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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to General Assembly resolution [58/316](#). It contains the draft programme of work of the plenary for the seventy-seventh session of the Assembly. The draft programme of work is subject to further review, including in the light of any decisions that the Assembly may take in view of the situation concerning the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The draft programmes of work of five of the six Main Committees of the Assembly, which were approved by the Assembly, can be found in the respective decisions of the Assembly and are also subject to review in the light of any decisions that the Main Committees or the Assembly may take in view of the situation concerning COVID-19. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

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I. Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to its resolution [58/316](#) on further measures for the revitalization of the work of the Assembly, decided that, in July of each year, the General Committee would conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the Assembly, on the basis of a report submitted by the Secretary-General, and would also submit recommendations on the matter to the Assembly at its forthcoming session. The report would include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session. The present report has been prepared in response to that request.
2. Unless otherwise indicated, the meetings are to begin at 10 a.m. (9 a.m. in the case of the general debate).
3. With a view to assisting the General Committee and the General Assembly in their efforts to maximize both effectiveness and efficiency, the present report contains the draft programme of work of the plenary for the seventy-seventh session. The draft programme of work is subject to further review, including in the light of any decisions that the Assembly may take in view of the situation concerning the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).
4. The draft programmes of work of the Main Committees, with the exception of the Fifth Committee,¹ have been approved by the respective Committees and were adopted by the General Assembly in the following decisions: First Committee, decision 76/519; Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), decision 76/523; Second Committee, decision 76/545; Third Committee, decision 76/537; and Sixth Committee, decision 76/525. The draft programmes of the Main Committees are available in the respective decisions and are subject to review in the light of any decisions that the Main Committees or the Assembly may take in view of the situation concerning COVID-19.
5. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

II. Draft programme of work of the plenary for the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly

First week (13–16 September)

Tuesday, 13 September, p.m.	Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly [1] ²
	Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2]
	Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3 (a)]
Wednesday, 14 September	Meeting of the General Committee

¹ The Fifth Committee has not taken a decision on this matter.

² Items and their numbers cited herein are from the provisional agenda of the seventy-seventh session ([A/77/150](#)). All items are pending approval by the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session for their inclusion in the agenda and allocation for consideration. Some items that are on the provisional agenda but not reflected in this draft programme are omitted either in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions of the Assembly or for scheduling at a later date.

Friday, 16 September

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee [7]

Second week (19–23 September)

Tuesday, 20 September, to Saturday, 24 September

General debate [8]³

Third week (26–30 September)

Monday, 26 September

General debate [8]

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [118 (e)]

Fourth week (3–7 October)

Wednesday, 5 October

*Yom Kippur*⁴

Fifth week (10–14 October)

[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Monday, 10 October

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [13]; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [121]; Strengthening of the United Nations system [127 (a) and (b)]: *joint debate*

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Tuesday, 11 October

Election of members of the Human Rights Council [118 (c)]

Sixth week (17–21 October)

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Wednesday, 19 October

International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [130]

[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]

³ As the first item before the opening of the general debate, the Secretary-General will present his report on the work of the Organization.

⁴ In its resolution 69/250, the General Assembly invited United Nations bodies at Headquarters and other duty stations where observed to avoid holding meetings on this holiday.

Thursday, 20 October

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [9]; Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [13]: *joint debate*
2. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [121]: specific meeting focused on development (resolution [60/265](#))

Seventh week (24–28 October)

Monday, 24 October

*Diwali*⁴

[Disarmament]

Wednesday, 26 October

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [90]

[Promotion of justice and international law]

Thursday, 27 October

Report of the International Court of Justice [71]

Eighth week (31 October–4 November)

[Promotion of justice and international law]

Monday, 31 October

Report of the International Criminal Court [72]

[Promotion of human rights]

Tuesday, 1 November

Report of the Human Rights Council [64]

[Maintenance of international peace and security]

Wednesday, 2 November, and Thursday, 3 November

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [37]

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Friday, 4 November

Election of a member of the International Court of Justice [item 117 (c)]

Ninth week (7–11 November)

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Monday, 7 November

Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [124]; Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [125]: *joint debate*

Tuesday, 8 November

*Gurpurab*⁴

[Maintenance of international peace and security]

Thursday, 10 November

The situation in Afghanistan [35]

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Friday, 11 November

1. Election of members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination [118 (a)]

2. Election of members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission [118 (b)]
3. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences [119 (f)]
4. Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal [119 (g)]
5. Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal [119 (h)]

Tenth week (14–18 November)

Monday, 14 November

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council [126]

Eleventh week (21–25 November)

Monday, 21 November

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [128 (a) to (aa)]

Thursday, 24 November

Official United Nations holiday (Thanksgiving)

Twelfth week (28 November–2 December)

Wednesday, 30 November

[Maintenance of international peace and security]

1. Question of Palestine [34]
2. The situation in the Middle East [33]

[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]

Thursday, 1 December

Sport for development and peace [11]

Thirteenth week (5–12 December)

Monday, 5 December

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Global health and foreign policy [129]

[Promotion of justice and international law]

Tuesday, 6 December

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [70 (a) to (d)]

[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]

Wednesday, 7 December

Culture of peace [14]

[Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts]

Thursday, 8 December, and Friday,
9 December

Oceans and the law of the sea [73 (a) and (b)]:
commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the
adoption and opening for signature of the United
Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
(resolution [76/72](#))

(12 December: end of 13 weeks)

**Plenary items scheduled for consideration during the main part of the session
on a date to be determined**

Report of the Credentials Committee [3 (b)]

Appointment of members of the Board of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes
on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns [119 (i)]

2001–2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly
in Africa [12]; New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in
implementation and international support [63 (a) and (b)]: *joint debate*

**Plenary items currently not scheduled for consideration during the main part
of the session**

Election of the President of the General Assembly [4]

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly [6]

Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political
declarations on HIV/AIDS [10]

Report of the Security Council [27]

Report of the Peacebuilding Commission [28]; Peacebuilding and sustaining
peace [60]; Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund [115]: *joint
debate*

The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [29]

Prevention of armed conflict [30 (a) and (b)]

Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international
peace, security and development [31]

Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia – residual functions [89]

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [114]

Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter
of the United Nations [116]

Election of non-permanent members of the Security Council [117 (a)]⁵

⁵ The General Assembly, in its resolution [68/307](#), decided to conduct the elections of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and the members of the Economic and Social Council about six months before the elected members assume their responsibilities, beginning at the seventieth session.

Election of members of the Economic and Social Council [117 (b)]⁵

Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme [118 (d)]

Commemoration of the abolition of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade [123]: commemorative meeting of the General Assembly to mark the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him [131]

Sexual exploitation and abuse: implementing a zero-tolerance policy [132]

The responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity [134]

Impact of rapid technological change on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets [135]

Plenary items not yet scheduled for consideration during the seventy-seventh session, as their inclusion in the draft agenda of the seventy-seventh session is subject to any action that the Assembly may take on them at its seventy-sixth session

Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [32]

The situation in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine [61]

Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965 [88]

International cooperation on access to justice for survivors of sexual violence [133]