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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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The present volume contains the decisions adopted by the General Assembly from 12 September to 22 December 2006. Resolutions adopted by the Assembly during that period appear in volume I, together with information on the allocation of agenda items. Resolutions and decisions adopted subsequently during the sixty-first session will be published in volume III.

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#### A. Elections and appointments

#### 61/401. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 12 September 2006, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its sixty-first session consisting of the following Member States: CHINA, GUYANA, KENYA, MADAGASCAR, MONACO, PERU, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, TONGA and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

#### 61/402. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

At its 32nd and 49th plenary meetings, on 16 October and 7 November 2006, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 23 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 142 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected Belgium, Indonesia, Italy, Panama and South Africa as non-permanent members of the Security Council for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of Argentina, Denmark, Greece, Japan and the United Republic of Tanzania.

As a result, the Security Council is composed of the following fifteen Member States: Belgium,\*\* China, Congo,\* France, Ghana,\* Indonesia,\*\* Italy,\*\* Panama,\*\* Peru,\* Qatar,\* Russian Federation, Slovakia,\* South Africa,\*\* United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

61/403. Extension of the term of the ad litem judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 2 November 2006, the General Assembly decided to endorse the recommendation of the Secretary-General, which was endorsed by the Security Council in its resolution 1717 (2006) of 13 October 2006, that, notwithstanding the provisions of article 12 ter of the statute of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994, the term of office of the following ad litem judges at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda be extended until 31 December 2008:

Mr. Aydin Sefa AKAY (Turkey)

Ms. Florence Rita ARREY (Cameroon)

Ms. Solomy Balungi BOSSA (Uganda)

Mr. Robert FREMR (Czech Republic)

Ms. Taghreed HIKMAT (Jordan)

Ms. Karin HÖKBORG (Sweden)

Mr. Vagn JOENSEN (Denmark)

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Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Term of office expires on 31 December 2008.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See A/61/509-S/2006/799.

Mr. Gberdao Gustave KAM (Burkina Faso)

Tan Sri Dato' Hj. Mohd. Azmi Dato' Hj. KAMARUDDIN (Malaysia)

Ms. Flavia LATTANZI (Italy)

Mr. Kenneth MACHIN (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Mr. Joseph Edward Chiondo MASANCHE (United Republic of Tanzania)

Mr. Lee Gacuiga MUTHOGA (Kenya)

Mr. Seon Ki PARK (Republic of Korea)

Mr. Mparany Mamy Richard RAJOHNSON (Madagascar)

Mr. Emile Francis SHORT (Ghana)

Mr. Albertus Henricus Joannes SWART (Netherlands)

Ms. Aura Emérita GUERRA DE VILLALAZ (Panama)

At the same meeting, the General Assembly also decided to endorse the recommendation of the Secretary-General, which was endorsed by the Security Council in its resolution 1717 (2006), that ad litem judges ARREY, BOSSA, HIKMAT, HÖKBORG, KAM, LATTANZI, MUTHOGA, PARK and SHORT be allowed to serve in the International Tribunal for Rwanda beyond the cumulative period of service provided for under article 12 ter, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Tribunal and until 31 December 2008.

#### 61/404. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 2 November 2006, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 140 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected PORTUGAL and GREECE as members of the Economic and Social Council for the remaining terms of office of SPAIN and TURKEY, beginning on 1 January 2007.

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 7 November 2006, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter and rule 140 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected NEW ZEALAND as a member of the Economic and Social Council for the remaining term of office of Australia, beginning on 1 January 2007.

At its 45th and 49th plenary meetings also, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter and rule 145 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected Algeria, Barbados, Belarus, Bolivia, Canada, Cape Verde, El Salvador, Indonesia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Malawi, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Romania, Somalia, the Sudan and the United States of America as members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of Armenia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Belize, Canada, Colombia, Indonesia, Italy, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Panama, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States of America.

As a result, the Economic and Social Council is composed of the following fifty-four Member States: Albania,\* Algeria,\*\*\* Angola,\*\* Austria,\*\* Barbados,\*\*\* Belarus,\*\*\* Benin,\*\* Bolivia,\*\*\* Brazil,\* Canada,\*\*\* Cape Verde,\*\*\* Chad,\* China,\* Costa Rica,\* Cuba,\*\* Czech Republic,\*\* Democratic Republic of the Congo,\* Denmark,\* El Salvador,\*\*\* France,\*\* Germany,\*\* Greece,\*\* Guinea,\* Guinea-Bissau,\*\* Guyana,\*\* Haiti,\*\* Iceland,\* India,\* Indonesia,\*\*\* Iraq,\*\*\* Japan,\*\* Kazakhstan,\*\*\* Lithuania,\* Luxembourg,\*\*\* Madagascar,\*\* Malawi,\*\*\* Mauritania,\*\* Mexico,\* Netherlands,\*\*\* New Zealand,\* Pakistan,\* Paraguay,\*\* Philippines,\*\*\* Portugal,\*\* Romania,\*\*\* Russian Federation,\* Saudi Arabia,\*\* Somalia,\*\*\* South Africa,\*

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See A/61/89 and A/61/296.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See A/61/557.

SRI LANKA,\*\* SUDAN,\*\*\* THAILAND,\* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND\* and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.\*\*\*

# 61/405. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

At its 54th plenary meeting, on 16 November 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, <sup>4</sup> appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007: Mr. Andrzej T. Abraszewski, Mr. Collen V. Kelapile, Mr. Stafford Neil, Mr. Mohammad Mustafa Tal and Ms. Nonye Udo.

As a result, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is composed as follows: Mr. Andrzej T. ABRASZEWSKI (*Poland*),\*\*\* Mr. Ronald ELKHUIZEN (*Netherlands*),\* Mr. Jorge FLORES CALLEJAS (*Honduras*),\* Mr. Collen V. KELAPILE (*Botswana*),\*\*\* Mr. Guillermo KENDALL (*Argentina*),\*\* Mr. Igor V. KHALEVINSKY (*Russian Federation*),\*\* Mr. Jerry KRAMER (*Canada*),\* Ms. Susan M. McLurg (*United States of America*),\*\* Mr. Tommo Monthe (*Cameroon*),\*\* Mr. Stafford NEIL (*Jamaica*),\*\*\* Mr. Rajat SAHA (*India*),\* Ms. SUN Minqin (*China*),\* Mr. Mohammad Mustafa TAL (*Jordan*),\*\*\* Ms. Nonye UDO (*Nigeria*),\*\*\* Ms. Christina VASAK (*France*)\*\* and Mr. Jun YAMAZAKI (*Japan*).\*

#### 61/406. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

At its 54th plenary meeting, on 16 November 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>5</sup> appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007: Mr. Kenshiro Akimoto, Mr. Meshal Al-Mansour, Mr. Petru Dumitriu, Mr. Ihor V. Humenny, Ms. Gobona Susan Mapitse and Ms. Lisa P. Spratt.

As a result, the Committee on Contributions is composed as follows: Mr. Kenshiro AKIMOTO (Japan),\*\*\* Mr. Meshal AL-MANSOUR (Kuwait),\*\*\* Mr. Petru DUMITRIU (Romania),\*\*\* Mr. Gordon ECKERSLEY (Australia),\* Mr. Paul EKORONG À DONG (Cameroon),\* Ms. Sujata GHORAI (Germany),\*\* Mr. Bernardo GREIVER (Uruguay),\* Mr. Hassan Mohammed HASSAN (Nigeria),\* Mr. Ihor V. HUMENNY (Ukraine),\*\*\* Mr. Eduardo IGLESIAS (Argentina),\* Mr. Vyacheslav A. LOGUTOV (Russian Federation),\*\* Ms. Gobona Susan MAPITSE (Botswana),\*\*\* Mr. Richard MOON (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland),\*\* Mr. Hae-yun PARK (Republic of Korea),\*\* Mr. Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes RAMOS (Portugal),\* Mr. Henrique da Silveira SARDINHA PINTO (Brazil),\*\* Ms. Lisa P. SPRATT (United States of America)\*\*\* and Mr. Wu Gang (China).\*\*

<sup>\*</sup> Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Term of office expires on 31 December 2008.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

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<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> A/61/561, para. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> A/61/562, para. 4.

#### 61/407. Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

At its 54th plenary meeting, on 16 November 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, 6 confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007: Mr. Emilio J. Cárdenas, Mr. Fernando G. Chico Pardo and Mr. Khaya Ngqula.

As a result, the Investments Committee is composed as follows: Mr. Masakazu ARIKAWA (*Japan*),\*\* Mr. Emilio J. CÁRDENAS (*Argentina*),\*\*\* Mr. Fernando G. CHICO PARDO (*Mexico*),\*\*\* Mr. Madhav DHAR (*India*),\*\* Mr. Nemir A. KIRDAR (*Iraq*),\*\* Mr. William J. MCDONOUGH (*United States of America*),\* Mr. Khaya NGQULA (*South Africa*),\*\*\* Ms. Hélène PLOIX (*France*)\* and Mr. Jürgen REIMNITZ (*Germany*).\*

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, also on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, <sup>6</sup> reappointed Ms. Afsaneh BESCHLOSS (*Islamic Republic of Iran*) and Mr. Ivan PICTET (*Switzerland*) as ad hoc members for a one-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007.

#### 61/408. Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

At its 54th plenary meeting, on 16 November 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, <sup>7</sup> appointed the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007: Mr. Bob Hepple and Ms. Jacqueline R. Scott.

As a result, the United Nations Administrative Tribunal is composed as follows: Mr. Julio BARBOZA (*Argentina*),\* Mr. Spyridon FLOGAITIS (*Greece*),\*\* Mr. GOH Joon Seng (*Singapore*),\*\* Mr. Bob HEPPLE (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*),\*\*\* Ms. Jacqueline R. SCOTT (*United States of America*),\*\*\* Ms. Brigitte STERN (*France*)\*\* and Mr. Dayendra Sena WIJEWARDANE (*Sri Lanka*).\*

#### 61/409. Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission

At its 54th plenary meeting, on 16 November 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, <sup>8</sup> appointed the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007: Mr. Daasebre Oti Boateng, Mr. Guillermo Enrique Gonzalez, Mr. Kingston Papie Rhodes, Ms. Anita Szlazak and Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, <sup>9</sup> appointed Mr. Vladimir Morozov as a member of the International Civil Service

Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Term of office expires on 31 December 2008.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

<sup>\*</sup> Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Term of office expires on 31 December 2008.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Term of office expires on 31 December 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See A/61/563.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> A/61/564, para. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> A/61/565, para. 11 (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Ibid., para. 11 (b).

Commission, for a term of office beginning on 16 November 2006 and ending on 31 December 2008.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, <sup>10</sup> designated Mr. Kingston Papie Rhodes as Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, <sup>11</sup> designated Mr. Wolfgang Stöckl as Vice-Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2007 and ending on 31 December 2009.

As a result, the International Civil Service Commission is composed as follows: Mr. Kingston Papie Rhodes (Sierra Leone),\*\*\* Chairman; Mr. Wolfgang Stöckl (Germany),\*\* Vice-Chairman; Mr. Daasebre Oti Boateng (Ghana),\*\*\* Mr. Fatih Bouayad-Agha (Algeria),\* Mr. Shamsher M. Chowdhury (Bangladesh),\* Mr. Minoru Endo (Japan),\*\* Mr. Guillermo Enrique Gonzalez (Argentina),\*\*\* Mr. Vladimir Morozov (Russian Federation),\* Ms. Lucretia Myers (United States of America),\*\* Mr. Gilberto Paranhos Velloso (Brazil),\*\* Ms. Anita Szlazak (Canada),\*\*\* Mr. Gian Luigi Valenza (Italy),\*\* Mr. Wang Xiaochu (China),\* Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland)\*\*\* and Mr. El Hassane Zahid (Morocco).\*

#### 61/410. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

At its 54th plenary meeting, on 16 November 2006, the General Assembly, on the basis of the nominations by the Economic and Social Council and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1987/94 of 4 December 1987, elected the COMOROS, HAITI, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, VENEZUELA (the BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF) and ZIMBABWE as members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007 to fill vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of the BAHAMAS, the COMOROS, FRANCE, MEXICO, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and ZIMBABWE. 13

At its 80th plenary meeting, on 15 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the basis of the nomination by the Economic and Social Council <sup>14</sup> and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) and paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1987/94, elected FRANCE as a member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007. <sup>15</sup>

Term of office expires on 31 December 2008.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Term of office expires on 31 December 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Ibid., para. 11 (c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Ibid., para. 11 (*d*).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See A/61/227.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> By its decision 2006/201 C, the Economic and Social Council postponed the nomination of two members from the Group of Western European and Other States for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007.

<sup>14</sup> See A/61/227/Add 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> By its decision 2006/201 D, the Economic and Social Council further postponed the nomination of one member from the Group of Western European and Other States for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007.

As a result, the Committee for Programme and Coordination is composed of the following thirty-two Member States: 16 Algeria,\* Argentina,\*\* Armenia,\*\* Belarus,\*\* Benin,\*\* Brazil,\*\* Bulgaria,\*\* Central African Republic,\*\* China,\* Comoros,\*\*\* Cuba,\*\* France,\*\*\* Ghana,\* Haiti,\*\*\* India,\*\* Indonesia,\*\* Iran (Islamic Republic of),\*\* Israel,\*\* Italy,\*\* Jamaica,\* Japan,\* Kenya,\* Pakistan,\*\* Portugal,\*\* Republic of Korea,\* Russian Federation,\*\*\* Senegal,\*\* South Africa,\*\* Switzerland,\*\* Uruguay,\*\* Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)\*\*\* and Zimbabwe.\*\*\*

#### 61/411. Election of the members of the International Law Commission

At its 54th plenary meeting, on 16 November 2006, the General Assembly, in accordance with its resolution 174 (II) of 21 November 1947 and the provisions of the statute of the International Law Commission annexed to that resolution, as amended by Assembly resolutions 1103 (XI) of 18 December 1956, 1647 (XVI) of 6 November 1961 and 36/39 of 18 November 1981, elected the following thirty-four persons as members of the Commission for a five-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007:<sup>17</sup>

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Mr. Ali Mohsen Fetais AL-MARRI (Qatar)
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Mr. Ian Brownlie (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Mr. Lucius CAFLISCH (Switzerland)

Mr. Enrique J.A. CANDIOTI (Argentina)

Mr. Pedro Comissário Afonso (Mozambique)

Mr. Christopher John Robert DUGARD (South Africa)

Ms. Paula Ventura de Carvalho Eșcarameia (Portugal)

Mr. Salifou FOMBA (Mali)

Mr. Giorgio GAJA (Italy)

Mr. Zdzislaw W. GALICKI (Poland)

Mr. Hussein A. HASSOUNA (Egypt)

Mr. Mahmoud D. HMOUD (Jordan)

Ms. Marie G. JACOBSSON (Sweden)

Mr. Maurice KAMTO (Cameroon)

Mr. Fathi KEMICHA (Tunisia)

Mr. Roman A. KOLODKIN (Russian Federation)

Mr. Donald M. MCRAE (Canada)

Mr. Teodor Viorel MELESCANU (Romania)

Mr. Bernd H. NIEHAUS (Costa Rica)

Mr. Georg NOLTE (Germany)

Mr. Bayo OJO (Nigeria)

Mr. Alain PELLET (France)

Mr. Amrith Rohan PERERA (Sri Lanka)

Mr. Ernest PETRIČ (Slovenia)

Mr. Gilberto Vergne SABOIA (Brazil)

Mr. Narinder SINGH (India)

Mr. Eduardo VALENCIA-OSPINA (Colombia)

<sup>\*</sup> Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Term of office expires on 31 December 2008.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> The total membership of the Committee is 34 Member States. However, one vacancy from the sixtieth session of the General Assembly (see Economic and Social Council decision 2006/201 A) and one vacancy from the sixty-first session of the Assembly (see Council decision 2006/201 D), both from the Group of Western European and Other States, remain to be filled on the basis of nominations by the Council.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> See A/61/92 and Corr.1 and Add.1–3, A/61/539, A/61/111 and Corr.1 and 2 and A/61/111/Add.1.

Mr. Edmundo VARGAS CARREÑO (Chile)

Mr. Stephen C. VASCIANNIE (Jamaica)

Mr. Marcelo VÁZQUEZ-BERMÚDEZ (Ecuador)

Mr. Amos S. WAKO (Kenya)

Mr. Nugroho WISNUMURTI (Indonesia)

Ms. XUE Hangin (China)

Mr. Chusei YAMADA (Japan)

#### 61/412. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences

At its 54th plenary meeting, on 16 November 2006, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 2 of its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, took note of the appointment by its President, after consultations with the Chairmen of the regional groups concerned, of GERMANY, GRENADA, HONDURAS, NIGERIA, SENEGAL and the SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007 to fill six of the seven vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ARGENTINA, GERMANY, MEXICO, NIGERIA, ROMANIA, SENEGAL and the SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC.

At its 80th plenary meeting, on 15 December 2006, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 2 of its resolution 43/222 B, took note of the appointment by its President, after consultations with the Chairman of the regional group concerned, of BELARUS as a member of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007 to fill the seventh vacancy.

As a result, the Committee on Conferences is composed of the following twenty-one Member States: Austria,\* Belarus,\*\*\* Burundi,\*\* China,\* Egypt,\* El Salvador,\*\* France,\*\* Germany,\*\*\* Grenada,\*\*\* Honduras,\*\*\* Jamaica,\* Kenya,\* Lesotho,\*\* Malaysia,\*\* Nepal,\* Nigeria,\*\*\* Philippines,\*\* Russian Federation,\*\* Senegal,\*\*\* Syrian Arab Republic\*\*\* and United States of America.\*

#### 61/413. Appointment of members of the Committee on Information

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 14 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), <sup>18</sup> appointed the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC and THAILAND as members of the Committee on Information.

As a result, the Committee on Information is composed of the following one hundred and ten Member States: <sup>19</sup> Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya,

Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Term of office expires on 31 December 2008.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> A/61/410, para. 10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> See also decision 61/521.

Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

# 61/414. Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women

At its 80th plenary meeting, on 15 December 2006, the General Assembly took note of the appointment by its President of ESTONIA, JORDAN, MEXICO, NORWAY and the SUDAN as members of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007.

#### **B.** Other decisions

#### 1. Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee

#### 61/501. Meetings of subsidiary organs during the main part of the sixty-first session

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 12 September 2006, the General Assembly decided to authorize those subsidiary organs of the Assembly listed in the letter dated 6 September 2006 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, <sup>20</sup> namely the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the Disarmament Commission, the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities and the Committee on Conferences, to meet during the main part of the sixty-first session of the Assembly.

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 26 October 2006, the General Assembly decided to authorize the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, a subsidiary organ of the Assembly, to meet in New York during the main part of the sixty-first session of the Assembly, on the strict understanding that the meeting would have to be accommodated when facilities and services could be made available without adversely affecting the activities of the Assembly and its Main Committees.<sup>21</sup>

#### 61/502. Organization of the sixty-first session

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report, <sup>22</sup> adopted a number of provisions concerning the organization of the sixty-first session.

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 10 November 2006, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, decided, without setting a precedent, to invite the President of the Human Rights Council to present the first annual report of the Council.<sup>23</sup>

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, at the request of the Chairman of the Sixth Committee, decided to extend the work of the Committee by one additional meeting.

At its 65th plenary meeting, on 4 December 2006, the General Assembly, at the request of the Chairman of the Second Committee, decided to extend the work of the Committee until Wednesday, 6 December 2006.

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2006, the General Assembly, at the request of the Chairman of the Second Committee, decided to further extend the work of the Committee until Friday, 8 December 2006.

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 8 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, decided, without setting a precedent, to invite the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund to make a statement on the occasion of the special commemorative meeting devoted to the sixtieth anniversary of the operations of the Fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> See A/61/320.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> See A/61/320/Add.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> A/61/250, paras. 3-41.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 53 (A/61/53).

At its 72nd plenary meeting, on 11 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, decided to postpone the date of recess of the sixty-first session of the Assembly from Tuesday, 12 December 2006, to Thursday, 21 December 2006.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, at the request of the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, decided to extend the work of the Committee until Tuesday, 19 December 2006.

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 19 December 2006, the General Assembly, at the request of the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, decided to further extend the work of the Committee until Thursday, 21 December 2006.

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 20 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, decided to further postpone the date of recess of the sixty-first session of the Assembly to Friday, 22 December 2006.

#### 61/503. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report, <sup>24</sup> adopted the agenda <sup>25</sup> and the allocation of agenda items <sup>26</sup> for the sixty-first session.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,<sup>27</sup> decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second session.

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 20 October 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report, <sup>28</sup> decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-first session under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters) two additional items entitled "Commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the trans-Atlantic slave trade" and "Extension of the terms of the ad litem judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994", and to consider them directly in plenary meeting.

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 26 October 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its third report, <sup>29</sup> decided that agenda item 68 entitled "Report of the Human Rights Council" would be considered in plenary meeting and in the Third Committee, on the understanding that the Third Committee would consider and act on all recommendations of the Human Rights Council to the Assembly, including those that dealt with the development of international law in the field of human rights, that the Assembly in plenary meeting would consider the annual report of the Human Rights Council on its activities for the year, and that the current arrangement would in no way be a reinterpretation of resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006 and would be reviewed before the beginning of the sixty-second session of the Assembly, on the basis of the experience gained with the efficiency and practicality of the arrangement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> A/61/250, paras. 64–77.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> A/61/251.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> A/61/252 and Corr.2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> A/61/250, para. 50.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> A/61/250/Add.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> A/61/250/Add.2.

At its 57th plenary meeting, on 22 November 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fourth report, <sup>30</sup> decided to consider also directly in plenary meeting sub-item (*b*) of agenda item 67, entitled "Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms", for the sole purpose of taking action during the main part of the sixty-first session on the draft convention on the rights of persons with disabilities, which would be completed in early December 2006 by the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities and recommended for adoption in its report.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fourth report,<sup>31</sup> decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-first session an additional item entitled "Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies", under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences), and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 8 December 2006, the General Assembly, in connection with its resolution 61/20 of 28 November 2006 adopted on the recommendation of the Second Committee, <sup>32</sup> decided to consider agenda item 58 entitled "Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system" also directly in plenary meeting in order to hold a special commemorative meeting devoted to the sixtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund.<sup>33</sup>

#### 61/504. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 2 October 2006, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization. $^{34}$ 

61/505. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 26th plenary meeting, on 9 October 2006, the General Assembly took note of the eleventh annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.<sup>35</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> A/61/250/Add.3, para. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Ibid., para. 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> A/61/427, para. 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> A/61/252/Add.4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 1 and corrigendum (A/61/1 and Corr.1).

<sup>35</sup> See A/61/265-S/2006/658.

# 61/506. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 26th plenary meeting, on 9 October 2006, the General Assembly took note of the thirteenth annual report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.<sup>36</sup>

#### 61/507. Report of the International Court of Justice

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 26 October 2006, the General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.<sup>37</sup>

#### 61/508. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations

At its 54th plenary meeting, on 16 November 2006, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second session.

#### 61/512. International Voluntary HIV Counselling and Testing Day

At its 65th plenary meeting, on 4 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the proposal of a number of Member States,<sup>38</sup> and recalling its resolution 60/262 of 2 June 2006, including its commitment to scale up efforts towards the goal of universal access to comprehensive prevention programmes, treatment, care and support by 2010, and its pledge to promote, at the international, regional, national and local levels, access to HIV/AIDS education, information, voluntary counselling and testing and related services, with full protection of confidentiality and informed consent, and to promote a social and legal environment that is supportive of and safe for voluntary disclosure of HIV status, decided to call upon Member States to designate a Voluntary HIV Counselling and Testing Day in 2007 and to encourage Member States, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and its co-sponsors, and other relevant international and national organizations to take measures, as appropriate, in accordance with nationally determined action plans and policies and, as part of scaling up nationally driven, sustainable and comprehensive responses to achieving broad multisectoral coverage for prevention, treatment, care and support, to observe the day on 1 December 2007 or on such other day or days in 2007 as individual Member States may decide.

# 61/518. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations

At its 72nd plenary meeting, on 11 December 2006, the General Assembly took note of the note by the Secretary-General.<sup>39</sup>

#### 61/519. Report of the Security Council

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 12 December 2006, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council.<sup>40</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> See A/61/271-S/2006/666.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/61/4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> A/61/L.40.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> A/61/371.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 2 and corrigendum (A/61/2 and Corr.1).

#### 61/546. Mandate review

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, recalling paragraph 164 (*b*) of its resolution 60/1 of 16 September 2005, and noting the progress made by the Assembly on mandate review, decided to continue the mandate review process during the sixty-first session of the Assembly.

# 61/552. Agenda items remaining for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-first session

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2006, the General Assembly, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, decided that the following agenda items remained for consideration during its sixty-first session:

- Item 11. Prevention of armed conflict
- Item 12. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development
- Item 13. The situation in the Middle East
- Item 14. Question of Palestine
- Item 15. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic
- Item 17. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan
- Item 19. Question of Cyprus
- Item 20. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Item 21. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
- Item 22. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti
- Item 23. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security
- Item 24. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait
- Item 25. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986
- Item 26. Report of the Peacebuilding Commission
- Item 27. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development
- Item 32. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories
- Item 33. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects
- Item 42. Report of the Economic and Social Council
- Item 44. Culture of peace
- Item 45. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order
- Item 46. Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS
- Item 47. 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

- Item 52. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development
- Item 68. Report of the Human Rights Council
- Item 90. General and complete disarmament
- Item 100. Measures to eliminate international terrorism
- Item 105. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:
  - (a) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination
  - (b) Election of thirty members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
  - (d) Election of two members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission
  - (e) Election of fourteen members of the Human Rights Council
- Item 106. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:
  - (h) Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit
- Item 107. Admission of new Members to the United Nations
- Item 108. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations:
  - (a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union
  - (h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States
  - (1) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System
  - (o) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
  - (p) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States
- Item 110. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly
- Item 111. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters
- Item 112. Strengthening of the United Nations system
- Item 113. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit
- Item 114. Multilingualism
- Item 115. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors
- Item 116. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations
- Item 117. Programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007
- Item 118. Programme planning
- Item 119. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations
- Item 120. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency
- Item 121. Pattern of conferences
- Item 122. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations
- Item 123. Human resources management

- Item 124. Joint Inspection Unit
- Item 125. United Nations common system
- Item 126. United Nations pension system
- Item 127. Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services
- Item 128. Administration of justice at the United Nations
- Item 129. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994
- Item 130. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991
- Item 131. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations
- Item 132. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
- Item 133. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi
- Item 134. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire
- Item 135. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus
- Item 136. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Item 137. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor
- Item 138. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor
- Item 139. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea
- Item 140. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia
- Item 141. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti
- Item 142. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
- Item 143. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia
- Item 144. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East
- Item 145. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone
- Item 146. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan
- Item 147. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara
- Item 149. United Nations reform: measures and proposals
- Item 151. Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste
- Item 152. Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund
- Item 153. Requests for observer status in the General Assembly
- Item 154. Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme
- Item 155. Commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the trans-Atlantic slave trade

#### 2. Decisions adopted on the reports of the First Committee

#### 61/513. Reduction of military budgets

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 6 December 2006, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.<sup>41</sup>

# 61/514. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 6 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, <sup>42</sup> welcoming the update provided to the First Committee on 16 October 2006 by the Chair of the Panel of Governmental Experts on Verification in All Its Aspects, including the Role of the United Nations in the Field of Verification: <sup>43</sup>

- (a) Encouraged the Panel of Governmental Experts to bring its work to an agreed conclusion as soon as possible;
- (b) Decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification".

# 61/515. United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 6 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, <sup>44</sup> decided, by a recorded vote of 128 to 3, with 44 abstentions, <sup>45</sup> to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> A/61/386.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> A/61/388, para. 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, First Committee, 14th meeting (A/C.1/61/PV.14), and corrigendum.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> A/61/394, para. 109.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: France, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Australia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine.

#### 61/516. Proposed programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2007

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 6 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, 46 approved the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Committee for 2007. 47

#### 61/517. Programme planning

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 6 December 2006, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee. <sup>48</sup>

# 3. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

# 61/520. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 14 December 2006, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).<sup>49</sup>

#### 61/521. Increase in the membership of the Committee on Information

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 14 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),<sup>50</sup> decided to increase the membership of the Committee on Information from one hundred and eight to one hundred and ten.<sup>51</sup>

#### 61/522. Question of Gibraltar

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 14 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),<sup>52</sup> recalling its decision 60/525 of 8 December 2005 and the statements agreed to by the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Brussels on 27 November 1984,<sup>53</sup> and in Madrid on 27 October 2004, and noting the establishment, pursuant to the latter, of the tripartite Forum for Dialogue on Gibraltar, separate from the Brussels process, under the statement made jointly by the Governments of Spain, the United Kingdom and Gibraltar on 16 December 2004:

- (a) Urged both Governments, while listening to the interests and aspirations of Gibraltar, to reach, in the spirit of the statement of 27 November 1984, a definitive solution to the question of Gibraltar, in the light of relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and applicable principles, and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations;
- (b) Welcomed the successful outcome of the first package of measures concluded in the tripartite Forum for Dialogue on Gibraltar.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> A/61/402, para. 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Ibid., annex.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> A/61/403.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> A/61/409.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> A/61/410, para. 10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> See also decision 61/413.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> A/61/415, para. 30.

<sup>53</sup> A/39/732, annex.

#### 61/523. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 14 December 2006, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).<sup>54</sup>

#### 61/524. Programme planning

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 14 December 2006, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee). 55

#### 4. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee

# 61/534. Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Information and communication technologies for development: progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/295"

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 20 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee, <sup>56</sup> took note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Information and communication technologies for development: progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/295". <sup>57</sup>

#### 61/535. Macroeconomic policy questions

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 20 December 2006, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.<sup>58</sup>

#### 61/536. Sustainable development

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 20 December 2006, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.<sup>59</sup>

#### 61/537. Globalization and interdependence

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 20 December 2006, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.  $^{60}$ 

#### 61/538. Culture and development

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 20 December 2006, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee. <sup>61</sup>

#### 61/539. Groups of countries in special situations

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 20 December 2006, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.  $^{62}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> A/61/416.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> A/61/417.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> A/61/419, para. 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> A/61/254.

<sup>58</sup> A/61/420.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> A/61/422.

A/61/422.

<sup>61</sup> A/61/424/Add.3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> A/61/425.

#### 61/540. Eradication of poverty and other development issues

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 20 December 2006, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.<sup>63</sup>

#### 61/541. Training and research

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 20 December 2006, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.<sup>64</sup>

#### 61/542. United Nations Institute for Training and Research

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 20 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee:<sup>65</sup>

- (a) Took note of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research; 66
- (b) Noted the need to harmonize the submission of the report of the Executive Director and the report of the Secretary-General;
- (c) Decided to consider, in accordance with its resolution 60/213 of 22 December 2005, the harmonization of the submission of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session.

# 61/543. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 20 December 2006, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee. <sup>67</sup>

# 61/544. Programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-second session of the General Assembly

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 20 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee, <sup>68</sup> approved the programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-second session of the Assembly as set out below:

- Item 1. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources
- Item 2. Information and communication technologies for development
- Item 3. Macroeconomic policy questions:
  - (a) International trade and development
  - (b) International financial system and development
  - (c) External debt crisis and development

<sup>63</sup> A/61/426.

<sup>64</sup> A/61/428.

<sup>65</sup> A/61/428/Add.2, para. 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/61/14).

<sup>67</sup> A/61/429.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> A/61/430, para. 5.

- Item 4. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development:
  - (a) Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development
  - (b) High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development

#### Item 5. Sustainable development:

- (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development
- (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
- (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
- (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind
- (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa
- (f) Convention on Biological Diversity
- (g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fourth session
- (h) Sustainable mountain development
- (i) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy
- Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- Item 7. Globalization and interdependence:
  - (a) Globalization and interdependence
  - (b) Science and technology for development
  - (c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption
- Item 8. Groups of countries in special situations:
  - (a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
  - (b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation
- Item 9. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:
  - (a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997–2006)
  - (b) Women in development
  - (c) Human resources development

- Item 10. Operational activities for development:
  - (a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system
  - (b) South-South cooperation for development
- Item 11. Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research
- Item 12. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:<sup>69</sup>
  - (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions
- Item 13. Towards global partnerships

#### 61/545. Programme planning

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 20 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee, <sup>70</sup> having considered the proposed strategic framework for the period 2008–2009 <sup>71</sup> and the relevant chapter of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-sixth session, <sup>72</sup> approved subprogramme 1, Economic and Social Council support and coordination, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2008–2009.

#### 5. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Third Committee

# 61/525. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the advancement of women

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 19 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee, 73 took note of the following documents:

- (a) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on the work of its thirty-fourth to thirty-sixth sessions;<sup>74</sup>
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system;<sup>75</sup>
- (c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women. <sup>76</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> In resolution 61/134 of 14 December 2006, the General Assembly decided that sub-items of the agenda item related to the strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations currently considered by the Second Committee should be reallocated to its plenary as of its sixty-second session.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> A/61/431, para. 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> See A/61/6 (Prog. 7). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/61/6/Rev.1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 16 and corrigendum (A/61/16 and Corr.1), chap.II.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> A/61/438, para. 28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/61/38).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> A/61/318.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> A/61/292.

#### 61/526. Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 19 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee, <sup>77</sup> took note of the report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child. <sup>78</sup>

# 61/527. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of indigenous issues

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 19 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee, <sup>79</sup> took note of the following documents:

- (a) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations;<sup>80</sup>
- (b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people.<sup>81</sup>

# 61/528. Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 19 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee, 82 took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination. 83

# 61/529. Reports considered by the General Assembly in connection with the agenda item entitled "Promotion and protection of human rights"

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 19 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee, 84 took note of the following report submitted under the agenda item entitled "Promotion and protection of human rights":

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;<sup>85</sup> and took note also of the following documents:

#### Under sub-item (a):

- (a) Report of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families on its third and fourth sessions:<sup>86</sup>
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture; $^{87}$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> A/61/439 and Corr.1, para. 21.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 41 and corrigendum (A/61/41 and Corr.1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> A/61/440, para. 7.

<sup>80</sup> A/61/376.

<sup>81</sup> A/61/490.

<sup>82</sup> A/61/442, para. 22.

<sup>83</sup> A/61/333.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>84</sup> A/61/443, para. 5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>85</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 36 (A/61/36).

<sup>86</sup> Ibid., Supplement No. 48 (A/61/48).

<sup>87</sup> A/61/226.

- (c) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;<sup>88</sup>
- (d) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, <sup>89</sup>
- (e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;<sup>90</sup>
- (f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies on their eighteenth meeting.<sup>91</sup>

#### Under sub-item (b):

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development; 92
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures; 93
- (c) Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances; 94
  - (d) Report of the Secretary-General on combating defamation of religions; <sup>95</sup>
- (e) Report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of a United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab region;<sup>96</sup>
  - (f) Report of the Secretary-General on missing persons;<sup>97</sup>
- (g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism;<sup>98</sup>
- (h) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders; <sup>99</sup>
- (i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health;  $^{100}$
- (j) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief; $^{101}$

<sup>88</sup> A/61/279.

<sup>89</sup> A/61/354.

A/01/334

<sup>90</sup> A/61/259. 91 A/61/385.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> A/61/211.

<sup>93</sup> A/61/287.

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<sup>94</sup> A/61/289.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>95</sup> A/61/325.

<sup>96</sup> A/61/348.

<sup>97</sup> A/61/476.

<sup>98</sup> A/61/267.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>99</sup> A/61/312.

<sup>100</sup> A/61/338.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>101</sup> A/61/340.

- (k) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawvers: 102
- (1) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on the effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of all human rights; 103
- (m) Note by the Secretary-General on the reports of the independent expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty. 104

#### Under sub-item (c):

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Turkmenistan; 105
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Uzbekistan; 106
- (c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons: 107
- (d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi; 108
- (e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar; 109
- Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the human rights situation and the activities of her Office, including technical cooperation, in Nepal; 110
- (g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan;<sup>111</sup>
- (h) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967;<sup>112</sup>
- Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. 113

#### 61/530. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 20 December 2006, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee. 114

<sup>102</sup> A/61/384.

<sup>103</sup> A/61/464.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>104</sup> A/61/465.

<sup>105</sup> A/61/489.

<sup>106</sup> A/61/526.

<sup>107</sup> A/61/276. 108 A/61/360.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>109</sup> A/61/369 and Corr.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>110</sup> A/61/374.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>111</sup> A/61/469.

<sup>112</sup> A/61/470.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>113</sup> A/61/475.

<sup>114</sup> A/61/443/Add.4.

# 61/531. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of crime prevention and criminal justice

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 20 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee, <sup>115</sup> took note of the following documents:

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance in promoting the implementation of the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism within the framework of the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: 116
- (b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime on its first and second sessions, held in Vienna from 28 June to 8 July 2004 and from 10 to 21 October 2005, respectively.<sup>117</sup>

# 61/532. Programme of work of the Third Committee for the sixty-second session of the General Assembly

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 20 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee, 118 approved the programme of work of the Third Committee for the sixty-second session as set out below:

#### Item 1. 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, disabled persons and the family
- (c) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing
- Item 2. Crime prevention and criminal justice
- Item 3. International drug control
- Item 4. 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
- Item 5. 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
- Item 6. Indigenous issues:
  - (a) Indigenous issues
  - (b) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>115</sup> A/61/444, para 26.

<sup>116</sup> A/61/178.

<sup>117</sup> A/61/96.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>118</sup> A/61/446, para. 5.

- Item 7. 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
- Item 8. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination:
  - (a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination
  - (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
- Item 9. Right of peoples to self-determination
- Item 10. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions
- Item 11. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

#### 61/533. Programme planning

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 20 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee, <sup>119</sup> having considered programme 19, Human rights, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2008–2009, <sup>120</sup> and the relevant chapter of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-sixth session, <sup>121</sup> approved programme 19, Human rights, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2008–2009, subject to the provisions of the present decision and as contained in the annex hereto.

#### Annex

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2008–2009

#### Part two: Biennial programme plan

#### Programme 19. Human rights

[For the text of programme 19 as approved by the present decision, see the Biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2008–2009 (A/61/6/Rev.1)].

#### 61/547. Report of the Human Rights Council

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee, <sup>122</sup> took note of the report of the Human Rights Council. <sup>123</sup>

<sup>119</sup> A/61/447, para. 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>120</sup> A/61/6 (Prog. 19. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/61/6/Rev.1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>121</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 16 and corrigendum (A/61/16 and Corr.1), chap. II.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>122</sup> A/61/448 and Corr.2 and 3, para. 29.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>123</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 53 (A/61/53).

#### 6. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee

#### 61/548. Budgetary and financial situation of the organizations of the United Nations system

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, <sup>124</sup> took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the statistical report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the budgetary and financial situation of the organizations of the United Nations system. <sup>125</sup>

#### 61/549. United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, <sup>126</sup> took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships. <sup>127</sup>

# 61/550. Comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, <sup>126</sup> having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on programme budget implications <sup>128</sup> of the draft resolution entitled "Comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies<sup>129</sup> and the related oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.<sup>130</sup>

- (a) Noted that, should it adopt the draft resolution, the activities requested under the resolution would be added to the programme of work approved by resolution 60/246 of 23 December 2005, under section 28, Management and support services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007;
- (b) Also noted that resource requirements for the activities requested would amount to 1,316,200 United States dollars gross (\$1,206,300 net) for the biennium 2006–2007, to be accommodated to the fullest extent possible from within the appropriations available under section 28A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, and section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, and any additional requirements as might be necessary would be reported in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2006–2007.

#### 61/551. Questions deferred for future consideration

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee: 131

<sup>124</sup> A/61/632, para. 6.

<sup>125</sup> A/61/203 and Corr.1 and 2.

<sup>126</sup> A/61/592/Add.2, para. 38.

<sup>127</sup> A/61/189.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>128</sup> A/C.5/61/17.

 $<sup>^{129}</sup>$  A/61/658, para. 8, draft resolution I.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>130</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Fifth Committee, 35th meeting (A/C.5/61/SR.35), and corrigendum.

<sup>131</sup> A/61/667, para. 9.

#### Section A

Decided to defer until its resumed sixty-first session consideration of the following agenda item and related documents:

Item 127: Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006<sup>132</sup>

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of the programme and administrative management of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia<sup>133</sup>

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of the programme management and administrative practices of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia<sup>134</sup>

#### **Section B**

Decided to defer until its sixty-second session consideration of the following documents:

Item 122: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Report of the Secretary-General on the unpaid assessed contributions of the former Yugoslavia<sup>135</sup>

Letter dated 2 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General 136

Letter dated 27 December 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly<sup>137</sup>

Note by the Secretary-General on outstanding assessed contributions of the former Yugoslavia<sup>138</sup>

#### 7. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Sixth Committee

# 61/509. Provisional programme of work of the Sixth Committee for the sixty-second session of the General Assembly

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 4 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, <sup>139</sup> noted that the Committee had decided to adopt the following provisional programme of work for the sixty-second session of the Assembly as proposed by the Bureau:

 $<sup>^{132}</sup>$  A/61/264 (Part I) and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>133</sup> A/61/61.

<sup>134</sup> A/61/61/Add.1.

<sup>135</sup> A/60/140 and Corr.1.

<sup>136</sup> A/C.5/61/11.

<sup>137</sup> A/56/767.

<sup>138</sup> A/58/189.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>139</sup> A/61/458, para. 7.

#### Provisional programme of work $^{140}$

8 October<sup>141</sup> Organization of work of the Sixth Committee

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade

Law on the work of its fortieth session

8 and 9 October Measures to eliminate international terrorism

10 October Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts

11 October Diplomatic protection

15 October Consideration of prevention and allocation of loss
18 and 19 October Administration of justice at the United Nations

22 and 23 October Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United

Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

25 and 26 October The rule of law at the national and international levels

29 October-2 November and

5–9 November

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its

fifty-ninth session

12 and 13 November Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on

nission

15 November Programme of assistance in the teaching, study, dissemination and

wider appreciation of international law

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

Adoption of the provisional programme of work for the sixty-

third session (resolution 58/316, annex, para. 3 (b))

16, 17 and 24 October and

14 and 16 November

Reserved

#### 61/510. Programme planning

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 4 December 2006, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Sixth Committee. 142

#### 61/511. Administration of justice at the United Nations

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 4 December 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, 143 took note of the decision of the Committee to hold a resumed session of ten meetings in March 2007, to consider the legal aspects of the report of the Redesign Panel on the United Nations system of administration of justice, 144 taking into account, as appropriate, the comments that would be made by the Secretary-General on the report of the Redesign Panel as well as those that might be made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>140</sup> Indicating provisional dates in 2007 for debates under the respective items.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>141</sup> Depending on the outcome of the consideration of the item entitled "Administration of justice at the United Nations" by the Sixth Committee at its resumed session in March 2007, the Committee may begin its work at the sixty-second session a week earlier.

<sup>142</sup> A/61/459.

<sup>143</sup> A/61/460, para. 10.

<sup>144</sup> A/61/205.

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