

# Decisions

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during its thirty-first special session

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## **NOTE**

The resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly are identified as follows:

### **Regular sessions**

Until the thirtieth regular session, the resolutions of the General Assembly were identified by an arabic numeral followed by a roman numeral in parentheses indicating the session (for example: resolution 3363 (XXX)). When several resolutions were adopted under the same number, each of them was identified by a capital letter placed between the two numerals (for example: resolution 3367 A (XXX), resolutions 3411 A and B (XXX), resolutions 3419 A to D (XXX)). The decisions were not numbered.

Since the thirty-first session, as part of the new system adopted for symbols of General Assembly documents, resolutions and decisions have been identified by an arabic numeral, indicating the session, followed by an oblique stroke and another arabic numeral (for example: resolution 31/1, decision 31/301). When several resolutions or decisions were adopted under the same number, each of them has been identified by a capital letter placed after the two numerals (for example: resolution 31/16 A, resolutions 31/6 A and B, decisions 31/406 A to E).

### **Special sessions**

Until the seventh special session, the resolutions of the General Assembly were identified by an arabic numeral followed, in parentheses, by the letter “S” and a roman numeral indicating the session (for example: resolution 3362 (S-VII)). The decisions were not numbered.

Since the eighth special session, resolutions and decisions have been identified by the letter “S” and an arabic numeral indicating the session, followed by an oblique stroke and another arabic numeral (for example: resolution S-8/1, decision S-8/11).

### **Emergency special sessions**

Until the fifth emergency special session, the resolutions of the General Assembly were identified by an arabic numeral followed, in parentheses, by the letters “ES” and a roman numeral indicating the session (for example: resolution 2252 (ES-V)). The decisions were not numbered.

Since the sixth emergency special session, resolutions and decisions have been identified by the letters “ES” and an arabic numeral indicating the session, followed by an oblique stroke and another arabic numeral (for example: resolution ES-6/1, decision ES-6/11).

In each of the series described above, the numbering follows the order of adoption.

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  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
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<sup>1</sup> See also sect. II.B, decision S-31/6.



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### A. Elections and appointments

#### **S-31/2. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee**

On 15 July 2020, the General Assembly, in accordance with decisions 74/544 of 27 March 2020, 74/555 of 15 May 2020 and 74/558 of 18 June 2020, decided that, in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure, the Credentials Committee for the thirty-first special session should have the same membership as the Credentials Committee of the seventy-fourth regular session of the Assembly, namely, BARBADOS, BOTSWANA, CHINA, MAURITIUS, NEPAL, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SAN MARINO, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and URUGUAY.

#### **S-31/3. Election of the President of the General Assembly**

On 15 July 2020, the General Assembly, in accordance with decisions 74/544 of 27 March 2020, 74/555 of 15 May 2020 and 74/558 of 18 June 2020, decided to elect His Excellency Mr. Tijjani Muhammad Bande of Nigeria as President of the General Assembly at its thirty-first special session.

#### **S-31/4. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly**

On 21 July 2020, the General Assembly, in accordance with decisions 74/544 of 27 March 2020, 74/555 of 15 May 2020 and 74/558 of 18 June 2020, decided that the Vice-Presidents of the thirty-first special session shall be the same as those of the seventy-fourth regular session of the General Assembly.

#### **S-31/5. Election of the Chairs of the Main Committees of the General Assembly**

On 21 July 2020, the General Assembly, in accordance with decisions 74/544 of 27 March 2020, 74/555 of 15 May 2020 and 74/558 of 18 June 2020, decided that the Chairs of the Main Committees of the thirty-first special session shall be the same as those of the seventy-fourth regular session of the General Assembly.

#### **S-31/8. President and other officers of the thirty-first special session**

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 14 September 2020, the General Assembly, on the proposal of Azerbaijan,<sup>2</sup> by a recorded vote of 153 to none, with 3 abstentions,<sup>3</sup> and recalling its decisions S-31/2 and S-31/3 of 15 July 2020 and S-31/4 and S-31/5 of 21 July 2020:

(a) Decided that, effective upon the opening of its seventy-fifth regular session on 15 September 2020, the President and Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly and the Chairs of the Main Committees at the thirty-first special session of the Assembly shall be the same as those at its seventy-fifth regular session;

(b) Also decided that, effective upon the appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee for its seventy-fifth regular session, the members of the Committee for its seventy-fifth regular session shall also serve as those for the thirty-first special session.

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<sup>2</sup> A/S-31/L.1.

<sup>3</sup> See A/S-31/PV.1.



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### B. Other decisions

#### **S-31/1. Member States in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations**

##### **A**

On 15 July 2020, the General Assembly, in accordance with decisions 74/544 of 27 March 2020, 74/555 of 15 May 2020 and 74/558 of 18 June 2020, took note of the information contained in document [A/S-31/2](#) concerning Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations.

##### **B**

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 3 December 2020, the General Assembly took note of the information contained in document [A/S-31/2/Add.1](#) concerning Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations.

#### **S-31/6. Adoption of the agenda**

On 21 July 2020, the General Assembly, in accordance with decisions 74/544 of 27 March 2020, 74/555 of 15 May 2020 and 74/558 of 18 June 2020, decided to adopt the agenda of its thirty-first special session as contained in document [A/S-31/1](#).

#### **S-31/7. Taking note of the decisions adopted by means of silence procedure in accordance with decision 74/544 entitled “Procedure for taking decisions of the General Assembly during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic”**

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 14 September 2020, the General Assembly, pursuant to its decision 74/544 of 27 March 2020, took note of the following decisions:

<i>Decision</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>
S-31/1 A	15 July 2020	Member States in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations
S-31/2	15 July 2020	Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee
S-31/3	15 July 2020	Election of the President of the General Assembly
S-31/4	21 July 2020	Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly
S-31/5	21 July 2020	Election of the Chairs of the Main Committees of the General Assembly
S-31/6	21 July 2020	Adoption of the agenda

#### **S-31/9. Continuation of the general debate on 4 December 2020**

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 3 December 2020, the General Assembly decided to continue the general debate on 4 December 2020 at 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall, immediately following the conclusion of the interactive dialogue.

#### **S-31/10. Statement by the President of the Security Council**

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 3 December 2020, the General Assembly decided that the President of the Security Council would make a statement during the closing segment.

#### **S-31/11. Continuation of the general debate at a later date to be announced**

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 4 December 2020, the General Assembly decided to continue the general debate at a later date to be announced.

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### **S-31/12. Credentials of representatives to the thirty-first special session of the General Assembly**

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 4 December 2020, the General Assembly decided to accept the credentials approved for the seventy-fifth regular session of the Assembly for the purposes of the thirty-first special session, on an exceptional basis and without setting a precedent.

# Annex

## Checklist of decisions

This checklist includes the decisions adopted by the General Assembly during its thirty-first special session.

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