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## Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

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## I. Introduction

1. By its resolution [72/313](#), the General Assembly decided to establish, at its seventy-third session, an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, open to all Member States:

(a) To identify further ways to enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on progress achieved in past sessions as well as on previous resolutions, including evaluating the status of their implementation;

(b) To submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-third session.

2. The General Assembly also decided that the Ad Hoc Working Group should continue its review of the inventory of Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted to the Assembly at its seventy-second session ([A/72/896](#)), and, as a result, to continue to update the inventory to be attached to the report to be submitted to the Assembly at its seventy-third session. The present report and the recommendations contained herein are submitted pursuant to the provisions of that resolution.

3. During the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, the President of the General Assembly appointed the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations, Sima Sami I. Bahous, and the Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the United Nations, Michal Mlynár, as Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

## II. Proceedings

4. The Working Group held a total of seven meetings, on 28 February, 19 and 27 March, 16 and 30 April and 11 September 2019.

5. The programme of work was organized as follows: general discussion and exchange of views; and thematic meetings. In accordance with paragraph 42 of resolution [72/313](#), the general debate, the thematic meetings and the interactive dialogue between permanent missions and the Secretariat were webcast.

6. The themes identified by the Co-Chairs for consideration in the four thematic meetings comprised:

(a) The role and authority of the General Assembly;

(b) The working methods of the Assembly;

(c) The selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads of the United Nations system;

(d) The strengthening of the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly.

7. In addition, one meeting was held as part of the interactive dialogue between permanent missions and the Secretariat (9 April 2019). A presentation of the zero draft of the resolution was made at an informal meeting on 3 June 2019.

### A. General discussion

8. The first meeting of the Working Group was convened by its Co-Chairs on 28 February 2019 and was attended by the President of the General Assembly. Following introductory remarks by the President, the participants of the meeting heard interventions from 28 delegations, including on behalf of groups of States. The

Working Group also had before it a tentative timetable for the thematic discussions; the report of the Secretary-General on mandates addressed to the Secretariat that had not been implemented (A/73/749), issued pursuant to resolution 72/313; the report of the Secretary-General on opening of the regular sessions of the General Assembly (A/73/723) and a draft updated inventory chart of all revitalization mandates, which was uploaded on the dedicated revitalization link accessible from the website of the General Assembly (<http://www.un.org/en/ga/revitalization/>).

9. In her opening remarks, the President of the General Assembly noted that the revitalization of the Assembly was at the heart of her priorities, recognizing it as key to strengthening multilateralism. From the start of the session, she convened many activities and events to promote the process, including the first Morning Minga, two meetings of the General Committee and the meeting with the former Presidents of the General Assembly on the theme “Revitalization of the United Nations in favour of a strengthened multilateral rules-based system.” Recognizing significant progress made during previous sessions, she outlined the following three areas requiring additional attention: the increasing role of the Assembly, possible alternative dates for the beginning of the regular sessions of the Assembly, and a need to further strengthen the Office of the President. Addressing the increasing role of the General Assembly, in the context of a growing numbers of resolutions and meetings, required the optimal use of limited resources, technical capacity and time. The President further drew attention to the growing number of side events and parallel activities to the general debate of the General Assembly and supported an idea expressed by some delegations to consider developing a set of guidelines to manage overall activities and enable all Member States to obtain greater benefit. She further called to collectively address the number and length of resolutions and other outcome documents, which were getting unmanageable, even for large delegations, and encouraged to streamline the agenda, with a focus on the implementation. Turning to the coordination of activities of the Charter bodies, the President informed that she continued the practice of having monthly meetings with the Presidents of the Security Council, Economic and Social Council and with the Secretary-General. In addition, she convened a dialogue on “Renewing Commitment to Multilateralism” jointly with the Presidents of the Security Council and Economic and Social Council on 31 October 2018 as well as the first ever joint briefing on related activities with the President of the Economic and Social Council on 31 January 2019. The President further underlined the need to ensure that activities of the Charter Bodies as well as their subsidiary organs are better coordinated. In terms of her convening power, the President mainly focused on mandated meetings and events, creatively using them to advance issues related to the priorities for the seventy-third session, while limiting the number of new initiatives.

10. Turning to the possible alternative dates for the beginning of the regular session of the Assembly, the President strongly encouraged to positively consider the change in the start of the session in order to provide more time for the incoming President before the start of the general debate. In this regard, she highlighted the challenges that she faced at the beginning of her presidency in preparation for the high-level week. While recognizing the steps undertaken in the area of strengthening the Office of the President, she believed that more had to be done to align the role and capacity of the President with the evolving role of the General Assembly. She said that instead of focusing on the activities for delivering on the growing number of mandates addressed to the President, the President-elect must struggle to raise funds and secure secondments as well as manage an administrative structure without the required support. The President thanked the Member States who seconded staff to the Office but stressed that relying on the good will of voluntary contributions was neither sustainable nor desirable. The President welcomed the decision of Member States to fund the transition periods between outgoing and incoming Presidencies, the practice of preparation of handover reports, as well as the convening of annual retreats. In

conclusion, the President announced her intention to convene an interactive dialogue with the candidate(s) for the President of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly in May, in accordance with the established practice, and looked forward to the elaborated guidelines by the ad hoc working group for the future informal dialogues.

11. The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management, introducing the report of the Secretary-General entitled “Opening of the regular sessions of the General Assembly” ([A/73/723](#)), highlighted the procedural framework, historical background, the current practice of the Assembly regarding its programme of work and identified three possible alternative options for the opening dates of the Assembly. Under each option, the current practice of convening the general debate in September would remain unchanged. As a potential benefit under all options, the incoming Presidents would have additional time to settle into office and to become acquainted with the working methods of the Assembly before the general debate. In addition, the General Committee can convene its first meeting without time pressure. The three options included: option A, in which the General Assembly would open on the Tuesday of the third week in January; option B, in which the General Assembly would open on the Tuesday of the first week in August; and option C, in which the General Assembly would open on the Tuesday of the second week in September.

12. In the subsequent debate, speakers overwhelmingly noted the importance of the revitalization process and highlighted the significant achievements realized during the previous sessions, citing, in particular, the adoption of resolutions [69/321](#), [70/305](#), [71/323](#) and [72/313](#). Many Member States reiterated that the revitalization of the Assembly is interlinked with the comprehensive reform of the United Nations. The webcasting of the meetings of the Working Group was welcomed as an enhancement of the transparency and accountability of the General Assembly.

13. A group of Member States underscored the importance of preserving the intergovernmental, inclusive and democratic nature of the United Nations and stressed the imperative need to consult with Member States within the Organization. Member States emphasized the need to respect the Charter-based prerogatives of each of the principal organs. Some delegations mentioned the politicization of the General Assembly and strongly opposed the use of the Assembly or any other organ of the United Nations as fora to promote national agendas and political interests by some Member States. On the other hand, one delegation reiterated the sovereign right of each Member State to propose agenda items. Other delegations focused on enhancing the General Assembly’s efficiency and effectiveness, including through reprioritization and the elimination of overlap where necessary, and called to ensure that the Organization worked within the agreed budget levels. One delegation called for vigilance about budgetary implications and stressed that efficiency entailed operating within existing resources.

14. The desire to streamline the agenda of the General Assembly was raised, including through the biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of agenda items. One group of States strongly believed that certain resolutions should be on the basis of a biennial and triennial cycle. Several speakers referred to the option of introducing a sunset clause. One delegation cautioned, however, that any streamlining of the agenda needed to be done on a case-by-case basis and in consultation with the Member States concerned. Speakers also recalled past and ongoing efforts to streamline the agendas of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and underlined the need to eliminate duplication and overlap and promote complementarity in the consideration and negotiation of similar and related issues. In this regard, one group stressed the need to bring the work of the Second Committee

of the General Assembly in line with the spirit of the 2030 Agenda and to transform it into a forum for meaningful and cross-regional discussions on how to best achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. One delegation was in favour of reducing redundancies and resolutions that have been overtaken by events. Another speaker suggested to adopt a rule according to which no new agenda item or sub-item should be added without simultaneous deletion of another item, which lost its relevance.

15. Member States touched upon the scheduling of high-level meetings during the high-level week in September. Many stressed that such meetings should be kept to the absolutely critical minimum in order to preserve and strengthen the sanctity of the general debate. Noting that the high-level week was already extremely busy, one speaker suggested that new high-level meetings should be spread out over the rest of the year and should focus on subjects relevant to the entire membership. Some speakers supported efforts to consider the proliferation of high-level meetings seriously, including in the discussions in the General Committee. Delegations supported the idea to discuss guidelines to optimise the efficiency and effectiveness of side events during the general debate, so as to bring order and discipline to the current overload of events. A delegation also expressed the wish that the list of speakers for the general debate should be produced in a manner that more accurately reflects the political context of individual Member States in which the Head of State performs a ceremonial or symbolic role and the Head of Government holds the highest political office.

16. Member States also discussed alternative possible dates for the opening of the session and generally thanked the Under-Secretary-General for introducing the report (A/73/723). Some delegations supported option C, in which the General Assembly would open on the Tuesday of the second week in September. One delegation expressed the need to carefully examine any alternative options and was unprepared to take any decision at the current session. Another delegation regretted that the only realistic option suggested in the report was option C, which was under discussion in the Ad Hoc Working Group for the past two years. Another speaker supported the idea to consider alternative dates for the opening of the session by bringing the high-level week to the very end of each session.

17. Several speakers welcomed the steps taken regarding the provision of the *Journal of the United Nations* in digital format in all six languages. Many delegations encouraged the taking of additional steps to improve its accessibility even further. The need for full implementation of rule 55 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly was reiterated. One delegation expressed the specific wish that the information regarding the informal consultations be provided in all six languages. Another expressed concern about a long time for the digital Journal to load on all devices. Moreover, delegations looked forward to the continuation during the seventy-third session of the comprehensive dialogue established between permanent missions and the Secretariat. A group of States strongly objected to the use of United Nations premises by some Member States to campaign against other Member States and underlined that the facilities of the United Nations must be used in line with the purposes and principles of the Organization.

18. Attention was given to the selection process of the Secretary-General and other executive heads. Delegations referred to the conclusions from the most recent selection process (A/72/514-S/2017/846) and argued for the consolidation of the historic achievement attained. Other delegations stated that it would be premature to focus on the selection process of the Secretary-General at this session. Improved interaction between the Security Council and the General Assembly was highlighted as a topic for further discussion. One group underlined that, at whatever stage a candidature was presented, the new procedure would always be followed in the future, and encouraged a deadline for the presentation of candidates. This group also wished

to further consider the possibility of submitting multiple candidates to the General Assembly; the application of practices used in the selection of other executive heads; and updating the oath of office. The same group wished to see extensive consultations on the draft resolution on the appointment of the Secretary-General and the conduct of a secret ballot in the Assembly. It was stressed that any new proposals must be studied very carefully to ensure their conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and that the viability of innovative ideas ought to be borne in mind before they were tabled.

19. Regarding the appointment of other executive heads and senior officials in the Organization, one group advocated that the Secretary-General should exercise independence in appointing senior officials, while securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, as well as equal and fair distribution based on gender and geographical balance. While commending the Secretary-General for the steps already taken, many delegations wished to receive a clearer overview from the Secretariat regarding vacancies for all senior posts and a broader and timely dissemination to the wider membership of positions available at the level of Under-Secretary-General and other senior posts. It was emphasized that, in line with past resolutions, no country or group of countries should hold any type of monopoly on senior positions in the Secretariat.

20. With regard to the strengthening of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, several delegations welcomed the steps taken to ensure greater transparency and accountability. A group of States wished to see additional posts in the Office of the President of the General Assembly on a permanent basis, as well as sufficient human and financial resources from the United Nations regular budget. It also highlighted the need for successful transition from one presidency to the next. One delegation proposed holding the election of the President earlier than June in order to afford the President-elect sufficient time to assemble a team and adequately prepare for the handover. Another delegation drew attention to the current support received by the President of the General Assembly from the Secretariat, and the need to strengthen it, in accordance with the role of the President under the Charter and the resolutions adopted. The informal dialogue with candidates for the post was cited as an important innovation that would serve to ensure that the best candidate was elected.

21. Member States welcomed the appointment by the President of the General Assembly of the Permanent Representative of Singapore, His Excellency Mr. Burhan Gafoor, and the Permanent Representative of Iceland, Her Excellency Ms. Bergdis Ellertsdottir, as the co-facilitators on the theme, dates and modalities for the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations in 2020. Delegations referred to the anniversary as an opportunity to take stock of achievements as well as to critically look at the challenges for the United Nations and multilateralism. Many speakers suggested to refer to the seventy-fifth anniversary in the resolution of the ad hoc working group. In addition, delegations supported the intention by the Co-Chairs to streamline the zero draft.

22. In concluding remarks, the Co-Chairs noted the wide range of substantive issues raised and emphasized that their main objective would continue to be to listen to Member States' interventions during the forthcoming thematic debates. The views and positions would form the basis for the zero draft of the resolution to be circulated before the commencement of the negotiations.

## B. Thematic meetings

### **First thematic meeting: the role and authority of the General Assembly**

23. In the course of the first thematic meeting, held on 19 March 2019, 15 delegations made statements, including on behalf of groups of States. Following opening remarks by the Co-Chairs a briefing was provided by Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications on efforts by the Department of Global Communications to enhance the visibility of the work of the General Assembly.

24. The Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications affirmed that the General Assembly continued to be at the centre of the efforts of the Department of Global Communications to tell the United Nations story to the global public every day, in as many languages and via as many platforms as possible. The Under-Secretary-General highlighted increased communications on the Sustainable Development Goals by engaging more partners, including civil society, academia and private sector. She further cited production and dissemination of multimedia and social media content on the Assembly in the six official languages as well as Kiswahili and Portuguese, the live and archived webcast coverage of the meetings of the plenary and the Main Committees as well as same-day press releases in English and French summarizing the proceedings. She also referred to the practical support provided by the Department to the Office of the President of the General Assembly, which included the secondment of a staff member to support the communications team of the Office, producing and disseminating the annual General Assembly press kit and providing year-round media support to the President, for example, assisting in the placement of op-eds, amplifying social media content, arranging media interviews and providing media monitoring when the President was travelling. Finally, she underscored the services of the Department for Member States, such as having a dedicated team on social media to guide digital diplomacy efforts, the social media studio during the high-level week in September, and the “one-stop” website to streamline events at the United Nations Headquarters.

25. In the subsequent interactive segment, three delegations posed questions. Responding to a question how the Department for Global Communications attempts to improve media coverage of the visits by the President of the General Assembly to various countries, the Under-Secretary-General assured that the Department was working closely with the Office of the President and utilizing the network of Information Centers to ensure media coverage of the movements of the President. Answering about key elements during the ongoing United Nations reform process, especially in relation to the Main Committees of the General Assembly, the Under-Secretary-General explained that emphasis was placed on social media and the revamping of the United Nations’ website to modernize the communications. Lastly, she highlighted that the Department was striving to provide high-quality communication products in all six official languages in response to a question how digital media has influenced the traditional media such as radio and multilingualism section.

26. In the course of the subsequent debate, delegations focused on the role and authority of the General Assembly, especially from the perspective of the Assembly’s relationship with the other principal organs, in particular the Security Council.

27. Many Member States reaffirmed the importance of strengthening the authority of the General Assembly, including in matters of peace and security. For example, one group of States stressed the necessity of complete observance by the Security Council of all Charter provisions, as well as of General Assembly resolutions, and urged the Council to submit a more comprehensive and analytical annual report to the General Assembly. Other speakers stressed that the best way to enhance the role and

authority of the Assembly was to improve its efficiency and effectiveness, pointing to, among other elements, the respective and complementary functions of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

28. On election-related matters, one delegation welcomed the practice of interactive dialogues with candidates for the Secretary-General and the President of the Assembly, while advocating that this practice should be extended to other election forums. Another delegation suggested the introduction of a single non-renewable term and independence of elected United Nations Officials. Regarding election campaigns by Member States, some delegations called for more transparency and equity and reducing financial costs for small countries. In this regard, one delegation suggested to use a platform to support election decisions on the basis of track records and commitments by the candidates.

29. Many delegations called for greater coherence in the work of the various principal organs, including the rationalization of agenda, and greater coordination among them through regular meetings of their Presidents. One delegation welcomed the circulation by the President of the General Assembly of summaries of the meetings between the Presidents of the principal organs. Speakers also stressed the importance of implementing 2030 Agenda. More generally, some argued that the voluminous agenda of the Assembly was a burden for Member States and advocated the streamlining of agenda, resolutions and other outcome documents. One delegation reiterated that all proposals to remove or change the frequency of consideration of agenda items would require consultations with the concerned Member States. Some delegations emphasized the importance of including other stakeholders in the work of the General Assembly.

30. With regard to the interactive and comprehensive dialogue between permanent missions and the Secretariat, which was established under the cluster of this thematic debate, many delegations welcomed the dialogue as a “standing mechanism”. One speaker suggested to expand this practice to other intergovernmental organs, while a group of States reiterated the need to follow up on all issues raised during the dialogues.

31. Many speakers reiterated their concerns about the increasing number of side events scheduled in parallel with the general debate in September. Some called on Member States to reconsider the scheduling of such events to ensure appropriate level of attention to the general debate. A group of States reiterated a need to develop guidelines to manage these events.

32. In concluding remarks, the Co-Chairs noted the wide range of substantive issues raised, which they intended to take into account when preparing the zero draft of the draft resolution.

### **Second thematic meeting: the working methods of the General Assembly**

33. The second thematic meeting was convened by the Co-Chairs on 27 March 2019. In accordance with paragraph 22 of resolution [72/313](#), the meeting participants heard briefings from the Chairs and representatives of the six Main Committees. In addition, at the invitation of the Co-Chairs, the Chef de Cabinet of the President of the General Assembly briefed on behalf of President of the General Assembly in her capacity as the Chair of the General Committee. During the interactive question-and-answer segments that followed, delegations had an opportunity to pose questions.

34. The Co-Chairs, in their opening remarks, emphasized the importance of the working methods for the revitalization of the GA, since they had a direct and comprehensive impact on efficiency, effectiveness and transparency. They highlighted that Member States had already advanced important initiatives to



streamline the agenda, consolidate documents and improve various procedural matters, including planning of meetings and voting. However, discussions during the current session reflected that Member States saw potential and need for further improvement.

*Briefings by the Chairs of the Main Committees*

35. The Chair of the First Committee noted that, as in previous years, the Committee was able to complete its work well within the provided timeframe. Despite “this session being one of the most contentious in the Committee’s history”, the Committee was able to complete its work one day ahead of schedule by adding meetings within the session. The use of the e-Speakers and e-Sponsors modules of the e-deleGATE portal had added convenience for delegations and increased transparency of the proceedings. The Chair noted delegations’ efforts to deliver their statements within the time limits set, which was facilitated by a buzzer system. In February 2019, the Chair started discussions on improving the working methods of the Committee regarding the modalities for participation of intergovernmental organizations in the Committee’s panel discussions, through an open and transparent consultative process, based on a “non-paper” containing options for consideration by Member States that he circulated in 2018. In conclusion, he welcomed the efforts by the Office of the PGA to promote coherence among the Main Committees, to which the discussions within the AHWG greatly contributed.

36. The Chair of the Fourth Committee informed that the Committee continued its practice of considering the five decolonization items in a clustered manner and holding interactive dialogues with high-level representatives of the Secretariat and agencies, in accordance with General Assembly resolution [58/316](#). Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [51/241](#), the First and Fourth Committees had closely coordinated their meetings at the current session furthering active coverage of the two Committees by smaller delegations. He also pointed out that the methods of work of the Committee, especially those relating to established time limits for statements, might require further review if the number of petitioners and delegations requesting to address the Committee continued to increase. Time management, aided by the use of a flashing light on microphones when one minute remained and deactivating the microphone during the statements by the petitioners when time allocation elapsed, proved crucial for the successful and timely conduct of work. The Chair further highlighted the benefits from the use of e-deleGATE, as a single consolidated platform to circulate information, which helped delegations to prepare for the meetings. In addition, the website launched at the seventy-second session for the submission of requests by petitioners ([epetition.un.org](http://epetition.un.org)) had continued to prove extremely useful and efficient.

37. The Rapporteur of the Second Committee highlighted the number of improvements made since the seventieth session: early preparations for the session, including agreement on a programme of work; reduction of the number of side events to two in addition to a joint meeting with the Economic and Social Council; compression of the general discussions of all items into the first three weeks of the session; strict implementation of time limits for interventions by deactivating the microphone one minute after the agreed speaking time had elapsed; establishing realistic deadlines for submission of draft resolutions; continued use of e-deleGATE to facilitate the work of the Committee and timely identification of facilitators. Highlighting the traditional practice of adopting the large majority of proposals by consensus, the Rapporteur regretted that it was not possible to find a formulation acceptable to all delegations of the paragraphs occurring in many resolutions referring to the inclusive nature of the 2030 Agenda. Discussions on the methods of work of the Committee pursuant to General Assembly resolution [72/313](#) were held in the

context of the Bureau meetings since no delegation intervened under the item during the plenary meeting on 30 November 2018. Subsequently, in response to an invitation by the bureau, many delegations had sent written inputs containing suggestions to improve the working methods of the Committee. In concluding, the Rapporteur emphasized that any discussions on the revitalization of the work of the Second Committee needed to be conducted taking into account other ongoing intergovernmental processes linked to the issues considered by the Committee.

38. The Vice-Chair of the Third Committee (Slovakia) informed about its rigorous workload and a continuous challenge with the scarcity of rooms for the numerous informal meetings. He highlighted that the number of special procedure mandate holders interacting with the Committee more than doubled in the last ten years, while the number of meetings remained the same. Therefore, time management was of great importance, furthered by progressive biennialization of some reports and resolutions, clustering of agenda items, discouragement of introductions of recurring draft proposals, the display of the digital count-down speech timer and automatic deactivation of the microphones when allotted speaking times elapsed. Reflecting on the Committee's experience with the consolidation of draft resolutions, he cautioned that any potential efficiency gains from omnibus resolutions should be weighed against possible complications resulting from contentious issues preventing an agreement on the wider proposal and increasing the possibility of voting. The use of e-deleGATE continued to facilitate information sharing by the bureau and the Secretariat but could be further expanded. Moreover, the election of the bureau three months in advance as well as the customary meeting of the incoming with the outgoing bureau had proven useful. Finally, the Vice-Chair encouraged the bureau to continue its practice of dividing the responsibilities to monitor draft resolutions emanating from their respective regional groups.

39. The Chair of the Fifth Committee highlighted the Committee's special nature owing to its consensual decision-making practice. She mentioned that the conclusion by the Fifth Committee of the main part of the session on 22 December 2018 was achieved by changing the standard procedure, enforcing the punctual start of meetings and instituting the time limits for statements (without cutting off speakers' microphones). The Chair further highlighted the importance of timely availability of documentation and stated that the Secretariat and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions should be held accountable to the General Assembly for the timely provision of reports, while recognizing the responsiveness of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management to the needs of the Committee with the editing and translation of documentation. In addition, while welcoming transparency, the Chair pointed out that the Secretariat submits many reports to the Fifth Committee that do not seem to need the approval of the Assembly, thus resulting in extra spending because of the processing costs and longer proceedings to discuss them. Finally, the Chair proposed to ensure that there is at least a week break between the end of the session of the Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and that of the Fifth Committee so as to allow time for preparation and consideration of the reports by the Fifth Committee.

40. The Chair of the Sixth Committee informed that the Committee continued the practice to discuss its working methods and the provisional work programme for the following session. The bureau also continued to proactively and successfully address the overlap with the schedule of plenary meetings, especially regarding consideration of the reports of the International Criminal Court and the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals. Member States benefitted from informal briefings and side events, which encouraged dialogue between them and other stakeholders. While acknowledging the positive impact on information sharing through e-deleGATE, PaperSmart and the Committee's website, the Chair encouraged the

Secretariat to continue expanding its electronic information resources. The current bureau intended to continue the practice of holding a “hand-over” meeting with its successor. In concluding, the Chair mentioned the quality of the debate and interaction between delegations during the session as one area in need of improvement. He proposed to encourage delegations to reduce statements to the main points and share the detailed statements through PaperSmart.

41. The Chef de Cabinet of the President of the General Assembly, speaking on behalf of the President, informed that on 5 December 2018, the General Committee held a meeting to exchange views on the important process to address gaps and duplication in the agenda of the General Assembly as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in accordance with GA resolution [72/313](#), in particular its paragraphs 29, 30 and 31. Reiterating the President’s preoccupation regarding the general debate of the General Assembly, which risked losing its importance and primacy due to the increasing number of parallel activities, the President concurred with proposal by Member States to consider a set of guidelines on the initiation of high-level meetings and side-events held in parallel to the general debate to be applicable to the Member States, Secretariat and the entire United Nations system. Turning to the possible options to streamline the agenda as well as the number and the length of resolutions, the President suggested four levels of action: (a) to identify a comprehensive methodology that defines possible gaps and duplications and establish a realistic timeline within the framework of the ongoing process to enhance synergies and coherence and reducing overlap in the agendas of the General Assembly, Economic and Social Council and their subsidiary bodies, as well as the high-level political forum on sustainable development and other related forums in view of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; (b) to consider issues related to time management, programme of work, format of meetings, frequency and clustering of agenda items and resolutions, as part of the work to be undertaken by the Chairs of the Main Committees of the General Assembly; (c) to discuss streamlining the agenda in the General Committee; and (d) to strictly restrain submissions of new proposals and agenda items, reconsider frequency of recurring proposals and items and possibly cease those that are no longer relevant by the respective individual and groups of Member States. In conclusion, the President appealed to Member States to change the opening date of the regular session of the General Assembly so as to allow sufficient time for the Office of the President of the General Assembly to prepare for the session.

42. In the subsequent question-and-answer segment, five delegations engaged the Main Committee representatives and Chef de Cabinet of the Office of the President of the General Assembly on the issues that they had raised or on specific proposals of their own as to how to further enhance efficiencies, including through better coordination. One delegation suggested that the Main Committees could utilize the agenda item entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, allocated to each Main Committee annually, to consider biennialization, triennialization, elimination of items as well as a possible impact of such changes on the future consideration of these items by the respective Committees. Another delegation proposed for the Third Committee to follow the practice of the Human Rights Council in hearing a cluster of special procedures at the same meeting instead of convening individual dialogues. One delegation noted with concern the continuous proliferation of the high-level events in the last several years and regretted the short time allotted to Member States to react to statements by experts and presenters during the interactive debates, presenting a challenge in attracting high-level officials from capitals. Responding to a question about the rational and the most preferred alternative date for the opening of the session by the Office of the President, the Chef de Cabinet expressed a preference for starting the session in January so as to facilitate the transition between the presidencies. Speaking in her individual capacity, the Chair

of the Fifth Committee remarked that the Chair of the Fifth Committee would benefit from commencing office in January for a calendar year to enable the incumbent to gain experience with the operation on smaller and less complex agenda items during the two parts of the resumed session, culminating in the main session. She added that the General Assembly and especially the President would also benefit from such annual cycle. Responding about a high number of meetings and non-negotiated outcomes, the Chef de Cabinet highlighted the need to experiment with the format of the meetings so as to create space for relevant action-oriented outcomes while fully taking into account the sovereign rights of the Member States.

#### *Statements/debate*

43. During the debate, 11 delegations made statements, including on behalf of groups. Speakers reviewed the implementation of the provisions adopted by the General Assembly under this thematic cluster during the seventy-second session, noting and highlighting various achievements. A group of States stressed the urgent need for steps to be taken towards rationalizing the agenda in order to reprioritize, eliminate duplication and overlap and promote complementarity in the consideration and negotiations of similar and related issues, including in the light of the 2030 Agenda. A group of States proposed to include a placeholder paragraph in the draft resolution on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly for the subsequent inclusion of the outcome of the agenda alignment process and stressed the need to synchronize these processes so that they are mutually-reinforcing. One delegation called the ad hoc working group to be mindful of the impact of the ongoing reforms by the Secretary-General, including of the peace and security pillar and repositioning of the United Nations development system, on the working methods of the Committees, while keeping in mind that the main rationale behind these reforms was to do away with fragmentation and strengthen coherence, leadership and enhanced results. A group of States recognized that some resolutions could be biennialized or triennialized, while expressing its strong belief that considerations by Member States, particularly the sponsors of resolutions, should be duly taken into account. Another group stressed that increased focus on implementation of draft resolutions would create public visibility and generate awareness on the ability of the Assembly to fulfil its mandates. One delegation specifically encouraged the Main Committees to identify resolutions suitable for biennial or triennial review. One speaker suggested biennializing the revitalization item itself, which would allow for greater focus on implementing previous resolutions rather than negotiating a new resolution every year. Another delegation suggested that sponsors of draft proposals should assess the practical feasibility of their recommendations prior to tabling draft proposals to improve implementation of the agreed resolutions. Another speaker pointed out that a comprehensive report by the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions would greatly facilitate Member States' assessment on the necessity of annual review of resolutions.

44. The scheduling of meetings was identified as another important area for possible improvement in the working methods of the General Assembly, with many speakers stressing that meetings organized in parallel with the general debate should be kept to the absolutely critical minimum in order to preserve the integrity of the debate. A group of States recalled that high-level thematic debates organized by the President of the General Assembly should be limited to current issues of critical importance to the international community. Another group looked forward to the implementation of existing provisions aimed at enhancing the coordination of high-level meetings to optimize their number and relevance, and stressed the role of the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly, including in his capacity as Chair of the General Committee, and of the Chairs of the Main Committee in that regard. The same group strongly encouraged the ad hoc working group to consider guidelines to

minimize the number of side events during the general debate with the aim reducing the current overload, while acknowledging that concentrating high-level events in a specific period of time increases political magnitude of the meetings and encourages more intense high-level participation from capitals. Another delegation supported spreading out high-level meetings across the year.

45. Acknowledging improvements from previous years, several speakers noted room for improvement regarding the coordination among the Main Committees during the session and the transition from one session to the next.

46. With regard to the possible modification of the opening date of the sessions of the General Assembly, one delegation observed that the report of the Secretary-General (A/73/723) provided a preliminary overview on the implications of each option outlined therein. However, in view of the implications not only for the Organization, but also for Governments, a more comprehensive analysis was needed before a decision could be taken. Another delegation reiterated its suggestion to bring the high-level week to the very end of each regular session and added that Option A seemed acceptable. One delegation expressed its openness to all three options presented in the report, noting that Options A and B would require further study, while Option C could be accepted as an interim solution.

47. A group of States mentioned that elections for the bureau of the Main Committees should be based on fair geographical representation and held at least three months before the opening of each session, preferably up to six months, to guarantee adequate preparation. Some speakers encouraged the Working Group to focus on the development of a code of conduct for election campaigns with a view to improving standards of transparency, accountability and equity. One delegation saw room for improvement in the conduct of elections of the Assembly and stated that it would be useful to task the Secretariat with an analysis of the current electoral practices to explore other solutions, including technologically advanced electronic voting systems.

48. One group of States proposed to elect the non-permanent members of the Security Council a full year before their term of office, instead of six months before, as provided for in resolution 68/307, and advocated expanding the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

49. Many delegations welcomed the improved format of the *Journal*. One group, noting that the renewed *Journal* reflected the Organizations' commitment to multilingualism, called for further improving the ease of access to the *Journal* on electronic devices. One group looked forward to steps to be taken to ensure the full implementation of rule 55, namely, publication of the *Journal* in the six official languages.

50. A group of States called on the Secretariat to come up with ideas for a workable solution to ensure that General Assembly meetings were provided with interpretation services, irrespective of whether they ran overtime. The group also requested the timely issuance of documentation. Regarding the e-services provided by the Secretariat, such as the webcasting of meetings and the PaperSmart portal, the group stressed that their use should not be interpreted as an alternative to the provision of hard copies. One group of States said that the Secretariat should continue improving and harmonizing e-services provided to Member States under e-deleGATE so as it could serve as a full-fledged on-line workplace for delegates. One delegation mentioned that the Secretariat should inform Permanent Missions in advance about any innovations or administrative changes that may impact the work of delegates.

51. In concluding remarks, the Co-Chairs expressed gratitude for the rich debate and assured delegations that they had taken careful note of the views expressed, which would be duly taken into account.

**Third thematic meeting: selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads of the United Nations system**

52. The Co-Chairs convened the third thematic meeting of the Working Group on 16 April 2019 and heard statements from 16 delegations, including on behalf of groups of States. Before the debate, the Working Group received a briefing from the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management on the gender balance and regional origin of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization, as well as on the issue of candidacies of senior United Nations officials currently holding office, in accordance with paragraphs 80 and 82 of resolution [72/313](#).

53. The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management informed the Working Group that the Secretariat consisted of 37,505 staff members. Of those, 63.2 per cent were men and 36.8 per cent were women. Of the latter, 6,680 were from landlocked least developed countries and 1,060 from the small island developing States. Of the 45 members of the Senior Management Group, 28 members or 62.3 per cent were women (the presentation was subsequently circulated in a letter dated 18 April 2019 by the President of the General Assembly to all Member States). The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management reported that there have been concerted efforts to raise gender parity and make the United Nations more geographically and regionally diverse. For example, as of March 2019, all heads of entities have access to a dashboard providing them with live data on geographical representation for all posts. Additionally, hiring managers received information on candidates' nationalities and regional groups, including whether the nationality/group is over- or under-represented at the United Nations.

54. In an interactive question-and-answer segment, three delegations intervened. One group appreciated the Secretariat's efforts to achieve gender parity among the Secretariat staff but expressed concern about the lack of parity between the regional groups, particularly with regards to the senior posts. Two delegations stressed the need to take measures to achieve geographical parity and take further steps in enhancing transparency in appointments. One speaker expressed concern regarding the underrepresentation of the nationals of the Eastern European States in the Secretariat and suggested to present future statistics separating from the data the nationals of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

55. In the subsequent debate, speakers reiterated as success the selection process that had led to the appointment of the ninth Secretary-General, citing the various innovative steps taken as a result of resolution [69/321](#) and [70/305](#). Many delegations emphasized their expectation that the innovative procedure used in the most recent appointment process pursuant to resolution [69/321](#) (including the sending of a joint letter from the Presidents of the General Assembly and of the Security Council inviting candidates to come forward; the circulation of candidacies received as official documents; and the convening of informal dialogues) should be applied in all future selection processes. On the other hand, a number of delegations stated that it was premature to adopt any additional measures regarding the selection process of the Secretary-General during the current session. To safeguard the institutional memory and lessons learned from the most recent process, delegations requested the Working Group to give priority to the consolidation of the appointment process. References were made to the notes containing lessons learned from the selection process ([A/71/774-S/2017/93](#) and [A/72/514-S/2017/846](#)), both of which, it was argued, could serve as an input to the discussion.

56. A group of States called upon the President of the General Assembly at future sessions to play a proactive role and the Security Council to recommend more than one candidate for the Assembly's consideration. The same group encouraged the introduction of a deadline for the presentation of candidacies; the tabling of a draft resolution in the General Assembly, preceded by wide and extensive consultations with all Member States; and action on the recommendation by secret ballot. It also advocated the updating of the Secretary-General's oath of office. In general, the group was of the view that resolution 11 (I) of 1946 had been amended by relevant provisions from subsequent resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.

57. The possibility of considering the establishment of a single, non-renewable term for future Secretary-Generals was raised. One delegation argued that the proposed change would improve regional rotation and gender balance, noting that no woman or a national of the Eastern Europe had yet been selected. Other delegations, on the other hand, opposed a single term, arguing that while the renewal of that term ought not to be taken for granted, neither should the possibility of reappointment be automatically precluded.

58. Various speakers touched upon the informal hearings with candidates, which they welcomed as a tangible improvement or, in the words of one group, as an essential component of the appointment process. Nevertheless, opportunities for further improving the format of those hearings were noted.

59. One group recalled that in resolution [72/313](#), delegations agreed to consider notional timelines for the process of selection and appointment of the Secretary General, which constituted a significant step forward. In order to guarantee a more inclusive and transparent selection process, it further argued that a deadline for presentation of candidatures, as well as a timeline for the overall process should be followed for all future processes, while bearing in mind that ultimately the best possible candidate should be appointed. Some delegations opposed establishing timelines for the Security Council by the General Assembly. One speaker expressed concern that strict deadlines may preclude consideration of well-qualified candidates. One group appreciated the value added by various stakeholders, including civil society, in searching for suitable candidates at their own initiative as an input for consideration by Member States.

60. Other delegations underscored the need for full implementation of Article 97 of the Charter and stressed the role of the Security Council in the selection process of the Secretary-General, which had served the Organization well since its inception. Noting the innovative changes introduced during the most recent process, the delegations emphasized that any new proposals required in-depth examination, including with a view to ensuring their full compliance with the Charter. These delegations highlighted the importance of flexibility to ensure that the best person, regardless of gender and geographical origin, would be selected for the post of Secretary-General. One speaker opposed any automatic favouring of women candidates and argued against the excessive codification of the process, rejecting the request for the Council to publish straw poll results, which, it argued, could harm the prestige of the candidates and the Member States nominating them. Furthermore, there should be no duplication of informal meetings with candidates between the Council and the General Assembly. Lastly, the suggestion of a single term could be perceived as an attempt to separate the Secretary-General from the work of the Organization.

61. Turning to senior appointments and the selection of executive heads, delegations welcomed the attainment by the Secretary-General of gender parity in the Senior Management Group. One group of States strongly encouraged the Secretary-General



to continue along that path with a view to achieving gender parity within the Organization as a whole. One group suggested that the Joint Inspection Unit includes in its programme of work the preparation of analysis and recommendations on the selection and appointment of executive heads and senior officials in the United Nations.

62. Several delegations reiterated that there should be no monopoly on senior posts and stressed the importance that recruitments be made on as wide a geographical basis as possible. One group called upon the Secretariat to provide a clearer overview of vacancies and timelines for all senior appointments. The same group underlined that the Secretary-General should exercise complete independence in the selection of senior officials with due regard to geographical and gender balance and proposed that the principles, which should govern the appointment of Executive Heads and the Senior Management Group of the Organization, be formally established.

63. In concluding, the Co-Chairs stated that they would duly take the discussion into account.

#### **Fourth thematic meeting: strengthening the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly**

64. The Co-Chairs convened the fourth thematic meeting on 30 April 2019. It included briefings by the President of the General Assembly and the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management. The briefings were followed by an interactive question-and-answer session and, subsequently, by remarks from 18 delegations, including on behalf of groups.

65. The Co-Chair (Slovakia), in his opening remarks, recalled that the ad hoc working group had been discussing a wide range of issues related to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the perceived need to further enhance support for the Office in the light of the steady increase in the workload of the Assembly and the expansion of the role played by its Presidents in the recent past. Member States universally supported the recent achievements in terms of the adoption of an oath of office and a code of conduct. In his view, it was important to discuss the following two main questions: (1) whether the presidency of the General Assembly was more of a protocol function, or rather a position of leadership and political responsibility and (2) whether the role of the President and the size and composition of the Office had reached their full potential or not yet. The Co-Chair hoped to make further practical progress on this cluster in the upcoming negotiations on the draft resolution.

66. The President of the General Assembly briefed the Working Group on the implementation of the mandates addressed to her by resolution [72/313](#) and on recent trends concerning the workload of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, highlighting the increasing demands on the President as a result of the Assembly's enhanced agenda. The President urged the Member States to discuss measures to close the gap between the number of tasks they request from the Presidents and the resources allocated to the Office. For example, the number of mandates addressed to the President increased from 24 during the seventieth session and 22 during the seventy-first session to 37 during the seventy-second session and 38 during the seventy-third session. The following seven areas were highlighted in which the Member States could make further progress under this cluster: staffing of the Office of the President, funding its activities, institutional memory, transparency and accountability, the workload of the Office, communications and the alternative opening dates for the regular sessions of the Assembly.

67. On staffing, the President reported that her team was comprised of 38 individuals, nationals of 28 countries, over 60 percent of whom were women. Stressing the challenge of the limited time for handover and limited institutional



support, she concluded that there was a need to have a transition team in place, to start preparations well in advance of the transition period; and the importance of continuity. The turnover of staff between sessions, although expected, was a challenge for the institutional memory and capacity. The Office was allocated 2 staff from the Secretariat and 5 paid positions. A similar structure to the previous Office was maintained, by keeping 7 advisers and 2 administrative staff. The President sought support from Member States to consider establishing a P-5 position in the Office to support the required continuity, a new position, which would again be requested by the Secretary-General in 2020, with her full support.

68. Turning to the funding of the activities of the office, the President reported that only 13% of the Office's resources were from the regular budget, while the remaining 87 per cent were raised through voluntary contributions. One of the biggest burdens on the Trust Fund was the result of unfunded mandates established by Assembly resolutions, resulting in a continuous need to fundraise since assuming the office. The President hoped that delegations could discuss the regular budget support to enable presidents to deliver what is requested of them by the Member States.

69. On the institutional memory, the PGA highlighted the following three beneficial handover practices: the annual retreat between presidencies; the "handover report", which sought to capture good practices and lessons learned and was made available on the websites of the Presidents; and the induction programme organized by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. Turning to the issue of transparency and accountability, the President recalled her points made in relation to the regular budget support and reiterated her commitment to positive practices established by her predecessors, such as disclosing relevant information on the Office's activities and holding dialogues with candidates for the positions of the Presidents of the General Assembly in line with paragraph 73 of resolution 71/323.

70. In terms of the workload of the Office, over 20 mandated high-level and other events remained to be prepared. The Office was also supporting preparations for the high-level meetings in September 2019 and 32 co-facilitators and co-chairs. Moreover, the established practice of coordination with other principal organs was maintained by holding monthly meetings with the Presidents of the Economic and Social Council and Security Council, and with the Secretary-General. She also convened meetings of the General Committee and the "morning mingas" to promote dialogue on issues of interest to the Assembly. In the area of communications, she outlined the efforts of the Office in increasing transparency and public awareness.

71. Finally, the President appealed to the Member States to consider changing the opening dates for the regular sessions of the General Assembly, which in her view would have a transformative impact on the ability of the future Presidents to deliver as they would have more time to build their team, get acquainted with the working methods and plan the delivery of mandates, processes and priorities for that session.

72. The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management briefed the Working Group on the support provided by the Secretariat to the Office of the President of the General Assembly, which covered the staffing, sources of funding and the regular Secretariat support available to the Office, while highlighting the wide range of support provided from within the Secretariat, which transcended any one Department. As to staffing, the Department covered the expenses of five staff members (2 D-2, 1 D-1, 1 P-5 and 1 General Service) in the Office and provided direct support by means of three Professional posts from within the Department. In addition, and also from within its own resources, the Department made available two General Service staff members, who were located in the Office, as well as translators and text processors, as needed. The Department also provides protocol services, as required, and correspondence services. The Department of

Operational Support provided a car and driver for official purposes, as well as office space, including transitional office space during the three-month transition period. The Department of Safety and Security provided a detail of two security officers, including during travel. The President is entitled to select a spokesperson for the term of office from the Department of Global Communications, while legal guidance was provided by the Office of Legal Affairs on an as-needed basis. Other substantive departments and offices were ready to accommodate the needs of the President, as required, for the work of the General Assembly. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management also provides administrative support for the President's official travels when financed by the United Nations and the Trust Fund of the Office of the President.

73. With regard to funding, the regular budget allocation amounted to approximately \$327,100 per session. In the light of the static nature of the funding, a trust fund had been created in 2010, the importance of which had been stressed by Member States in General Assembly resolutions. Contributions were usually earmarked either for specific purposes, that is, in support of particular meetings, or for general administrative, logistical and management support, and were associated with a specific session. Since November 2015, the Department of Management, which had since been renamed the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, approved a reduction of the programme support cost for the trust fund from 13 to 7 per cent. Noting that the activities of the President have increased markedly in recent years, the General Assembly has expressed continued interest in seeking ways to further support the Office in accordance with existing procedures, as well as to continue discussions in the Ad Hoc Working Group on further steps to strengthen the Office. In response to a request from the General Assembly, the Secretary-General had included relevant proposals in the proposed programme budget 2018-2019 for the establishment of one additional P-5 position in the Office of the President to ensure continuity and manage the transfer of knowledge between sessions, including to assist in the preparation of the President's end-of-presidency report and in the handover briefing, as well as for the additional general temporary assistance resources corresponding to an overlap period for one month for four positions in the Office to maximize the use of the transition period for incoming Presidents. At the end of the main part of its seventy-second session, the General Assembly decided against the establishment of the requested additional P-5 position in the OPGA but approved the additional general temporary assistance resources corresponding to an overlap period for one month for four positions in the Office of the President to maximize the use of the transition period for incoming Presidents. By resolution [72/313](#), the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit proposals to review the budget allocation to the Office of the President in the context of the proposed programme budget for 2020. In response to this request, and in accordance with the recommendation in the report of the Task Force on the functioning of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General again included in the proposed programme budget for 2020 the establishment of an additional P-5 position in the OPGA to ensure continuity and knowledge transfer. To this end, the proposed budget for Office of the President for 2020 will reflect an increase of \$218,100.

74. In terms of other support, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management fulfilled the role of focal point and assisted the Office throughout the year through conference management support, protocol and institutional memory. The Department would also continue the practice of organizing an induction programme for incoming Presidents.

75. In an interactive exchange, 8 delegations intervened. One delegation commended the President for her outreach to the regional groups, reactivation of

General Committee, and addressing gender balance. Regarding the issue of the limited time for handover, the same delegation recalled that the election of the President had been mandated to occur four months in advance of the start of the session so as to allow sufficient time for transition but that apparently this change did not help. Reiterating previous calls by a group of States to strengthen the Office, including by increasing resources from the regular budget, one speaker asked to further clarify the objectives of changing the starting date of the session. Regarding the change in the opening date, another sought to clarify which activities the Office could not undertake after being elected and before taking the oath, recognizing that it was the fourth PGA who presented similar difficulties to the ad hoc working group. One delegation asked what help Member States could offer in streamlining the work of the Office while another enquired about the challenges with the implementation of the high-level meetings mandated by the Member States. The President responded that a longer period before taking office was necessary to prepare for the session. For example, the location of the temporary office was outside of the Secretariat building, which made the transition more difficult. Moreover, the length of the recruitment process of staff lasted beyond the transitional period. As a result, staff members joined long after the President had been sworn in. In addition, fundraising required serious efforts and also lasted beyond the transitional month. Responding to a delegation who asked about the status of the President's archives, the President acknowledged that archiving remained a challenge and that the Office continued discussions with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management on further steps to improve this. Two delegations emphasized that the position of the President had become political and influential and was no longer ceremonial. Thus, the President required adequate support. Two delegations welcomed the practice of disclosing all travels undertaken by President on the website, including information on the purpose of travel, financing and the composition of delegation.

76. In the subsequent debate, delegations touched upon a wide range of issues related to the Office, focusing on the perceived need to further enhance support for the Office in the light of the steady increase in the workload of the General Assembly over the years and the expansion of the role played by its Presidents in the recent past. The recent achievements in terms of the adoption of an oath of office and a code of conduct were universally welcomed.

77. With regard to the budgetary provisions, many delegations supported adequate funding of the Office in the light of the increased workload of the President over the years. One group of States pointed out that a considerable amount of the expenses was covered by the country of origin of the President, which created a risk of inequality, in particular for developing countries. One speaker favoured the allocation of appropriate resources while highlighting the need to maintain budgetary discipline. Another supported "realistic proposals" for strengthening the Office, which needed to be considered in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure and resolutions [41/213](#) and [42/211](#), that is, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in the Fifth Committee. Furthermore, support for the Office should be provided by the Secretariat within existing budgetary resources. Another delegation expressed reservations on any proposals that could have budgetary implications, noting that United Nations reform was best served when it brought cost savings or was cost-neutral.

78. Concerning human resources, one group underlined the need for the assignment of additional posts to the Office on a permanent basis. Many delegations welcomed the secondments by Member States of staff from their respective Permanent Missions to the Office of the President and encouraged the continuation of this good practice. Efforts undertaken to reflect gender parity within the Office were welcomed. At the same time, it was pointed out that the Presidents-elect should continue to strive for

both gender and geographic balance within the Office. Many delegations mentioned their support of the work of the Office either through contributions to the trust fund or secondments.

79. To safeguard the Office's institutional memory and ensure a smooth transition between presidencies, several delegations welcomed recent innovations, such as the introduction of a handover report. They also called for improvements in the Office's archiving system. One group encouraged the President to continue efforts to make communication tools even more accessible. The need to continue improving the digital documents published by the President was stressed. One group of States encouraged early contact between the President-elect and the Working Group in order to determine the areas that needed to be addressed by the Group, including through the next resolution on revitalization.

80. While recognizing that the issue of the alternative opening date for the sessions of the GA had been under discussion for years, one delegation stressed the need to find innovative solutions to help the incoming Presidents with the difficulties that they face during the short transition period. Another delegation suggested to move the election of the President to an earlier date to give more time to the President-elect to assemble the team and enable a smooth transition.

81. Other matters raised in the debate included adoption of a code of conduct governing elections at the General Assembly to improve transparency, accountability and equity for Member States in election campaigns; continuation of the morning dialogues ("Morning mingas") with the Permanent Missions; continuation of the practice of convening interactive dialogues with the candidates for the position of the President of the General Assembly and creating guidelines for these dialogues.

82. In closing, the Co-Chair (Jordan) thanked the Member States for their contributions to all thematic discussions as well as the Secretariat for the continuous engagement and support. Highlighting the main points covered during the thematic discussions, the Co-Chair underlined the need to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the General Assembly, highlighting topics such as increasing the synergy between United Nations principal organs and reducing redundancies, streamlining the agenda of the General Assembly, strengthening the Office of the President, reducing the number of high-level meetings and side-events, and creating a code of conduct for elections. She recalled suggestions for improved coordination between the Chairs of the Main Committees, including by sharing the lessons learned and best practices to improve working methods. In addition, improving language parity of the e-services and further raising the visibility and media awareness of the Assembly. The change in the opening of the regular session was strongly suggested by the President and supported by many Member States.

83. Furthermore, a greater push for gender and regional parity in all aspects of the UN was stressed, including in the appointment of the executive heads. As for the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General, the view was expressed that there is more work to be done. Opinions differed as to what further changes were needed to the process of the selection of the Secretary-General and whether this session is the correct time to discuss them.

84. The Co-Chair also welcomed the holding of the fourth interactive dialogue between representatives of the Secretariat and Permanent Missions to further facilitate an equal access to the United Nations resources and services for all Permanent Missions. The rental prices for holding diplomatic events at the United Nations were identified as an overarching concern for many delegations. Delegations were presented by three options the Department of Operational Support that might serve as a basis for deciding on an appropriate solution for the existing situation.

85. The Co-Chair further recalled that the delegations mentioned the upcoming seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations in 2020, and the opportunity to use it for stocktaking and reform efforts, in order to increase the role of multilateralism with a reformed Organization at its core.

86. Finally, the Co-Chair informed that all contributions will be reflected in a fair and balanced manner in the zero draft to be presented for the discussion in the drafting sessions. She further reiterated that the Co-Chairs intended to streamline the draft resolution by producing a shorter, more concise version, while keeping in mind that all mandates will remain in place unless decided otherwise by the Assembly.

### **III. Conclusion**

87. In accordance with its mandate, the Working Group endeavoured to identify key issues of concern and possible consensus, to examine the current status of implementation of those issues, and either to take action or to indicate possible further action to be taken.

88. Some Member States or groups of States made several proposals for the draft resolution that deserved further reflection, and in this regard called for the continuation of discussions on the issues concerned, including on a possible review of the selection and appointment processes of executive heads and senior managers in the United Nations system by the Joint Inspection Unit, the appropriate precedence of the President of the General Assembly and ways to strengthen the participation of civil society in the work of the General Assembly, at the subsequent session of the Working Group.

89. At its final meeting, held on 11 September 2019, the Working Group considered and adopted the present report, including the draft resolution contained in section IV below (see para. 91).

### **IV. Recommendation**

90. On the basis of a draft resolution circulated by the Co-Chairs, the Working Group formulated the resolution set out below.

91. At its final meeting, on 11 September 2019, the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly concluded its work for the seventy-third session. The Working Group recommended that the Assembly adopt the following draft resolution:

## Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* the role and authority of the General Assembly as a principal organ of the United Nations and the importance of its effectiveness and efficiency in fulfilling its functions under the Charter of the United Nations,

*Acknowledging* that all resolutions of the General Assembly relating to the revitalization of its work constitute an equally important contribution to the strengthening of the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly as established by the Charter,

*Reiterating* that the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly is a critical component of the overall reform of the United Nations,

*Welcoming* the calls to increase the efficiency of the work of the General Assembly through streamlining its agenda, including by elimination of duplication and overlap of agenda items,

*Welcoming also* the efforts of the President of the General Assembly to provide impetus to and promote the process of revitalization of the work of the Assembly during its seventy-third session in favour of strengthening multilateralism,

*Recalling* that the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations will be commemorated in 2020 under the theme “The future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism”,

*Underlining* the need to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the General Assembly to address the evolving global challenges,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution [72/313](#) of 17 September 2018 and all other previous resolutions adopted by consensus relating to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly;

2. *Welcomes* the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly and the updated inventory of Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed thereto;<sup>1</sup>

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue updating regularly and equally the multilingual web page devoted to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly in all six official languages and its substantive content within existing resources in a cost-effective manner, including through the use of existing capabilities such as automation of translation, while ensuring the accuracy of translation;

4. *Decides* to establish, at its seventy-fourth session, an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, open to all Member States:

(a) To identify further ways to enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on the progress achieved in past sessions as well as on previous resolutions, including evaluating the status of their implementation;

(b) To submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-fourth session;

5. *Also decides* that the Ad Hoc Working Group shall continue its review of the inventory of General Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted at the seventy-third session and, as a result, continue to update the inventory to be attached to the report to be submitted at the

<sup>1</sup> [A/73/956](#).

seventy-fourth session of the Assembly, including the separate indication of relevant provisions that were not implemented, with reasons therefor;

6. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>2</sup> and requests the Secretary-General to submit an update on the provisions of the General Assembly resolutions on revitalization addressed to the Secretariat for implementation that have not been implemented, with an indication of the constraints and reasons behind any lack of implementation, for further consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-fourth session;

### **Role and authority of the General Assembly**

7. *Reaffirms* the role and authority of the General Assembly and the strict respect of the Charter-based prerogatives and division of work among the principal organs of the United Nations;

8. *Welcomes* the decision of the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-third session to select “Making the United Nations relevant to all people: global leadership and shared responsibilities for peaceful, equitable and sustainable societies” as the theme of the general debate, and also welcomes the decision of the President-elect of the General Assembly to select “Galvanizing multilateral efforts for poverty eradication, quality education, climate action and inclusion” as the theme of the general debate of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly;

9. *Stresses* the importance of implementing the resolutions of the General Assembly on a non-selective basis, including those related to the revitalization of its work that require a follow-up or further actions, as shown in the updated inventory of Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group;

10. *Welcomes* the efforts of the President of the General Assembly to reinforce synergy, coherence and complementarity between the agendas of the Assembly and its Committees, and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, and encourages regular interaction between the Presidents of the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council in this regard;

11. *Recalls* the Guidelines on the Rationalization of the Agenda of the General Assembly, as adopted in its resolution [48/264](#) of 29 July 1994;

12. *Also recalls* the need to enhance synergies and coherence by addressing gaps, overlaps and duplication where they are found to exist in the agendas of the General Assembly, especially of its Second and Third Committees, and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, in accordance with relevant rules of procedure and in the light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;<sup>3</sup>

13. *Requests* the General Committee, while exercising its functions under rule 40 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to pay special attention to reduction of such overlap;

14. *Stresses* the need to limit the number of high-level events in the margins of the general debate;

15. *Underlines* the urgent need to preserve the primacy of the general debate of the General Assembly and for Member States and the United Nations system to

<sup>2</sup> [A/73/895](#).

<sup>3</sup> Resolution [70/1](#).



singly and collectively limit the number of side events held in parallel with or in the margins of the general debate;

16. *Recognizes* the value of holding interactive inclusive thematic debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community, calls for the rationalizing of such debates to ensure high-level attendance, and calls upon the President of the General Assembly to be mindful of the regular agenda of the Assembly when organizing such debates;

17. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to reconsider the timing of the plenary meetings of the General Assembly on the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization and on the report of the Security Council, in close coordination with the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council, so that discussions of these important reports are not conducted in a perfunctory manner;

18. *Reiterates* its decision to hold an interactive and comprehensive dialogue between the Permanent Missions and the Secretariat as mandated in resolution [71/323](#) of 8 September 2017, during the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group, and strongly emphasizes the importance of the follow-up on issues raised during the dialogue aimed at improving the work of the Secretariat in its interaction with Permanent Missions, including the circulation of these follow-up measures to Permanent Missions;

19. *Requests* the Secretariat to circulate in advance to the Permanent Missions all new or updated administrative instructions and other documents that have an impact on Member States with respect to the delivery of standard administrative services;

20. *Notes* the progress aimed at increasing the visibility of the General Assembly in the media and in bringing the priorities of the Assembly to a wider audience, and requests the Department of Global Communications of the Secretariat to continue to take appropriate measures to further enhance public awareness of the role and activities of the Assembly, including in as many platforms as possible;

21. *Takes note* of the proposals provided by the Secretariat for addressing the cost of the use of the Delegates' Dining Room and other venues at United Nations Headquarters in New York by delegations, and decides to continue the consideration of this issue during its seventy-fourth session;

22. *Commends* the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General for their efforts to phase out single-use plastic food containers and disposable cutlery at United Nations catering venues in New York, and notes the desirability that these measures would not lead to any additional increase in the prices of goods and services provided by vendors;

### **Working methods**

23. *Stresses* the desirability of the General Assembly further streamlining its agenda and dedicating more time for dialogue as well as the review of the implementation of the resolutions it adopts;

24. *Reaffirms* existing relevant mandates related to the improvement of the working methods of the Main Committees;

25. *Requests* the Secretariat to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly on past decisions regarding the streamlining of the agenda of the Assembly to further address the issue of the increasingly overloaded agenda of the Assembly;



26. *Requests* each Main Committee to further discuss its working methods, and in this regard invites the Chairs of the Main Committees to continue briefing the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-fourth session on any best practices and lessons learned with a view to improving working methods, and to coordinate their briefings through, inter alia, possible identification of commonalities in the working methods and the lessons learned;

27. *Reiterates its request* to the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth session to identify proposals, in a timely manner, through consultations with all Member States, the President of the Economic and Social Council and the General Committee, within their respective mandates, aimed at addressing gaps, overlaps and duplication where they are found to exist in the agenda of the Assembly as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a whole, and reaffirms the respective mandates of the Main Committees of the Assembly, and on that basis, calls upon all of them to continue their consideration of addressing gaps, overlaps and duplication in their respective agendas as they relate to the 2030 Agenda as a whole, and in this regard requests them to make proposals available for discussion during the seventy-fourth session of the Assembly;

28. *Takes note with appreciation* of the updated mapping assessment of the Sustainable Development Goals coverage developed during the seventy-third session of the General Assembly as an evolving reference document for the consideration of Member States during the seventy-fourth session of the Assembly, and also takes note of the initial efforts made during the seventy-third session of the Assembly to develop possible criteria to identify overlaps and duplication where they are found to exist, with a view to continuing the work on agenda alignment with the aim of focusing the work of the Assembly more effectively and efficiently on the timely implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

29. *Emphasizes* that the General Assembly and its Main Committees, at the seventy-fourth session, in consultation with Member States, should continue their consideration of and make concrete proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items on the agenda of the Assembly, including through the introduction of a sunset clause, with the clear consent of the sponsoring State or States, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group, during the seventy-fourth session of the Assembly;

30. *Welcomes* the increasing number of women candidates nominated for the subsidiary organs of the General Assembly in seeking to promote gender balance, and encourages Member States to continue to do so;

31. *Reiterates* the need to produce the *Journal of the United Nations* in all six official languages in strict compliance with rule 55 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and in that regard emphasizes the importance of the extension of the information in the *Journal* published in the six official languages, reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group, on a yearly basis, on the progress achieved in this regard, and requests the Secretariat to continue to explore cost-neutral options to that effect;

32. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to improve, harmonize and unify e-services provided to Member States under e-deleGATE with a view to creating a full-fledged delegates' online workplace in order to save costs, reduce the environmental impact and improve the distribution of documents;

33. *Decides* that all meetings of the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs should make provisions for accessible seating for representatives with disabilities through the following process:

(a) Upon a request by a delegation for accessible seating, the seating order in a given meeting room is changed in such a way as to allow the requesting delegation to move to the closest accessible seat from the one it occupies in accordance with the order established for each session of the General Assembly, and the seating order for the rest of the delegations is moved by one seat;

(b) Should there be more than one request for accessible seating, the delegations requesting such seats will move to the accessible seats which are closest to their respective seats, which they occupy in accordance with the order established for each session of the General Assembly, and the seating order for the rest of the delegations is moved by the corresponding number of seats, omitting the ones newly occupied by the requesting delegations;

34. *Requests*, in this regard, the Secretariat to inform the Member States as soon as possible of any changes to the seating plans of the conference rooms;

35. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report during the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly on the ways to improve the accessibility of the United Nations Headquarters premises for persons with disabilities;

36. *Invites* other principal organs of the United Nations and their subsidiary organs to make similar accommodations, as provided in paragraphs 33 and 34 above, for their meetings;

37. *Requests* the Secretariat to bring this decision to the attention of any State, organization or entity that seeks to organize a meeting to be held at the United Nations, and encourages such State, organization or entity to make arrangements for accessible seating in the manner mentioned in paragraphs 33 and 34;

38. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled “Opening of the regular sessions of the General Assembly”, submitted pursuant to resolution [72/313](#);<sup>4</sup>

#### **Selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads**

39. *Reaffirms* the important role played by the Secretary-General in the context of the current global challenges, and in the implementation of the three pillars of the United Nations, namely, peace and security, human rights and sustainable development;

40. *Reaffirms its commitment* to continue, in the Ad Hoc Working Group, in accordance with the provisions of Article 97 of the Charter, its thorough consideration of the issues under the third thematic cluster of the Working Group, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, including the examination of innovative ways to improve the process of selecting and appointing the Secretary-General and other executive heads in all its aspects, and recalls all relevant resolutions, including resolutions 11 (I) of 24 January 1946, [46/77](#) of 12 December 1991, [47/233](#) of 17 August 1993, [48/264](#), [51/241](#) of 31 July 1997, [52/163](#) of 15 December 1997, [55/14](#) of 3 November 2000, [55/285](#) of 7 September 2001, [56/509](#) of 8 July 2002, [57/300](#) of 20 December 2002, [57/301](#) of 13 March 2003, [58/126](#) of 19 December 2003, [58/316](#) of 1 July 2004, [59/313](#) of 12 September 2005, [60/286](#) of 8 September 2006, [61/292](#) of 2 August 2007, [62/276](#) of 15 September 2008, [63/309](#) of 14 September 2009, [64/301](#) of 13 September 2010, [65/315](#) of 12 September 2011, [66/294](#) of 17 September 2012, [67/297](#) of 20 August 2013, [68/307](#) of 10 September 2014, [69/321](#) of 11 September 2015, [70/305](#) of 13 September 2016, [71/323](#) and [72/313](#), reaffirming the applicable procedures set out in the rules of procedure of the

<sup>4</sup> [A/73/723](#).

Assembly, in particular rule 141, and acknowledging existing relevant practices of the Assembly;

41. *Encourages* future Presidents of the General Assembly to actively contribute to the implementation of provisions guiding the selection and appointment of the ninth Secretary-General, as contained in all relevant resolutions, in particular resolutions [69/321](#) and [70/305](#), and stresses the need for the selection and appointment process of the Secretary-General and other executive heads to be guided by the principles of transparency and inclusiveness;

42. *Welcomes* the progress achieved in the selection and appointment process of the Secretary-General in the consensual resolutions [69/321](#), [70/305](#), [71/323](#) and [72/313](#), in full compliance with the General Assembly mandate under Article 97 of the Charter, and reaffirms previous resolutions referring to gender balance and regional rotation in the course of the identification and appointment of the best candidate for the post of the Secretary-General;

43. *Decides* to further assess during the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly the selection and appointment process of the Secretary-General, consolidate the advances gained in the relevant General Assembly resolutions and explore possible steps to further improve the process, including the collaboration between the General Assembly and the Security Council, consistent with Article 97 of the Charter, as well as to explore the possibility for the incumbent Secretary-General to present a vision statement for the next term and to brief the Member States on its content;

44. *Reiterates* the possibility of providing the process of selection and appointment of the Secretary-General with notional timelines in accordance with paragraph 72 of its resolution [72/313](#), and decides to further discuss this issue during its seventy-fourth session in the Ad Hoc Working Group;

45. *Decides* that the Secretary-General-designate shall take an oath of office before the General Assembly during a swearing-in ceremony, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

46. *Welcomes* again the ongoing efforts of the Secretary-General towards achieving equal and fair distribution in terms of the gender and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization, while securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, in accordance with Article 101 of the Charter and its resolutions [46/232](#) of 2 March 1992, [51/241](#), and [71/263](#) of 23 December 2016, commends in particular the fact that gender parity was achieved in the Senior Management Group, and requests that further effective measures be taken in this regard;

47. *Supports* the request of the Secretary-General for Member States to submit names and résumés of nationals who may be considered for positions of executive heads and senior management of the Secretariat;

48. *Welcomes* the fact that gender parity has already been reached in the Senior Management Group, and commends the Secretary-General's commitment to reach gender parity and to recruit staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible across the United Nations Organization;

49. *Reiterates* the need to ensure equal and fair distribution based on gender balance and as wide a geographical basis as possible, and in this regard recalls its resolutions [46/232](#) and [51/241](#), adopted without a vote, which contain the principles that the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity are the paramount considerations in the recruitment and performance of international civil servants and

that, as a general rule, there should be no monopoly on senior posts in the United Nations system by nationals of any State or group of States;

50. *Requests* the Office of Human Resources of the Secretariat to continue with the practice of providing a briefing to the Ad Hoc Working Group on the gender and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization, as well as with a breakdown showing those originating from the States that are permanent members of the Security Council;

### **Strengthening the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly**

51. *Emphasizes* the important role of the President of the General Assembly within the United Nations Organization, as well as in the overall success of the work of the General Assembly;

52. *Invites* Member States to equally consider women as candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, and encourages Presidents-elect to continue to strive for both gender and geographical balance within the Office of the President of the General Assembly;

53. *Notes with appreciation* the decision of Member States to fund the transition period, the trust fund in support of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, seconding national staff as well as the convening of annual retreats;

54. *Welcomes* the induction programme delivered to the Office of the President of the General Assembly, and calls upon the Secretariat to strengthen the programme through enhanced content and increased delivery time;

55. *Recognizes* the heavy reliance of the Office of the President of the General Assembly on voluntary contributions to deliver on a growing number of mandates entrusted to it by the Assembly;

56. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide to the President of the General Assembly, within existing resources, adequate administrative, technical, logistical and protocol-related support necessary to effectively execute his or her mandates as president of a principal organ of the United Nations;

57. *Recalls* that the activities of the President of the General Assembly have increased continuously and markedly in recent years, also recalls the provisions regarding the support for the Office of the President of the General Assembly in previous resolutions, and expresses continued interest in seeking ways to further support and strengthen the Office in accordance with existing procedures, in particular rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly;

58. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the measures necessary to preserve and further strengthen the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, through utilizing existing United Nations record-keeping and archiving facilities;

59. *Requests* the Secretariat to issue, within existing resources, in coordination with the Office of the President of the General Assembly, a compendium of best practices of past Presidents that could serve to contribute to strengthening the institutional memory of the Office;

60. *Emphasizes* the importance of a handover report for the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly in accordance with resolution [69/321](#) and other relevant mandates contained in resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the Assembly;

61. *Calls upon* the President of the General Assembly to organize the informal interactive dialogue of the Member States with the candidate(s) for the position of the President of the General Assembly pursuant to resolution 71/323 as a question and answer session with targeted and relevant questions, that serves as a follow-up to the vision statement of the candidate(s) and draws on the plans and priorities of each candidate for his or her term, and emphasizes the need to provide enough time so that all participants would have the opportunity to put forward questions;

62. *Encourages* the Office of the President of the General Assembly to expedite the posting of all relevant documents, including the President's speeches, letters, travels, activities, decisions and press releases, on the relevant websites of the United Nations.

## **Annex**

### **Oath of office of the Secretary-General**

I, [name], solemnly swear to exercise in all loyalty, discretion and conscience the functions entrusted to me as Secretary-General of the United Nations, to discharge these functions and regulate my conduct with the interests of the United Nations only in view and in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, without seeking or accepting any instructions in regard to the performance of my duties from any Government or other authority external to the Organization.

## Annex

### **Updated inventory chart of General Assembly resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, issued pursuant to resolution [72/313](#)**

#### **Explanatory note by the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly (seventy-third session)**

1. In accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution [72/313](#), in which the Assembly decided that the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly should continue its review of the inventory of Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted to the Assembly at its seventy-second session ([A/72/896](#)) and, as a result, continue to update the inventory to be attached to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-second session, the Co-Chairs, assisted by the Secretariat, have prepared the updated inventory chart for consideration by Member States.
2. The present inventory chart has been updated to reflect the progress achieved since the adoption of resolution [72/313](#).
3. The Co-Chairs, assisted by the Secretariat, obtained updated information, where possible, from relevant entities responsible for implementation.
4. The updated inventory chart retains the following two-part structure, which was also utilized in the report submitted at the seventy-second session:
  - (a) The first part contains unimplemented provisions, in order to focus on their follow-up;
  - (b) The second part contains implemented provisions, both those that required one-time action and those to be implemented on an ongoing basis, in order to keep track of previous achievements and provide the means to compare with and learn from past experience.
5. The inventory chart does not have a definite character and may be amended at any time by Member States through the Ad Hoc Working Group. Furthermore, it is not intended to, and does not, have any legal effect. It should serve only as a tool to facilitate discussions on the follow-up to the implementation of the previous related resolutions.

## Part I

### Provisions requiring follow-up

#### Cluster I: role and authority of the General Assembly

<i>No.</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Text of provision</i>	<i>Implementing entity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<b>C. Provisions related to the annual report of the Security Council (see also part II)</b>				
1.	<a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 7 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 2 (d); and <a href="#">58/126</a> , annex, para. 2	Invites the Security Council to submit periodically, in accordance with Articles 15 and 24 of the Charter, special subject-oriented reports to the General Assembly for its consideration on issues of current international concern.	Member States (Security Council)	Since the adoption of resolution <a href="#">60/286</a> no special subject-oriented reports have been formally submitted to the General Assembly. The special subjects, however, are to some extent covered by the monthly assessments by the President of the Security Council.

#### Cluster II: working methods

<i>No.</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Text of the provision</i>	<i>Implementing entity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<b>F. Provisions related to documentation: resolutions (see also part II)</b>				
2.	<a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 23 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">58/126</a> , annex, sect. B, para. 5	Encourages Member States to submit draft resolutions in a more concise, focused and action-oriented form.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by the Member States, bearing in mind the sovereign right of Member States to submit proposals in the context of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

#### Cluster III: selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads (see part II)

<i>No.</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Text of the provision</i>	<i>Implementing entity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<b>C. Provisions related to the appointment and duration of the term (see also part II)</b>				
3.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 74	Decides to review the oath of office of the Secretary-General during its seventy-third session.	Ad Hoc Working Group	At the seventy-third session, the Group revised the oath, which is contained in the annex to the resolution adopted by the Working Group.

## Cluster IV: strengthening the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly (see part II)

<i>No.</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Text of provision</i>	<i>Implementing entity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<b>A. Provisions related to the competencies of the President of the General Assembly</b>				
4.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 89	Requests the Ad Hoc Working Group to establish, in close consultation with the President of the General Assembly, the guidelines for the informal interactive dialogue with candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, including the question of participants, duration and format.	Ad Hoc Working Group, President of the General Assembly	Provision was considered during the seventy-third session.

## Part II Provisions that have been implemented or are being implemented on an ongoing basis

### Cluster I: role and authority of the General Assembly

<i>No.</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Text of provision</i>	<i>Implementing entity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<b>A. General provisions related to the role and authority of the General Assembly</b>				
5.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 6. <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 6; <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 6; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 6; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 6; <a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 4; <a href="#">65/315</a> , para. 4; <a href="#">64/301</a> , para. 4; <a href="#">60/286</a> , annex I, para. 1; and <a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 2 (b)	Reaffirms the role and authority of the General Assembly, including on questions relating to international peace and security, in accordance with Articles 10 to 14 and 35 of the Charter of the United Nations, where appropriate, using the procedures set forth in rules 7 to 10 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, which enable swift and urgent action by the Assembly, bearing in mind that the Security Council has primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security in accordance with Article 24 of the Charter.	Member States	Ongoing provision. The General Assembly has a number of items on its agenda that fall under the heading “maintenance of international peace and security”. Since this provision was first adopted, the tenth emergency special session held its 30th and 31st plenary meetings on 15 December 2006; its 32nd to 36th plenary meetings on 15 and 16 January 2009; its 37th plenary meeting on 21 December 2017; and its 38th plenary meeting on 13 June 2018.
6.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 10	Welcomes the holding of an interactive and comprehensive dialogue	Ad Hoc Working Group	On 15 March 2016, the President of the General Assembly convened an informal meeting to consider ways



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	<i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 10, <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 10; and <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 10	between the Permanent Missions and the Secretariat, as mandated in resolution <a href="#">70/305</a> , aimed at improving the work of the Secretariat in its interaction with the Permanent Missions, and requests the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group to continue to convene the interactive dialogue within the framework of the Ad Hoc Working Group, aimed at: (a) identifying issues in the interaction of the Secretariat with the permanent missions; and (b) identifying solutions in better meeting the needs and requirements of the permanent missions regarding standard operating procedures used at United Nations Headquarters in New York.		<p>and means to further enhance the cooperation between permanent missions and the Secretariat, which included briefings from senior managers. A summary of the meeting was transmitted to the Secretary-General and all Member States.</p> <p>At the first thematic meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-first session, on 15 March 2017, senior Secretariat officials briefed the membership on the follow-up actions taken by the Secretariat pursuant to the informal meeting of the General Assembly of 15 March 2016. The meeting included an interactive question-and-answer segment to provide an opportunity for dialogue.</p> <p>In response to the call for a continuation of the interactive dialogue, on 15 May 2017 the Co-Chairs convened a separate informal meeting dedicated to the interaction between permanent missions and the Secretariat.</p> <p>Subsequently, the membership was informed of the establishment of a focal point in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management as the contact person for Member States to express their concerns and/or address any other queries they might have.</p> <p>During the seventy-second session, on 5 April 2018, the Working Group convened an interactive dialogue between permanent missions and the Secretariat. A summary of the dialogue was circulated by the President of the General Assembly to all Member States.</p> <p>During the seventy-third session, on 9 April 2019, the Working Group convened an interactive dialogue, which was webcast and the summary of which was circulated by the President of the General Assembly to all Member States (letter dated 18 April 2019).</p>

No.	Resolution	Text of provision	Implementing entity	Comments
7.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 11 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 11	Reiterates its decision to hold thematic dialogues periodically during the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group, and to review this arrangement at the seventy-third session of the General Assembly.	Ad Hoc Working Group	Ongoing provision.
8.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 12 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 12	Requests the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group to circulate to Member States and the Secretariat the issues raised during the official meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group in order to receive written feedback from the Secretariat on concerns raised by the permanent missions, and also requests the Co-Chairs to circulate a written summary of the interactive and comprehensive dialogues.	Ad Hoc Working Group	Ongoing provision.
9.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 13 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 13	Welcomes, in this regard, the active participation by the Secretariat during the seventy-second session, and in particular notes with appreciation the establishment of a “one stop shop” as a single entry point for requesting meetings services, while encouraging the Secretariat to make similar arrangements for other services provided.	Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	<p>In a note verbale dated 19 March 2018 addressed to all the permanent missions, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management announced the official launch of gMeets, also known as the “one-stop-shop” portal, which is a single-entry point to submit requests for meeting services at Headquarters through an easy-to-use self-service web interface. The “one-stop-shop” application permits clients to select from a range of meeting services, including conference room allocation; interpretation; nameplate, podium sign and room set-up; publishing material in the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i>; audio-visual services; webcast services; and access and security-related services and loaning of technological equipment. Background information and cost estimates are readily made available to facilitate informed decisions by requesters.</p> <p>On 9 April, the Ad Hoc Working Group was briefed on the latest</p>

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				improvements, including a new self-service module in gMeets, a single-entry point for requesting meeting services, which was successfully used to request bilateral meeting booths during the United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation in Buenos Aires, the first time that the “one-stop-shop” was used outside of United Nations Headquarters.
<b>B. Provisions related to the election of the President of the General Assembly and members of the General Committee (see also part I)</b>				
10.	<a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 43 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 30; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 29; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 22; and <a href="#">67/297</a> , para. 22	Requests the Ad Hoc Working Group to prepare long-term arrangements concerning the election of the Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees of the General Assembly with the aim of establishing a predictable, transparent and fair mechanism, in consultation with regional groups, and that it submit them to the Assembly no later than at the seventy-second session, and in this regard invites Member States to present proposals and begin at an early stage to devote attention to the matter of concluding a future arrangement, which would come into effect at the seventy-fourth session of the Assembly, with the annex to resolution <a href="#">68/307</a> of 10 September 2014 containing the guidelines on the election of the Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees to be considered in this context.	Ad Hoc Working Group, regional groups	At its seventy-second session, the Ad Hoc Working Group decided to establish a pattern of rotation for the Chairs of the Main Committees from the seventy-fourth to the eighty-third sessions (resolution <a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 48), as contained in the annex to the resolution adopted by the Working Group.

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11.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 50 <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 44	Continues to encourage Member States to seek gender balance in the distribution of the Chairs and bureau members of the Main Committees as well as the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly, where applicable.	Member States	Ongoing provision.
12.	<a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 31 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 30	Encourages Members States to seek gender balance in the distribution of Chairs of the Main Committees and in the position of the President of the General Assembly.	Member States	Ongoing provision.
13.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 48	Decides to establish the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the forthcoming 10 sessions of the General Assembly, namely from the seventy-fourth to the eighty-third session, as contained in the annex to the present resolution.	General Assembly, regional groups	Ongoing provision to be implemented from the seventy-fourth to the eighty-third session.
14.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 49	Also decides to prepare arrangements concerning the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the following sessions no later than at its eighty-second session	Ad Hoc Working Group, regional groups	To be implemented no later than the eighty-second session of the General Assembly.
15.	<a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 21	Decides to reiterate the interim arrangement adopted in General Assembly decision 68/505 of 1 October 2013 recommending the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the forthcoming five sessions, namely from the sixty-ninth to seventy-third sessions, as well as the guidelines on the election of the Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees contained in the annex to the present resolution.	General Assembly, regional groups	Implemented on an ongoing basis. In its decision 68/505, taken at its 24th plenary meeting on 1 October 2013, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, decided to approve an interim arrangement concerning the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the forthcoming five sessions of the Assembly. The elections for the Chairs of the Main Committees for the sixty-ninth to seventy-second sessions were conducted in accordance with this decision. Concerning the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), the General Assembly furthermore

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				adopted decision 69/524 of 5 December 2014, entitled “Rotation of the post of Rapporteur of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventieth to seventy-third sessions of the General Assembly”.
16.	<a href="#">58/126</a> , annex, sect. B, para. 9	In accordance with paragraph 2 (a) and (c) of resolution 56/509, the General Assembly elects the President of the Assembly, the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly, and the Chairs of the Main Committees at least three months before the opening of the session in which they will serve. In order to foster better advance planning and preparation of the work of the Main Committees, the full bureaux of the Main Committees shall similarly be elected three months in advance of the next session.	Member States	Ongoing provision. Provision implemented as from the fifty-eighth session. This provision as well as rules 30 and 99 (a) apply to the election of the President of the General Assembly and the Vice-Presidents.

**C. Provisions related to the annual report of the Security Council  
(see also part I)**

17.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 17 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 13; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 11; <a href="#">67/297</a> , para. 10; <a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 11; <a href="#">65/315</a> , para. 10; <a href="#">64/301</a> , para. 9; <a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 4; and <a href="#">58/126</a> , annex, para. 3	Commends improvements in the quality of the annual report of the Security Council to the General Assembly, including as presented in the note by the President of the Security Council, and welcomes the willingness of the Council to continue to consider other suggestions concerning improvements to the annual report.	Security Council	<p>Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The report of the Security Council is being improved in a gradual manner. See the note by the President of the Security Council contained in document <a href="#">S/2015/944</a>.</p> <p>Further to the measures contained in the notes by the President of the Security Council of 26 July 2010 (<a href="#">S/2010/507</a>) and 5 June 2012 (<a href="#">S/2012/402</a>), presidents may consider organizing interactive informal exchanges of views with the wider membership prior to the adoption of the report.</p> <p>In the 1990s the report was changed to reflect changes in the working methods of the Security Council. Since 2000, further changes have been introduced; inter alia, the introductory part has been added. Since then, the Security Council has focused more on</p>
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				the introduction to the report. In 2006, information on special political missions was added to the report.
18.	<a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 5 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">58/126</a> , annex, para. 4; and <a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 12	In carrying out the assessment of the debate on the annual report of the Security Council called for in paragraph 12 of the annex to resolution <a href="#">51/241</a> , the President shall inform the General Assembly of his decision regarding the need for further consideration of the report of the Council, including in respect of the convening of informal consultations, on the need for, and content of, any action by the Assembly based on the debate, as well as on any matters to be brought to the attention of the Council.	President of the General Assembly	Implemented on an ongoing basis.  The President of the General Assembly provides opening remarks and a closing assessment of the debate. At the sixty-ninth session, the President of the General Assembly, subsequent to the debate, transmitted to Member States a list of proposals concerning the analytical nature, the presentation of the report and practices, expressed during the debate.  See also the note by the President of the Security Council ( <a href="#">S/2015/944</a> ), which, inter alia, stated that the report to be presented to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session would cover the period from 1 August 2015 to 31 December 2016. Thereafter, the period of coverage for all future reports would be from 1 January to 31 December.
19.	<a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 6 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 2 (e)	Invites the Security Council to update the General Assembly on a regular basis on the steps it has taken or is contemplating with respect to improving its reporting to the Assembly.	Member States, Security Council	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Information on the steps taken by the Security Council is provided during the meetings with the President of the General Assembly, as well as included in the monthly assessments by the Presidents of the Security Council. See also the note by the President of the Security Council ( <a href="#">S/2015/944</a> ).
20.	<a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 2 (c) <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 2 (f)	To consider the annual reports as well as special reports of the Security Council, in accordance with Article 15, paragraph 1, and Article 24, paragraph 3, of the Charter, through substantive and interactive debates.	General Assembly	See above.

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21.	51/241, annex, para. 11	The agenda item entitled “Report of the Security Council” shall continue to be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly.	General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
22.	51/241, annex, para. 14	The monthly forecast of the programme of work of the Security Council shall be circulated for the information of members of the General Assembly.	Security Council	Implemented on an ongoing basis. The programme of work is uploaded on the website of the Security Council.
23.	51/241, annex, para. 13	The agenda item shall not be closed but shall remain open to enable further discussion as necessary during the year, bearing in mind, inter alia, the submission of additional reports as and when necessary.	Member States (General Assembly)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.  Since the sixty-second session, the agenda item has remained open at every session.

#### **D. Provisions related to the annual report of the Economic and Social Council**

24.	60/286, annex, para. 8  <i>Also in:</i>  51/241, annex, para. 15	Invites the Economic and Social Council to continue to prepare its report to the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution 50/227, striving to make it more concise and action-oriented by highlighting the critical areas requiring action by the Assembly and, as appropriate, by making specific recommendations for consideration by the Member States.	Member States (Economic and Social Council)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
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#### **E. Provisions related to the annual report of the International Court of Justice**

25.	51/241, annex, para. 16	The report of the International Court of Justice shall continue to be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly. The Assembly shall continue to support the role of the International Court of Justice as the principal judicial organ of the Organization, in accordance with the Charter of the United	General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Since the fifty-second session, the report has continued to be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly.
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		Nations. The Assembly shall also continue to encourage the progressive development and codification of international law.		
<b>F. Provisions related to public relations activities</b>				
26.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 2 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 2; <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 2; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 2; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 2; and <a href="#">67/297</a> , para. 16	Takes note with appreciation of the multilingual web page devoted to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, accessible directly from the United Nations website, which exists in all six official languages, including an overview of major outcomes achieved under this agenda item, and invites the Secretariat to continue updating regularly and equally that web page and its substantive content in a cost-effective manner.	Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, Department of Global Communications	Implemented. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management periodically provides updated content, in all six official languages, to the Department of Global Communications for uploading to the United Nations website.
27.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 18 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 18; <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 14; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 14; and <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 12	Requests the Secretariat, including the Department of Public Information, while carrying out its activities, as mandated by the General Assembly, to continue its efforts to raise the visibility of the Assembly and to enhance world public and media awareness of the contribution made by the Assembly to the fulfilment of the goals of the Organization, as set out in the Charter.	Secretariat, Department of Global Communications	The Department of Global Communications provides extensive coverage of the work of the General Assembly, its Committees and all major subsidiary bodies through print, online, audio, photo and video news media and social media platforms, in the six official languages, as well as Kiswahili and Portuguese.
28.	<a href="#">67/297</a> , para. 11 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 22; <a href="#">65/315</a> , para. 18; <a href="#">64/301</a> , para. 20; <a href="#">63/309</a> , para. 8; <a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 14; and <a href="#">58/126</a> , annex, para. 8	Encourages the Secretariat, including the Department of Public Information, to continue its efforts to raise the visibility of the General Assembly and to enhance world public and media awareness of its work, and in this regard recalls paragraph 10 of its resolution <a href="#">67/124 B</a> of 18 December 2012, in which it noted the efforts of the Department to continue to publicize the	Secretariat, Department of Global Communications	The Department of Global Communications provides comprehensive press releases, in English and French, of all meetings of the Assembly, its Main Committees and its subsidiary bodies, which are also included in the daily media alert, and statements made by Member States are made available in print and online form to the press.  The annual press kit on the incoming President of the General Assembly is produced in digital format in the six



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		work and decisions of the General Assembly and requested the Department to continue to enhance its working relationship with the Office of the President of the General Assembly.		official languages, as well as a number of non-official languages.
		Requests the Department of Public Information to continue to enhance its working relationship with the Office of the President of the General Assembly, and stresses the importance of further enhancing public and media awareness of the work and decisions of the Assembly, including through their timely issuance and distribution in all official languages.		<p>United Nations Video provides gavel-to-gavel live feeds to broadcasters worldwide of the meetings of the General Assembly, as well as related press conferences. This coverage is made available on the United Nations webcast platform.</p> <p>Through its weekly briefing programme for the non-governmental community, the Department spotlights issues that are before the General Assembly.</p> <p>The global network of 59 United Nations Information Centres provides communications support to the President of the General Assembly during his/her official missions to the countries in which they operate. The centres also carry out public information activities to enhance awareness of the General Assembly's work.</p> <p>A staff member at the Professional level is regularly seconded by the Department to provide communications support for the President of the General Assembly.</p> <p>In addition, the Committee on Information continues to consider ways and means to enhance the visibility of the work of the General Assembly, including through the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group.</p>
29.	66/294, para. 14 <i>Also in:</i> 60/286, annex, para. 15	Urges the Secretariat to continue its efforts to raise the visibility of the General Assembly, reaffirms paragraph 15 of resolution 60/286, and decides that the announcements about the work of the principal organs	Secretariat	Implemented on an ongoing basis. Pursuant to resolutions 60/286 and 66/294 the items in the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> have been rearranged, including with announcements about the work of the principal organs of the United Nations appearing in the order stipulated in Article 7 of the

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		of the United Nations should appear in the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> in the order stipulated in Article 7 of the Charter.		Charter. In an effort to raise the visibility of the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management periodically briefs the media on the programme of work of the General Assembly. See also the activities of the Department of Global Communications above.
30.	<a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 16	Encourages the Presidents of the General Assembly to increase their public visibility, including through enhanced contacts with representatives of the media and civil society, thus promoting the activities of the Assembly, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue the practice of providing to the Office of the President of the Assembly a Spokesperson for the President of the Assembly and an assistant to the Spokesperson.	President of the General Assembly, Secretary-General	<p>Ongoing provision. Since the sixtieth session, for example, the Presidents of the General Assembly, together with the Chairs of the Main Committees, have periodically briefed representatives of civil society on the programme of work of the Assembly at its current session (see also <a href="#">A/61/483</a>, p. 20, and <a href="#">A/62/608</a>, p. 15).</p> <p>Presidents of the General Assembly have also regularly convened press conferences for the purpose of briefing the media.</p> <p>A staff member at the Professional level is regularly seconded by the Department of Global Communications to serve as the Spokesperson for the President of the General Assembly, in addition to providing support to the President and his Office by a number of other means.</p>

#### G. Provisions related to the General Assembly cooperation with civil society and others

31.	<a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 14 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 11; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 11; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 9; and <a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 12	Reaffirms the importance and benefit of continuing interaction between the General Assembly and international or regional forums and organizations dealing with global matters of concern to the international community, as well as with civil society, where appropriate, and encourages the exploration of appropriate actions or measures, while fully respecting the intergovernmental nature of the Assembly, in conformity with its relevant rules of procedure.	General Assembly	<p>Ongoing provision. For example, informal interactive hearings with civil society take place within the framework of the preparations for high-level meetings of the General Assembly, in accordance with the respectively applicable resolutions on modalities. The General Assembly also periodically hears briefings by the current Chair of the Group of 20 on its recent activities.</p> <p>Since the sixtieth session, the Presidents of the General Assembly, together with the Chairs of the Main Committees, have periodically briefed representatives of civil society on the programme of work of the Assembly at its current session</p>
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				(A/61/483, p. 20, and A/62/608, p. 15). Such interaction is also provided for through the interactive thematic debates convened by the President of the General Assembly at every session.
32.	<a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 13	Encourages, where appropriate, continued cooperation between the General Assembly and national and regional parliaments, particularly through the Inter-Parliamentary Union.	General Assembly	Provision has been implemented on an ongoing basis. Numerous meetings have been held between the President of the General Assembly and visiting parliamentarians. The Inter-Parliamentary Union also participates as an observer in the General Assembly.
<b>H. Provisions related to the organization of work</b>				
33.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 51 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 45	Decides to continue to consider, within the Ad Hoc Working Group, the potential concept and scope guidelines on how to conduct the election campaigns by Member States, with a view to improving the standards of transparency and equity.	Ad Hoc Working Group	At its seventy-second session, the Ad Hoc Working Group decided to continue to consider, within the Working Group, the potential concept and scope of guidelines on how to conduct the election campaigns by Member States, with a view to improving the standards of transparency and equity. Consideration continued during the seventy-third session.
34.	<a href="#">55/285</a> , annex, para. 19 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 28	In order to implement fully paragraph 28 of the annex to resolution <a href="#">51/241</a> , the President of the General Assembly is encouraged to make greater use of facilitators, where appropriate.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
35.	<a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 27	The General Assembly is the highest political body with universal membership of the Organization. Consideration of agenda items directly in plenary meetings shall be reserved for urgent issues or issues of major political importance, bearing in mind paragraphs 1 and 2 of annex I to General Assembly resolution <a href="#">48/264</a> .	General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.

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36.	<a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 28	The President of the General Assembly, with a view to ensuring that there is a systematic and transparent process for participation by delegations in discussions on action to be taken on items considered directly in plenary meetings, shall assess the debate in plenary meetings.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Usually, the President of the General Assembly provides his assessment of the debates in plenary meetings whenever items considered are of particular importance or special interest to Member States.
37.	<a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 29	The Secretariat shall ensure, in consultation with the President, that priority is accorded to the availability of a meeting room and services to facilitate these consultations.	Secretary-General	Provision is being implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat.
38.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 39	Calls upon all officers chairing or facilitating intergovernmental processes to seek to conduct informal negotiations during regular working hours, in order to allow for the active and constructive participation of all Permanent Missions in the work of the United Nations.	Officers chairing or facilitating inter-governmental processes	Ongoing provision.

#### **I. Provisions related to interactive/thematic debates**

39.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 14 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 15, <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 12; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 12; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 10; <a href="#">67/297</a> , para. 7; <a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 7; <a href="#">65/315</a> , para. 6; <a href="#">64/301</a> , para. 5; <a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 3; <a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 3 (a); <a href="#">58/126</a> , annex, sect. B, para. 3; and <a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 12	Recognizes the value of holding interactive inclusive thematic debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community, and calls upon the President of the General Assembly to organize such debates in close consultation with the General Committee and the Member States, including with regard to the frequency and preliminary programme of such debates, in order to enable an adequate level of participation and an appropriate allocation of time for substantive interactive discussion during the debates so as to enable all interested delegations to state their	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The Presidents of the General Assembly regularly make a preliminary announcement of their intention to convene interactive thematic debates, including in their acceptance speech when elected. Subsequently, they inform Member States by letter of the format and agenda of forthcoming thematic debates whose outcomes are posted on the website of the President of the Assembly. For a list of thematic debates convened during each session, please refer to the websites of the Presidents of the General Assembly.
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		positions and to facilitate, where appropriate, results-oriented and productive outcomes of such debates.		
40.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 16 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 16	Requests the President of the General Assembly to limit high-level meetings to current issues of critical importance to the international community, with the interest of the wider membership in mind and with a focus on the most vulnerable, while encouraging the allocation of events of a strictly sectoral or thematic nature to the six Main Committees.	President of the General Assembly	Implemented on an ongoing basis.
41.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 45 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 39	Requests the President of the General Assembly, in order to enhance transparency, to continue to attach the list of speakers at high-level thematic debates organized by the President to the summary of those events.	President of the General Assembly	Ongoing provision.
<b>J. Provisions related to the cooperation between the main organs</b>				
42.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 8 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 8; <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 8; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 8; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 8; <a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 10; <a href="#">65/315</a> , para. 9; <a href="#">64/301</a> , paras. 7 and 8; <a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 2; <a href="#">58/126</a> , annex, para. 6; <a href="#">55/285</a> , annex, para. 21; and <a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 43	Reaffirms that the relationship between the principal organs of the United Nations is mutually reinforcing and complementary, in accordance with and with full respect for their respective functions, authority, powers and competencies as enshrined in the Charter, and in this regard stresses the importance of further ensuring increased cooperation, coordination and the exchange of information among the Presidents of the principal organs and also with the Secretariat of the United Nations, in particular the Secretary-General.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.  The Assembly invited the Presidents of the General Assembly to maintain the practice of holding monthly meetings with the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council in order to ensure cooperation, coordination and exchange of information on cross-cutting issues related to the work of the Organization in its resolution <a href="#">72/313</a> (para. 91). These meetings are held on a regular basis.
43.	<a href="#">58/126</a> , annex, para. 5	The President of the General Assembly should continue to be briefed regularly by the President of the Security	President of the Security Council, President of	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The President of the General Assembly and the President of the

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		Council on the work of the Council. The President of the Assembly may wish to inform Member States about the substantive issues raised during these meetings.	the General Assembly	Security Council are meeting at monthly intervals.
<b>K. Provisions related to the implementation and follow-up of resolutions</b>				
44.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 4 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 4 <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 4; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 4; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 4; <a href="#">67/297</a> , para. 3; <a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 3; <a href="#">65/315</a> , para. 3; and <a href="#">64/301</a> , para. 3	Also decides that the Ad Hoc Working Group shall continue its review of the inventory of General Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted at the seventy-second session of the Assembly, and, as a result, continue to update the inventory to be attached to the report to be submitted at the seventy-third session, including the separate indication of relevant provisions that were not implemented, with reasons therefor.	General Assembly (Ad Hoc Working Group)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
45.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 5 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 5; <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 5; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 5; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 5; <a href="#">67/297</a> , para. 3; <a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 3; <a href="#">65/315</a> , para. 3; and <a href="#">64/301</a> , para. 3	Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General and requests the Secretary-General to submit an update on the provisions of the General Assembly resolutions on revitalization addressed to the Secretariat for implementation that have not been implemented, with an indication of the constraints and reasons behind any lack of implementation, for further consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-third session.	Secretary-General	The Secretary-General's report was issued (see <a href="#">A/73/749</a> ).

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46.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 19 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 19; <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 15; and <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 15	Requests the Secretary-General, under relevant agenda items, to bring to the attention of Member States constraints that have prevented the Secretary-General from implementing those provisions of General Assembly resolutions that are addressed to the Secretariat.	Secretary-General	Ongoing provision. The reports of the Secretary-General issued pursuant to intergovernmental mandates reflect on all aspects of their implementation.
47.	<a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 1	Stresses the need to demonstrate political will to ensure the effective implementation of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly.	Member States	Ongoing provision. Provision does not contain request for specific action.
48.	<a href="#">58/126</a> , annex, para. 9	Member States and the Secretariat should consider initiatives that might be taken for better monitoring of the follow-up of resolutions of the General Assembly, such as the provision of timely inputs for reports of the Secretary-General and giving effect to proposals that would advance the follow-up of major United Nations conferences and summits.	Member States, Secretary-General	Communications from the Secretary-General have been sent to Member States on an ongoing basis to ask for pertinent information.

## Cluster II: working methods

<i>No.</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Text of the provision</i>	<i>Implementing entity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<b>A. General provisions related to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (see also part I)</b>				
49.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 47	Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session a report on the possible alternative dates for the beginning of the regular session of the Assembly and the financial and logistical implications thereof, as well as on potential benefits and shortcomings of various options, based on the premise	Secretary-General	The report of the Secretary-General entitled “Opening of the regular sessions of the General Assembly” ( <a href="#">A/73/723</a> ) was issued before the first meeting of the Working Group.

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		that any such change will not have an effect on the beginning of the general debate in September.		
50.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , paras. 61 and 62 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , paras. 54 and 55	<i>Reiterates</i> the need to produce the <i>Journal</i> in all six official languages in strict compliance with rule 55 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.  Emphasizes the importance of the extension of the information in the Journal of the United Nations published in the six official languages, reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group, on a yearly basis, on the progress achieved in this regard, and requests the Secretariat to continue to explore cost-neutral options to that effect.	Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, Ad Hoc Working Group	During the seventy-second session, Member States reviewed the revised format, production and editing of the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> as part of the deliberations of the Working Group.  By resolution <a href="#">71/323</a> , the Assembly decided that during the calendar year 2018, official meetings of the day, forthcoming official meetings and summaries of official meetings shall be published in the <i>Journal</i> in all six official languages; and all other meetings and information shall be published in the languages currently used from January to August.  By resolution <a href="#">72/313</a> , the Assembly emphasized the importance of the extension of the information in the Journal of the United Nations published in the six official languages, reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group, on a yearly basis, on the progress achieved in this regard, and requested the Secretariat to continue to explore cost-neutral options to that effect.  A briefing was provided to the Ad Hoc Working Group on 9 April 2019 (See letter by the President of the General Assembly of 18 April 2019)
51.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 55	Takes note of the introduction of real time updates with respect to the cancellation and postponement of meetings, and requests the continuation of this practice with further improvements, in particular with the introduction of the possibility of subscribing to relevant agenda items with automatic notifications to subscribers on their status.	Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Ongoing provision. A briefing was provided to the Ad Hoc Working Group on 9 April 2019 (See letter by the President of the General Assembly of 18 April 2019).



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52.	<a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 24 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 14	Requests the Secretary-General to issue the rules of procedure of the General Assembly in a consolidated version in all official languages, in print and online.	Secretary-General	One-time action. The consolidated version of the rules of procedure ( <a href="#">A/520/Rev.18</a> ), is available both in print and online.
53.	<a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 24	Requests the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat to make precedents and past practice available in the public domain with respect to rules and practices of the intergovernmental bodies of the Organization.	Secretary-General, Office of Legal Affairs	Implemented.
54.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , paras. 58 and 59 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , paras. 51 and 52 <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 33; and <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 24	Takes note with appreciation of the changes to the format, production and editing of the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> , and requests the Secretariat to continue the improvement of the Journal in accordance with requirements provided in paragraph 51 of resolution <a href="#">71/323</a> and to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-third session on the outcomes of that improvement.  Affirms the principle that the Journal shall provide an overview of all meetings taking place at the United Nations, and requests that meetings be listed under the established categories in contiguous order and that all meetings organized by States be included, provided that information has been submitted to the Journal unit in due time, and clarifies that the existence of web pages for sessions of bodies should not preclude the announcement of side events.	Secretariat, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	At the seventy-second session, the Assembly took note of the possibility for Member States to publish their side events under a dedicated section of the digital version of the Journal of the United Nations in its resolution <a href="#">72/313</a> (para. 41).  On 28 March 2017, the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management presented innovative proposals in accordance with resolution <a href="#">70/305</a> (see the letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 3 April 2017).  Subsequently, during the seventy-first session, the Co-Chairs established a Group of Friends of the <i>Journal</i> , which convened two meetings. Consultations continued during the negotiation of the draft resolution of the Ad Hoc Working Group, the outcome of which is reflected in paragraphs 51 to 55 of resolution <a href="#">71/323</a> .  As of 1 January 2018, the <i>Journal</i> is published in accordance with paragraph 51 of resolution <a href="#">71/323</a> , in which the Assembly took note with appreciation of the cost-neutral proposals on the possible changes to the format, production and editing of the Journal of the United Nations, including the streamlining and digitalization of its content with a

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				<p>user-friendly interface, presented by the Under-Secretary General for General Assembly and Conference Management at the second thematic meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group, and in this regard decides that during the calendar year 2018, official meetings of the day, forthcoming official meetings and summaries of official meetings shall be published in the Journal in all six official languages both in print and in a streamlined digital version.</p> <p>A briefing was provided to the Ad Hoc Working Group on 9 April 2019 (See letter by the President of the General Assembly of 18 April 2019)</p>
55.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 60 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 53	Calls upon all relevant intergovernmental bodies to continue to review the need for and content of the <i>Journal</i> summaries of their meetings and other announcements, and to take the steps necessary with a view to ensuring a more streamlined format for the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> .	Main Committees, General Assembly subsidiary bodies, Economic and Social Council, Security Council	Ongoing provision.
56.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 34 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 32	Also recalls rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and calls for strict adherence by each speaker to the time limits in the Assembly, where applicable, bearing in mind that all speakers shall get the same opportunity to deliver their statements within the allocated time limit, as set out in the rules of procedure of the Assembly.	Member States	Ongoing provision.
57.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 35 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 33	<i>Reiterates its invitation</i> to the Chairs of meetings of the General Assembly and United Nations conferences, especially when there is very limited time available for debate, to consider recommending the “all protocol observed” principle,	President of the General Assembly, presiding officers, Member States	Ongoing provision.

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		whereby participants are encouraged to refrain from listing standard protocol expressions during their statements.		
58.	<a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 46	Decides to amend rule 92 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly by deleting its second sentence.	Secretary-General	Implemented (see <a href="#">A/520/Rev.18/Amend.1</a> ).
<b>B. Provisions related to the organization of meetings: plenary, General Committee, Main Committees</b>				
59.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 53	Notes the practice implemented during the secret vote-counting procedure, whereby no use of mobile phones or other electronic communication devices is permitted in the room where counting is being conducted, thus ensuring the confidentiality of elections and the integrity of secret ballots, and requests the continuation of this practice.	Secretariat, Member States (tellers)	Ongoing provision.
60.	<a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 47	Decides that the names of candidates for election by the General Assembly or by the Main Committees shall be communicated to the Secretariat, where possible, at least 48 hours prior to an election unless otherwise required by specific rules governing the elections concerned, and that those names shall be printed on the ballot papers, while additional space shall be provided on the ballot paper for inscribing other names, where applicable.	Member States, Secretariat	Implemented. The Assembly welcomed the efficient implementation of paragraphs 47 and 48 of resolution <a href="#">71/323</a> relating to the conduct of elections in the General Assembly and the Main Committees in its resolution <a href="#">72/313</a> (para 52).
61.	<a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 48	Decides that on the day of election in the General Assembly or in the Main Committees the campaign materials distributed in the General Assembly Hall or in the Committee meeting room shall be limited to a single page of information regarding	Member States	Ongoing provision. The Assembly welcomed the efficient implementation of paragraphs 47 and 48 of resolution <a href="#">71/323</a> relating to the conduct of elections in the General Assembly and the Main Committees in its resolution <a href="#">72/313</a> (para 52).

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		the candidates, with a view to preserving the decorum of the Assembly.		
62.	<a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 42 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 29	Decides that, with due consideration given to accessibility issues, in all plenary meetings of the General Assembly, including plenary meetings of high-level events, the seating arrangement of Member States shall follow English alphabetical order, beginning with the name of the country selected by lot each year and avoiding distinctions between Member States as to the rank of the head of delegation.	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Implemented on an ongoing basis.
63.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 44 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 38; <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 26; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 27; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 18; <a href="#">67/297</a> , para. 18; <a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 20; and <a href="#">65/315</a> , para. 16	Reiterates its invitation the President of the General Assembly and the Chairs of the Main Committees, in consultation with the General Committee and Member States, as well as to the Secretary-General, to enhance the coordination of the scheduling of the meetings of the Assembly, including high-level meetings and high-level thematic debates, with a view to optimizing their interactivity, effectiveness and distribution throughout the session, and to consider ways to decrease the number of high-level events held during the general debate.	President of the General Assembly, Main Committee Chairs, Member States, Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.  The President of the seventy-second session appointed the Permanent Representative of Ghana to lead the informal consultations on the General Assembly draft decision on the high-level meetings of the Assembly in September 2019 (74th session). At its 110th meeting, on 6 August 2018, the Assembly decided to transmit the draft decision for action by the Assembly at its seventy-third session for action (See decision 72/559). At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 13 December 2018, the Assembly, on the proposal of its President, adopted the draft decision <a href="#">A/73/L.38</a> , as orally revised. (See decision 73/522).  The Secretariat takes an active role in providing advice, as requested, in the consultations on modalities for high-level plenary meetings, high-level thematic debates and other events scheduled near the general debate, to ensure optimum scheduling and utilization. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management also regularly briefs Member States on arrangements for the forthcoming general debate and

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				<p>other high-level meetings convened in its vicinity.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Executive Office of the Secretary-General has adopted an internal mechanism to ensure the coordination of initiatives emanating from departments and offices of the Secretariat and agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations.</p> <p>The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management regularly briefs senior staff in other departments on lessons learned and best practices regarding the organization and scheduling of high-level meetings.</p>
64.	<a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 19 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 21; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 17; <a href="#">67/297</a> , para. 17	<p>Welcomes the holding of elections for non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council about six months before the elected members assume their responsibilities, welcomes the note by the President of the Security Council in which the elected Security Council members are invited to observe some of its meetings and activities as from 1 October immediately preceding their term of membership, and also welcomes such efforts to afford elected members appropriate opportunities to prepare for their tenure in the Security Council.</p>	General Assembly	<p>To be implemented on an ongoing basis. Implemented for the first time at the seventieth session (election of members of the Economic and Social Council on 14 June 2016; election of non-permanent members of the Security Council on 28 June 2016).</p> <p>In its resolution <a href="#">72/313</a>, the General Assembly welcomed efforts to afford elected members of the Security Council appropriate opportunities to prepare for their tenure, and also welcomed the note by the President of the Security Council in which the elected Council members were invited to observe some of its meetings and activities as from 1 October immediately preceding their term of membership (para. 26).</p>
65.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 9 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 9; <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 9; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 9; <a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 9; <a href="#">65/315</a> , para. 8	<p>Recalls the practice of holding periodic informal briefings by the Secretary-General on his priorities, travels and most recent activities, including his participation in international meetings and events organized outside the United Nations, and invites the Secretary-General to continue this practice.</p>	Secretary-General	<p>Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The Secretary-General periodically briefs Member States in informal plenary meetings of the General Assembly on his priorities, travels and most recent activities. During the seventy-third session, for instance, the Secretary-General briefed the General Assembly on his priorities for 2019 on 16 January 2019 and on the financial situation of the Organization on 1 March 2019.</p>

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66.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 33 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 31, <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 24; and <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 25	Recalls rules 153 and 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and encourages the Chairs of the Main Committees and the Secretary-General to ensure observance of these rules, within their respective mandates.	Main Committee Chairs, Secretary-General	Ongoing provision.
67.	<a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 11	Strongly urges all officers presiding over meetings of the General Assembly to start such meetings on time.	Secretary-General, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat. Periodically, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management provides presiding officers with statistics on the financial impact of the implementation of this provision ( <a href="#">A/61/483</a> , p. 19, and <a href="#">A/62/608</a> ).  The Assembly urged all presiding officers and Member States to strictly adhere to the scheduled starting time of meetings of the General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies in its resolution <a href="#">72/313</a> (para. 38).
68.	<a href="#">58/316</a> , annex, para. 1 (b)	With effect from the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, the meetings of the plenary Assembly shall normally be held on Mondays and Thursdays.	Secretary-General, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Implemented on an ongoing basis, as far as possible.
69.	<a href="#">58/126</a> , annex, sect. B, para. 2	The work of the Main Committees of the General Assembly might benefit if it is scheduled over two substantive periods during the session. With a view to enabling the Assembly to consider changes in this regard, with effect from the sixtieth session of the Assembly, the Secretary-General is requested to present, by 1 February 2004, various options for consideration by the General Committee, taking into account the requirements of the relevant intergovernmental bodies and the different	Secretary-General	One-time action. In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled "Options for the rescheduling of the Main Committees of the General Assembly" ( <a href="#">A/58/CRP.3</a> ), which the Assembly considered at its fifty-eighth session ( <a href="#">A/61/483</a> , p. 12, and <a href="#">A/62/608</a> , p. 7).

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		locations of their meetings and the budget cycle.		
<b>C. Provisions related to the general debate</b>				
70.	<a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 41 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 28	Decides that, with sufficient time before the opening of each regular or special session of the General Assembly, the Secretariat, in particular its protocol and security services, shall hold discussions with all Member States on all aspects related to the organization of the high-level segment of the general debate and any other activities that may have special organizational requirements.	Secretariat (Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, Department of Safety and Security)	Implemented on an ongoing basis. The Secretariat regularly briefs Member States on the organizational aspects of the general debate. It also issues an information note in advance of the annual high-level segment.
71.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 46 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 40 <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 27; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 28; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 19; <a href="#">57/301</a> , para. 2; and <a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, paras. 19 and 20 (a)	Encourages the scheduling of future high-level meetings during the first half of the year, from within existing resources, taking into account the calendar of conferences and without prejudice to the current practice of convening one high-level meeting in September at the beginning of each session of the Assembly.	Secretary-General, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	High-level thematic debates and high-level debates organized by the President of the General Assembly are normally scheduled during the first half of the year (that is, during the resumed part of the session).
72.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 40 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 34	Decides to continue to consider ways to rationalize the number of side events held during the high-level segment of the general debate, bearing in mind the need to enhance its decorum and significance, and encourages the scheduling of side events at United Nations Headquarters outside of the hours when the general debate is being held.	Ad Hoc Working Group, Member States	Ongoing provision.

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73.	<a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 20 (b)–(e)	<p>The preparation of the list of speakers for the general debate shall be based on the following principles:</p> <p>(b) Member States shall be invited to indicate three preferences for speaking times;</p> <p>(c) Member States wishing to organize or participate in group meetings during the general debate period shall be encouraged to coordinate their responses to the request for preferences and to indicate this transparently in their responses;</p> <p>(d) The Secretariat shall be requested to prepare a list of speakers based on existing traditions and expressions of preference to best accommodate Members' needs;</p> <p>(e) The list of speakers for each day shall be completed and no speakers will be rolled over to the next day, notwithstanding the implications for hours of work.</p>	Secretary-General, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat. The preparation of the list is based on the expressions of preference, traditions and other criteria (such as written request by a Member State, level of the representation, previous speaker slot, gender balance and geographical diversity).
74.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 15	Recommends, in this regard, unless decided otherwise, that no other agenda items should be opened during the dates allocated for the general debate.	General Assembly, Secretary-General, Member States	Ongoing provision.

#### **D. Provisions related to the conduct of business: time limits on speeches**

75.	<a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 10	Decides that time limits on speeches in the plenary Assembly and in the Main Committees shall be applied in accordance with rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.	Member States, Secretary-General, President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat, the President of the General Assembly and Member States, bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.
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76.	<a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 13	Invites Member States that are aligned with statements already made by the chair of a group of Member States, where possible, to focus additional interventions that they make in their national capacity on points that have not already been adequately addressed in the statements of the group in question, bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by the Member States bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.
77.	<a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 22	Outside the general debate there shall be a 15-minute time limit in plenary meetings and in the Main Committees.	Member States	Ongoing provision. Provision to be applied by Member States bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.

#### **E. Provisions related to modern technologies**

78.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 54 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 49; <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 32; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 31; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 20; <a href="#">67/297</a> , paras. 20 and 21; <a href="#">66/294</a> , paras. 15 and 23; and <a href="#">64/301</a> , para. 19	<i>Encourages</i> Member States to make, to the extent possible, full use of the e-services provided by the Secretariat, in order to save costs and reduce the environmental impact and improve the distribution of documents, and in this regard requests the Secretariat to further improve, harmonize and, where appropriate, unify such services, under eDeleGATE, including the continuation of the practice of making available all the official correspondence of the United Nations addressed to the Member States.	Member States, Secretariat	<p>Ongoing provision. All important official communications are transmitted by email and, where delivery is not successful, by fax.</p> <p>As regards United Nations parliamentary documents, these are electronically available through the e-subscription service of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, available from <a href="http://undocs.org">http://undocs.org</a>. Using Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds, parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or handheld smart device.</p> <p>At the seventy-second session, the Assembly welcomed the publishing of electronic live versions of the Blue Book, the White Pages and the Yellow Pages in its resolution <a href="#">72/313</a> (para. 57).</p> <p>The PaperSmart model was developed to promote the use of electronic media and provide participants with electronic access to</p>
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				<p>meeting programmes, agendas, documents and statements.</p> <p>Delegate-facing services for the plenary and the six Main Committees have been centralized through the e-deleGATE portal. This includes e-Speakers, e-Sponsorship, e-list of participants and CandiWeb. As such, the portal provides easy access to the pre-session, in-session and post-session documents of those bodies.</p> <p>The e-deleGATE portal also provides access to official correspondence of the United Nations addressed to the Member States.</p> <p>In the Main Committees, delegations are increasingly making use of the possibility of circulating their statements electronically and reading out shorter remarks.</p>
79.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 36	Requests the Secretariat to ensure the availability through the eDelegate portal of provisional lists of speakers at United Nations meetings and conferences not later than by the end of the business day preceding the relevant meeting or conference	Secretariat	Ongoing provision. The provisional lists of speakers for meetings of the General Assembly, its Main Committees and subsidiaries, Economic and Social Council and its subsidiaries that utilize the edeleGATE platform are usually circulated via email announcements no later than the day before.
80.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 42 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 36	Decides that, in addition to the general debate and the thematic meetings, the interactive and comprehensive dialogue between the Permanent Missions and the Secretariat held within the Ad Hoc Working Group, as outlined in paragraph 10 of resolution <a href="#">71/323</a> , shall be webcast.	Department of Global Communications	Ongoing provision.
81.	<a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 35	Requests the Secretariat to provide a tool to allow Member States and the United Nations system to upload and publish information about side events organized by them at United	Secretariat	The Assembly took note of the possibility for Member States to publish their side events under a dedicated section of the digital version of the Journal of the United Nations in its resolution <a href="#">72/313</a> (para. 41).

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		Nations Headquarters throughout the year.		
82.	<a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 50	Requests the Secretariat to explore ways to provide real-time updates with respect to the cancellation and postponement of meetings, as currently provided on the screens at United Nations Headquarters, through a user-friendly application for electronic devices, and to present possible options to the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-second session of the General Assembly.	Secretariat	Implemented.
83.	<a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 18 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 20	Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to include, in his report to be submitted at the seventy-first session of the General Assembly under the agenda item entitled “Pattern of conferences”, information regarding the basis for the current practice whereby Member States bear the additional costs of using United Nations Headquarters conference services during business hours.	Secretary-General	Implemented (see <a href="#">A/71/116</a> , para. 19).
84.	<a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 24 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">65/315</a> , para. 19; <a href="#">64/301</a> , para. 21; <a href="#">63/309</a> , para. 9; <a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 28; <a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 15; and <a href="#">55/285</a> , annex, para. 24 (a)	Decides that the Ad Hoc Working Group shall remain apprised of options for more time-effective, efficient and secure balloting, reiterating the need to ascertain the credibility, reliability and confidentiality of the balloting process, and requests the Secretariat to submit an update in case of any new technological developments, on the understanding that the adoption of any new balloting system in the future will require a decision of the plenary of the General Assembly.	Secretariat, General Assembly (Ad Hoc Working Group)	The Ad Hoc Working Group receives periodic updates from the Secretariat in case of any new technological developments. During the seventy-third session, the Ad Hoc Working Group was briefed by the Office of Information, Communications and Technology in the course of informal consultations.

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85.	<a href="#">63/309</a> , para. 7	Calls upon Member States to respond to the annual review of the Meetings and Publishing Division of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management on the distribution of printed documents to Missions, bearing in mind the cost savings, as well as the reduced environmental impact, which may accrue from this exercise, in order to improve the quality and distribution of those documents.	Member States	Ongoing provision. Member States have been responding favourably to the annual review of the Meetings and Publishing Division, resulting in decreased requests for hard copies of parliamentary documents and an increase in the number of requests for e-subscription to digital copies of documents.
86.	<a href="#">55/285</a> , annex, para. 24 (b) and (c)	Taking into account the general support in this regard, the Secretary-General is requested to submit proposals to the General Assembly for its consideration:  (b) Wiring of the main conference rooms at Headquarters to provide members of delegations and the Secretariat with access to the Official Document System and other databases of the Organization, as well as to the Internet, together with electronic access to texts of statements and reports and, in the case of reports, simultaneous access to texts in all official languages;  (c) Other areas of the work of the Assembly in which the use of modern technology and information technology would contribute to enhancing efficiency in its working methods.	Secretary-General	Implemented. The Official Document System is now fully operational. Furthermore, the PaperSmart portal provides electronic access to the texts of statements of and reports to Member States and the Secretariat, as well as parliamentary documents in all official languages.
87.	<a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 45	The Secretary-General is requested to pursue an information technology plan with a range of options to provide all permanent missions to the United Nations	Secretary-General	Implemented. The Official Document System is fully operational and accessible. In addition to distribution via electronic means, hard copies continue to be distributed to permanent missions as requested.

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		and the wider public with online access to documents and relevant United Nations information. Unless the General Assembly decides otherwise, hard copies of documents shall continue to be distributed to permanent missions in accordance with their needs. While welcoming the progress made by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics of the Economic and Social Council, further efforts in this direction could be pursued within a specified time frame to harmonize and improve United Nations information systems. All countries, in particular developing countries, shall be assisted in making full use of this potential access. Adequate provision should be made for training delegates. Facilities for such access by delegations within the United Nations premises shall also be expanded as much as possible. Availability of information in this manner should be ensured in all official languages of the United Nations.		<p>Furthermore, a range of options, including online access (in and beyond conference rooms), print-on-demand hard copies, knowledge management and video training is being implemented through the PaperSmart portal. The PaperSmart team is also undertaking further studies and assessments.</p> <p>Regarding the reference to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics of the Economic and Social Council, the last time the Council had before it a report on the matter was in 2011. At that time, the Council took note of the report, but no proposal was submitted to it for consideration. The last time the item was on the agenda was in 2012. No documentation or proposal was submitted to the Economic and Social Council for consideration.</p>
88.	<a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 46	The Secretary-General is encouraged to include information on the impact of technological improvements in his report on the implementation of mandates, by means of comparing outputs with objectives.	Secretary-General	See comments for provisions 86 and 87 above.

**F. Provisions related to documentation: resolutions  
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89.	<a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 21 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">65/315</a> , para. 17	Encourages Member States, United Nations bodies and the Secretariat to continue to consult on the consolidation of documentation in order to avoid duplication of work, to	Member States, Secretariat	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. This issue is frequently examined in a number of intergovernmental bodies.
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		exercise the fullest possible discipline in striving for concise resolutions, reports and other documentation, inter alia, by referring to previous documents rather than repeating actual content, and to focus on key themes.		
<b>G. Provisions related to documentation: consolidation of reports</b>				
90.	<a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 29  <i>Also in:</i>  <a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 16; <a href="#">58/316</a> , annex, para. 6 (c); and <a href="#">58/126</a> , annex, sect. B, para. 7	Requests the Secretary-General to implement further the measures set out in paragraph 20 of resolution <a href="#">57/300</a> on the consolidation of reports and in paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution <a href="#">58/316</a> on documentation.	Secretary-General	<p>In response to the provision formulated in resolution <a href="#">57/300</a>, the Secretariat issued a note entitled “Control and limitation of documentation” (A/58/CRP.7).</p> <p>Since the adoption of the resolution, a number of reports, where appropriate, have been consolidated (<a href="#">A/61/483</a>, p. 21, and <a href="#">A/62/608</a>).</p> <p>The Main Committees regularly examine the issue of consolidation of documentation, particularly when considering their working methods in the context of the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.</p>
91.	<a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 16  <i>Also in:</i>  <a href="#">58/316</a> , annex, para. 6	<p>In the light of its decision in section B, paragraph 7, of the annex to resolution <a href="#">58/126</a> that the heavy volume of documentation that is submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration should be reduced, the Secretary-General is requested:</p> <p>(a) To update the note by the Secretariat, entitled “Control and limitation of documentation” (A/58/CRP.7) in the light of the provisions of the present resolution;</p> <p>(b) To submit the updated version of the note by the Secretariat for the consideration of the General Committee, meeting in open-ended consultations, so that it may make recommendations</p>	Secretary-General	<p>In response to the provision formulated in resolution <a href="#">57/300</a>, the Secretariat issued a note entitled “Control and limitation of documentation” (A/58/CRP.7). The note has not been updated as the proposed update lacked the endorsement of Member States.</p>

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		to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session.		
92.	<a href="#">55/285</a> , annex, para. 16	In preparing the annual memorandum concerning the implementation of the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, the secretariat of the Assembly, in consultation with the substantive departments of the Secretariat, should look for synergies and integration of reports.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat. The annual memorandum concerning the implementation of the resolutions contains a paragraph on the need for possible integration of reports.
<b>H. Provisions related to the preparation and issuance of reports</b>				
93.	<a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 21 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 18; and <a href="#">49/221</a> B, para. 6 (c)	Calls upon Member States, United Nations bodies and the Secretariat to observe existing submission deadlines so as to allow for the timely processing of documents to be examined by intergovernmental bodies.	Member States, Secretariat	Ongoing provision. In response to this request, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management has entered into a compact with the Secretary-General which provides for zero tolerance of late submission of documents ( <a href="#">A/61/483</a> and <a href="#">A/62/608</a> ).
94.	<a href="#">55/285</a> , annex, para. 18	The Secretary-General is requested to make further suggestions as to how to speed up the preparation of reports and to rationalize the scheduling of meetings. The Secretary-General shall keep the President of the General Assembly and the General Committee informed on this issue on a regular basis throughout the sessions of the Assembly.	Secretary-General	The Secretary-General continues to make recommendations in his memorandums on organization of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items (see, for example, the most recent memorandum, <a href="#">A/BUR/73/1</a> ).
95.	<a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 17	Encourages Member States, when seeking additional information, to request that they be provided with the information either orally or, if in writing, in the form of information sheets, annexes, tables and the like, and encourages the wider use of this practice.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by the Member States.

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96.	<a href="#">55/285</a> , annex, para. 17	Member States and entities of the United Nations system should make a serious effort to submit their replies and inputs to requests for information or views pursuant to resolutions of the General Assembly within the prescribed deadlines.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by the Member States.
<b>I. Provisions related to the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization</b>				
97.	<a href="#">55/285</a> , annex, para. 14 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 7	As regards implementation of paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution <a href="#">51/241</a> , the President of the General Assembly, after consideration by the Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, shall inform the Assembly of his assessment of the debate on the report in order for the Assembly to determine the need for further action.	President of the General Assembly	According to practice, the Secretary-General introduces his report at the beginning of the general debate. Consequently, the President of the General Assembly presents his assessment at the conclusion of the general debate. Any additional assessment by the President is provided after plenary meetings of the General Assembly.
98.	<a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 4	The introduction to the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization should be in the nature of an executive summary highlighting main issues.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented by the Secretariat. The introduction to the report on the work of the Organization is presented in the form of an executive summary highlighting the main issues.
99.	<a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 5 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">55/285</a> , annex, para. 13	The main body of the report shall be comprehensive, informative and analytical in a way that will allow Member States to examine and assess, inter alia, through the debate on the report, the extent to which mandates given by the General Assembly have been fulfilled, as well as to set priorities in the context of the major political, economic and social, administrative and financial issues on its agenda.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented by the Secretariat on an ongoing basis.
100.	<a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 6 <i>Also in:</i>	The Secretary-General shall incorporate a forward-looking section in his report on the work of the Organization. It shall describe the specific goals for the Secretariat in the	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat.



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	55/285, annex, para. 13	year ahead in the context of the workplan for the Organization in the coming year, taking into account the medium-term plan and the fact that the responsibility for establishing priorities rests with the Member States.		
101.	51/241, annex, para. 9 <i>Also in:</i> 55/285, annex, para. 13	The report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization shall, inter alia, contain an analytical and concise annex elaborating the costs by major programmes and activities of all bodies of the United Nations system, located both in and outside New York, according to their mandates, so as to improve Member States' overview of system-wide issues.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat.
102.	51/241, annex, para. 3	The report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization should be available not later than 30 days prior to the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly in all official languages of the Organization so as to permit due consideration.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat. During the seventy-third session the report was issued on 23 July 2018.
103.	51/241, annex, para. 7	The report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization shall be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly immediately after the general debate.	Secretary-General, Member States (General Assembly)	Provision implemented by the Secretariat on an ongoing basis. The report is considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly immediately after the general debate.
104.	51/241, annex, para. 10	The Secretary-General is requested to introduce the report orally at an appropriate time under the agenda item "Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization".	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General introduces his report orally under the agenda item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization".

#### **J. Provisions related to the agenda of the General Assembly**

105.	72/313, para. 27	Emphasizes that the General Assembly and its Main	Member States (General	Ongoing provision. At the seventieth session, the Second Committee
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	Also in: <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 26; <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 20; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 22; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 16; <a href="#">67/297</a> , para. 15; <a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 18; <a href="#">65/315</a> , para. 14; <a href="#">64/301</a> , para. 18; and <a href="#">63/309</a> , para. 6	Committees, at the seventy-third session, in consultation with Member States, should continue their consideration of and make proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items on the agenda of the Assembly, including through the introduction of a sunset clause, with the clear consent of the sponsoring State or States, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group.	Assembly), Main Committees	undertook a process of informal consultations on the revitalization of the work of the Second Committee. Separately, the President of the seventieth session of the General Assembly appointed a group of facilitators to find agreement, in consultation with Member States, on strategically aligning the agenda of future sessions of the General Assembly with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals.
106.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 29 Also in: <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 28, <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 22	Also recalls the need to enhance synergies and coherence and reduce overlap where it is found to exist in the agendas of the General Assembly, especially of its Second and Third Committees, the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, and the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council and the Assembly, as well as all other related forums, in accordance with relevant rules of procedure and in the light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and calls for the continuation of such efforts during the seventy-third session of the Assembly.	Member States (General Assembly, Economic and Social Council, high-level political forum on sustainable development)	<p>The President of the seventieth session of the General Assembly appointed a group of facilitators to find agreement, in consultation with Member States, on strategically aligning the agenda of future sessions of the Assembly with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-first session appointed two co-facilitators whose report, which includes recommendations for consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-first session, was circulated in a letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 17 July 2017.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-second session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Belgium and of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-third session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Timor-Leste and Czech Republic to lead intergovernmental consultations on this process (see provision 107).</p>
107.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 31 Also in:	Requests the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-third session to	President of the General	The Presidents of the seventy-second and seventy-third sessions convened a meeting of the General Committee

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	71/323, para. 30	identify proposals, through consultations with all Member States and the President of the Economic and Social Council, as well as through the convening of the General Committee, aimed at addressing gaps and duplication in the agenda of the Assembly as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking into account the report on the strategic alignment of future sessions of the Assembly and other relevant inputs, for the consideration of Member States during the seventy-third session of the Assembly.	Assembly, Member States	<p>each for an exchange of views to identify next steps aimed at addressing gaps and duplication in the agenda of the General Assembly as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-second session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Belgium and of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-third session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Timor-Leste and Czech Republic to lead intergovernmental consultations on this process (see provision 106).</p>
108.	58/316, annex, para. 2 (a) and (d)	<p>(a) Pursuant to paragraph 4 of section B of the annex to resolution 58/126, the agenda of the General Assembly shall be organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002–2005 (or in the strategic framework, as appropriate), with an additional heading for “Organizational, administrative and other matters”;</p> <p>(d) The provisions of the present section shall be reviewed by the General Assembly at its sixty-first session with a view to making further improvements, as appropriate.</p>	Secretary-General, Member States (General Assembly)	<p>One-time action. As from the fifty-ninth session, the agenda of the General Assembly has been organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002–2005 and, subsequently, in accordance with the strategic framework for the period 2006–2007, with an additional heading I, entitled “Organizational, administrative and other matters” (A/61/483, p. 13, and A/62/608).</p> <p>During the sixty-first session no revision was made by the General Assembly.</p>
109.	58/316, annex, para. 4	Provisions related to allocation of agenda items (for details see resolution 58/316, annex, para. 4).	Member States, Secretary-General	One-time action. The provisions of this paragraph have been implemented as from the fifty-ninth session and reflected in the agenda of each session (A/62/608, and resolution 58/316, annex, para. 4).

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110.	<a href="#">55/285</a> , annex, paras. 3–9	Provisions related to clustering of agenda items concerning cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations.	Member States, Secretary-General	One-time action. Provision implemented as requested and reflected in the agenda of each session.
111.	<a href="#">55/285</a> , annex, paras. 10 and 11	Provisions related to biennialization of agenda items (for details see resolution <a href="#">55/285</a> , annex, paras. 10 and 11).	Member States, Secretary-General	One-time action. The provisions have been implemented as requested.
112.	<a href="#">55/285</a> , annex, para. 12	The following item shall be considered by the Third Committee, starting at the fifty-sixth session: “Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly”.	Member States, Secretary-General	One-time action. The provisions have been implemented as requested.
113.	<a href="#">58/126</a> , annex, sect. B, para. 4	With a view to better conceptualization of the content of the agenda of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General is requested to submit to the Assembly, for its consideration by 1 March 2004, an illustrative agenda of the Assembly, based on all the agenda items of the fifty-eighth session, organized around the priorities of the Organization for the period 2002–2005. The General Committee shall hold open-ended discussions on the illustrative agenda before making recommendations on the matter to the Assembly for its decision by 1 July 2004.	Secretary-General, General Committee	One-time action. In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled “Illustrative agenda of the General Assembly” (A/58/CRP.4), which the Assembly considered at its fifty-eighth session ( <a href="#">A/61/483</a> , p. 12).  See also comments for provision 108 above.
114.	<a href="#">58/126</a> , annex, sect. B, para. 5	The President of the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session, in consultation with the Secretary-General, and following consultations with concerned Member States, is requested to make proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and	President of the General Assembly	One-time action. Subsequent to the adoption of resolution <a href="#">58/126</a> , the Secretariat circulated a note entitled “Analysis of the agenda of the General Assembly” (A/58/CRP.6), which was considered by the General Committee in open-ended informal consultations.

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		elimination of items of the customary agenda of the Assembly for the consideration of the General Committee by 1 April 2004. The General Committee shall hold open-ended discussions on the proposals before making recommendations on the matter to the Assembly for its decision by 1 July 2004.		
115.	55/285, annex, para. 2 <i>Also in:</i> 51/241, annex, para. 24	The rationalization and streamlining of the agenda of the General Assembly should continue in order to enable the Assembly to focus its work on priority issues. Any change or suggestion concerning the agenda is made with the understanding that Member States may at any time propose any issue or item for the attention and consideration of the Assembly.	Member States (General Assembly)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
116.	51/241, annex, para. 23	Bearing in mind rule 81 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the requirements for reopening debate on an agenda item which the Assembly had decided was completed will continue to be as at present and should be made clear to delegations through a statement from the President of the Assembly. A delegation wishing to reopen debate on an agenda item should send a written request to the President of the Assembly. The President will then undertake soundings to ascertain whether the request enjoys wide support. In the light of these soundings, the President shall announce in the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> the date of the meeting of the Assembly to consider the question of	Member States (General Assembly), President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.

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		reopening debate on the item, bearing in mind the requirements of rule 81.		
117.	<a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 25	As a general rule, agenda items that could be considered in the Main Committees shall be referred to the Main Committees rather than the General Assembly in plenary meetings.	General Assembly, Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
<b>K. Provisions related to practices and working methods of the Main Committees of the General Assembly</b>				
118.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 23 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 22	Requests the continuation of the established practice of holding handover meetings of the outgoing and incoming bureaux to exchange views on outcomes and the upcoming agenda, and of presenting a report by the Chairs of the Main Committees to their successors on best practices and lessons learned.	Main Committee Chairs	Ongoing provision.
119.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 25 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 24	Calls for the continuation of the practice of periodical meetings between the six Chairs of the Main Committees during the session of the General Assembly to share best practices and increase the coherence and complementarity of the work of the Main Committees	Main Committee Chairs	Ongoing provision.
120.	<a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 16 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 13; <a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 25; and <a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 8	Appreciates the briefings by the Chairs of the Main Committees of the General Assembly to the Ad Hoc Working Group about the working methods of their respective Committees during the sixty-ninth session of the Assembly, and in this regard encourages the Main Committees:  (a) To ensure adequate coordination in their work while avoiding overlap and duplication;	Main Committees	Main Committees periodically hold informal meetings on their working methods. E-deleGATE provides a tool for Main Committees to facilitate their work.  In the past, some of the Main Committees explored ways and possibilities of enhancing their cooperation. For instance, during the sixtieth and sixty-first sessions there were joint meetings of the bureaux of the Second and Third Committees.

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		<p>(b) To hold elections for the bureaux of the Main Committees at least three months before the opening of each session, and preferably up to six months in advance of the session, and calls upon the regional groups to proceed with relevant nominations in a timely manner and in accordance with the interim arrangement set out in Assembly decision 68/505 of 1 October 2013;</p> <p>(c) To benefit from their respective intranet and other online services to facilitate the smooth organization and timely conclusion of their work;</p> <p>(d) To further enhance sharing of information on the work and activities of the Main Committees within each Main Committee;</p> <p>(e) To further improve the management of the negotiation process for Assembly resolutions.</p>		
121.	<p><a href="#">72/313</a>, para. 22</p> <p><i>Also in:</i></p> <p><a href="#">71/323</a>, para. 21; <a href="#">70/305</a>, para. 17; <a href="#">69/321</a>, para. 19; <a href="#">68/307</a>, para. 14; <a href="#">67/297</a>, para. 13; <a href="#">66/294</a>, para. 19; and <a href="#">65/315</a>, para. 15</p>	Requests each Main Committee to further discuss its working methods at the beginning of every session, and in this regard invites the Chairs of the Main Committees to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-third session on any best practices and lessons learned with a view to improving working methods, as appropriate.	Main Committees, Main Committee Chairs	Implemented on an ongoing basis. Briefings were provided to the Ad Hoc Working Group by the Main Committee Chairs from the sixty-fifth to the seventy-third session.
122.	<p><a href="#">69/321</a>, para. 17</p> <p><i>Also in:</i></p> <p><a href="#">59/313</a>, annex, para. 9</p>	Calls upon outgoing Chairs of the Main Committees to brief incoming Chairs on best practices and lessons learned from previous sessions of the Main Committees and to provide their written observations and lessons	Main Committees	Provision is implemented by the Main Committees on an ongoing basis. The observations and lessons learned are presented during the informal meetings between incoming and outgoing bureaux of the respective Committees.

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		learned to their immediate successors, and encourages the incoming Chairs and bureaux of the Main Committees to consult with Member States shortly after their election on how the work will be conducted during the upcoming session of their Committee.		
123.	<a href="#">58/316</a> , annex, para. 3 (a) <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 7; and <a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 26	Main Committees shall give specific attention to the rationalization of their future agendas by the biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items, and make recommendations to the plenary Assembly for its decision by 1 April 2005.	Main Committees	In response to this request, the Main Committees at the fifty-ninth and sixtieth sessions made recommendations to the Assembly.
124.	<a href="#">58/316</a> , annex, para. 3 (b) <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 30	Main Committees shall adopt a provisional programme of work at the end of the session for the next session to help them better to plan, prepare and organize and, in this context, review the related documentation requirements.	Main Committees	Implemented as from the fifty-ninth session (information on the programme of work of the Fifth Committee is usually not available owing to the time frame of the Committee's work) ( <a href="#">A/61/483</a> , p. 14, and <a href="#">A/62/608</a> ).
125.	<a href="#">58/316</a> , annex, para. 3 (c)	The practice of interactive debates and panel discussions shall be utilized or expanded, as appropriate, by all Main Committees so as to enhance informal, in-depth discussions and to bring together experts from various fields without prejudicing the progress of the substantive work of the Main Committees.	Main Committees	Provision is being implemented on an ongoing basis. The Committees make extensive use of interactive debates and panels, for example, panel meetings are of particular importance for the work of the Second Committee.
126.	<a href="#">58/316</a> , annex, para. 3 (d) <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 53	The practice of "question time" shall be introduced, as appropriate, in all Main Committees to enable a dynamic and candid exchange with heads of departments and offices, representatives of the Secretary-General and special rapporteurs.	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. As from the fifty-ninth session, the Main Committees introduced "question time", which has significant importance for their work.



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127.	<a href="#">58/316</a> , annex, para. 3 (e)	The websites of the Main Committees shall be enhanced and thereafter regularly updated and their content maintained by the secretariats of the Main Committees.	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The websites of the Main Committees continue to be enhanced and regularly updated by the respective secretariats ( <a href="#">A/61/483</a> , p. 15, and <a href="#">A/62/608</a> ).
128.	<a href="#">58/316</a> , annex, para. 3 (f)	The bureaux-elect of the Main Committees shall meet immediately after their election in order to discuss the organization and division of their work.	Main Committees	Ongoing provision. Provision implemented as from the fifty-eighth session.
129.	<a href="#">58/316</a> , annex, para. 3 (g)	With a view to ensuring the continuity and the effective organization of their work, the incoming bureaux of the Main Committees shall, no later than two weeks after their election, meet with the outgoing bureaux in order to consult on and review issues relating to the efficient functioning of the Main Committees.	Main Committees	Implemented by most of the Main Committees as from the fifty-eighth session.
130.	<a href="#">58/316</a> , annex, para. 3 (h) <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 30	Prior to the opening of each session, informal briefings of each Main Committee shall be convened to discuss the organization of work.	Main Committees	Implemented as from the fifty-ninth session.
131.	<a href="#">58/126</a> , annex, sect. B, para. 8	The Main Committees of the General Assembly are bound by the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, although they have different practices and working methods. With a view to identifying best practices and working methods, and recognizing the ongoing efforts of the Main Committees to streamline their work, the Secretary-General, drawing on the experience of previous Chairs of the Main Committees, is requested to submit a historical and analytical note	Secretary-General	In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled “Historical and analytical note on the practices and working methods of the Main Committees” ( <a href="#">A/58/CRP.5</a> ), which was considered by the General Committee in open-ended informal consultations ( <a href="#">A/61/483</a> , p. 13, and <a href="#">A/62/608</a> ).

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		on the practices and working methods of the Main Committees for the consideration of the General Committee by 1 April 2004. The General Committee shall hold open-ended discussions on the note before making recommendations on the matter to the Assembly for its decision by 1 July 2004.		
132.	<a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 51	There shall be a more detailed and structured examination in the Main Committees of the relevant reports of the Board of Auditors, the Joint Inspection Unit and the Office of Internal Oversight Services in relation to the substantive work of these Committees.	Main Committees	The reports are examined in the Main Committees on an ad hoc basis, if necessary.
133.	<a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 31	The Main Committees shall meet in substantive session only after the end of the general debate.	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
134.	<a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 36	The First Committee and the Fourth Committee shall not meet simultaneously and may consider meeting in a sequential manner during the regular session of the General Assembly. This arrangement shall not apply if it affects their respective identities, programmes of work and effective consideration of their agendas.	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The secretaries of the First and Fourth Committees undertake consultation for the purpose of avoiding simultaneous meetings.

#### **L. Provisions related to the General Committee**

135.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 24 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 23	Requests the President-elect of the General Assembly to continue with the practice of meeting informally with the incoming members of the General Committee before the beginning of the regular session in order to review the proposed programme of work of the Main Committees, with a view to increasing their	President-elect	Ongoing provision. The President-elect of the seventy-third session convened a meeting with the incoming members of the General Committee in advance of the opening of the seventy-third session for an informal exchange of views.
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		efficiency, improving complementarity and avoiding overlap of meetings of the Main Committees to the extent possible, in order to allow for wider participation by Member States.		
136.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 30 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 29	Requests the General Committee, while exercising its functions under rule 40 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to pay special attention to reduction of such overlap.	General Committee	Ongoing provision.  During the seventy-third session, the President convened informal meetings of the General Committee on 5 December 2018 to exchange views on the program of work in respect to addressing gaps and duplication in the agenda of the General Assembly as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in accordance to the General Assembly resolution <a href="#">72/313</a> , in particular, the paragraphs 29, 30 and 31; and on 17 April 2019 to discussion (1) improving methods of work of the General Assembly as well as its Main Committees and (2) enhancing the role of the General Committee in further improving methods of work.
137.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 43 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 37	Recalls its resolutions 1898 (XVIII) of 11 November 1963, 2837 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971, <a href="#">45/45</a> of 28 November 1990, <a href="#">51/241</a> of 31 July 1997, <a href="#">58/126</a> of 19 December 2003 and <a href="#">58/316</a> , and reiterates its call upon the President of the General Assembly to continue to make full use of the General Committee throughout the session, with a view to reviewing the programme of work of the Assembly and its Main Committees, in line with rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.	President of the General Assembly	Ongoing provision.

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138.	<a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 27 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">58/316</a> , annex, para. 5 (b)	Reiterates its call for the effective implementation of rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.	General Committee	Since the adoption of resolution <a href="#">58/316</a> , the General Committee has met throughout the session of the General Assembly.
139.	<a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 33	The General Committee shall use its authority and competence, taking into account rule 43 of the rules of procedure, by allowing Member States that are not represented on the General Committee to participate in its discussions. The process of decision-making will continue to be as at present.	General Committee	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
140.	<a href="#">58/316</a> , annex, para. 5 (a)	The work of the General Committee shall be carried out in accordance with section VI of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.	General Committee	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
141.	<a href="#">58/316</a> , annex, para. 5 (b)	The General Committee shall continue to meet throughout the session and to play the leading role in advising the General Assembly on the efficient organization, coordination and management of its work.	General Committee	Since the adoption of resolution <a href="#">58/316</a> , the General Committee has met throughout the session of the General Assembly and played its leading role in advising the Assembly in the organization of its work.
142.	<a href="#">58/316</a> , annex, para. 5 (c)	To ensure the effective implementation of rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee shall meet regularly throughout the session with the bureaux of the Main Committees to review the progress of the work of the Main Committees and to make recommendations for furthering such progress.	General Committee	Since the adoption of the provision, the General Committee has met throughout the sessions of the General Assembly to ensure the effective implementation of rule 42 of the rules of procedure. The Main Committee Chairs have regularly briefed the General Committee on the work of their Committees.
143.	<a href="#">58/316</a> , annex, para. 5 (d)	In July of each year, the General Committee shall conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the General Assembly, on the basis of a report to be	General Committee	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis. In response to this request, the Secretary-General annually submits reports to the General Assembly, including the

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		submitted by the Secretary-General, and submit recommendations on the matter to the forthcoming Assembly. The report of the Secretary-General shall include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session.		requested information on the status of documentation.
144.	<a href="#">58/316</a> , annex, para. 5 (f)	On the basis of proposals from the President of the General Assembly, and in the light of the positive experience during the fifty-eighth session, the General Committee shall be encouraged, as appropriate, to continue to schedule informal briefings on topical issues.	General Committee	At the fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions, the General Committee held a number of informal briefings on topical issues. Owing to the rising number of thematic debates, the practice of informal briefings in the General Committee has been limited to avoid duplication.
145.	<a href="#">58/316</a> , annex, para. 5 (h)	The General Committee shall continue to consider ways and means to further improve its working methods to increase its efficiency and effectiveness in all aspects, and make recommendations on the matter to the General Assembly for its decision by 1 April 2005.	General Committee	The General Committee continues to consider ways and means of improving its working methods. No recommendation has been made in that regard since the adoption of this provision.
146.	<a href="#">58/126</a> , annex, sect. B, para. 1	The General Committee shall meet throughout the session and further improve its working methods to increase its efficiency and effectiveness. It will play the leading role in advising the General Assembly on the efficient organization, coordination and management of its work. In this connection, the Assembly will also consider proposals to reform the General Committee.	General Committee	The General Assembly, at its fifty-eighth session, adopted resolution <a href="#">58/316</a> , by which, inter alia, it decided on a number of measures with regard to the reform of the General Committee.

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147.	<a href="#">55/285</a> , annex, para. 20	In order to enhance the capacity of the General Committee to assist the President of the General Assembly in the conduct of the business of the Assembly and to improve continuity between its different sessions, at the outset of each session, each Vice-President of the Assembly shall designate a liaison person for the duration of the session. This designation may be made informally, without any amendment to rule 39 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, by means of a letter to its President.	General Committee	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
148.	<a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 34	The General Committee may, each year, prior to the closure of the session, prepare suggestions based on its experience for the consideration of the incoming General Committee.	General Committee	Suggestions have been made on an ongoing basis during informal meetings between the incoming and outgoing General Committees.
149.	<a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 35	The General Committee is requested to consider and recommend to the General Assembly methods and procedures for streamlining and rationalizing the Committee's work. The General Committee shall, in this context, in relation to each agenda item proposed, consider its rejection or its inclusion in the provisional agenda, taking into account previous recommendations of the General Committee and previous relevant decisions of the Assembly.	General Committee	Provisions to be implemented by the General Committee.
<b>M. Other matters</b>				
150.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 63	Takes note of the concerns raised by multiple Member States regarding the prohibitive cost of the use of the Delegates' Dining Room and other venues at the	Department of Operational Support	During the seventy-third session, the Department of Operational Support briefed the Ad Hoc Working Group on 9 April 2019 on the issue and presented three possible options for consideration (See supplementary

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		United Nations by delegations for holding diplomatic events, and requests the Secretary-General to provide, during the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, innovative proposals on solutions for the existing situation, including the possibility of introducing certain elements in future contracts with the vendor.		information annexed to the letter by the President of the General Assembly dated 18 April 2019). Additional information was provided in the course of informal consultations.
151.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 64	Requests the Secretariat to provide, in an electronic version only, a list containing the names of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly and officers of the Main Committees, as well as members of the Security Council, members of the Economic and Social Council and Member States and observers of the United Nations.	Secretariat	The electronic lists containing the names of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly and officers of the Main Committees, as well as members of the Security Council, members of the Economic and Social Council and Member States and observers of the United Nations have been made available on the websites of the relevant bodies.

### **Cluster III: selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads**

<i>No.</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Text of provision</i>	<i>Implementing entity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<b>A. General provision related to the selection of the Secretary-General</b>				
152.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 66 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 57; <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 37; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 34; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 26; <a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 17; and <a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 57	Reiterates that the process of selecting and appointing the Secretary-General differs from the process used with regard to the executive heads of the organizations of the United Nations system, given the roles of the Security Council and the General Assembly in accordance with Article 97 of the Charter, and emphasizes in particular that the process of selection of the Secretary-General is guided by the principles of transparency and inclusiveness, building on best		Ongoing provision.

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		practices and the participation of all Member States.		
153.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , paras. 67 and 68 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 58, <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 40; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 39; and <a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 22	Stresses, in particular, the need to ensure the appointment of the best possible candidate for the position of Secretary-General, who embodies the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity and who demonstrates a firm commitment to the purposes and principles of the United Nations, proven leadership and managerial abilities, extensive experience in international relations and strong diplomatic, communication and multilingual skills.  Also stresses that, in the course of the identification and appointment of the best candidate for the post of Secretary-General, due regard shall continue to be given to regional rotation and to gender balance.		Ongoing provision.

#### B. Provisions related to the selection process

154.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 69 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 59, <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 41; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 32; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 25; <a href="#">67/297</a> , para. 23; <a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 25; <a href="#">65/315</a> , para. 20; and <a href="#">64/301</a> , para. 14	Reaffirms its commitment to continue, in the Ad Hoc Working Group, in accordance with the provisions of Article 97 of the Charter, its thorough consideration of the issues under the third thematic cluster of the Working Group, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, including the examination of innovative ways to improve the process of selecting and appointing the Secretary-General and other executive heads in all its aspects, and recalls all relevant resolutions, including resolutions 11 (I) of 24 January 1946, <a href="#">46/77</a> of	Ad Hoc Working Group, Member States	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The Ad Hoc Working Group has devoted a thematic meeting in each of its recent sessions to this issue. At the seventieth session, the Co-Chairs also convened a dedicated informal brainstorming session on, inter alia, the possibility of modifying the term of office to a single, non-renewable term and of recommending more than one candidate for consideration by the General Assembly.
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		<p>12 December 1991, <a href="#">47/233</a> of  17 August 1993, <a href="#">48/264</a> of  29 July 1994, <a href="#">51/241</a> of  31 July 1997, <a href="#">52/163</a> of  15 December 1997, <a href="#">55/14</a> of  3 November 2000, <a href="#">55/285</a> of  7 September 2001, <a href="#">56/509</a> of  8 July 2002, <a href="#">57/300</a> of  20 December 2002, <a href="#">57/301</a> of  13 March 2003, <a href="#">58/126</a> of  19 December 2003, <a href="#">58/316</a> of  1 July 2004, <a href="#">59/313</a> of  12 September 2005, <a href="#">60/286</a>  of 8 September 2006, <a href="#">61/292</a>  of 2 August 2007, <a href="#">62/276</a> of  15 September 2008, <a href="#">63/309</a>  of 14 September 2009,  <a href="#">64/301</a> of 13 September  2010, <a href="#">65/315</a> of  12 September 2011, <a href="#">66/294</a> of  17 September 2012, <a href="#">67/297</a>  of 29 August 2013, <a href="#">68/307</a> of  10 September 2014, <a href="#">69/321</a>  of 11 September 2015 and  <a href="#">70/305</a> of 13 September  2016, reaffirming the  applicable procedures set out  in the rules of procedure of  the Assembly, in particular  rule 141, and acknowledging  existing relevant practices of  the Assembly.</p>		
155.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 70 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 60, <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 42; and <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 33	Calls upon the President of the General Assembly to monitor and review the Assembly's implementation of these resolutions.	President of the General Assembly	Ongoing provision.
156.	<a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 35 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 19; and <a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 60	Requests the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council to start the process of soliciting candidates for the position of Secretary-General through a joint letter addressed to all Member States, containing a description of the entire process and inviting	President of the General Assembly, President of the Security Council	A joint letter by the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council dated 15 December 2015 was sent to all Member States (see <a href="#">A/70/623-S/2015/988</a> ).

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		candidates to be presented in a timely manner.		
157.	<a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 36	Also requests the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council to jointly circulate to all Member States on an ongoing basis the names of individuals that have been submitted for consideration as candidates for the position of Secretary-General together with accompanying documents, including curricula vitae.	President of the General Assembly, President of the Security Council	The President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council jointly circulated the names of the individuals that were submitted for consideration as candidates during the seventieth and seventy-first sessions.
158.	<a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 38 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 37	Notes that the selection and appointment of the next Secretary-General is expected to take place in 2016, and as a result requests, without prejudice to the role of the principal organs as enshrined in Article 97 of the Charter, the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session to actively support this process in accordance with the role accorded to him by relevant resolutions, including the present resolution.	Presidents of the seventieth and seventy-first sessions of the General Assembly	Implemented by the Presidents of the seventieth and seventy-first sessions of the General Assembly.
159.	<a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 39 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 38; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 28; <a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 26; <a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 18; and <a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, paras. 56 and 59	Reaffirms paragraph 38 of resolution <a href="#">69/321</a> , and welcomes the presentation of a significant number of women for the position of ninth Secretary-General of the United Nations, following its invitation to Member States to do so.	Member States (General Assembly, Security Council)	Implemented.
160.	<a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 42 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 20	Decides, without prejudice to the role of the principal organs as enshrined in Article 97 of the Charter, to conduct informal dialogues or meetings with candidates for the position of Secretary-General, without any prejudice to any candidate who does not participate, thus contributing to the	General Assembly, President of the General Assembly	The Presidents of the seventieth and seventy-first sessions of the General Assembly organized informal dialogues with all candidates submitted for consideration as the ninth Secretary-General.  In its resolution <a href="#">72/313</a> , the Assembly recalled that informal dialogues and meetings with candidates for the post of Secretary-

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		transparency and inclusivity of the process.		General, as provided for in paragraph 42 of its resolution <a href="#">69/321</a> , are an important part of the selection and appointment process, and encouraged the President of the General Assembly to further improve, in close consultation with Member States, the modalities of these dialogues in order to increase their efficiency and interactivity with Member States (para. 71).  The Assembly also recognized the possibility of providing the process of selection and appointment of the Secretary-General with notional timelines based on its resolution <a href="#">69/321</a> and other relevant resolutions (para. 72).

**C. Provisions related to the appointment and duration of the term  
(see also part I)**

161.	<a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 21  <i>Also in:</i>  <a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 61	Recalls paragraph 61 of its resolution <a href="#">51/241</a> , in which it is stated that, in order to ensure a smooth and efficient transition, the Secretary-General should be appointed as early as possible, preferably no later than one month before the date on which the term of the incumbent expires.	General Assembly, Security Council	The provision is being implemented to the extent possible. Resolution <a href="#">71/4</a> , by which the General Assembly appointed António Guterres Secretary-General of the United Nations for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2017 and ending on 31 December 2021, was adopted on 13 October 2016.
162.	<a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 58	The duration of the term or terms of appointment, including the option of a single term, shall be considered before the appointment of the next Secretary-General.	Member States	Member States decide on the duration of the term on a case-by-case basis, on the recommendation of the Security Council. At the seventieth session, the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group convened an informal brainstorming session on, inter alia, the possibility of modifying the term of office to a single, non-renewable term, and of recommending more than one candidate for consideration by the General Assembly.

**D. Miscellaneous/other**

163.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 80  <i>Also in:</i>	Requests the Office of Human Resources Management of the Secretariat to continue with	Department of Management Strategy,	During the seventy-third session, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources briefed the Working Group on the gender
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	<a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 65; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 40	the practice of providing a briefing to the Ad Hoc Working Group on the gender balance and regional origin of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization, and takes note of the practice of distributing said briefing to the Member States.	Policy and Compliance	balance and regional origin of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group during the seventy-third session.  At the sixty-ninth session, the Ad Hoc Working Group, on 22 March 2016, was briefed by the Acting Director of the Strategic Planning and Staffing Division of the Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Management, on the gender balance and regional origin of executive heads and the Senior Management Group of the United Nations.
164.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 75 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 61 <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 43	Welcomes the ongoing efforts of the Secretary-General towards achieving equal and fair distribution in terms of the gender and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization, while securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, in accordance with Article 101 of the Charter and its resolutions <a href="#">46/232</a> of 2 March 1992, <a href="#">51/241</a> , and <a href="#">71/263</a> of 23 December 2016, commends in particular the fact that gender parity was achieved in the Senior Management Group, and requests that further effective measures be taken in this regard.	Secretary-General	Implemented on an ongoing basis.  The Assembly took note of the call by the Secretariat to all Member States encouraging the nomination of candidates to supplement the Secretary-General's search to ensure a wide pool of candidates for positions at the senior level in its resolution <a href="#">72/313</a> (para. 76).
165.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 77 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 62, <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 44; and <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 43	Recalls its resolution <a href="#">52/12 B</a> of 19 December 1997, in particular paragraph 2, which notes that the Secretary-General will appoint the Deputy Secretary-General following consultations with Member States, stresses that the process of appointments to senior posts by the Secretary-General within the Organization should be	Secretary-General	Ongoing provision.

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		inclusive and transparent, in accordance with relevant rules of procedure and as set out in the Charter, and in this context calls upon the Secretary-General to announce such vacancies well in advance.		
166.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 78 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 63; <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 45	Stresses the need to ensure equal and fair distribution based on gender balance and as wide a geographical basis as possible, and in this regard recalls its resolutions <a href="#">46/232</a> and <a href="#">51/241</a> , adopted without a vote, which contain the principles that the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity are the paramount considerations in the recruitment and performance of international civil servants and that, as a general rule, there should be no monopoly on senior posts in the United Nations system by nationals of any State or group of States.	Secretary-General	Ongoing provision.
167.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 79 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 64	Reiterates its request that the Secretary-General continue his ongoing efforts to ensure the attainment of equitable geographical distribution and gender balance in the Secretariat, while recalling its resolution <a href="#">71/263</a> , in particular the paragraphs thereof related to equitable geographical distribution and gender balance.	Secretary-General	Ongoing provision.
168.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 81	Invites the specialized agencies, funds and programmes to maintain updated information regarding the past and present executive heads on their official websites in order to strengthen transparency, as well as accessibility of the historical record	Specialized agencies, funds and programmes	The Secretariat informed the Heads of the specialized agencies, funds and programmes about the invitation by the Assembly. A number of them responded that this provision has already been implemented.

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169.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 82	Requests the Secretariat to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-third session on the issue of candidacies of senior United Nations officials currently holding office, in order to enhance transparency and equity of the appointment process.	Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance	During the seventy-third session, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources briefed the Working Group.

### Cluster IV: strengthening the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly

<i>No.</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Text of provision</i>	<i>Implementing entity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<b>A. Provisions related to the competencies of the President of the General Assembly</b>				
170.	<a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 57	Decides that the President-elect of the General Assembly shall take an oath of office of his or her own, as detailed in annex I to the present resolution, at the moment of handing over the gavel in the final plenary meeting of the preceding session, and decides that the text of the oath shall be annexed to the rules of procedure of the Assembly.	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	<p>Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The oath of office was first taken by the President-elect of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly at the 118th plenary meeting of the seventieth session of the Assembly, on 13 September 2016.</p> <p>The rules of procedure have been reissued (<a href="#">A/520/Rev.18</a>) and include the oath of office under annex X.</p> <p>In its resolution <a href="#">71/323</a>, the General Assembly welcomed the taking of the oath of office and the observation of the code of ethics by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as contained in annexes X and XI to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, thus contributing to increased transparency and accountability of the Office (para. 67).</p>
171.	<a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 58	Also decides that the President of the General Assembly shall observe a code of ethics, as detailed in annex II to the present resolution, and further decides that the text of the code of ethics for the President of the Assembly	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	<p>Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>The rules of procedure have been reissued (<a href="#">A/520/Rev.18</a>) and include the code of ethics for the President of the General Assembly under annex XI.</p>

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		shall be annexed to the rules of procedure of the Assembly.		
172.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 85 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 69; <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 49; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 46; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 31; <a href="#">67/297</a> , para. 27; <a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 29; <a href="#">65/315</a> , para. 24; <a href="#">64/301</a> , para. 13; and <a href="#">63/309</a> , para. 4	Encourages the President of the General Assembly to continue the practice of periodically briefing Member States on his or her activities, including official travel.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
173.	<a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 51 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 48; and <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 33	Encourages exchanges between the President-elect of the General Assembly and the Council of Presidents of the General Assembly so that Presidents-elect may benefit from the experiences of former Presidents in terms of best practices and lessons learned.	President of the General Assembly	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis.
174.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 90	Highly commends the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session for introducing the morning dialogues, envisaged as informal discussions among Permanent Representatives on the substantive and practical aspects of work of the Assembly, and strongly encourages the continuation of the valuable practice of regular meetings between the President and the Permanent Representatives.	President of the General Assembly, Member States	The President of the seventy-second session introduced the practice of regular morning dialogues with the Permanent Representatives and the President of the seventy-third session continued the practice by convening "morning mingas".
175.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 87 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 71; <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 52; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 49; <a href="#">67/297</a> , para. 32; <a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 36;	Stresses the importance of continuing with the practice of providing a handover report from the President of the General Assembly to their successors and all Member States, as well as of further efforts to improve archiving and record-keeping by the	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Implemented on an ongoing basis. The President of the seventy-second session shared with all Member States, in a letter dated 17 September 2018, the handover summary received from his predecessor, which was prepared on the basis of a standardized format developed by the Department for General Assembly

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	<a href="#">65/315</a> , para. 28; <a href="#">64/301</a> , para. 17; and <a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 9	Office of the President of the General Assembly.		and Conference Management and with the Department's technical assistance.
176.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 101  <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 84, <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 69; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 56; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 40; and <a href="#">67/297</a> , para. 29	Requests the President of the General Assembly, in cooperation with the Secretariat, to report to the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-third session of the Assembly on the implementation of all mandates accorded to her under the present resolution and previous relevant resolutions.	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	To be implemented during the seventy-third session.  The President of the General Assembly delivered a statement at the fourth thematic meeting of the Working Group during the seventy-third session.
177.	<a href="#">58/126</a> , annex, para. 7	In June of each year, the President-elect of the General Assembly, after taking into account the views provided by Member States and following consultations with the incumbent President and the Secretary-General, will suggest an issue, or issues, of global concern upon which Member States will be invited to comment during the general debate at the forthcoming session of the Assembly. The views provided by Member States should also be summarized and circulated to Member States. Such suggestions regarding the issue(s) for comment will be without prejudice to the sovereign right of Member States to solely and entirely determine the content of their general debate statements.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The President-elect of seventy-third session proposed the following theme: "Making the United Nations relevant to all people: Global leadership and shared responsibilities for peaceful, equitable and sustainable societies". The President-elect of the seventy-fourth session proposed the following theme: "Galvanizing multilateral efforts for poverty eradication, quality education, climate action and inclusion".
178.	<a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 73	Decides, in full respect of the established principle of geographical rotation and its resolution <a href="#">33/138</a> of 19 December 1978, to conduct informal interactive dialogues with candidates for the position of President of	General Assembly	Ongoing provision. In its resolution <a href="#">72/313</a> , the Assembly strongly welcomed the organization of informal dialogues with candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, as well as the circulation of vision statements, as



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		the General Assembly, thus contributing to the transparency and inclusivity of the process, and calls upon candidates to present to the Assembly their vision statements.		outlined in paragraph 73 of resolution <a href="#">71/323</a> (para. 88).  The President of the seventy-third session convened an informal interactive dialogue with the candidate for the position of the President of the General Assembly at the seventy-fourth session on 13 May 2019.

#### **B. Provisions related to the financial, logistic and technical support for the President of the General Assembly**

179.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 96 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 79; <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 64; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 54; and <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 38	Requests the Secretary-General submit, in the context of the proposed programme budget for 2020, proposals to review the budget allocation of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, in accordance with existing procedures, including rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, and taking into account the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the issue, and in this connection looks forward to considering such proposals during the main part of its seventy-fourth session.	Secretary-General	Pursuant to resolution <a href="#">70/305</a> , the Secretary-General, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, submitted the following proposals: (a) one new general temporary assistance position at the P-5 level to manage the continuity and transfer of knowledge between Presidents and sessions and assist in the preparation of the President's end-of-presidency report and in the handover for the President and/or the Office; and (b) additional general temporary assistance resources corresponding to an overlap period of one month for each of the four positions (2 D-2, 1 D-1 and 1 P-5) to maximize the use of the transition period for incoming Presidents on an annual basis (see <a href="#">A/72/6 (Sect. 1)</a> , paras. 1.8 and 1.26). At the end of the main part of the seventy-second session, the General Assembly decided against the establishment of the requested P-5 position but approved the additional general temporary assistance resources corresponding to an overlap period for one month to maximize the use of the transition period for incoming Presidents (see resolution <a href="#">72/263</a> ).  Pursuant to resolution <a href="#">72/313</a> and in accordance with the recommendation in the report of the Task Force on the functioning of the Office of the President, the Secretary-General again included in the context of the proposed programme budget for 2020 the establishment of one additional
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				P-5 position to support the Office of the President in managing the continuity and transfer of knowledge between Presidents and sessions, as well as to assist in the preparation of the President's end-of-presidency report and in the handover briefing for the President and/or the Office (see <a href="#">A/74/6 (Sect.1)</a> , para. 1.7).
180.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 83 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 66 <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 46	Commends the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session for strengthening the transparency and inclusivity of his Office, including through continuing the practices outlined in paragraph 66 of resolution <a href="#">71/323</a> , and for voluntarily presenting the summary of his personal financial disclosure, and requests future Presidents of the Assembly to follow these good practices.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Detailed information on finances, official travel, staffing and activities of the Office of the President of the General Assembly are made available on the website of the President.
181.	<a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 53	Requests the President of the General Assembly to preserve the records and institutional memory during her or his term of office by using existing United Nations record-keeping and archiving facilities, taking into account existing record-keeping standards and practices of the Organization.	President of the General Assembly	To be implemented on an ongoing basis.
182.	<a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 72 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 54	Supports the efforts made thus far in archiving and record-keeping by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, with the assistance of the Archives and Records Management Section of the Department of Management of the Secretariat, and stresses the need to continue to consider methods to effectively preserve the institutional memory of the Office.	Secretary-General	To be implemented on an ongoing basis upon receipt of relevant documentation from the Office of the President of the General Assembly.

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183.	<a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 59	Requests the Ethics Office of the Secretariat and the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management to provide an induction briefing to all Presidents of the General Assembly and members of the Office of the President of the General Assembly prior to the assumption of their duties.	Ethics Office, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Implemented on an ongoing basis.  The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management organized a two-day induction programme for the President-elect of the seventy-first session and his team, which took place on 7 and 8 September 2016 and included briefings on conference management support; the rules of procedure of the General Assembly; the programme of work of the seventy-first session; ethics, accountability and oversight; best practices in digital records management; communications and media; budget, finance, human resources and administrative matters; and an overview of the protocol services available to the President of the General Assembly.  An induction briefing was provided for the President-elect of the seventy-third session and her team in September 2019.
184.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 94 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 77 <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 61	Recalls its request to the Secretary-General and its invitation to the heads of specialized agencies, funds and programmes, upon request by the President of the General Assembly, to consider seconding staff to work in the Office of the President of the General Assembly on a more systematic basis.	Secretary-General, heads of specialized agencies, funds and programmes	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis.
185.	<a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 62	Decides that Presidents of the General Assembly shall provide financial disclosures upon assumption and completion of their duties, in line with the existing United Nations financial disclosure programme.	President of the General Assembly	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis.
186.	<a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 65	Also requests the Secretary-General to make non-staff programme budget resources available to Presidents of the	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. In resolution <a href="#">72/313</a> , the Assembly welcomed the decision by the Secretary-General to make non-staff programme budget

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		General Assembly from the date of their election.		resources available to Presidents of the General Assembly from the date of their election (para. 97).
187.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 100 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 83 <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 67	Reiterates its call for non-in-kind contributions to be channelled through the trust fund, and welcomes steps taken in this regard by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session.	President of the General Assembly, Ethics Office	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis.  In resolution <a href="#">72/313</a> , the Assembly welcomed the establishment of the practice of vetting all contributions from sources other than Member States through the Ethics Office, and urges adherence to this practice (para. 99).
188.	<a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 68	Requests Presidents of the General Assembly to publish information on the website of the President on an ongoing basis on substantive activities, contributions to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and details of official travel undertaken during his or her Presidency and to produce an end-of-term report on these matters.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
189.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 98 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 81; <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 66; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 55; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 39; <a href="#">67/297</a> , para. 28; <a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 33; and <a href="#">64/301</a> , para. 12	Stresses the importance of the contributions of Member States to the Trust Fund in support of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, and in this regard notes with appreciation the contributions that have been made to the Fund, and encourages Member States to continue to contribute to the Fund and to allow for unspent contributions from previous sessions to be made available for succeeding terms.	Member States	Since the adoption of resolution <a href="#">66/294</a> , a number of contributions have been made to the trust fund in support of the Office of the President of the General Assembly. Furthermore, each incoming President of the Assembly is briefed about the fund and its modalities. The Presidents of the seventieth, seventy-first, seventy-second and seventy-third sessions have published information concerning contributions made to the trust fund on their websites.
190.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 92 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 74 <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 55; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 50; and <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 34	Expresses deep satisfaction that at the seventy-third session, and for the fourth time in its history, the General Assembly will have a female President, in this regard invites Member States to consider presenting women as candidates for the position of future Presidents of the	Member States	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis.

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		General Assembly, and encourages Presidents-elect to continue to ensure respect for balanced gender and geographical representation in the Office of the President of the General Assembly, both in terms of numbers and level of responsibility, without prejudice to professional qualifications of potential candidates.		
191.	<a href="#">72/313</a> , para. 93 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 75; <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 56; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 51; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 35; <a href="#">67/297</a> , para. 30; <a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 34; and <a href="#">65/315</a> , para. 26	Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-third session of the General Assembly on the sources of funding and staffing of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, including on any technical, logistical, protocol-related or financial questions, and for more clarification on the budgetary basis for the provision of such support by the Secretariat.	Secretary-General	The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management briefed the Working Group during its fourth thematic meeting at the seventy-third session.
192.	<a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 35 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">65/315</a> , para. 27; <a href="#">64/301</a> , para. 11; and <a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 3 (d)	Requests the Secretary-General to further endeavour to ensure, within agreed resources, that the President of the General Assembly is provided with proper protocol and security services and adequate office space, with a view to enabling the President of the Assembly to carry out his or her functions in a manner commensurate with the dignity and stature of the Office.	Secretary-General	The Department of Safety and Security continues to provide close protection coverage for the President of the General Assembly from within existing resources, and the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management continues to provide protocol services to the Office of the President of the General Assembly. In addition, new office space has been made available to the Office in the renovated conference building.
193.	<a href="#">71/323</a> , para. 76 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">70/305</a> , para. 60; <a href="#">69/321</a> , para. 52; <a href="#">68/307</a> , para. 36; <a href="#">67/297</a> , paras. 31 and 32; <a href="#">66/294</a> , para. 36;	Emphasizes the need to ensure, from within agreed resources, that the Office of the President of the General Assembly is allocated dedicated Secretariat staff, with responsibility to, in an efficient and capable manner, coordinate the transition	Secretariat, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management provides technical, procedural and substantive support to the Office of the President of the General Assembly throughout the year and briefs Presidents-elect and

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	<a href="#">65/315</a> , para. 28; <a href="#">63/309</a> , para. 5; and <a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 9	between Presidents, manage interactions between the President and the Secretary-General and preserve institutional memory, welcomes the provision by Member States of staff from their respective permanent missions to be seconded to the Office of the President, and encourages the continuation of this existing good practice.		their teams on the work of the forthcoming session.  As of 2016, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management organizes an induction programme each year.  The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management also serves as focal point for the institutional memory of the work and practices of the General Assembly within the Secretariat.
194.	<a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 3 (b)	Decides to strengthen the role and leadership of the President of the General Assembly by:  (b) Augmenting the resources available to the Office of the President of the General Assembly from within existing resources, subject to consideration by the Assembly of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007, to provide for two further additional posts at management and senior levels to be filled on an annual basis following consultations with the incoming President, beginning at the sixtieth session of the Assembly.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented as from the sixtieth session ( <a href="#">A/61/483</a> , p. 18).
195.	<a href="#">58/126</a> , annex, para. 10	The resources available to the Office of the President of the General Assembly in personnel and other support shall be augmented from within existing resources, bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 22 of the annex to resolution <a href="#">55/285</a> . Five additional posts shall be made available to supplement current support, of which three shall be filled on an annual basis, following consultations with the incoming President,	Secretary-General	Provision implemented as from the fifty-ninth session ( <a href="#">A/61/483</a> , p. 11, and <a href="#">A/62/608</a> ).

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		beginning at the fifty-ninth session of the Assembly.		
196.	<a href="#">55/285</a> , annex, para. 22 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">51/241</a> , annex, para. 44	Additional measures are required to implement paragraph 44 of the annex to resolution <a href="#">51/241</a> , in particular in the area of substantive support for the President of the General Assembly. Therefore, adequate support should be made available to the Office of the President in the substantive areas of its work. To this end, the Secretary-General is requested to take appropriate measures and to submit proposals to the relevant committees for their consideration during the fifty-sixth session of the Assembly.	Secretary-General	Implemented on an ongoing basis. See also other relevant provisions.
197.	<a href="#">59/313</a> , para. 3 (c)	Decides to strengthen the role and leadership of the President of the General Assembly by:  (c) Making available to the President of the General Assembly adequate office and conference space with a view to enabling the President to carry out his/her functions in a manner commensurate with the dignity and stature of the Office.	Secretary-General	As of the sixty-eighth session, new office space has been made available to the Office of the President of the General Assembly in the renovated conference building.
198.	<a href="#">60/286</a> , annex, para. 11 <i>Also in:</i> <a href="#">58/126</a> , annex, para. 11	Requests the Secretary-General to continue to make the necessary arrangements for the provision of transitional office accommodation and other support to the President-elect of the General Assembly, in accordance with resolution <a href="#">58/126</a> .	Secretary-General	As of the fifty-ninth session, transitional office space and other support has been provided to the Presidents-elect ( <a href="#">A/61/483</a> , p. 11, and <a href="#">A/62/608</a> , p. 6).