mandated in resolution 71/323 of 8 September 2017, during the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group, and strongly emphasizes the importance of the follow-up on issues raised during the dialogue aimed at improving the work of the Secretariat in its interaction with Permanent Missions, including the circulation of these follow-up measures to Permanent Missions.	Ad Hoc Working Group	On 15 March 2016, the President of the General Assembly convened an informal meeting to consider ways and means to further enhance the cooperation between permanent missions and the Secretariat, which included briefings from senior managers. A summary of the meeting was transmitted to the Secretary-General and all Member States. At the first thematic meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-first session, on 15 March 2017, senior Secretariat officials briefed the membership on the follow-up actions taken by the Secretariat pursuant to the informal meeting of the General Assembly of 15 March 2016. The meeting included an interactive question-and-answer segment to provide an opportunity for dialogue.

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				<p>In response to the call for a continuation of the interactive dialogue, on 15 May 2017 the Co-Chairs convened a separate informal meeting dedicated to the interaction between permanent missions and the Secretariat.</p> <p>Subsequently, the membership was informed of the establishment of a focal point in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management as the contact person for Member States to express their concerns and/or address any other queries they might have.</p> <p>During the seventy-second session, on 5 April 2018, the Working Group convened an interactive dialogue between permanent missions and the Secretariat. A summary of the dialogue was circulated by the President of the General Assembly to all Member States.</p> <p>During the seventy-third session, on 9 April 2019, the Working Group convened an interactive dialogue, which was webcast and the summary of which was circulated by the President of the General Assembly to all Member States (letter dated 18 April 2019).</p> <p>During the seventy-fourth session, the interactive dialogue was cancelled as a result of the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and given the fact that periodic briefings on business continuity were provided by the Secretariat in other formats.</p> <p>During the seventy-fifth session, on 25 March 2021, the Working Group convened an interactive dialogue, which was webcast and the summary of which was circulated by the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group to all Member States (letter dated 4 June 2021).</p>
5.	74/303 , para. 4	Requests the Secretary-General to undertake within existing resources an analysis of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the work of the General Assembly and to provide a briefing thereon to the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-fifth session.	Secretariat	A briefing was provided on 25 March 2021 as part of the interactive dialogue between the permanent missions and the Secretariat.

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6.	72/313 , para. 11 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 11	Reiterates its decision to hold thematic dialogues periodically during the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group and to review this arrangement at the seventy-third session of the General Assembly.	Ad Hoc Working Group	Ongoing provision.
7.	72/313 , para. 12 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 12	Invites Member States to submit, through the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group, and prior to the holding of the interactive and comprehensive dialogue, specific issues on which action by the Secretariat might be needed, and requests the Secretariat to provide comprehensive answers within a reasonable amount of time on the possible actions, and impediments, if any, to solve the issues raised.	Ad Hoc Working Group	Ongoing provision.
8.	72/313 , para. 13 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 13	Welcomes, in this regard, the active participation by the Secretariat during the seventy-second session, and in particular notes with appreciation the establishment of a “one stop shop” as a single entry point for requesting meetings services, while encouraging the Secretariat to make similar arrangements for other services provided.	Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	<p>In a note verbale dated 19 March 2018 addressed to all the permanent missions, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management announced the official launch of gMeets, also known as the “one stop shop” portal, which is a single-entry point to submit requests for meeting services at Headquarters through an easy-to-use self-service web interface. The “one stop shop” application permits clients to select from a range of meeting services, including conference room allocation; interpretation; nameplate, podium sign and room set-up; publishing material in the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i>; audiovisual services; webcast services; and access and security-related services and loaning of technological equipment. Background information and cost estimates are readily made available to facilitate informed decisions by requesters.</p> <p>On 9 April 2019, the Ad Hoc Working Group was briefed on the latest improvements, including a new self-service module in gMeets, a single-entry point for requesting meeting services, which was successfully used</p>

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				to request bilateral meeting booths during the second United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation in Buenos Aires, the first time that the “one stop shop” was used outside of United Nations Headquarters.

B. Provisions related to the election of the President of the General Assembly and members of the General Committee

9.	71/323 , para. 43 <i>Also in:</i> 70/305 , para. 30; 69/321 , para. 29; 68/307 , para. 22; and 67/297 , para. 22	Requests the Ad Hoc Working Group to prepare long-term arrangements concerning the election of the Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees of the General Assembly with the aim of establishing a predictable, transparent and fair mechanism, in consultation with regional groups, and that it submit them to the Assembly no later than at the seventy-second session, and in this regard invites Member States to present proposals and begin at an early stage to devote attention to the matter of concluding a future arrangement, which would come into effect at the seventy-fourth session of the Assembly, with the annex to resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014 containing the guidelines on the election of the Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees to be considered in this context.	Ad Hoc Working Group, regional groups	At its seventy-second session, on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Working Group, the General Assembly decided to establish the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the seventy-fourth to eighty-third sessions (resolution 72/313 , para. 48), as contained in the annex to the resolution.
10.	72/313 , para. 50 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 44	Continues to encourage Member States to seek gender balance in the distribution of the Chairs and bureau members of the Main Committees as well as the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly, where applicable.	Member States	Ongoing provision.
11.	70/305 , para. 31 <i>Also in:</i> 69/321 , para. 30	Encourages Member States to seek gender balance in the distribution of Chairs of the Main Committees and in the position of the President of the General Assembly.	Member States	Ongoing provision.

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12.	72/313 , para. 48	Decides to establish the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the forthcoming 10 sessions of the General Assembly, namely from the seventy-fourth to the eighty-third session, as contained in the annex to the present resolution.	General Assembly, regional groups	Ongoing provision to be implemented from the seventy-fourth to the eighty-third session.
13.	72/313 , para. 49	Also decides to prepare arrangements concerning the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the following sessions no later than at its eighty-second session.	Ad Hoc Working Group, regional groups	To be implemented no later than the eighty-second session of the General Assembly.
14.	68/307 , para. 21	Decides to reiterate the interim arrangement adopted in General Assembly decision 68/505 of 1 October 2013 recommending the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the forthcoming five sessions, namely from the sixty-ninth to seventy-third sessions, as well as the guidelines on the election of the Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees contained in the annex to the present resolution.	General Assembly, regional groups	Implemented. In its decision 68/505 of 1 October 2013, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, decided to approve an interim arrangement concerning the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the forthcoming five sessions of the Assembly. The elections for the Chairs of the Main Committees for the sixty-ninth to seventy-third sessions were conducted in accordance with this decision. Concerning the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), the General Assembly furthermore adopted decision 69/524 of 5 December 2014, entitled “Rotation of the post of Rapporteur of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventieth to seventy-third sessions of the General Assembly”.
15.	58/126 , annex, sect. B, para. 9	In accordance with paragraph 2 (a) and (c) of resolution 56/509, the General Assembly elects the President of the Assembly, the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly, and the Chairs of the Main Committees at least three months before the opening of the session in which they will serve. In order to foster better advance planning and	Member States	Ongoing provision. Provision implemented as from the fifty-eighth session. This provision as well as rules 30 and 99 (a) apply to the election of the President of the General Assembly and the Vice-Presidents.

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		preparation of the work of the Main Committees, the full Bureaux of the Main Committees shall similarly be elected three months in advance of the next session.		
C. Provisions related to the annual report of the Security Council (see also part I)				
16.	72/313 , para. 17 <i>Also in:</i> 69/321 , para. 13; 68/307 , para. 11; 67/297 , para. 10; 66/294 , para. 11; 65/315 , para. 10; 64/301 , para. 9; 60/286 , annex, para. 4; and 58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 3	Commends improvements in the quality of the annual report of the Security Council to the General Assembly, including as presented in the note by the President of the Security Council, and welcomes the willingness of the Council to continue to consider other suggestions concerning improvements to the annual report.	Security Council	<p>Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The report of the Security Council is being improved in a gradual manner. See the notes by the President of the Security Council contained in documents S/2015/944 and S/2017/507.</p> <p>Further to the measures contained in the notes by the President of the Security Council of 26 July 2010 (S/2010/507) and 5 June 2012 (S/2012/402), presidents may consider organizing interactive informal exchanges of views with the wider membership prior to the adoption of the report.</p> <p>In the 1990s the report was changed to reflect changes in the working methods of the Security Council. Since 2000, further changes have been introduced; inter alia, the introductory part has been added. Since then, the Security Council has focused more on the introduction to the report. In 2006, information on special political missions was added to the report.</p>
17.	60/286 , annex, para. 5 <i>Also in:</i> 58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 4; and 51/241 , annex, para. 12	In carrying out the assessment of the debate on the annual report of the Security Council called for in paragraph 12 of the annex to resolution 51/241 , the President shall inform the General Assembly of his decision regarding the need for further consideration of the report of the Council, including in respect of the convening of informal consultations, on the need for, and content of, any action by the Assembly based on the	President of the General Assembly	<p>Implemented on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>The President of the General Assembly provides opening remarks and a closing assessment of the debate. At the sixty-ninth session, the President of the General Assembly, subsequent to the debate, transmitted to Member States a list of proposals concerning the analytical nature, the presentation of the report and practices, expressed during the debate.</p> <p>See also the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2015/944), which, inter alia, stated that the report to be presented to the General</p>

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		debate, as well as on any matters to be brought to the attention of the Council.		Assembly at its seventy-first session would cover the period from 1 August 2015 to 31 December 2016. Thereafter, the period of coverage for all future reports would be from 1 January to 31 December.
18.	60/286 , annex, para. 6 <i>Also in:</i> 59/313 , para. 2 (e)	Invites the Security Council to update the General Assembly on a regular basis on the steps it has taken or is contemplating with respect to improving its reporting to the Assembly.	Member States, Security Council	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Information on the steps taken by the Security Council is provided during the meetings with the President of the General Assembly, as well as included in the monthly assessments by the Presidents of the Security Council. See also the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2015/944).
19.	59/313 , para. 2 (c) <i>Also in:</i> 59/313 , para. 2 (f)	To consider the annual reports as well as special reports of the Security Council, in accordance with Article 15, paragraph 1, and Article 24, paragraph 3, of the Charter, through substantive and interactive debates.	General Assembly	See above.
20.	51/241 , annex, para. 11	The agenda item entitled "Report of the Security Council" shall continue to be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly.	General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
21.	51/241 , annex, para. 14	The monthly forecast of the programme of work of the Security Council shall be circulated for the information of members of the General Assembly.	Security Council	Implemented on an ongoing basis. The programme of work is uploaded on the website of the Security Council.
22.	51/241 , annex, para. 13	The agenda item shall not be closed but shall remain open to enable further discussion as necessary during the year, bearing in mind, inter alia, the submission of additional reports as and when necessary.	Member States (General Assembly)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Since the sixty-second session, the agenda item has remained open at every session.
23.	73/341 , para. 17	Requests the President of the General Assembly to reconsider the timing of the plenary meetings of the Assembly on the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization and on the report of the Security	President of the General Assembly, President of the Security Council	See S/2019/997 .

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		Council, in close coordination with the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council, so that discussions of these important reports are not conducted in a perfunctory manner.		
D. Provisions related to the annual report of the Economic and Social Council				
24.	60/286 , annex, para. 8 <i>Also in:</i> 51/241 , annex, para. 15	Invites the Economic and Social Council to continue to prepare its report to the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution 50/227 , striving to make it more concise and action-oriented by highlighting the critical areas requiring action by the Assembly and, as appropriate, by making specific recommendations for consideration by the Member States.	Member States (Economic and Social Council)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
E. Provisions related to the annual report of the International Court of Justice				
25.	51/241 , annex, para. 16	The report of the International Court of Justice shall continue to be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly. The Assembly shall continue to support the role of the International Court of Justice as the principal judicial organ of the Organization, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations. The Assembly shall also continue to encourage the progressive development and codification of international law.	General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Since the fifty-second session, the report has continued to be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly.

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F. Provisions related to public relations activities				
26.	74/303 , para. 2 <i>Also in:</i> 73/341 , para. 3; 72/313 , para. 2; 71/323 , para. 2; 70/305 , para. 2; 69/321 , para. 2; 68/307 , para. 2; and 67/297 , para. 16	Requests the Secretariat to continue updating regularly and equally the multilingual web page devoted to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly in all six official languages and its substantive content within existing resources in a cost-effective manner, including through the use of existing capabilities such as automation of translation, while ensuring the accuracy of translation.	Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, Department of Global Communications	Implemented. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management periodically provides updated content, in all six official languages, to the Department of Global Communications for uploading to the United Nations website.
27.	73/341 , para. 20 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , para. 18; 71/323 , para. 18; 70/305 , para. 14; 69/321 , para. 14; and 68/307 , para. 12	Notes the progress aimed at increasing the visibility of the General Assembly in the media and in bringing the priorities of the Assembly to a wider audience, and requests the Department of Global Communications of the Secretariat to continue to take appropriate measures to further enhance public awareness of the role and activities of the Assembly, including on as many platforms as possible.	Secretariat, Department of Global Communications	The Department of Global Communications provides extensive coverage of the work of the General Assembly, its Main Committees and all major subsidiary bodies through print, online, audio, photo and video news media and social media platforms, in the six official languages, as well as Kiswahili and Portuguese.
28.	67/297 , para. 11 <i>Also in:</i> 66/294 , para. 22; 65/315 , para. 18; 64/301 , para. 20; 63/309 , para. 8; 60/286 , annex, para. 14; and 58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 8	Encourages the Secretariat, including the Department of Public Information, to continue its efforts to raise the visibility of the General Assembly and to enhance world public and media awareness of its work, and in this regard recalls paragraph 10 of its resolution 67/124 B of 18 December 2012, in which it noted the efforts of the Department to continue to publicize the work and decisions of the General Assembly and requested the Department to continue to enhance its working relationship with the Office of the President of the General Assembly.	Secretariat, Department of Global Communications	<p>The Department of Global Communications provides comprehensive press releases, in English and French, of all meetings of the Assembly, its Main Committees and its subsidiary bodies, which are also included in the daily media alert, and statements made by Member States are made available to the press.</p> <p>The annual press kit on the incoming President of the General Assembly is produced in digital format in the six official languages, as well as a number of non-official languages.</p> <p>United Nations Video provides gavel-to-gavel live feeds to broadcasters worldwide of the meetings of the General Assembly, as well as related press conferences. This coverage is</p>

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				<p>made available on the United Nations webcast platform.</p> <p>Through its weekly briefing programme for the non-governmental community, the Department spotlights issues that are before the General Assembly.</p> <p>The global network of United Nations Information Centres provides communications support to the President of the General Assembly during his/her official missions to the countries in which they operate. The centres also carry out public information activities to enhance awareness of the General Assembly's work.</p> <p>A staff member at the Professional level is regularly seconded by the Department to provide communications support for the President of the General Assembly.</p> <p>In addition, the Committee on Information continues to consider ways and means to enhance the visibility of the work of the General Assembly, including through the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group.</p>
29.	<p>66/294, para. 14</p> <p><i>Also in:</i></p> <p>60/286, annex, para. 15</p>	<p>Urges the Secretariat to continue its efforts to raise the visibility of the General Assembly, reaffirms paragraph 15 of resolution 60/286, and decides that the announcements about the work of the principal organs of the United Nations should appear in the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> in the order stipulated in Article 7 of the Charter.</p>	Secretariat	<p>Implemented on an ongoing basis. Pursuant to resolutions 60/286 and 66/294 the items in the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> have been rearranged, including with announcements about the work of the principal organs of the United Nations appearing in the order stipulated in Article 7 of the Charter. In an effort to raise the visibility of the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management periodically briefs the media on the programme of work of the General Assembly. See also the activities of the Department of Global Communications above.</p>

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30.	60/286 , annex, para. 16	Encourages the Presidents of the General Assembly to increase their public visibility, including through enhanced contacts with representatives of the media and civil society, thus promoting the activities of the Assembly, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue the practice of providing to the Office of the President of the Assembly a Spokesperson for the President of the Assembly and an assistant to the Spokesperson.	President of the General Assembly, Secretary-General	<p>Ongoing provision. Since the sixtieth session, for example, the Presidents of the General Assembly, together with the Chairs of the Main Committees, have periodically briefed representatives of civil society on the programme of work of the Assembly at its current session (see also A/61/483, p. 20, and A/62/608, p. 15).</p> <p>Presidents of the General Assembly have also regularly convened press conferences for the purpose of briefing the media.</p> <p>A staff member at the Professional level is regularly seconded by the Department of Global Communications to serve as the Spokesperson for the President of the General Assembly, in addition to providing support to the President and his/her Office by other means.</p>

G. Provisions related to the General Assembly cooperation with civil society and others

31.	71/323 , para. 14 <i>Also in:</i> 70/305 , para. 11; 69/321 , para. 11; 68/307 , para. 9; and 60/286 , annex, para. 12	Reaffirms the importance and benefit of continuing interaction between the General Assembly and international or regional forums and organizations dealing with global matters of concern to the international community, as well as with civil society, where appropriate, and encourages the exploration of appropriate actions or measures, while fully respecting the intergovernmental nature of the Assembly, in conformity with its relevant rules of procedure.	General Assembly	<p>Ongoing provision. For example, informal interactive hearings with civil society take place within the framework of the preparations for high-level meetings of the General Assembly, in accordance with the respectively applicable resolutions on modalities. The General Assembly also periodically hears briefings by the current Chair of the Group of 20 on its recent activities.</p> <p>Since the sixtieth session, the Presidents of the General Assembly, together with the Chairs of the Main Committees, have periodically briefed representatives of civil society on the programme of work of the Assembly at its current session (A/61/483, p. 20, and A/62/608, p. 15). Such interaction is also provided for through the interactive thematic debates convened by the President of the General Assembly at every session.</p>
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32.	60/286 , annex, para. 13	Encourages, where appropriate, continued cooperation between the General Assembly and national and regional parliaments, particularly through the Inter-Parliamentary Union.	General Assembly	Provision has been implemented on an ongoing basis. Numerous meetings have been held between the President of the General Assembly and visiting parliamentarians. The Inter-Parliamentary Union also participates as an observer in the General Assembly.
H. Provisions related to the organization of work				
33.	72/313 , para. 51 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 45	Decides to continue to consider, within the Ad Hoc Working Group, the potential concept and scope of guidelines on how to conduct the election campaigns by Member States, with a view to improving the standards of transparency and equity.	Ad Hoc Working Group	At its seventy-second session, the Ad Hoc Working Group decided to continue to consider, within the Working Group, the potential concept and scope of guidelines on how to conduct the election campaigns by Member States, with a view to improving the standards of transparency and equity. Consideration continued during the seventy-third session.
34.	55/285 , annex, para. 19 <i>Also in:</i> 51/241 , annex, para. 28	In order to implement fully paragraph 28 of the annex to resolution 51/241 , the President of the General Assembly is encouraged to make greater use of facilitators, where appropriate.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
35.	51/241 , annex, para. 27	The General Assembly is the highest political body with universal membership of the Organization. Consideration of agenda items directly in plenary meetings shall be reserved for urgent issues or issues of major political importance, bearing in mind paragraphs 1 and 2 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 48/264 .	General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
36.	51/241 , annex, para. 28	The President of the General Assembly, with a view to ensuring that there is a systematic and transparent process for participation by delegations in discussions on action to be taken on items considered directly in plenary meetings, shall assess the debate in plenary meetings.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Usually, the President of the General Assembly provides an assessment of the debates in plenary meetings whenever items considered are of particular importance or special interest to Member States.

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37.	51/241 , annex, para. 29	The Secretariat shall ensure, in consultation with the President, that priority is accorded to the availability of a meeting room and services to facilitate these consultations.	Secretary-General	Provision is being implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat.
38.	72/313 , para. 39	Calls upon all officers chairing or facilitating intergovernmental processes to seek to conduct informal negotiations during regular working hours, in order to allow for the active and constructive participation of all Permanent Missions in the work of the United Nations.	Officers chairing or facilitating intergovernmental processes	Ongoing provision.

I. Provisions related to interactive/thematic debates

39.	72/313 , para. 14 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 15; 70/305 , para. 12; 69/321 , para. 12; 68/307 , para. 10; 67/297 , para. 7; 66/294 , para. 7; 65/315 , para. 6; 64/301 , para. 5; 60/286 , annex, para. 3; 59/313 , paras. 3 (a) and 12; and 58/126 , annex, sect. B, para. 3	Recognizes the value of holding interactive inclusive thematic debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community, and calls upon the President of the General Assembly to organize such debates in close consultation with the General Committee and the Member States, including with regard to the frequency and preliminary programme of such debates, in order to enable an adequate level of participation and an appropriate allocation of time for substantive interactive discussion during the debates so as to enable all interested delegations to state their positions and to facilitate, where appropriate, results-oriented and productive outcomes of such debates.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The Presidents of the General Assembly regularly make a preliminary announcement of their intention to convene interactive thematic debates, including in their acceptance speech when elected. Subsequently, they inform Member States by letter of the format and agenda of forthcoming thematic debates whose outcomes are posted on the website of the President of the Assembly. For a list of thematic debates convened during each session, please refer to the websites of the Presidents of the General Assembly.
40.	72/313 , para. 16 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 16	Requests the President of the General Assembly to limit high-level meetings to current issues of critical importance to the international community, with the interest of the wider membership in mind and with a focus on the	President of the General Assembly	Implemented on an ongoing basis.

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		most vulnerable, while encouraging the allocation of events of a strictly sectoral or thematic nature to the six Main Committees.		
41.	72/313 , para. 45 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 39	Requests the President of the General Assembly, in order to enhance transparency, to continue to attach the list of speakers at high-level thematic debates organized by the President to the summary of those events.	President of the General Assembly	Ongoing provision.
J. Provisions related to the cooperation between the main organs				
42.	72/313 , para. 8 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 8; 70/305 , para. 8; 69/321 , para. 8; 68/307 , para. 8; 66/294 , para. 10; 65/315 , para. 9; 64/301 , paras. 7 and 8; 60/286 , annex, para. 2; 58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 6; 55/285 , annex, para. 21; and 51/241 , annex, para. 43	Reaffirms that the relationship between the principal organs of the United Nations is mutually reinforcing and complementary, in accordance with and with full respect for their respective functions, authority, powers and competencies as enshrined in the Charter, and in this regard stresses the importance of further ensuring increased cooperation, coordination and the exchange of information among the Presidents of the principal organs and also with the Secretariat, in particular the Secretary-General.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. In its resolution 72/313 , the Assembly invited the Presidents of the General Assembly to maintain the practice of holding monthly meetings with the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council in order to ensure cooperation, coordination and exchange of information on cross-cutting issues related to the work of the Organization (para. 91). These meetings are held on a regular basis.
43.	58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 5	The President of the General Assembly should continue to be briefed regularly by the President of the Security Council on the work of the Council. The President of the Assembly may wish to inform Member States about the substantive issues raised during these meetings.	President of the Security Council, President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council are meeting at monthly intervals.

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K. Provisions related to the implementation and follow-up of resolutions				
44.	74/303 , para. 5 <i>Also in:</i> 73/341 , para. 5; 72/313 , para. 4; 71/323 , para. 4; 70/305 , para. 4; 69/321 , para. 4; 68/307 , para. 4; 67/297 , para. 3; 66/294 , para. 3; 65/315 , para. 3; and 64/301 , para. 3	Decides that the Ad Hoc Working Group shall continue its review of the inventory of General Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted at the seventy-third session (A/73/956) and, as a result, continue to update the inventory to be attached to the report to be submitted at the seventy-fifth session of the Assembly, including the separate indication of relevant provisions that were not implemented, with reasons therefor.	General Assembly (Ad Hoc Working Group)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
45.	73/341 , para. 6 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , para. 5; 71/323 , para. 5; 70/305 , para. 5; 69/321 , para. 5; 68/307 , para. 5; 67/297 , para. 3; 66/294 , para. 3; 65/315 , para. 3; and 64/301 , para. 3	Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General, and requests the Secretary-General to submit an update on the provisions of the General Assembly resolutions on revitalization addressed to the Secretariat for implementation that have not been implemented, with an indication of the constraints and reasons behind any lack of implementation, for further consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-fourth session.	Secretary-General	Implemented. The report of the Secretary-General was issued (see A/74/704). The Assembly took note of the report in its resolution 74/303 (para. 7).
46.	72/313 , para. 19 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 19; 70/305 , para. 15; and 69/321 , para. 15	Requests the Secretary-General, under relevant agenda items, to bring to the attention of Member States constraints that have prevented the Secretary-General from implementing those provisions of General Assembly resolutions that are addressed to the Secretariat.	Secretary-General	Ongoing provision. The reports of the Secretary-General issued pursuant to intergovernmental mandates reflect on all aspects of their implementation.
47.	59/313 , para. 1	Stresses the need to demonstrate political will to ensure the effective implementation of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly.	Member States	Ongoing provision. Provision does not contain a request for specific action.

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48.	58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 9	Member States and the Secretariat should consider initiatives that might be taken for better monitoring of the follow-up of resolutions of the General Assembly, such as the provision of timely inputs for reports of the Secretary-General and giving effect to proposals that would advance the follow-up of major United Nations conferences and summits.	Member States, Secretary-General	Communications from the Secretary-General have been sent to Member States on an ongoing basis to ask for pertinent information.

Cluster II: working methods

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A. General provisions related to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly				
49.	72/313 , para. 47	Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session a report on the possible alternative dates for the beginning of the regular session of the Assembly and the financial and logistical implications thereof, as well as on potential benefits and shortcomings of various options, based on the premise that any such change will not have an effect on the beginning of the general debate in September.	Secretary-General	The report of the Secretary-General entitled “Opening of the regular sessions of the General Assembly” (A/73/723) was issued before the first meeting of the Working Group. The Assembly took note of the report in its resolution 73/341 (para. 38).
50.	73/341 , para. 31 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , paras. 61 and 62; and 71/323 , paras. 54 and 55	Reiterates the need to produce the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> in all six official languages in strict compliance with rule 55 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and in that regard emphasizes the importance of the extension of the information in the <i>Journal</i> published in the six official languages, reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to brief the Ad Hoc	Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	During the seventy-second session, Member States reviewed the revised format, production and editing of the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> as part of the deliberations of the Working Group. By resolution 71/323 , the Assembly decided that during the calendar year 2018, official meetings of the day, forthcoming official meetings and summaries of official meetings shall be published in the <i>Journal</i> in all six official languages; and all other

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		Working Group, on a yearly basis, on the progress achieved in this regard, and requests the Secretariat to continue to explore cost-neutral options to that effect.		<p>meetings and information shall be published in the languages currently used from January to August.</p> <p>By resolution 72/313, the Assembly emphasized the importance of the extension of the information in the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> published in the six official languages, reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group, on a yearly basis, on the progress achieved in this regard, and requested the Secretariat to continue to explore cost-neutral options to that effect.</p> <p>A briefing was provided to the Ad Hoc Working Group on 9 April 2019 (see the letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 18 April 2019).</p> <p>A briefing was not provided at the seventy-fourth session as a result of the cancellation of the interactive dialogue between the Secretariat and the permanent missions owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Secretariat continued to make efforts to implement the mandate.</p> <p>A briefing was provided on 25 March 2021.</p>
51.	72/313 , para. 55	Takes note of the introduction of real-time updates with respect to the cancellation and postponement of meetings, and requests the continuation of this practice with further improvements, in particular with the introduction of the possibility of subscribing to relevant agenda items with automatic notifications to subscribers on their status.	Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Ongoing provision. A briefing was provided to the Ad Hoc Working Group on 9 April 2019 (see the letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 18 April 2019).
52.	60/286 , annex, para. 24 <i>Also in:</i> 59/313 , para. 14	Requests the Secretary-General to issue the rules of procedure of the General Assembly in a consolidated version in all official languages, in print and online.	Secretary-General	One-time action. The consolidated version of the rules of procedure (A/520/Rev.19), is available both in print and online. The digital version of A/520/Rev.19 was enhanced with intra-document hyperlinks to facilitate navigating from one reference to a rule to another.

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53.	60/286 , annex, para. 24	Requests the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat to make precedents and past practice available in the public domain with respect to rules and practices of the intergovernmental bodies of the Organization.	Secretary-General, Office of Legal Affairs	Implemented.
54.	72/313 , paras. 58 and 59 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , paras. 51 and 52; 70/305 , para. 33; and 68/307 , para. 24	<p>Takes note with appreciation of the changes to the format, production and editing of the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i>, and requests the Secretariat to continue the improvement of the <i>Journal</i> in accordance with requirements provided in paragraph 51 of resolution 71/323 and to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-third session on the outcomes of that improvement.</p> <p>Affirms the principle that the <i>Journal</i> shall provide an overview of all meetings taking place at the United Nations, and requests that meetings be listed under the established categories in contiguous order and that all meetings organized by States be included, provided that information has been submitted to the <i>Journal</i> unit in due time, and clarifies that the existence of web pages for sessions of bodies should not preclude the announcement of side events.</p>	Secretariat, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	<p>On 28 March 2017, the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management presented innovative proposals in accordance with resolution 70/305 (see the letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 3 April 2017).</p> <p>Subsequently, during the seventy-first session, the Co-Chairs established a Group of Friends of the <i>Journal</i>, which convened two meetings. Consultations continued during the negotiation of the draft resolution of the Ad Hoc Working Group, the outcome of which is reflected in paragraphs 51 to 55 of resolution 71/323.</p> <p>As from 1 January 2018, the <i>Journal</i> is published, both in print and in a streamlined digital version, in accordance with paragraph 51 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly took note with appreciation of the cost-neutral proposals on the possible changes to the format, production and editing of the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i>, including the streamlining and digitalization of its content with a user-friendly interface, presented by the Under-Secretary General for General Assembly and Conference Management at the second thematic meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group, and in this regard decided that during the calendar year 2018, official meetings of the day, forthcoming official meetings and summaries of official meetings shall be published in the <i>Journal</i> in all six official languages.</p> <p>At the seventy-second session, the Assembly took note of the possibility for Member States to publish their side</p>

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				<p>events under a dedicated section of the digital version of the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> (resolution 72/313, para. 41).</p> <p>A briefing was provided to the Ad Hoc Working Group on 9 April 2019 (see the letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 18 April 2019).</p>
55.	72/313 , para. 60 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 53	<p>Calls upon all relevant intergovernmental bodies to continue to review the need for and content of the <i>Journal</i> summaries of their meetings and other announcements, and to take the steps necessary with a view to ensuring a more streamlined format for the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i>.</p>	Main Committees, General Assembly subsidiary bodies, Economic and Social Council, Security Council	Ongoing provision.
56.	72/313 , para. 34 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 32	<p>Also recalls rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and calls for strict adherence by each speaker to the time limits in the Assembly, where applicable, bearing in mind that all speakers shall get the same opportunity to deliver their statements within the allocated time limit, as set out in the rules of procedure of the Assembly.</p>	Member States	Ongoing provision.
57.	72/313 , para. 35 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 33	<p>Reiterates its invitation to the Chairs of meetings of the General Assembly and United Nations conferences, especially when there is very limited time available for debate, to consider recommending the “all protocol observed” principle, whereby participants are encouraged to refrain from listing standard protocol expressions during their statements.</p>	President of the General Assembly, presiding officers, Member States	Ongoing provision.

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58.	71/323 , para. 46	Decides to amend rule 92 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly by deleting its second sentence.	Secretary-General	Implemented (see A/520/Rev.19).
B. Provisions related to the organization of meetings: plenary, General Committee, Main Committees				
59.	72/313 , para. 53	Notes the practice implemented during the secret vote-counting procedure, whereby no use of mobile phones or other electronic communication devices is permitted in the room where counting is being conducted, thus ensuring the confidentiality of elections and the integrity of secret ballots, and requests the continuation of this practice.	Secretariat, Member States (tellers)	Ongoing provision.
60.	71/323 , para. 47	Further decides that the names of candidates for election by the General Assembly or by the Main Committees shall be communicated to the Secretariat, where possible, at least 48 hours prior to an election unless otherwise required by specific rules governing the elections concerned, and that those names shall be printed on the ballot papers, while additional space shall be provided on the ballot paper for inscribing other names, where applicable.	Member States, Secretariat	Implemented. In its resolution 72/313 , the Assembly welcomed the efficient implementation of paragraphs 47 and 48 of resolution 71/323 relating to the conduct of elections in the General Assembly and the Main Committees (para. 52).
61.	71/323 , para. 48	Decides that on the day of election in the General Assembly or in the Main Committees the campaign materials distributed in the General Assembly Hall or in the Committee meeting room shall be limited to a single page of information regarding the candidates, with a view to preserving the decorum of the Assembly.	Member States	Ongoing provision. In its resolution 72/313 , the Assembly welcomed the efficient implementation of paragraphs 47 and 48 of resolution 71/323 relating to the conduct of elections in the General Assembly and the Main Committees (para. 52).

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62.	71/323, para. 42 <i>Also in:</i> 70/305, para. 29	Also decides that, with due consideration given to accessibility issues, in all plenary meetings of the General Assembly, including plenary meetings of high-level events, the seating arrangement of Member States shall follow English alphabetical order, beginning with the name of the country selected by lot each year and avoiding distinctions between Member States as to the rank of the head of delegation.	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Implemented on an ongoing basis.
63.	73/341, paras. 33, 34, 36 and 37	33. Decides that all 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	Secretariat, Member States (General Assembly and other principal organs of the United Nations and their subsidiary organs)	Ongoing provision.

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		seats, omitting the ones newly occupied by the requesting delegations.		
		34. Requests, in this regard, the Secretariat to inform the Member States as soon as possible of any changes to the seating plans of the conference rooms.		
		36. Invites other principal organs of the United Nations and their subsidiary organs to make similar accommodations, as provided in paragraphs 33 and 34 above, for their meetings.		
		37. Requests the Secretariat to bring this decision to the attention of any State, organization or entity that seeks to organize a meeting to be held at the United Nations, and encourages such State, organization or entity to make arrangements for accessible seating in the manner mentioned in paragraphs 33 and 34.		
64.	72/313 , para. 44 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 38; 70/305 , para. 26; 69/321 , para. 27; 68/307 , para. 18; 67/297 , para. 18; 66/294 , para. 20; and 65/315 , para. 16	Reiterates 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.	President of the General Assembly, Main Committee Chairs, Member States, Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The President of the seventy-second session appointed the Permanent Representative of Ghana to lead the informal consultations on the General Assembly draft decision on the high-level meetings of the Assembly in September 2019 (seventy-fourth session). At the 110th plenary meeting of its seventy-second session, on 6 August 2018, the Assembly decided to transmit the draft decision to the Assembly at its seventy-third session for action (see decision 72/559). At the 52nd plenary meeting of its seventy-third session, on 13 December 2018, the Assembly, on the proposal of its President, adopted the draft decision, as orally revised (see decision 73/522).

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				<p>The Secretariat takes an active role in providing advice, as requested, in the consultations on modalities for high-level plenary meetings, high-level thematic debates and other events scheduled near the general debate, to ensure optimum scheduling and utilization. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management also regularly briefs Member States on arrangements for the forthcoming general debate and other high-level meetings convened in its vicinity.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Executive Office of the Secretary-General has adopted an internal mechanism to ensure the coordination of initiatives emanating from departments and offices of the Secretariat and agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations.</p> <p>The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management regularly briefs senior staff in other departments on lessons learned and best practices regarding the organization and scheduling of high-level meetings.</p>
65.	<p>70/305, para. 19</p> <p><i>Also in:</i></p> <p>69/321, para. 21;</p> <p>68/307, para. 17; and</p> <p>67/297, para. 17</p>	<p>Welcomes the holding of elections for non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council about six months before the elected members assume their responsibilities, welcomes the note by the President of the Security Council in which the elected Security Council members are invited to observe some of its meetings and activities as from 1 October immediately preceding their term of membership, and also welcomes such efforts to afford elected members appropriate opportunities to prepare for their tenure in the Security Council.</p>	General Assembly	<p>To be implemented on an ongoing basis. Implemented for the first time at the seventieth session (election of members of the Economic and Social Council on 14 June 2016; election of non-permanent members of the Security Council on 28 June 2016).</p> <p>In its resolution 72/313, the General Assembly welcomed efforts to afford elected members of the Security Council appropriate opportunities to prepare for their tenure, and also welcomed the note by the President of the Security Council in which the elected Council members were invited to observe some of its meetings and activities as from 1 October immediately preceding their term of membership (para. 26).</p>

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66.	72/313 , para. 9 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 9; 70/305 , para. 9; 69/321 , para. 9; 66/294 , para. 9; and 65/315 , para. 8	Recalls the practice of holding periodic informal briefings by the Secretary-General on his priorities, travels and most recent activities, including his participation in international meetings and events organized outside the United Nations, and invites the Secretary-General to continue this practice.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The Secretary-General periodically briefs Member States in informal plenary meetings of the General Assembly on his priorities, travels and most recent activities. During the seventy-fifth session, for instance, the Secretary-General briefed the General Assembly on his priorities for 2021 on 28 January 2021, on the Call to Action for Human Rights on 24 February 2021, and on the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic, including developments on the implementation of Security Council resolution 2254 (2015) , on the humanitarian situation and on human rights on 30 March 2021, in accordance with resolution 75/193 (para. 56).
67.	72/313 , para. 33 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 31; 70/305 , para. 24; and 69/321 , para. 25	Recalls rules 153 and 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and encourages the Chairs of the Main Committees and the Secretary-General to ensure observance of these rules, within their respective mandates.	Main Committee Chairs, Secretary-General	Ongoing provision.
68.	59/313 , para. 11	Strongly urges all officers presiding over meetings of the General Assembly to start such meetings on time.	Secretary-General, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat. Periodically, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management provides presiding officers with statistics on the financial impact of the implementation of this provision (A/61/483 , p. 19, and A/62/608). In its resolution 72/313 , the Assembly urged all presiding officers and Member States to strictly adhere to the scheduled starting time of meetings of the General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies (para. 38).
69.	58/316 , annex, para. 1 (b)	With effect from the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, the meetings of the plenary Assembly shall normally be held on Mondays and Thursdays.	Secretary-General, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Implemented on an ongoing basis, as far as possible.

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70.	58/126 , annex, sect. B, para. 2	The work of the Main Committees of the General Assembly might benefit if it is scheduled over two substantive periods during the session. With a view to enabling the Assembly to consider changes in this regard, with effect from the sixtieth session of the Assembly, the Secretary-General is requested to present, by 1 February 2004, various options for consideration by the General Committee, taking into account the requirements of the relevant intergovernmental bodies and the different locations of their meetings and the budget cycle.	Secretary-General	One-time action. In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled “Options for the rescheduling of the Main Committees of the General Assembly” (A/58/CRP.3), which the Assembly considered at its fifty-eighth session (A/61/483 , p. 12, and A/62/608 , p. 7).

C. Provisions related to the general debate

71.	71/323 , para. 41 <i>Also in:</i> 70/305 , para. 28	Decides that, with sufficient time before the opening of each regular or special session of the General Assembly, the Secretariat, in particular its protocol and security services, shall hold discussions with all Member States on all aspects related to the organization of the high-level segment of the general debate and any other activities that may have special organizational requirements.	Secretariat (Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, Department of Safety and Security)	Implemented on an ongoing basis. The Secretariat regularly briefs Member States on the organizational aspects of the general debate. It also issues an information note in advance of the annual high-level segment.
72.	72/313 , para. 46 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 40; 70/305 , para. 27; 69/321 , para. 28; 68/307 , para. 19; 57/301 , para. 2; and 51/241 , annex, paras. 19 and 20 (a)	Encourages the scheduling of future high-level meetings during the first half of the year, from within existing resources, taking into account the calendar of conferences and without prejudice to the current practice of convening one high-level meeting in September at the beginning of each session of the Assembly.	Secretary-General, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	High-level thematic debates and high-level debates organized by the President of the General Assembly are normally scheduled during the first half of the year (that is, during the resumed part of the session).

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73.	72/313 , para. 40 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 34	Decides to continue to consider ways to rationalize the number of side events held during the high-level segment of the general debate, bearing in mind the need to enhance its decorum and significance, and encourages the scheduling of side events at United Nations Headquarters outside of the hours when the general debate is being held.	Ad Hoc Working Group, Member States	Ongoing provision.
74.	51/241 , annex, para. 20 (b)–(e)	The preparation of the list of speakers for the general debate shall be based on the following principles: (b) Member States shall be invited to indicate three preferences for speaking times; (c) Member States wishing to organize or participate in group meetings during the general debate period shall be encouraged to coordinate their responses to the request for preferences and to indicate this transparently in their responses; (d) The Secretariat shall be requested to prepare a list of speakers based on existing traditions and expressions of preference to best accommodate Members' needs; (e) The list of speakers for each day shall be completed and no speakers will be rolled over to the next day, notwithstanding the implications for hours of work.	Secretary-General, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat. The preparation of the list is based on the expressions of preference, traditions and other criteria (such as written request by a Member State, level of the representation, previous speaker slot, gender balance and geographical diversity).
75.	72/313 , para. 15	Recommends, in this regard, unless decided otherwise, that no other agenda items should be opened during the dates allocated for the general debate.	General Assembly, Secretary-General, Member States	Ongoing provision.

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D. Provisions related to the conduct of business: time limits on speeches				
76.	59/313 , para. 10	Decides that time limits on speeches in the plenary Assembly and in the Main Committees shall be applied in accordance with rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.	Member States, Secretary-General, President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat, the President of the General Assembly and Member States, bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.
77.	59/313 , para. 13	Invites Member States that are aligned with statements already made by the chair of a group of Member States, where possible, to focus additional interventions that they make in their national capacity on points that have not already been adequately addressed in the statements of the group in question, bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by the Member States bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.
78.	51/241 , annex, para. 22	Outside the general debate there shall be a 15-minute time limit in plenary meetings and in the Main Committees.	Member States	Ongoing provision. Provision to be applied by Member States bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.

E. Provisions related to modern technologies

79.	73/341 , para. 32 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , para. 54; 71/323 , para. 49; 70/305 , para. 32; 69/321 , para. 31; 68/307 , para. 20; 67/297 , paras. 20 and 21; 66/294 , paras. 15 and 23; and 64/301 , para. 19	Requests 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 order to save costs, reduce the environmental impact and improve the distribution of documents.	Member States, Secretariat	Ongoing provision. United Nations parliamentary documents are electronically available through the e-subscription service of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, available from http://undocs.org . Using Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds, parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or handheld smart device. At the seventy-second session, the Assembly welcomed the publishing of electronic live versions of the Blue Book, the White Pages and the Yellow Pages (resolution 72/313 , para. 57).
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				<p>Delegate-facing services for the plenary and the six Main Committees have been centralized through the e-deleGATE portal. This includes e-Speakers, e-Sponsorship, e-list of participants and CandiWeb. As such, the portal provides easy access to the pre-session, in-session and post-session documents of those bodies.</p> <p>The e-deleGATE portal also provides access to official correspondence of the United Nations addressed to the Member States.</p> <p>In the Main Committees, delegations are increasingly making use of the possibility of circulating their statements electronically and reading out shorter remarks.</p>
80.	72/313 , para. 36	Requests 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.	Secretariat	Ongoing provision. The provisional lists of speakers for meetings of the General Assembly, its Main Committees and subsidiaries, and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiaries that utilize the e-deleGATE platform are usually circulated via email announcements no later than the day before.
81.	72/313 , para. 42 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 36	Decides that, in addition to the general debate and the thematic meetings, the interactive and comprehensive dialogue between the Permanent Missions and the Secretariat held within the Ad Hoc Working Group, as outlined in paragraph 10 of resolution 71/323 , shall be webcast.	Department of Global Communications	Ongoing provision.
82.	71/323 , para. 35	Requests the Secretariat to provide a tool to allow Member States and the United Nations system to upload and publish information about side events organized by them at United Nations Headquarters throughout the year.	Secretariat	In its resolution 72/313 , the Assembly took note of the possibility for Member States to publish their side events under a dedicated section of the digital version of the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> (para. 41).

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83.	71/323 , para. 50	Requests the Secretariat to explore ways to provide real-time updates with respect to the cancellation and postponement of meetings, as currently provided on the screens at United Nations Headquarters, through a user-friendly application for electronic devices, and to present possible options to the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-second session of the General Assembly.	Secretariat	Implemented.
84.	70/305 , para. 18 <i>Also in:</i> 69/321 , para. 20	Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to include, in his report to be submitted at the seventy-first session of the General Assembly under the agenda item entitled “Pattern of conferences”, information regarding the basis for the current practice whereby Member States bear the additional costs of using United Nations Headquarters conference services during business hours.	Secretary-General	Implemented (see A/71/116 , para. 19).
85.	66/294 , para. 24 <i>Also in:</i> 65/315 , para. 19; 64/301 , para. 21; 63/309 , para. 9; 60/286 , annex, para. 28; 59/313 , para. 15; and 55/285 , annex, para. 24 (a)	Decides that the Ad Hoc Working Group shall remain apprised of options for more time-effective, efficient and secure balloting, reiterating the need to ascertain the credibility, reliability and confidentiality of the balloting process, and requests the Secretariat to submit an update in case of any new technological developments, on the understanding that the adoption of any new balloting system in the future will require a decision of the plenary of the General Assembly.	Secretariat, General Assembly (Ad Hoc Working Group)	The Ad Hoc Working Group receives periodic updates from the Secretariat in case of any new technological developments. During the seventy-third session, the Ad Hoc Working Group was briefed by the Office of Information and Communications Technology in the course of informal consultations.

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86.	63/309, para. 7	Calls upon Member States to respond to the annual review of the Meetings and Publishing Division of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management on the distribution of printed documents to Missions, bearing in mind the cost savings, as well as the reduced environmental impact, which may accrue from this exercise, in order to improve the quality and distribution of those documents.	Member States	Ongoing provision. Member States have been responding favourably to the annual review of the Meetings and Publishing Division, resulting in decreased requests for hard copies of parliamentary documents and an increase in the number of requests for e-subscription to digital copies of documents.
87.	55/285, annex, para. 24 (b) and (c)	<p>Taking into account the general support in this regard, the Secretary-General is requested to submit proposals to the General Assembly for its consideration:</p> <p>(b) Wiring of the main conference rooms at Headquarters to provide members of delegations and the Secretariat with access to the Official Document System and other databases of the Organization, as well as to the Internet, together with electronic access to texts of statements and reports and, in the case of reports, simultaneous access to texts in all official languages;</p> <p>(c) Other areas of the work of the Assembly in which the use of modern technology and information technology would contribute to enhancing efficiency in its working methods.</p>	Secretary-General	Implemented. The Official Document System is now fully operational. Furthermore, the eStatements section of the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> , which replaced the former PaperSmart portal, provides electronic access to the texts of statements of Member States. In addition to the Official Document System, the <i>Journal</i> as well as relevant websites provide electronic access to reports and parliamentary documents in all official languages.
88.	51/241, annex, para. 45	The Secretary-General is requested to pursue an information technology plan with a range of options to provide all permanent missions to the United Nations and the wider public with online access to documents	Secretary-General	<p>Implemented. The Official Document System is fully operational and accessible. In addition to distribution via electronic means, hard copies continue to be distributed to permanent missions as requested.</p> <p>Regarding the reference to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group</p>

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		and relevant United Nations information. Unless the General Assembly decides otherwise, hard copies of documents shall continue to be distributed to permanent missions in accordance with their needs. While welcoming the progress made by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics of the Economic and Social Council, further efforts in this direction could be pursued within a specified time frame to harmonize and improve United Nations information systems. All countries, in particular developing countries, shall be assisted in making full use of this potential access. Adequate provision should be made for training delegates. Facilities for such access by delegations within the United Nations premises shall also be expanded as much as possible. Availability of information in this manner should be ensured in all official languages of the United Nations.		on Informatics of the Economic and Social Council, the last time the Council had before it a report on the matter was in 2011. At that time, the Council took note of the report, but no proposal was submitted to it for consideration. The last time the item was on the agenda was in 2012. No documentation or proposal was submitted to the Economic and Social Council for consideration.
89.	51/241 , annex, para. 46	The Secretary-General is encouraged to include information on the impact of technological improvements in his report on the implementation of mandates, by means of comparing outputs with objectives.	Secretary-General	See comments for provisions 87 and 88 above.

F. Provisions related to documentation: resolutions
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90.	66/294 , para. 21 <i>Also in:</i> 65/315 , para. 17	Encourages 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,	Member States, Secretariat	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. This issue is frequently examined in a number of intergovernmental bodies.
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		inter alia, by referring to previous documents rather than repeating actual content, and to focus on key themes.		
G. Provisions related to documentation: consolidation of reports				
91.	60/286 , annex, para. 29 <i>Also in:</i> 59/313 , para. 16; 58/316 , annex, para. 6 (c); and 58/126 , annex, sect. B, para. 7	Requests the Secretary-General to implement further the measures set out in paragraph 20 of resolution 57/300 on the consolidation of reports and in paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution 58/316 on documentation.	Secretary-General	<p>In response to the provision formulated in resolution 57/300, the Secretariat issued a note entitled “Control and limitation of documentation” (A/58/CRP.7).</p> <p>Since the adoption of the resolution, a number of reports, where appropriate, have been consolidated (A/61/483, p. 21, and A/62/608).</p> <p>The Main Committees regularly examine the issue of consolidation of documentation, particularly when considering their working methods in the context of the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.</p>
92.	59/313 , para. 16 <i>Also in:</i> 58/316 , annex, para. 6	<p>In the light of its decision in section B, paragraph 7, of the annex to resolution 58/126 that the heavy volume of documentation that is submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration should be reduced, the Secretary-General is requested:</p> <p>(a) To update the note by the Secretariat, entitled “Control and limitation of documentation” (A/58/CRP.7) in the light of the provisions of the present resolution;</p> <p>(b) To submit the updated version of the note by the Secretariat for the consideration of the General Committee, meeting in open-ended consultations, so that it may make recommendations to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session.</p>	Secretary-General	<p>In response to the provision formulated in resolution 57/300, the Secretariat issued a note entitled “Control and limitation of documentation” (A/58/CRP.7). The note has not been updated as the proposed update lacked the endorsement of Member States.</p>

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93.	55/285 , annex, para. 16	In preparing the annual memorandum concerning the implementation of the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, the secretariat of the Assembly, in consultation with the substantive departments of the Secretariat, should look for synergies and integration of reports.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat. The annual memorandum concerning the implementation of the resolutions contains a paragraph on the need for possible integration of reports.
H. Provisions related to the preparation and issuance of reports				
94.	66/294 , para. 21 <i>Also in:</i> 59/313 , para. 18; and 49/221 B, para. 6 (c)	Calls upon Member States, United Nations bodies and the Secretariat to observe existing submission deadlines so as to allow for the timely processing of documents to be examined by intergovernmental bodies.	Member States, Secretariat	Ongoing provision. In response to this request, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management has entered into a compact with the Secretary-General which provides for zero tolerance of late submission of documents (A/61/483 and A/62/608).
95.	55/285 , annex, para. 18	The Secretary-General is requested to make further suggestions as to how to speed up the preparation of reports and to rationalize the scheduling of meetings. The Secretary-General shall keep the President of the General Assembly and the General Committee informed on this issue on a regular basis throughout the sessions of the Assembly.	Secretary-General	The Secretary-General continues to make recommendations in his memorandums on organization of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items (see, for example, the most recent memorandum, A/BUR/75/1).
96.	59/313 , para. 17	Encourages Member States, when seeking additional information, to request that they be provided with the information either orally or, if in writing, in the form of information sheets, annexes, tables and the like, and encourages the wider use of this practice.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by the Member States.

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97.	55/285 , annex, para. 17	Member States and entities of the United Nations system should make a serious effort to submit their replies and inputs to requests for information or views pursuant to resolutions of the General Assembly within the prescribed deadlines.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by the Member States.
I. Provisions related to the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization				
98.	55/285 , annex, para. 14 <i>Also in:</i> 51/241 , annex, para. 7	As regards implementation of paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 51/241 , the President of the General Assembly, after consideration by the Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, shall inform the Assembly of his assessment of the debate on the report in order for the Assembly to determine the need for further action.	President of the General Assembly	According to practice, the Secretary-General introduces his report at the beginning of the general debate. Consequently, the President of the General Assembly presents his/her assessment at the conclusion of the general debate. Any additional assessment by the President is provided after plenary meetings of the General Assembly.
99.	51/241 , annex, para. 4	The introduction to the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization should be in the nature of an executive summary highlighting main issues.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented by the Secretariat. The introduction to the report on the work of the Organization is presented in the form of an executive summary highlighting the main issues.
100.	51/241 , annex, para. 5 <i>Also in:</i> 55/285 , annex, para. 13	The main body of the report shall be comprehensive, informative and analytical in a way that will allow Member States to examine and assess, inter alia, through the debate on the report, the extent to which mandates given by the General Assembly have been fulfilled, as well as to set priorities in the context of the major political, economic and social, administrative and financial issues on its agenda.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented by the Secretariat on an ongoing basis.

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101.	51/241 , annex, para. 6 <i>Also in:</i> 55/285 , annex, para. 13	The Secretary-General shall incorporate a forward-looking section in his report on the work of the Organization. It shall describe the specific goals for the Secretariat in the year ahead in the context of the workplan for the Organization in the coming year, taking into account the medium-term plan and the fact that the responsibility for establishing priorities rests with the Member States.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat.
102.	51/241 , annex, para. 9 <i>Also in:</i> 55/285 , annex, para. 13	The report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization shall, inter alia, contain an analytical and concise annex elaborating the costs by major programmes and activities of all bodies of the United Nations system, located both in and outside New York, according to their mandates, so as to improve Member States' overview of system-wide issues.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat.
103.	51/241 , annex, para. 3	The report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization should be available not later than 30 days prior to the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly in all official languages of the Organization so as to permit due consideration.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat. During the seventy-fifth session the report was issued on 24 July 2020.
104.	51/241 , annex, para. 7	The report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization shall be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly immediately after the general debate.	Secretary-General, Member States (General Assembly)	Provision implemented by the Secretariat on an ongoing basis. The report is considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly immediately after the general debate.

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105.	51/241 , annex, para. 10	The Secretary-General is requested to introduce the report orally at an appropriate time under the agenda item entitled “Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization”.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General introduces his report orally under the agenda item entitled “Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization”.
106.	73/341 , para. 17	Requests the President of the General Assembly to reconsider the timing of the plenary meetings of the Assembly on the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization and on the report of the Security Council, in close coordination with the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council, so that discussions of these important reports are not conducted in a perfunctory manner.	President of the General Assembly, Secretary-General	<p>During the seventy-fourth session, the plenary meetings on the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization were convened on 22 and 23 January 2020, instead of immediately after the general debate per paragraph 7 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 51/241 (see A/74/PV.54, A/74/PV.55 and A/74/PV.56). At the 54th plenary meeting, on 22 January 2020, the Secretary-General made a statement, in the course of which he outlined his priorities for 2020. Subsequently, the formal plenary meeting was suspended for an informal question-and-answer segment (see the letters from the President of the General Assembly dated 6 and 14 January 2020).</p> <p>During the seventy-fifth session, the plenary meetings on the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization were convened on 28 and 29 January 2021 (see A/75/PV.51, A/75/PV.51 (Resumption 1) and A/75/PV.52). At the 51st plenary meeting, on 28 January 2021, the Secretary-General made a statement, in the course of which he outlined his priorities for 2021. Subsequently, the formal plenary meeting was suspended for an informal question-and-answer segment (see the letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 22 January 2021).</p>

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J. Provisions related to the agenda of the General Assembly				
107.	73/341 , para. 29 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , para. 27; 71/323 , para. 26; 70/305 , para. 20; 69/321 , para. 22; 68/307 , para. 16; 67/297 , para. 15; 66/294 , para. 18; 65/315 , para. 14; 64/301 , para. 18; and 63/309 , para. 6	Emphasizes that the General Assembly and its Main Committees, at the seventy-fourth 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-fourth session of the Assembly.	Member States (General Assembly), Main Committees	Ongoing provision. At the seventieth session, the Second Committee undertook a process of informal consultations on the revitalization of the work of the Second Committee. Separately, the President of the seventieth session of the General Assembly appointed a group of facilitators to find agreement, in consultation with Member States, on strategically aligning the agenda of future sessions of the General Assembly with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals. At the seventy-fourth session, the Second Committee undertook a process of informal consultations on the revitalization of the work of the Second Committee. Also at the seventy-fourth session, the Assembly adopted decision 74/537 B of 11 August 2020, entitled “Revitalization of the work of the Second Committee”.
108.	73/341 , para. 28 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , para. 29; 71/323 , para. 28; and 70/305 , para. 22	Takes note with appreciation of the updated mapping assessment of the Sustainable Development Goals coverage developed during the seventy-third session of the General Assembly as an evolving reference document for the consideration of Member States during the seventy-fourth session of the Assembly, and also takes note of the initial efforts made during the seventy-third session of the Assembly to develop possible criteria to identify overlaps and duplication where they are found to exist, with a view to continuing the work on agenda alignment with the aim of focusing the work of the Assembly more effectively and efficiently on the timely implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.	Member States	The President of the seventieth session of the General Assembly appointed a group of facilitators to find agreement, in consultation with Member States, on strategically aligning the agenda of future sessions of the Assembly with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals. The President of the seventy-first session appointed two co-facilitators whose report, which includes recommendations for consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-first session, was circulated in a letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 17 July 2017. The President of the seventy-second session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Belgium and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process.

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				<p>The President of the seventy-third session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Timor-Leste and Czechia to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-fourth session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Botswana and Montenegro to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-fifth session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Bangladesh and Slovenia to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process and convened the informal meeting of the General Committee to discuss the alignment process (see provisions 109 and 139).</p>
109.	<p>74/303, para. 6</p> <p><i>Also in:</i></p> <p>73/341, para. 27;</p> <p>72/313, para. 31;</p> <p>71/323, para. 30</p>	<p><i>Requests</i> the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session to identify proposals, in a timely manner, through consultations with all Member States, the President of the Economic and Social Council and the General Committee, within their respective mandates, aimed at addressing gaps, overlaps and duplication where they are found to exist in the agenda of the Assembly as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a whole, and reaffirms the respective mandates of the Main Committees of the Assembly, and on that basis, calls upon all of them to continue their consideration of addressing gaps, overlaps and duplication in their respective agendas as they relate to the 2030 Agenda as a whole, and in this regard requests them to make proposals available for discussion during the</p>	<p>President of the General Assembly, Member States</p>	<p>The Presidents of the seventy-second and seventy-third sessions each convened a meeting of the General Committee for an exchange of views to identify next steps aimed at addressing gaps and duplication in the agenda of the General Assembly as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-second session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Belgium and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-third session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Timor-Leste and Czechia to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-fourth session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Botswana and Montenegro to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-fifth session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Bangladesh and</p>

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		seventy-fifth session of the Assembly.		Slovenia to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process and convened the informal meeting of the General Committee to discuss the alignment process (see provisions 108 and 139).
110.	73/341 , para. 23	Stresses the desirability of the General Assembly further streamlining its agenda and dedicating more time for dialogue as well as the review of the implementation of the resolutions it adopts.	Member States (General Assembly)	Ongoing provision.
111.	58/316 , annex, para. 2 (a) and (d)	(a) Pursuant to paragraph 4 of section B of the annex to resolution 58/126 , the agenda of the General Assembly shall be organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002–2005 (or in the strategic framework, as appropriate), with an additional heading for “Organizational, administrative and other matters”; (d) The provisions of the present section shall be reviewed by the General Assembly at its sixty-first session with a view to making further improvements, as appropriate.	Secretary-General, Member States (General Assembly)	One-time action. As from the fifty-ninth session, the agenda of the General Assembly has been organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002–2005 and, subsequently, in accordance with the strategic framework for the period 2006–2007, with an additional heading I, entitled “Organizational, administrative and other matters” (A/61/483 , p. 13, and A/62/608). During the sixty-first session no revision was made by the General Assembly.
112.	58/316 , annex, para. 4	Provisions related to allocation of agenda items (for details see resolution 58/316 , annex, para. 4).	Member States, Secretary-General	One-time action. The provisions of this paragraph have been implemented as from the fifty-ninth session and reflected in the agenda of each session (A/62/608 , and resolution 58/316 , annex, para. 4).

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113.	55/285 , annex, paras. 3–9	Provisions related to clustering of agenda items concerning cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations (for details see resolution 55/285 , annex, paras. 3–9).	Member States, Secretary-General	One-time action. Provisions implemented as requested and reflected in the agenda of each session.
114.	55/285 , annex, paras. 10 and 11	Provisions related to biennialization of agenda items (for details see resolution 55/285 , annex, paras. 10 and 11).	Member States, Secretary-General	One-time action. The provisions have been implemented as requested.
115.	55/285 , annex, para. 12	The following item shall be considered by the Third Committee, starting at the fifty-sixth session: “Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly”.	Member States, Secretary-General	One-time action. The provision has been implemented as requested.
116.	58/126 , annex, sect. B, para. 4	With a view to better conceptualization of the content of the agenda of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General is requested to submit to the Assembly, for its consideration by 1 March 2004, an illustrative agenda of the Assembly, based on all the agenda items of the fifty-eighth session, organized around the priorities of the Organization for the period 2002–2005. The General Committee shall hold open-ended discussions on the illustrative agenda before making recommendations on the matter to the Assembly for its decision by 1 July 2004.	Secretary-General, General Committee	One-time action. In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled “Illustrative agenda of the General Assembly” (A/58/CRP.4), which the Assembly considered at its fifty-eighth session (A/61/483 , p. 12). See also comments for provision 111 above.

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117.	58/126 , annex, sect. B, para. 5	The President of the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session, in consultation with the Secretary-General, and following consultations with concerned Member States, is requested to make proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items of the customary agenda of the Assembly for the consideration of the General Committee by 1 April 2004. The General Committee shall hold open-ended discussions on the proposals before making recommendations on the matter to the Assembly for its decision by 1 July 2004.	President of the General Assembly	One-time action. Subsequent to the adoption of resolution 58/126 , the Secretariat circulated a note entitled “Analysis of the agenda of the General Assembly” (A/58/CRP.6), which was considered by the General Committee in open-ended informal consultations.
118.	55/285 , annex, para. 2 <i>Also in:</i> 51/241 , annex, para. 24	The rationalization and streamlining of the agenda of the General Assembly should continue in order to enable the Assembly to focus its work on priority issues. Any change or suggestion concerning the agenda is made with the understanding that Member States may at any time propose any issue or item for the attention and consideration of the Assembly.	Member States (General Assembly)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
119.	51/241 , annex, para. 23	Bearing in mind rule 81 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the requirements for reopening debate on an agenda item which the Assembly had decided was completed will continue to be as at present and should be made clear to delegations through a statement from the President of the Assembly. A delegation wishing to reopen debate on an agenda item should send a written request to the President of the Assembly. The President will then undertake soundings to	Member States (General Assembly), President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.

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		ascertain whether the request enjoys wide support. In the light of these soundings, the President shall announce in the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> the date of the meeting of the Assembly to consider the question of reopening debate on the item, bearing in mind the requirements of rule 81.		
120.	51/241 , annex, para. 25	As a general rule, agenda items that could be considered in the Main Committees shall be referred to the Main Committees rather than the General Assembly in plenary meetings.	General Assembly, Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.

K. Provisions related to practices and working methods of the Main Committees of the General Assembly

121.	72/313 , para. 23 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 22	Requests the continuation of the established practice of holding handover meetings of the outgoing and incoming bureaux to exchange views on outcomes and the upcoming agenda, and of presenting a report by the Chairs of the Main Committees to their successors on best practices and lessons learned.	Main Committee Chairs	Ongoing provision.
122.	72/313 , para. 25 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 24	Calls for the continuation of the practice of periodical meetings between the six Chairs of the Main Committees during the session of the General Assembly to share best practices and increase the coherence and complementarity of the work of the Main Committees.	Main Committee Chairs	Ongoing provision.
123.	69/321 , para. 16 <i>Also in:</i> 68/307 , para. 13; 60/286 , annex, para. 25; and 59/313 , para. 8	Appreciates the briefings by the Chairs of the Main Committees of the General Assembly to the Ad Hoc Working Group about the working methods of their respective Committees during the sixty-ninth session of the Assembly, and in this regard	Main Committees	Main Committees periodically hold informal meetings on their working methods. E-deleGATE provides a tool for Main Committees to facilitate their work. In the past, some of the Main Committees explored ways and possibilities of enhancing their

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		<p>encourages the Main Committees:</p> <p>(a) To ensure adequate coordination in their work while avoiding overlap and duplication;</p> <p>(b) To hold elections for the bureaux of the Main Committees at least three months before the opening of each session, and preferably up to six months in advance of the session, and calls upon the regional groups to proceed with relevant nominations in a timely manner and in accordance with the interim arrangement set out in Assembly decision 68/505 of 1 October 2013;</p> <p>(c) To benefit from their respective intranet and other online services to facilitate the smooth organization and timely conclusion of their work;</p> <p>(d) To further enhance sharing of information on the work and activities of the Main Committees within each Main Committee;</p> <p>(e) To further improve the management of the negotiation process for Assembly resolutions.</p>		<p>cooperation. For instance, during the sixtieth and sixty-first sessions there were joint meetings of the Bureaux of the Second and Third Committees.</p>
124.	<p>73/341, para. 26</p> <p><i>Also in:</i></p> <p>72/313, para. 22;</p> <p>71/323, para. 21;</p> <p>70/305, para. 17;</p> <p>69/321, para. 19;</p> <p>68/307, para. 14;</p> <p>67/297, para. 13;</p> <p>66/294, para. 19;</p> <p>and 65/315, para. 15</p>	<p>Requests each Main Committee to further discuss its working methods, and in this regard invites the Chairs of the Main Committees to continue briefing the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-fourth session on any best practices and lessons learned with a view to improving working methods, and to coordinate their briefings through, inter alia, possible identification of commonalities in the working methods and the lessons learned.</p>	<p>Main Committees, Main Committee Chairs</p>	<p>Implemented on an ongoing basis. Briefings were provided to the Ad Hoc Working Group by the Main Committee Chairs from the sixty-fifth to the seventy-fifth session.</p>

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125.	69/321 , para. 17 <i>Also in:</i> 59/313 , para. 9	Calls upon outgoing Chairs of the Main Committees to brief incoming Chairs on best practices and lessons learned from previous sessions of the Main Committees and to provide their written observations and lessons learned to their immediate successors, and encourages the incoming Chairs and bureaux of the Main Committees to consult with Member States shortly after their election on how the work will be conducted during the upcoming session of their Committee.	Main Committees	Provision is implemented by the Main Committees on an ongoing basis. The observations and lessons learned are presented during the informal meetings between incoming and outgoing Bureaux of the respective Committees.
126.	58/316 , annex, para. 3 (a) <i>Also in:</i> 59/313 , para. 7; and 51/241 , annex, para. 26	Main Committees shall give specific attention to the rationalization of their future agendas by the biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items, and make recommendations to the plenary Assembly for its decision by 1 April 2005.	Main Committees	In response to this request, the Main Committees at the fifty-ninth and sixtieth sessions made recommendations to the Assembly.
127.	58/316 , annex, para. 3 (b) <i>Also in:</i> 51/241 , annex, para. 30	Main Committees shall adopt a provisional programme of work at the end of the session for the next session to help them better to plan, prepare and organize and, in this context, review the related documentation requirements.	Main Committees	Implemented as from the fifty-ninth session (information on the programme of work of the Fifth Committee is usually not available owing to the time frame of the Committee's work) (A/61/483 , p. 14, and A/62/608).
128.	58/316 , annex, para. 3 (c)	The practice of interactive debates and panel discussions shall be utilized or expanded, as appropriate, by all Main Committees so as to enhance informal, in-depth discussions and to bring together experts from various fields without prejudicing the progress of the substantive work of the Main Committees.	Main Committees	Provision is being implemented on an ongoing basis. The Committees make extensive use of interactive debates and panels, for example, panel meetings are of particular importance for the work of the Second Committee.

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129.	58/316 , annex, para. 3 (d) <i>Also in:</i> 51/241 , annex, para. 53	The practice of “question time” shall be introduced, as appropriate, in all Main Committees to enable a dynamic and candid exchange with heads of departments and offices, representatives of the Secretary-General and special rapporteurs.	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. As from the fifty-ninth session, the Main Committees introduced “question time”, which has significant importance for their work.
130.	58/316 , annex, para. 3 (e)	The websites of the Main Committees shall be enhanced and thereafter regularly updated and their content maintained by the secretariats of the Main Committees.	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The websites of the Main Committees continue to be enhanced and regularly updated by the respective secretariats (A/61/483 , p. 15, and A/62/608).
131.	58/316 , annex, para. 3 (f)	The bureaux-elect of the Main Committees shall meet immediately after their election in order to discuss the organization and division of their work.	Main Committees	Ongoing provision. Provision implemented as from the fifty-eighth session.
132.	58/316 , annex, para. 3 (g)	With a view to ensuring the continuity and the effective organization of their work, the incoming bureaux of the Main Committees shall, no later than two weeks after their election, meet with the outgoing bureaux in order to consult on and review issues relating to the efficient functioning of the Main Committees.	Main Committees	Implemented by most of the Main Committees as from the fifty-eighth session.
133.	58/316 , annex, para. 3 (h) <i>Also in:</i> 51/241 , annex, para. 30	Prior to the opening of each session, informal briefings of each Main Committee shall be convened to discuss the organization of work.	Main Committees	Implemented as from the fifty-ninth session.
134.	58/126 , annex, sect. B, para. 8	The Main Committees of the General Assembly are bound by the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, although they have different practices and working methods. With a view to identifying best practices and working methods, and recognizing the ongoing	Secretary-General	In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled “Historical and analytical note on the practices and working methods of the Main Committees” (A/58/CRP.5), which was considered by the General Committee in open-ended informal consultations (A/61/483 , p. 13, and A/62/608).

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		efforts of the Main Committees to streamline their work, the Secretary-General, drawing on the experience of previous Chairs of the Main Committees, is requested to submit a historical and analytical note on the practices and working methods of the Main Committees for the consideration of the General Committee by 1 April 2004. The General Committee shall hold open-ended discussions on the note before making recommendations on the matter to the Assembly for its decision by 1 July 2004.		
135.	51/241, annex, para. 51	There shall be a more detailed and structured examination in the Main Committees of the relevant reports of the Board of Auditors, the Joint Inspection Unit and the Office of Internal Oversight Services in relation to the substantive work of these Committees.	Main Committees	The reports are examined in the Main Committees on an ad hoc basis, if necessary.
136.	51/241, annex, para. 31	The Main Committees shall meet in substantive session only after the end of the general debate.	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
137.	51/241, annex, para. 36	The First Committee and the Fourth Committee shall not meet simultaneously and may consider meeting in a sequential manner during the regular session of the General Assembly. This arrangement shall not apply if it affects their respective identities, programmes of work and effective consideration of their agendas.	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The secretaries of the First and Fourth Committees undertake consultation for the purpose of avoiding simultaneous meetings.

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L. Provisions related to the General Committee				
138.	72/313 , para. 24 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 23	Requests the President-elect of the General Assembly to continue with the practice of meeting informally with the incoming members of the General Committee before the beginning of the regular session in order to review the proposed programme of work of the Main Committees, with a view to increasing their efficiency, improving complementarity and avoiding overlap of meetings of the Main Committees to the extent possible, in order to allow for wider participation by Member States.	President-elect	Ongoing provision. The President-elect of the seventy-sixth session convened a meeting with the incoming members of the General Committee in advance of the opening of the seventy-sixth session for an informal exchange of views.
139.	73/341 , para. 13 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , para. 30; and 71/323 , para. 29	Requests the General Committee, while exercising its functions under rule 40 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to pay special attention to reduction of such overlap.	General Committee	Ongoing provision. During the seventy-third session, the President convened informal meetings of the General Committee on 5 December 2018 to exchange views on the programme of work with respect to addressing gaps and duplication in the agenda of the General Assembly as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in accordance with Assembly resolution 72/313 , in particular paragraphs 29, 30 and 31; and on 17 April 2019 to discuss (a) improving the methods of work of the General Assembly as well as its Main Committees and (b) enhancing the role of the General Committee in further improving methods of work. During the seventy-fifth session the President convened an informal meeting of the General Committee on 9 December 2020 to discuss the priorities and mandates for the resumed part of the session of the General Assembly and the alignment process.

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140.	72/313 , para. 43 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 37	Recalls its resolutions 1898 (XVIII) of 11 November 1963, 2837 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971, 45/45 of 28 November 1990, 51/241 of 31 July 1997, 58/126 of 19 December 2003 and 58/316 , and reiterates its call to the President of the General Assembly to continue to make full use of the General Committee throughout the session, with a view to reviewing the programme of work of the Assembly and its Main Committees, in line with rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.	President of the General Assembly	Ongoing provision.
141.	60/286 , annex, para. 27 <i>Also in:</i> 58/316 , annex, para. 5 (b)	Reiterates its call for the effective implementation of rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.	General Committee	Since the adoption of resolution 58/316 , the General Committee has met throughout the session of the General Assembly.
142.	51/241 , annex, para. 33	The General Committee shall use its authority and competence, taking into account rule 43 of the rules of procedure, by allowing Member States that are not represented on the General Committee to participate in its discussions. The process of decision-making will continue to be as at present.	General Committee	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
143.	58/316 , annex, para. 5 (a)	The work of the General Committee shall be carried out in accordance with section VI of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.	General Committee	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
144.	58/316 , annex, para. 5 (b)	The General Committee shall continue to meet throughout the session and to play the leading role in advising the General Assembly on the efficient organization, coordination and management of its work.	General Committee	Since the adoption of resolution 58/316 , the General Committee has met throughout the session of the General Assembly and played its leading role in advising the Assembly in the organization of its work. During the seventy-fourth session, the General Committee held frequent

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				<p>consultations. In the light of the rapidly evolving developments relating to COVID-19, the Assembly had been carrying out its work through novel means to guarantee business continuity and mitigate the spread of the disease. On the proposal of its President contained in his letter dated 24 March 2020, the Assembly adopted under a silence procedure decision 74/544 of 27 March 2020, entitled “Procedure for taking decisions of the General Assembly during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic”, the provisions of which were subsequently expanded to include Main Committees in decision 74/555 of 15 May 2020. The procedure outlined in both decisions was subsequently extended by decisions 74/558 of 18 June 2020 and 74/561 of 21 July 2020, thus enabling the Assembly to take essential decisions by means of silence procedure between March and August 2020, after consultation with the General Committee, when a plenary meeting was not practicable as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>During the seventy-fifth session, the General Committee continued to meet on various issues, including business continuity.</p>
145.	58/316, annex, para. 5 (c)	To ensure the effective implementation of rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee shall meet regularly throughout the session with the bureaux of the Main Committees to review the progress of the work of the Main Committees and to make recommendations for furthering such progress.	General Committee	<p>Since the adoption of the provision, the General Committee has met throughout the sessions of the General Assembly to ensure the effective implementation of rule 42 of the rules of procedure. The Main Committee Chairs have regularly briefed the General Committee on the work of their Committees.</p>

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146.	58/316 , annex, para. 5 (d)	In July of each year, the General Committee shall conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the General Assembly, on the basis of a report to be submitted by the Secretary-General, and submit recommendations on the matter to the forthcoming Assembly. The report of the Secretary-General shall include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session.	General Committee	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis. In response to this request, the Secretary-General annually submits reports to the General Assembly, including the requested information on the status of documentation.
147.	58/316 , annex, para. 5 (f)	On the basis of proposals from the President of the General Assembly, and in the light of the positive experience during the fifty-eighth session, the General Committee shall be encouraged, as appropriate, to continue to schedule informal briefings on topical issues.	General Committee	At the fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions, the General Committee held a number of informal briefings on topical issues. Owing to the rising number of thematic debates, the practice of informal briefings in the General Committee has been limited to avoid duplication.
148.	58/316 , annex, para. 5 (h)	The General Committee shall continue to consider ways and means to further improve its working methods to increase its efficiency and effectiveness in all aspects, and make recommendations on the matter to the General Assembly for its decision by 1 April 2005.	General Committee	The General Committee continues to consider ways and means of improving its working methods. No recommendation has been made in that regard since the adoption of this provision.
149.	58/126 , annex, sect. B, para. 1	The General Committee shall meet throughout the session and further improve its working methods to increase its efficiency and effectiveness. It will play the leading role in advising the General Assembly on the efficient organization, coordination and management of its work. In this connection, the Assembly will also consider proposals to reform the General Committee.	General Committee	The General Assembly, at its fifty-eighth session, adopted resolution 58/316 , by which, inter alia, it decided on a number of measures with regard to the reform of the General Committee.

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150.	55/285 , annex, para. 20	In order to enhance the capacity of the General Committee to assist the President of the General Assembly in the conduct of the business of the Assembly and to improve continuity between its different sessions, at the outset of each session, each Vice-President of the Assembly shall designate a liaison person for the duration of the session. This designation may be made informally, without any amendment to rule 39 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, by means of a letter to its President.	General Committee	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
151.	51/241 , annex, para. 34	The General Committee may, each year, prior to the closure of the session, prepare suggestions based on its experience for the consideration of the incoming General Committee.	General Committee	Suggestions have been made on an ongoing basis during informal meetings between the incoming and outgoing General Committees.
152.	51/241 , annex, para. 35	The General Committee is requested to consider and recommend to the General Assembly methods and procedures for streamlining and rationalizing the Committee's work. The General Committee shall, in this context, in relation to each agenda item proposed, consider its rejection or its inclusion in the provisional agenda, taking into account previous recommendations of the General Committee and previous relevant decisions of the Assembly.	General Committee	Provisions to be implemented by the General Committee.

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M. Other matters				
153.	73/341 , para. 21 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , para. 63	Takes note of the proposals provided by the Secretariat for addressing the cost of the use of the Delegates' Dining Room and other venues at United Nations Headquarters in New York by delegations, and decides to continue the consideration of this issue during its seventy-fourth session.	Department of Operational Support	<p>During the seventy-third session, the Department of Operational Support briefed the Ad Hoc Working Group on 9 April 2019 on the issue and presented three possible options for consideration (see supplementary information annexed to the letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 18 April 2019). Additional information was provided in the course of informal consultations.</p> <p>A briefing was not provided at the seventy-fourth session owing to the cancellation of the interactive dialogue between the Secretariat and the permanent missions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>A briefing was provided at the seventy-fifth session on 25 March 2021.</p>
154.	72/313 , para. 64	Requests the Secretariat to provide, in an electronic version only, a list containing the names of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly and officers of the Main Committees, as well as members of the Security Council, members of the Economic and Social Council and Member States and observers of the United Nations.	Secretariat	The electronic lists containing the names of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly and officers of the Main Committees, as well as members of the Security Council, members of the Economic and Social Council and Member States and observers of the United Nations have been made available on the websites of the relevant bodies. In 2019, a new module was added to the e-deleGATE portal to enable searches for the names of Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly and officers of the Main Committees of the General Assembly as well as members of the Economic and Social Council.
155.	73/341 , para. 19	Requests the Secretariat to circulate in advance to the Permanent Missions all new or updated administrative instructions and other documents that have an impact on Member States with respect to the delivery of standard administrative services.	Secretariat	The provision is implemented on an ongoing basis.

Cluster III: selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads

No.	Resolution	Text of provision	Implementing entity	Comments
A. General provisions related to the selection of the Secretary-General				
156.	72/313 , para. 66 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 57; 70/305 , para. 37; 69/321 , para. 34; 68/307 , para. 26; 60/286 , annex, para. 17; and 51/241 , annex, para. 57	Reiterates that the process of selecting and appointing the Secretary-General differs from the process used with regard to the executive heads of the organizations of the United Nations system, given the roles of the Security Council and the General Assembly in accordance with Article 97 of the Charter, and emphasizes in particular that the process of selection of the Secretary-General is guided by the principles of transparency and inclusiveness, building on the best practices and the participation of all Member States.		Ongoing provision.
157.	72/313 , paras. 67 and 68 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 58; 70/305 , para. 40; 69/321 , para. 39; and 60/286 , annex, para. 22	Stresses, in particular, the need to ensure the appointment of the best possible candidate for the post of Secretary-General, who embodies the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity and who demonstrates a firm commitment to the purposes and principles of the United Nations, proven leadership and managerial abilities, extensive experience in international relations and strong diplomatic, communication and multilingual skills. Also stresses that, in the course of the identification and appointment of the best candidate for the post of Secretary-General, due regard shall continue to be given to regional rotation and to gender balance.		Ongoing provision.

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158.	73/341 , para. 41	Encourages future Presidents of the General Assembly to actively contribute to the implementation of provisions guiding the selection and appointment of the ninth Secretary-General, as contained in all relevant resolutions, in particular resolutions 69/321 and 70/305 , and stresses the need for the selection and appointment process of the Secretary-General and other executive heads to be guided by the principles of transparency and inclusiveness.	Presidents of the General Assembly	Ongoing provision.
159.	73/341 , para. 43	Decides to further assess during the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly the selection and appointment process of the Secretary-General, consolidate the advances gained in the relevant Assembly resolutions and explore possible steps to further improve the process, including the collaboration between the Assembly and the Security Council, consistent with Article 97 of the Charter, as well as to explore the possibility for the incumbent Secretary-General to present a vision statement for the next term and to brief the Member States on its content.	Ad Hoc Working Group, Member States	Implemented. The informal dialogue with a candidate for the position of Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres, of Portugal, was held on 7 May 2021 pursuant to resolution 69/321 and subsequent related resolutions. The format of the dialogue was communicated by the President of the General Assembly to all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations in New York in his letter dated 26 April 2021. The vision statement of the incumbent Secretary-General for the next term beginning on 1 January 2022 was circulated by the President of the General Assembly in his letter dated 25 March 2021.
160.	73/341 , para. 44	Reiterates the possibility of providing the process of selection and appointment of the Secretary-General with notional timelines in accordance with paragraph 72 of its resolution 72/313 , and decides to further discuss this issue during its seventy-fourth session in the Ad Hoc Working Group.	Ad Hoc Working Group, Member States	The Working Group considered the issue during the seventy-fourth and seventy-fifth sessions.

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B. Provisions related to the selection process				
161.	73/341 , para. 40 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , para. 69; 71/323 , para. 59; 70/305 , para. 41; 69/321 , para. 32; 68/307 , para. 25; 67/297 , para. 23; 66/294 , para. 25; 65/315 , para. 20; and 64/301 , para. 14	Reaffirms its commitment to continue, in the Ad Hoc Working Group, in accordance with the provisions of Article 97 of the Charter, its thorough consideration of the issues under the third thematic cluster of the Working Group, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, including the examination of innovative ways to improve the process of selecting and appointing the Secretary-General and other executive heads in all its aspects, and recalls all relevant resolutions, including resolutions 11 (I) of 24 January 1946, 46/77 of 12 December 1991, 47/233 of 17 August 1993, 48/264 , 51/241 of 31 July 1997, 52/163 of 15 December 1997, 55/14 of 3 November 2000, 55/285 of 7 September 2001, 56/509 of 8 July 2002, 57/300 of 20 December 2002, 57/301 of 13 March 2003, 58/126 of 19 December 2003, 58/316 of 1 July 2004, 59/313 of 12 September 2005, 60/286 of 8 September 2006, 61/292 of 2 August 2007, 62/276 of 15 September 2008, 63/309 of 14 September 2009, 64/301 of 13 September 2010, 65/315 of 12 September 2011, 66/294 of 17 September 2012, 67/297 of 20 August 2013, 68/307 of 10 September 2014, 69/321 of 11 September 2015, 70/305 of 13 September 2016, 71/323 and 72/313 , reaffirming the applicable procedures set out in the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in particular rule 141, and acknowledging existing relevant practices of the Assembly.	Ad Hoc Working Group, Member States	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The Ad Hoc Working Group has devoted a thematic meeting in each of its recent sessions to this issue. At the seventieth session, the Co-Chairs also convened a dedicated informal brainstorming session on, inter alia, the possibility of modifying the term of office to a single, non-renewable term and of recommending more than one candidate for consideration by the General Assembly.

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162.	72/313 , para. 70 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 60; 70/305 , para. 42; and 69/321 , para. 33	Calls upon the President of the General Assembly to monitor and review the Assembly's implementation of these resolutions.	President of the General Assembly	Ongoing provision.
163.	69/321 , para. 35 <i>Also in:</i> 60/286 , annex, para. 19; and 51/241 , annex, para. 60	Requests the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council to start the process of soliciting candidates for the position of Secretary-General through a joint letter addressed to all Member States, containing a description of the entire process and inviting candidates to be presented in a timely manner.	President of the General Assembly, President of the Security Council	A joint letter by the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council dated 15 December 2015 was sent to all Member States (see A/70/623-S/2015/988). A joint letter by the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council dated 5 February 2021 was sent to all Member States (see A/75/780-S/2021/179).
164.	69/321 , para. 36	Also requests the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council to jointly circulate to all Member States on an ongoing basis the names of individuals that have been submitted for consideration as candidates for the position of Secretary-General together with accompanying documents, including curricula vitae.	President of the General Assembly, President of the Security Council	The President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council jointly circulated the names of the individuals that were submitted for consideration as candidates during the seventieth, seventy-first sessions and seventy-fifth sessions.
165.	70/305 , para. 38 <i>Also in:</i> 69/321 , para. 37	Notes that the selection and appointment of the next Secretary-General is expected to take place in 2016, and as a result requests, without prejudice to the role of the principal organs as enshrined in Article 97 of the Charter, the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session to actively support this process in accordance with the role accorded to him by relevant resolutions, including the present resolution.	Presidents of the seventieth and seventy-first sessions of the General Assembly	Implemented by the Presidents of the seventieth and seventy-first sessions of the General Assembly.

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166.	70/305 , para. 39 <i>Also in:</i> 69/321 , para. 38; 68/307 , para. 28; 66/294 , para. 26; 60/286 , annex, para. 18; and 51/241 , annex, paras. 56 and 59	Reaffirms paragraph 38 of resolution 69/321 , and welcomes the presentation of a significant number of women for the position of ninth Secretary-General of the United Nations, following its invitation to Member States to do so.	Member States (General Assembly, Security Council)	Implemented.
167.	69/321 , para. 42 <i>Also in:</i> 60/286 , annex, para. 20	Decides, without prejudice to the role of the principal organs as enshrined in Article 97 of the Charter, to conduct informal dialogues or meetings with candidates for the position of Secretary-General, without any prejudice to any candidate who does not participate, thus contributing to the transparency and inclusivity of the process.	General Assembly, President of the General Assembly	<p>The Presidents of the seventieth and seventy-first sessions of the General Assembly organized informal dialogues with all candidates submitted for consideration as the ninth Secretary-General.</p> <p>In its resolution 72/313, the Assembly recalled that informal dialogues and meetings with candidates for the post of Secretary-General, as provided for in paragraph 42 of its resolution 69/321, are an important part of the selection and appointment process, and encouraged the President of the General Assembly to further improve, in close consultation with Member States, the modalities of these dialogues in order to increase their efficiency and interactivity with Member States (para. 71).</p> <p>The informal dialogue with a candidate for the position of Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres, of Portugal, was held on 7 May 2021 pursuant to resolution 69/321 and subsequent related resolutions. The format of the dialogue was communicated by the President to all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations in New York in his letter dated 26 April 2021.</p>

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C. Provisions related to the appointment and duration of the term				
168.	73/341 , para. 45	Decides that the Secretary-General-designate shall take an oath of office before the General Assembly during a swearing-in ceremony, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution.	Secretary-General-designate	Ongoing provision. During the seventy-fifth session, on 18 June 2021, the Secretary-General-designate took an oath of office before the Assembly during a swearing-in ceremony, as detailed in the annex to its resolution 73/341 (see A/75/PV.82).
169.	60/286 , annex, para. 21 <i>Also in:</i> 51/241 , annex, para. 61	Recalls paragraph 61 of its resolution 51/241 , in which it is stated that, in order to ensure a smooth and efficient transition, the Secretary-General should be appointed as early as possible, preferably no later than one month before the date on which the term of the incumbent expires.	General Assembly, Security Council	The provision is being implemented to the extent possible. Resolution 71/4 , by which the General Assembly appointed António Guterres Secretary-General of the United Nations for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2017 and ending on 31 December 2021, was adopted on 13 October 2016. Resolution 75/286 , by which the Assembly appointed António Guterres Secretary-General of the United Nations for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2022 and ending on 31 December 2026, was adopted on 18 June 2021.
170.	51/241 , annex, para. 58	The duration of the term or terms of appointment, including the option of a single term, shall be considered before the appointment of the next Secretary-General.	Member States	Member States decide on the duration of the term on a case-by-case basis, on the recommendation of the Security Council. At the seventieth session, the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group convened an informal brainstorming session on, inter alia, the possibility of modifying the term of office to a single, non-renewable term, and of recommending more than one candidate for consideration by the General Assembly. The Working Group continued to discuss the issue at the subsequent sessions.
D. Miscellaneous/other				
171.	73/341 , para. 50 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , para. 80; 71/323 , para. 65; and 69/321 , para. 40	Requests the Office of Human Resources of the Secretariat to continue with the practice of providing a briefing to the Ad Hoc Working Group on the gender and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior	Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance	At the sixty-ninth session, the Ad Hoc Working Group, on 22 March 2016, was briefed by the Acting Director of the Strategic Planning and Staffing Division of the Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Management, on the gender balance and regional origin of executive heads and the Senior

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		Management Group of the Organization, as well as with a breakdown showing those originating from the States that are permanent members of the Security Council.		<p>Management Group of the United Nations.</p> <p>During the seventy-third session, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources briefed the Working Group on the gender balance and regional origin of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group.</p> <p>During the seventy-fourth session, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources briefed the Working Group on the gender and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization.</p> <p>During the seventy-fifth session, the Director of the Global Strategy and Policy Division, Office of Human Resources, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, briefed the Working Group on the gender and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization.</p>
172.	<p>73/341, para. 46</p> <p><i>Also in:</i></p> <p>72/313, para. 75;</p> <p>71/323, para. 61; and</p> <p>70/305, para. 43</p>	<p>Welcomes again the ongoing efforts of the Secretary-General towards achieving equal and fair distribution in terms of the gender and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization, while securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, in accordance with Article 101 of the Charter and its resolutions 46/232 of 2 March 1992, 51/241, and 71/263 of 23 December 2016, commends in particular the fact that gender parity was achieved in the Senior Management Group, and requests that further effective measures be taken in this regard.</p>	Secretary-General	<p>Implemented on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>In its resolution 72/313, the Assembly took note of the call by the Secretariat to all Member States encouraging the nomination of candidates to supplement the Secretary-General's search to ensure a wide pool of candidates for positions at the senior level (para. 76).</p> <p>In its resolution 73/341, the Assembly welcomed the fact that gender parity had already been reached in the Senior Management Group, and commended the Secretary-General's commitment to reach gender parity and to recruit staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible across the United Nations Organization (para. 48).</p>

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173.	72/313 , para. 77 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 62; 70/305 , para. 44; and 69/321 , para. 43	Recalls its resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, in particular paragraph 2 thereof, in which it notes that the Secretary-General will appoint the Deputy Secretary-General following consultations with Member States, stresses that the process of appointments to senior posts by the Secretary-General within the Organization should be inclusive and transparent, in accordance with relevant rules of procedure and as set out in the Charter, and in this context calls upon the Secretary-General to announce such vacancies well in advance.	Secretary-General	Ongoing provision. In its resolution 73/341 , the Assembly supported the request of the Secretary-General for Member States to submit the names and résumés of nationals who might be considered for positions of executive heads and senior management of the Secretariat (para. 47).
174.	73/341 , para. 49 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , para. 78; 71/323 , para. 63; and 70/305 , para. 45	Reiterates the need to ensure equal and fair distribution based on gender balance and as wide a geographical basis as possible, and in this regard recalls its resolutions 46/232 and 51/241 , adopted without a vote, which contain the principles that the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity are the paramount considerations in the recruitment and performance of international civil servants and that, as a general rule, there should be no monopoly on senior posts in the United Nations system by nationals of any State or group of States.	Secretary-General	Ongoing provision.
175.	72/313 , para. 79 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 64	Reiterates its request that the Secretary-General continue his ongoing efforts to ensure the attainment of equitable geographical distribution and gender balance in the Secretariat, while recalling its resolution 71/263 , in particular the paragraphs thereof related to equitable geographical distribution and gender balance.	Secretary-General	Ongoing provision.

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176.	72/313 , para. 81	Invites the specialized agencies, funds and programmes to maintain updated information regarding the past and present executive heads on their official websites in order to strengthen transparency, as well as accessibility of the historical record.	Specialized agencies, funds and programmes	The Secretariat informed the heads of the specialized agencies, funds and programmes about the invitation by the Assembly. A number of them responded that this provision had already been implemented.
177.	72/313 , para. 82	Requests the Secretariat to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-third session on the issue of candidacies of senior United Nations officials currently holding office, in order to enhance transparency and equity of the appointment process.	Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance	During the seventy-third session, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources briefed the Working Group.

Cluster IV: strengthening the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly

<i>No.</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Text of provision</i>	<i>Implementing entity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
A. Provisions related to the competencies of the President of the General Assembly				
178.	70/305 , para. 57	Decides that the President-elect of the General Assembly shall take an oath of office of his or her own, as detailed in annex I to the present resolution, at the moment of handing over the gavel in the final plenary meeting of the preceding session, and decides that the text of the oath shall be annexed to the rules of procedure of the Assembly.	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	<p>Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The oath of office was first taken by the President-elect of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly at the 118th plenary meeting of the seventieth session of the Assembly, on 13 September 2016.</p> <p>The rules of procedure have been reissued (A/520/Rev.19) and include the oath of office under annex X.</p> <p>In its resolution 71/323, the General Assembly welcomed the taking of the oath of office and the observation of the code of ethics by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as contained in annexes X and XI to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, thus contributing to increased transparency and accountability of the Office (para. 67).</p>

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179.	70/305 , para. 58	Also decides that the President of the General Assembly shall observe a code of ethics, as detailed in annex II to the present resolution, and further decides that the text of the code of ethics for the President of the Assembly shall be annexed to the rules of procedure of the Assembly.	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The rules of procedure have been reissued (A/520/Rev.19) and include the code of ethics for the President of the General Assembly under annex XI.
180.	72/313 , para. 85 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 69; 70/305 , para. 49; 69/321 , para. 46; 68/307 , para. 31; 67/297 , para. 27; 66/294 , para. 29; 65/315 , para. 24; 64/301 , para. 13; and 63/309 , para. 4	Encourages the President of the General Assembly to continue the practice of periodically briefing Member States on his or her activities, including official travel.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
181.	70/305 , para. 51 <i>Also in:</i> 69/321 , para. 48; and 68/307 , para. 33	Encourages exchanges between the President-elect of the General Assembly and the Council of Presidents of the General Assembly so that Presidents-elect may benefit from the experiences of former Presidents in terms of best practices and lessons learned.	President of the General Assembly	Provision is implemented on an ongoing basis.
182.	72/313 , para. 90	Highly commends the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session for introducing the morning dialogues, envisaged as informal discussions among Permanent Representatives on the substantive and practical aspects of work of the Assembly, and strongly encourages the continuation of the valuable practice of regular meetings between the President and the Permanent Representatives.	President of the General Assembly, Member States	The President of the seventy-second session introduced the practice of regular morning dialogues with the Permanent Representatives. This practice has continued through the seventy-fifth session.

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183.	73/341 , para. 60 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , para. 87; 71/323 , para. 71; 70/305 , para. 52; 69/321 , para. 49; 67/297 , para. 32; 66/294 , para. 36; 65/315 , para. 28; 64/301 , para. 17; and 60/286 , annex, para. 9	Emphasizes the importance of a handover report for the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly in accordance with resolution 69/321 and other relevant mandates contained in resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the Assembly.	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Implemented on an ongoing basis. The President of the seventy-second session shared with all Member States, in a letter dated 17 September 2018, the handover summary received from his predecessor, which was prepared on the basis of a standardized format developed by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management and with the Department's technical assistance. The President of the seventy-third session continued the practice and shared with all Member States, in a letter dated 16 September 2019, the handover report to the President-elect. The President of the seventy-fourth session shared with all Member States, in a letter dated 15 September 2020, the handover report to the President-elect.
184.	73/341 , para. 59	Requests the Secretariat to issue, within existing resources, in coordination with the Office of the President of the General Assembly, a compendium of best practices of past Presidents that could serve to contribute to strengthening the institutional memory of the Office.	Secretariat, in coordination with the Office of the President of the General Assembly	The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management briefed the Working Group at the seventy-fourth session on 9 June 2020 and at the seventy-fifth session on 11 March 2021.
185.	72/313 , para. 101 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 84; 70/305 , para. 69; 69/321 , para. 56; 68/307 , para. 40; and 67/297 , para. 29	Requests the President of the General Assembly, in cooperation with the Secretariat, to report to the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-third session of the Assembly on the implementation of all mandates accorded to her under the present resolution and previous relevant resolutions.	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Ongoing provision. The Presidents of the General Assembly have been reporting to the Working Group.
186.	58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 7	In June of each year, the President-elect of the General Assembly, after taking into account the views provided by Member States and following consultations with the incumbent President and	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The President-elect of the seventy-fourth session proposed the following theme: "Galvanizing multilateral efforts for poverty eradication, quality education, climate action and inclusion". The

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		the Secretary-General, will suggest an issue, or issues, of global concern upon which Member States will be invited to comment during the general debate at the forthcoming session of the Assembly. The views provided by Member States should also be summarized and circulated to Member States. Such suggestions regarding the issue(s) for comment will be without prejudice to the sovereign right of Member States to solely and entirely determine the content of their general debate statements.		President-elect of the seventy-fifth session proposed the following theme: “The future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism – confronting COVID-19 through effective multilateral action”. The President-elect of the seventy-sixth session proposed the following theme: “Building resilience through hope – to recover from COVID-19, rebuild sustainably, respond to the needs of the planet, respect the rights of people, and revitalize the United Nations”.
187.	71/323 , para. 73	Decides, in full respect of the established principle of geographical rotation and its resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, to conduct informal interactive dialogues with candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, thus contributing to the transparency and inclusivity of the process, and calls upon candidates to present to the Assembly their vision statements.	General Assembly	<p>Ongoing provision. In its resolution 72/313, the Assembly strongly welcomed the organization of informal dialogues with candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, as well as the circulation of vision statements, as outlined in paragraph 73 of resolution 71/323 (para. 88).</p> <p>The President of the seventy-third session convened an informal interactive dialogue with the candidate for the position of President of the General Assembly at the seventy-fourth session, on 13 May 2019.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-fourth session convened an informal interactive dialogue virtually with the candidate for the position of President of the General Assembly at the seventy-fifth session, on 15 May 2020.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-fifth session convened interactive dialogues with the two candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly at the seventy-sixth session, on 6 May 2021.</p>

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188.	72/313 , para. 89	Requests the Ad Hoc Working Group to establish, in close consultation with the President of the General Assembly, the guidelines for the informal interactive dialogue with candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, including the question of participants, duration and format.	Ad Hoc Working Group	In its resolution 73/341 , the Assembly called upon the President of the General Assembly to organize the informal interactive dialogue of the Member States with the candidate(s) for the position of President of the General Assembly pursuant to resolution 71/323 as a question and answer session with targeted and relevant questions, that would serve as a follow-up to the vision statement of the candidate(s) and draw on the plans and priorities of each candidate for his or her term, and emphasized the need to provide enough time so that all participants would have the opportunity to put forward questions (para. 61). For the dates on which the interactive dialogues were held, see provision 187.

B. Provisions related to the financial, logistic and technical support for the President of the General Assembly

189.	72/313 , para. 96 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 79; 70/305 , para. 64; 69/321 , para. 54; and 68/307 , para. 38	Requests the Secretary-General to submit, in the context of the proposed programme budget for 2020, proposals to review the budget allocation of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, in accordance with existing procedures, including rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, and taking into account the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the issue, and in this connection looks forward to considering such proposals during the main part of its seventy-fourth session.	Secretary-General	Pursuant to resolution 70/305 , the Secretary-General, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, submitted the following proposals: (a) one new general temporary assistance position at the P-5 level to manage the continuity and transfer of knowledge between Presidents and sessions and assist in the preparation of the President's end-of-presidency report and in the handover for the President and/or the Office; and (b) additional general temporary assistance resources corresponding to an overlap period of one month for each of the four positions (2 D-2, 1 D-1 and 1 P-5) to maximize the use of the transition period for incoming Presidents on an annual basis (see A/72/6 (Sect. 1) , paras. 1.8 and 1.26). At the end of the main part of the seventy-second session, the General Assembly decided against the establishment of the requested P-5 position but approved the additional general temporary assistance resources corresponding to an overlap period of one month to maximize the use of the transition period for incoming Presidents (see resolution 72/263).
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				Pursuant to resolution 72/313 and in accordance with the recommendation in the report of the task force on the functioning of the Office of the President, the Secretary-General again included in the context of the proposed programme budget for 2020 the establishment of one additional P-5 position to support the Office of the President in managing the continuity and transfer of knowledge between Presidents and sessions, as well as to assist in the preparation of the President's end-of-presidency report and in the handover briefing for the President and/or the Office (see A/74/6 (Sect.1) , para. 1.7). At the end of the main part of the seventy-fourth session, the General Assembly decided not to approve the proposed establishment of the requested P-5 position and decided to maintain the transitionary period of one month (see resolution 74/262 , para. 36).
190.	72/313 , para. 83 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 66; and 70/305 , para. 46	Commends the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session for strengthening the transparency and inclusivity of his Office, including through continuing the practices outlined in paragraph 66 of resolution 71/323 , and for voluntarily presenting the summary of his personal financial disclosure, and requests future Presidents of the Assembly to follow these good practices.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Detailed information on finances, official travel, staffing and activities of the Office of the President of the General Assembly are made available on the website of the President.
191.	70/305 , para. 53	Requests the President of the General Assembly to preserve the records and institutional memory during her or his term of office by using existing United Nations record-keeping and archiving facilities, taking into account existing record-keeping standards and practices of the Organization.	President of the General Assembly	To be implemented on an ongoing basis.

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192.	71/323 , para. 72 <i>Also in:</i> 70/305 , para. 54	Supports the efforts made thus far in archiving and record-keeping by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, with the assistance of the Archives and Records Management Section of the Department of Management of the Secretariat, and stresses the need to continue to consider methods to effectively preserve the institutional memory of the Office.	Secretary-General	To be implemented on an ongoing basis upon receipt of relevant documentation from the Office of the President of the General Assembly.
193.	73/341 , para. 58	Requests the Secretary-General to take the measures necessary to preserve and further strengthen the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, through utilizing existing United Nations record-keeping and archiving facilities.	Secretariat	To be implemented on an ongoing basis.
194.	70/305 , para. 59	Requests the Ethics Office of the Secretariat and the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management to provide an induction briefing to all Presidents of the General Assembly and members of the Office of the President of the General Assembly prior to the assumption of their duties.	Ethics Office, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	<p>Implemented on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management organized a two-day induction programme for the President-elect of the seventy-first session and his team, which took place on 7 and 8 September 2016 and included briefings on conference management support; the rules of procedure of the General Assembly; the programme of work of the seventy-first session; ethics, accountability and oversight; best practices in digital records management; communications and media; budget, finance, human resources and administrative matters; and an overview of the protocol services available to the President of the General Assembly.</p> <p>Induction briefings were provided for the Presidents-elect of the seventy-third, seventy-fourth and seventy-fifth sessions and their teams in September 2018, 2019 and 2020.</p>

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195.	72/313 , para. 94 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 77; and 70/305 , para. 61	Recalls its request to the Secretary-General and its invitation to the heads of specialized agencies, funds and programmes, upon request by the President of the General Assembly, to consider seconding staff to work in the Office of the President of the General Assembly on a more systematic basis.	Secretary-General, heads of specialized agencies, funds and programmes	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis.
196.	70/305 , para. 62	Decides that Presidents of the General Assembly shall provide financial disclosures upon assumption and completion of their duties, in line with the existing United Nations financial disclosure programme.	President of the General Assembly	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis.
197.	70/305 , para. 65	Also requests the Secretary-General to make non-staff programme budget resources available to Presidents of the General Assembly from the date of their election.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. In its resolution 72/313 , the Assembly took note of the practice of making non-staff programme budget resources available to Presidents of the General Assembly from the date of their election (para. 97).
198.	72/313 , para. 100 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 83; and 70/305 , para. 67	Reiterates its call for non-in-kind contributions to be channelled through the trust fund, and welcomes steps taken in this regard by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session.	President of the General Assembly, Ethics Office	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis. In its resolution 72/313 , the Assembly welcomed the continuation of the practice of vetting all contributions from sources other than Member States through the Ethics Office, and urged adherence to this practice (para. 99).
199.	73/341 , para. 62 <i>Also in:</i> 70/305 , para. 68	Encourages the Office of the President of the General Assembly to expedite the posting of all relevant documents, including the President's speeches, letters, travels, activities, decisions and press releases, on the relevant websites of the United Nations.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.

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200.	72/313 , para. 98 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 81; 70/305 , para. 66; 69/321 , para. 55; 68/307 , para. 39; 67/297 , para. 28; 66/294 , para. 33; and 64/301 , para. 12	Stresses the importance of the contributions of Member States to the trust fund in support of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, and in this regard notes with appreciation the contributions that have been made to the fund, and encourages Member States to continue to contribute to the fund and to allow for unspent contributions from previous sessions to be made available for succeeding terms.	Member States	Since the adoption of resolution 66/294 , a number of contributions have been made to the trust fund in support of the Office of the President of the General Assembly. Furthermore, each incoming President of the Assembly is briefed about the fund and its modalities. Since the seventy-first session, the Presidents have published information concerning contributions made to the trust fund on their websites.
201.	73/341 , para. 52 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , para. 92; 71/323 , para. 74; 70/305 , para. 55; 69/321 , para. 50; and 68/307 , para. 34	Invites Member States to equally consider women as candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, and encourages Presidents-elect to continue to strive for both gender and geographical balance within the Office of the President of the General Assembly.	Member States	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis.
202.	73/341 , para. 56 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , para. 93; 71/323 , para. 75; 70/305 , para. 56; 69/321 , para. 51; 68/307 , para. 35; 67/297 , para. 30; 66/294 , para. 34; and 65/315 , para. 26	Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide to the President of the General Assembly, within existing resources, adequate administrative, technical, logistical and protocol-related support necessary to effectively execute his or her mandates as president of a principal organ of the United Nations.	Secretary-General	Ongoing provision. The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management briefed the Working Group at the seventy-fourth session on 9 June 2020 and at the seventy-fifth session on 11 March 2021.
203.	66/294 , para. 35 <i>Also in:</i> 65/315 , para. 27; 64/301 , para. 11; and 59/313 , para. 3 (d)	Requests the Secretary-General to further endeavour to ensure, within agreed resources, that the President of the General Assembly is provided with proper protocol and security services and adequate office space, with a view to enabling the President of the Assembly to carry out his or her functions in a manner commensurate with the dignity and stature of the Office.	Secretary-General	The Department of Safety and Security continues to provide close protection coverage for the President of the General Assembly from within existing resources, and the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management continues to provide protocol services to the Office of the President of the General Assembly. In addition, new office space has been made available to the Office in the renovated Conference Building.

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204.	71/323 , para. 76 <i>Also in:</i> 70/305 , para. 60; 69/321 , para. 52; 68/307 , para. 36; 67/297 , paras. 31 and 32; 66/294 , para. 36; 65/315 , para. 28; 63/309 , para. 5; and 60/286 , annex, para. 9	Emphasizes the need to ensure, from within agreed resources, that the Office of the President of the General Assembly is allocated dedicated Secretariat staff, with responsibility to, in an efficient and capable manner, coordinate the transition between Presidents, manage interactions between the President and the Secretary-General and preserve institutional memory, welcomes the provision by Member States of staff from their respective Permanent Missions to be seconded to the Office of the President, and encourages the continuation of this existing good practice.	Secretariat, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	<p>Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management provides technical, procedural and substantive support to the Office of the President of the General Assembly throughout the year and briefs Presidents-elect and their teams on the work of the forthcoming session.</p> <p>As from 2016, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management organizes an induction programme each year.</p> <p>The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management also serves as focal point for the institutional memory of the work and practices of the General Assembly within the Secretariat.</p>
205.	59/313 , para. 3 (b)	Decides to strengthen the role and leadership of the President of the General Assembly by: (b) Augmenting the resources available to the Office of the President of the General Assembly from within existing resources, subject to consideration by the Assembly of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007, to provide for two further additional posts at management and senior levels to be filled on an annual basis following consultations with the incoming President, beginning at the sixtieth session of the Assembly.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented as from the sixtieth session (A/61/483 , p. 18).

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206.	58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 10	The resources available to the Office of the President of the General Assembly in personnel and other support shall be augmented from within existing resources, bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 22 of the annex to resolution 55/285 . Five additional posts shall be made available to supplement current support, of which three shall be filled on an annual basis, following consultations with the incoming President, beginning at the fifty-ninth session of the Assembly.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented as from the fifty-ninth session (A/61/483 , p. 11, and A/62/608).
207.	55/285 , annex, para. 22 <i>Also in:</i> 51/241 , annex, para. 44	Additional measures are required to implement paragraph 44 of the annex to resolution 51/241 , in particular in the area of substantive support for the President of the General Assembly. Therefore, adequate support should be made available to the Office of the President in the substantive areas of its work. To this end, the Secretary-General is requested to take appropriate measures and to submit proposals to the relevant committees for their consideration during the fifty-sixth session of the Assembly.	Secretary-General	Implemented on an ongoing basis. See also other relevant provisions.
208.	59/313 , para. 3 (c)	Decides to strengthen the role and leadership of the President of the General Assembly by: (c) Making available to the President of the General Assembly adequate office and conference space with a view to enabling the President to carry out his/her functions in a manner commensurate with the dignity and stature of the Office.	Secretary-General	As from the sixty-eighth session, new office space has been made available to the Office of the President of the General Assembly in the renovated Conference Building.

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209.	60/286 , annex, para. 11 <i>Also in:</i> 58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 11	Requests the Secretary-General to continue to make the necessary arrangements for the provision of transitional office accommodation and other support to the President-elect of the General Assembly, in accordance with resolution 58/126 .	Secretary-General	As from the fifty-ninth session, transitional office space and other support has been provided to the Presidents-elect (A/61/483 , p. 11, and A/62/608 , p. 6).