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Organization of the work of the Third Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Third Committee will be issued in document [A/C.3/74/1](#). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (see [A/74/100](#)).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, Assembly decision 73/528 on the programme of work of the Third Committee for the seventy-fourth session, the provisional agenda of the seventy-fourth session ([A/74/150](#)) and relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the Assembly on the rationalization of its work and that of the Third Committee, as well as past experience in the utilization of conference services.

Question time and interactive dialogues

3. In accordance with the established practice of the Committee and pursuant to paragraphs 3 (c) and (d) of the annex to General Assembly resolution [58/316](#) on further measures for the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, immediately following the introduction of reports, interactive dialogues or a “question time” will be held with heads of departments and offices, representatives of the Secretary-General, special rapporteurs and other special mechanisms as part of the formal proceedings of the Committee. Delegations are invited to participate actively in these dialogues with questions and unscripted comments. The general discussion of each agenda item or cluster of agenda items is to follow the question time.

Statements by delegations

4. The list of speakers for the general discussion on agenda items allocated to the Committee will be opened on Monday, 16 September 2019.



5. Statements made during the general discussion under each agenda item or cluster of agenda items will be limited to 5 minutes for individual delegations and to 12 minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of delegations. Microphones will be switched off automatically after the allotted time. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [72/313](#), delegations are encouraged to adhere to the “all protocol observed” principle and to refrain from listing standard protocol expressions during their statements. In the same resolution, the Assembly recommended that speakers should be mindful of the speed of statement delivery, bearing in mind the need for accuracy of interpretation.
6. Under item 72 of the provisional agenda, “Promotion and protection of human rights”, delegations may make one statement under each sub-item, which are to be discussed jointly.
7. Under item 70, “Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance”, and item 71, “Right of peoples to self-determination”, which are to be discussed jointly, delegations may make two separate statements.
8. Similarly, under item 108, “Crime prevention and criminal justice”, item 109, “Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes”, and item 110, “International drug control”, which are to be discussed jointly, delegations may make three separate statements.
9. In the interests of time, however, delegations are encouraged to make only one statement under the relevant items or sub-items during joint discussions within the established time limit. Delegations wishing to deliver two or more statements are requested to specify the corresponding item or sub-item(s) for each statement and inscribe on the list of speakers accordingly, and to note that time allotments cannot be aggregated.
10. In accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for the consideration of the relevant agenda item on that day, or at the conclusion of the consideration of the item, if that is sooner. The first statement should be limited to five minutes and the second, if any, to three minutes.

List of documents

11. Attention is drawn to the addendum to the present note (to be issued as [A/C.3/74/L.1/Add.1](#)), which will list the documentation submitted under each agenda item expected to be allocated to the Committee.

Conference facilities and meeting arrangements

12. Unless otherwise specified, formal meetings of the Committee will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (Conference Building). The General Assembly has stressed that a punctual start of meetings is critical to the efficient utilization of services allocated to the intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations. In accordance with past practice, it is proposed that rule 108 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly be waived with respect to the quorum needed to declare a meeting open.

Sponsorship of draft resolutions and proposals

13. The initiation and sponsorship of draft proposals will be undertaken electronically through the eSponsorship application without prejudice to the possibility offered to delegations of co-sponsoring a proposal at the time of the Committee’s action on the latter. To maximize the efficiency of the Committee, however, all delegations wishing to co-sponsor a proposal are encouraged to do so

electronically through the eSponsorship application rather than during the formal proceedings of the Committee.

Introduction of draft resolutions

14. In line with efforts to further enhance the efficiency of the Committee, main sponsors of proposals are urged to limit the introduction of their proposals, solely at the time of their consideration by the Committee, to statements not exceeding three minutes. Main sponsors are requested not to make a formal introductory statement on a draft resolution upon its issuance as an “L” document, with the possible exception of introductory statements in relation to a new, non-recurrent draft resolution.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

15. In paragraph 4 (c) of the annex to General Assembly resolution [58/316](#), the Assembly decided that the item entitled “Report of the Economic and Social Council” should be considered in its entirety in plenary meeting. Subsequently, it was clarified that, in implementing that decision, the relevant parts of chapter I of the report of the Council that related to agenda items allocated to the Main Committees would be considered by the Committee concerned, for final action by the Assembly (see [A/59/250/Add.1](#), para. 4).

Report of the Human Rights Council

16. In its resolution [65/281](#), entitled “Review of the Human Rights Council”, the General Assembly decided to continue its practice of allocating the item entitled “Report of the Human Rights Council” to the plenary of the Assembly and to the Third Committee, in accordance with its decision 65/503 A, with the understanding that the President of the Council will present the report in her or his capacity as President to the plenary of the Assembly and to the Committee and that the Committee will hold an interactive dialogue with the President of the Council following the presentation of the report of the Council to the Committee.

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

17. Bearing in mind the number of meetings allocated to the Committee, a target date of 21 November 2019 has been set for the conclusion of its work. The Committee will, however, endeavour to conclude its work earlier, if possible.

Annex**Draft programme of work of the Third Committee**

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Item/programme^a</i>
Week of 30 September– 4 October	
Tuesday, 1 October	
10 a.m.	Election of officers Organizational matters
	Item 138 Programme planning^b
	Introductory statements, interactive dialogue and general discussion of:
	Item 25 Social development
	(a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
	(b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, persons with disabilities and the family
1 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on item 25
3 p.m.	Item 25 General discussion (<i>continued</i>)
Wednesday, 2 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 25 General discussion (<i>concluded</i>)
Thursday, 3 October	
10 a.m.	Introductory statements, interactive dialogue and general discussion of:
	Item 108 Crime prevention and criminal justice
	Item 109 Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes
	Item 110 International drug control
1 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on items 108, 109 and 110
3 p.m.	Items 108, 109 and 110 General discussion (<i>concluded</i>)
Friday, 4 October	
10 a.m.	Introductory statements, interactive dialogue and general discussion of:

Date/time	Item/programme ^a
	Item 26 Advancement of women
	(a) Advancement of women
	(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
1 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on item 26
3 p.m.	Item 26 General discussion (<i>continued</i>)
Week of 7–11 October	
Monday, 7 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 26 General discussion (<i>concluded</i>)
Tuesday, 8 October	
10 a.m.	Introductory statements, interactive dialogue and general discussion of:
	Item 68 Promotion and protection of the rights of children
	(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children
	(b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children
1 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on item 68
3 p.m.	Item 68 Introductory statements, interactive dialogue and general discussion (<i>continued</i>)
Wednesday, 9 October	
Thursday, 10 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 68 General discussion (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 11 October	
10 a.m.	Item 68 General discussion (<i>concluded</i>)
1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of proposals under items 25, 108, 109 and 110
3 p.m.	Introductory statements, interactive dialogue and general discussion of:
	Item 69 Rights of indigenous peoples
	(a) Rights of indigenous peoples
	(b) Follow-up to the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples
6 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on item 69

Date/time

Item/programme^a**Week of 14–18 October****Monday, 14 October**

10 a.m. Introductory statements and interactive dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and special rapporteurs, special representatives and independent experts on:

Item 72 Promotion and protection of human rights

- (a) Implementation of human rights instruments**
- (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms**
- (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives**
- (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action**

3 p.m. **Item 72** Dialogue with special rapporteurs, special representatives and independent experts

Tuesday, 15 October

10 a.m. **Item 72** Introductory statements and interactive dialogue with senior Secretariat officials

3 p.m. **Item 72** Dialogue with special rapporteurs, special representatives and independent experts (*continued*)

Wednesday, 16 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m. **Item 72** Dialogue with special rapporteurs, special representatives and independent experts (*continued*)

Thursday, 17 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m. **Item 72** Dialogue with special rapporteurs, special representatives and independent experts (*continued*)

Friday, 18 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m. **Item 72** Dialogue with special rapporteurs, special representatives and independent experts and general discussion (*continued*)

1 p.m. Closure of the list of speakers on items 72
Deadline for submission of proposals under items 26, 68 and 69

Week of 21–25 October**Monday, 21 October**

10 a.m. and 3 p.m. **Item 72** Dialogue with special rapporteurs, special representatives and independent experts and general discussion (*continued*)

Date/time	Item/programme ^a	
Tuesday, 22 October		
10 a.m.	Item 72	Dialogue with special rapporteurs, special representatives and independent experts (<i>continued</i>)
3 p.m.	Item 72	Dialogue with special rapporteurs, special representatives and independent experts (<i>continued</i>) and general discussion (<i>concluded</i>)
Wednesday, 23 October		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 72	Dialogue with special rapporteurs, special representatives and independent experts (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 24 October		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 72	Dialogue with special rapporteurs, special representatives and independent experts (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 25 October		
10 a.m.	Item 72	Dialogue with special rapporteurs, special representatives and independent experts (<i>continued</i>)
Week of 28 October–1 November		
Monday, 28 October	No formal meeting (Diwali)	
Tuesday, 29 October		
10 a.m.	Item 72	Dialogue with special rapporteurs, special representatives and independent experts (<i>concluded</i>)
3 p.m.		Introductory statements, interactive dialogue and general discussion of:
	Item 70	Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
		(a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
		(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
	Item 71	Right of peoples to self-determination
6 p.m.		Closure of the list of speakers on items 70 and 71
Wednesday, 30 October		
10 a.m.	Items 70 and 71	Introductory statements, interactive dialogue and general discussion (<i>continued</i>)
1 p.m.		Deadline for submission of proposals under item 72
3 p.m.	Items 70 and 71	General discussion (<i>concluded</i>) followed by
		Introductory statements and interactive dialogue with senior Secretariat officials:

Date/time	Item/programme ^a
	Item 63
	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions
Thursday, 31 October	
10 a.m.	Item 63 General discussion
1 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on item 63
3 p.m.	Item 63 General discussion (<i>concluded</i>)
Friday, 1 November	
1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of proposals under items 63, 70 and 71
3 p.m.	Introductory statement by the President of the Human Rights Council, followed by an interactive dialogue and general discussion of:
	Item 67 Report of the Human Rights Council
6 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers and deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 67
Week of 4–8 November	
Tuesday, 5 November	
3 p.m.	Action on proposals
Thursday, 7 November	
3 p.m.	Action on proposals
Week of 11–15 November	
Monday, 11 November	
3 p.m.	Action on proposals
Tuesday, 12 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	No formal meeting (Gurpurab)
1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of revised draft proposals and amendments
Thursday, 14 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Action on proposals
Friday, 15 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Action on proposals
Week of 18–22 November	
Monday, 18 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Action on proposals

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Item/programme^a</i>
Tuesday, 19 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Action on proposals
Wednesday, 20 November	No formal meeting
Thursday, 21 November	
10 a.m.	Item 123 Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly
	Action on outstanding proposals
	Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee

^a Item of the provisional agenda ([A/74/150](#)).

^b This item is to be allocated to all the Main Committees to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports.