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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to General Assembly resolution [58/316](#). It contains the draft programme of work of the plenary for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly. The draft programmes of work of five of the six Main Committees of the Assembly, which were adopted by the Assembly during the main part of its sixty-eighth session, can be found in the respective decisions of the Assembly. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.



I. Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to its resolution [58/316](#) on further measures for the revitalization of the work of the Assembly, decided that in July of each year the General Committee would conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the Assembly, on the basis of a report submitted by the Secretary-General, and would also submit recommendations on the matter to the Assembly at its forthcoming session. The report would include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session.
2. The present report has been prepared in response to that request.
3. The draft programmes of work of the Main Committees, with the exception of the Fifth Committee,¹ have been approved by the respective Committees and were adopted by the General Assembly in the following decisions: First Committee (decision [68/520](#)); Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (decision [68/524](#)); Second Committee (decision [68/546](#)); Third Committee (decision [68/538](#)); and Sixth Committee (decision [68/526](#)).
4. With a view to assisting the General Committee and the General Assembly in their efforts to maximize both effectiveness and efficiency, the present report contains the draft programme of work of only the plenary for the sixty-ninth session. The draft programmes of the Main Committees are available in the respective decisions.
5. In accordance with General Assembly resolutions [65/234](#) and [67/250](#), a special session of the Assembly on the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 will be held in New York on 22 September 2014.
6. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

II. Draft programme of work of the plenary for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

First week (15-19 September)

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

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

² Items and their numbers cited herein are from the preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth session (A/69/50). All items are pending approval by the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session for their inclusion in the agenda and allocation for consideration. Some items that are on the preliminary list but not reflected in this draft programme are omitted either in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions of the Assembly or for scheduling at a later date.

Wednesday	Meeting of the General Committee
Friday	Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee [7]
Second week (22-26 September)	
	[Promotion of human rights]
Monday and Tuesday	High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (resolution 66/296) [66]
Wednesday to Friday	General debate [8] ³
Third week (29 September-3 October)	
Monday to Thursday	General debate [8]
Fourth week (6-10 October)	
Monday	<i>Official United Nations holiday (Eid al-Adha)</i> [Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Tuesday	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [109]
Thursday	The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy [117]
Fifth week (13-17 October)	
	[Promotion of justice and international law; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	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 [72]; 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 [73]; International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [130]: joint debate

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

Tuesday	<p>[Development of Africa; Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]</p> <p>New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [63 (a) and (b)]; 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [12]: joint debate</p> <p>[Organizational, administrative and other matters]</p>
Thursday	Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [112 (a)]
Sixth week (20-24 October)	
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sport for development and peace [11] 2. Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade [118]
Tuesday	<p>[Organizational, administrative and other matters]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination [113 (a)] 2. Election of fifteen members of the Human Rights Council [113 (c)]
Thursday	<i>United Nations Day Concert</i>
Seventh week (27-31 October)	
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Tuesday	<p>Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [40]</p> <p>[Organizational, administrative and other matters]</p>
Wednesday	Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [112 (b)]
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Thursday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report of the International Court of Justice [71] 2. Report of the International Criminal Court [74]

Eighth week (3-7 November)

	[Disarmament]
Monday	Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [87]
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Thursday	The situation in Afghanistan [37]

Ninth week (10-14 November)

	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday	Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [125 (a)-(x)]: joint debate
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters; Maintenance of international peace and security]
Thursday	1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations [111]
	2. Report of the Security Council [28]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Friday	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [13 (a) and (b)]; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [116]; Strengthening of the United Nations system [122]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [123]: joint debate

Tenth week (17-21 November)

Monday	[Promotion of human rights]
	Report of the Human Rights Council [64]
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Tuesday	Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [119]; Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [120]: joint debate
Wednesday	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
	Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [121]

Thursday	Election of five members of the International Court of Justice [112 (c)]
Eleventh week (24-28 November)	
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Monday p.m.-Tuesday a.m. and p.m.	1. Question of Palestine [36] 2. The situation in the Middle East [35]
Thursday	<i>Official United Nations holiday (Thanksgiving)</i>
Twelfth week (1-5 December)	
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Wednesday	Plenary meeting devoted to the observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (resolution 68/136) [26] [Maintenance of international peace and security]
Thursday	The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [31] [Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Friday	1. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences [114 (f)] 2. Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit [116 (g)]
Thirteenth week (8-15 December)	
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Tuesday	Oceans and the law of the sea [75 (a) and (b)]: joint debate [Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday	1. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order [15] 2. Global health and foreign policy [127]

	[Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts]
Thursday	Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [70 (a) to (c)]: joint debate
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Maintenance of international peace and security; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Culture of peace [14] 2. Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion [30] 3. Prevention of armed conflict [32 (a)] 4. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development [33] 5. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [34] 6. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan [38] 7. Election of five members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission [113 (b)] 8. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [116]: specific meeting focused on development (resolution 60/265) 9. Multilingualism [124] 10. Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [126] 11. Report of the Credentials Committee [3 (b)]
	(15 December-end of 13 weeks)

Plenary items not yet scheduled for debate

Report of the Economic and Social Council [9]; Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations

conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [13 (a) and (b)]: joint debate⁴

Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declarations on HIV/AIDS [10]

Overall review by the General Assembly of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (resolution [68/198](#)) [16]

Report of the Peacebuilding Commission [29]; Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund [110]: joint debate

Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution [32 (b)]

Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte [39]

Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [113 (d)]

Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme [113 (e)]

Appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services [114 (h)]

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 [128]

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 [129]

⁴ With the new cycle established for the Economic and Social Council, the complete report of the Council will be available only during the resumed session of the Assembly. As soon as the report is issued, the items will be scheduled for consideration by the Assembly.