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Programme planning

Report of the Second Committee

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2021, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-sixth session the item entitled “Programme planning” and to allocate it to all the Main Committees and the plenary to enhance the discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports.
2. At its 1st meeting, on 1 October 2021, the Second Committee, taking into account the situation regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the limitations on meetings held on United Nations premises as precautionary measures aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19, as well as available technological and procedural solutions, and bearing in mind the conference room paper of the Bureau of the Second Committee on the work of the Committee during the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly,¹ approved the working arrangements of the Committee for the seventy-sixth session, as set out in the organization of work of the Committee.²
3. The Second Committee convened a virtual informal meeting on 10 November 2021 to hold a general discussion on the item. The proceedings of the virtual informal meeting are reflected in the annex to the present document.
4. Following the general discussion on 10 November, the Chair of the Committee (Malta) transmitted a summary of the discussion to the Chair of the Fifth Committee.³
5. At the 10th meeting, on 23 November 2021, the Chair informed the Committee that the summary of the general discussion had been transmitted to the Chair of the Fifth Committee, to be taken into account by the Fifth Committee during its deliberations.

¹ Available at <https://www.un.org/en/ga/second/76/crplbureaupaper.pdf>.

² See A/C.2/76/L.1.

³ A/C.5/76/21, annex.



Annex

General discussion

1. In accordance with its agreed organization of work ([A/C.2/76/L.1](#)), as adjusted, the Committee held a general discussion of the item in an informal virtual meeting on 10 November 2021.
 2. At the same informal virtual meeting, the Committee heard statements by the representatives of Guinea (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union (on behalf of its Member States), New Zealand (also on behalf of Australia, Canada and Iceland), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland, the United States of America, China, Japan, El Salvador, Brazil, Mexico and Cuba.
 3. Statements delivered under the item that were provided to the Secretariat, as well as written contributions subsequently submitted under the item, are included in an annex to the Chair's summary of the meeting.
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