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### **Regular sessions**

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

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

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

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

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

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## I. AGENDA<sup>1</sup>

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  - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly.
5. Organization of the session.
6. Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Third Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament.
7. Adoption of the agenda.
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  - (c) Resolutions of the General Assembly in the field of arms limitation and disarmament;
  - (d) Status of negotiations on arms limitations and disarmament in bilateral and various multilateral forums.
11. Consideration and adoption of the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament.
12. Assessment of developments and trends, including qualitative and quantitative aspects, relevant to the disarmament process, with a view to the elaboration of appropriate concrete and practical measures and, if necessary, additional principles, taking duly into account the principles and priorities established in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament.
13. Consideration of the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament and of the effectiveness of the disarmament machinery.
14. United Nations information and educational activities in the field of disarmament, including measures to mobilize world public opinion in favour of disarmament:
  - (a) World Disarmament Campaign;
  - (b) Other public information activities.
15. Relationship between disarmament and development, in the light of the action programme<sup>2</sup> adopted at the International Conference.
16. Adoption, in an appropriate format, of the document(s) of the fifteenth special session of the General Assembly.

<sup>1</sup> See also sect. III.B, decision S-15/23.

<sup>2</sup> *International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development*, New York, 24 August-11 September 1987: *Final Document* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.IX.8), para. 35.





## II. RESOLUTIONS<sup>3</sup>

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### **S-15/1. Credentials of representatives to the fifteenth special session of the General Assembly**

#### **A**

*The General Assembly*

*Approves the first report of the Credentials Committee.<sup>4</sup>*

*20th plenary meeting  
14 June 1988*

#### **B**

*The General Assembly*

*Approves the second report of the Credentials Committee.<sup>5</sup>*

*22nd plenary meeting  
25 June 1988*

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<sup>3</sup> Resolutions adopted without reference to a Main Committee, the General Assembly having convened only in plenary meeting in accordance with rule 63 of the rules of procedure.

<sup>4</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Special Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document A/S-15/36.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/S-15/36/Add.1



### III. DECISIONS

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#### A. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

##### S-15/11. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 31 May 1988, the General Assembly decided that the Credentials Committee for the fifteenth special session, appointed in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, would have the same composition as for the forty-second session.

As a result, the Committee was composed of the following Member States: ARGENTINA, BARBADOS, CAPE VERDE, CHINA, GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF KENYA, SINGAPORE, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

##### S-15/12. Election of the President of the General Assembly<sup>6</sup>

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 31 May 1988, the General Assembly decided that Mr. Peter FLORIN (German Democratic Republic), President of the Assembly at its forty-second session, would serve in the same capacity at the fifteenth special session.

##### S-15/13. Election of the Chairmen of the Main Committees<sup>6</sup>

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 31 May 1988, the General Assembly decided that the Chairmen of the Main Committees of the forty-second session would serve in the same capacity at the fifteenth special session, on the understanding that the Chairmen of the

<sup>6</sup> In accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee consists of the President of the Assembly, the twenty-one Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the seven Main Committees. See also decision S-15/21.

Third Committee and the Sixth Committee would be replaced by another member of the same delegation.

As a result, the following persons were elected Chairmen of the Main Committees:

*First Committee:* Mr. BAGBENI ADEITO Nzengeya (Zaire),

*Special Political Committee:* Mr. Hamad Abdelaziz AL-KAWARI (Qatar),

*Second Committee:* Mr. Guennadi OUDOVENKO (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic),

*Third Committee:* Mr. Leonardo KAM (Panama),

*Fourth Committee:* Mr. Constantine MOUSHOUTAS (Cyprus),

*Fifth Committee:* Mr. Henrik AMNEUS (Sweden),

*Sixth Committee:* Mr. Ali Sunni MUNTASSER (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya).

#### **S-15/14. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly<sup>6</sup>**

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 31 May 1988, the General Assembly decided that the Vice-Presidents of the forty-second session would serve in the same capacity at the fifteenth special session.

The representatives of the following twenty-one Member States were therefore elected Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: BOTSWANA, CAMEROON, CHINA, COMOROS, FRANCE, JORDAN, MAURITANIA, MONGOLIA, NETHERLANDS, NICARAGUA, PARAGUAY, PORTUGAL, SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TOGO, TUNISIA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

#### **S-15/15. Election of the officers of the Committee of the Whole of the Fifteenth Special Session<sup>7</sup>**

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 31 May 1988, the General Assembly elected the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole of the Fifteenth Special Session.

At its first meeting, on 3 June 1988, the Committee of the Whole elected its other officers.

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The following were therefore elected officers of the Committee of the Whole:

*Chairman:* Mr. Mansur AHMED (Pakistan).

*Vice-Chairmen:* The representatives of the following Member States: ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, BAHAMAS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, JAPAN, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, ROMANIA, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, TOGO, URUGUAY, YUGOSLAVIA and ZAIRE.

*Rapporteur:* Mr. Pedro NÚÑEZ-MOSQUERA (CUBA).

### **B. OTHER DECISIONS**

#### **S-15/21. Establishment of the Committee of the Whole of the Fifteenth Special Session<sup>8</sup>**

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 31 May 1988, the General Assembly:

(a) Decided to establish an *ad hoc* committee of the whole and designated it the Committee of the Whole of the Fifteenth Special Session, with a Chairman elected by the General Assembly, eighteen Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, on the understanding that its Chairman would also be a member of the General Committee;

(b) Decided that the Committee of the Whole should establish any subsidiary bodies as necessary.

<sup>7</sup> See also decision S-15/21.

<sup>8</sup> See also decision S-15/15.

**S-15/22. Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Third Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament**

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 31 May 1988, the General Assembly endorsed the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Third Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament and the recommendations contained therein.<sup>9</sup>

**S-15/23. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items**

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 31 May 1988, the General Assembly adopted the agenda for the fifteenth special session.<sup>10</sup>

At the same meeting, The General Assembly:

(a) Decided that items 1 to 9 and 16 would be considered directly in plenary meeting;

(b) Decided to allocate items 10 to 15 to the Committee of the Whole of the Fifteenth Special Session and to entrust it with the task of considering all the proposals submitted under those items during the special session and of reporting to the General Assembly.

**S-15/24. Report of the Committee of the Whole of the Fifteenth Special Session of the General Assembly**

At its 22nd plenary meeting, on 25 June 1988, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Committee of the Whole of the Fifteenth Special Session as the concluding document of the fifteenth special session of the General Assembly.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>9</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Special Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/S-15/1)*.

<sup>10</sup> A/S-15/15; see sect. I.

<sup>11</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Special Session, Annexes*, agenda items 10 to 15, document A/S-15/50.



## ANNEX

## CHECK-LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS

This check-list includes the resolutions and the decisions adopted by the General Assembly during its fifteenth special session. The resolutions and the decisions were adopted without a vote.

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