



# General Assembly

Distr.: General  
30 June 2005

Original: English

---

## Fifty-ninth session

Agenda item 52

### Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

## Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

### Report of the Secretary-General

#### *Summary*

The present report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004. Section I contains the draft programme of work of the plenary of the General Assembly. Section II contains the draft programmes of work of five of the six Main Committees of the General Assembly. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

---

## Contents

	<i>Page</i>
Introduction .....	3
I. Draft programme of work of the plenary of the General Assembly at its sixtieth session. ....	3
II. Draft programmes of work of the Main Committees of the General Assembly at its sixtieth session .....	9
A. Draft programme of work of the First Committee .....	9
B. Draft programme of work of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) .....	11
C. Draft programme of work of the Second Committee .....	13
D. Draft programme of work of the Third Committee .....	24
E. Draft programme of work of the Fifth Committee .....	28
F. Draft programme of work of the Sixth Committee .....	29

## Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 58/316 entitled “Further measures for the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, decided that in July of each year, the General Committee should conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the Assembly, on the basis of a report submitted by the Secretary-General, and also submit recommendations on the matter to the forthcoming session of the Assembly. The report should include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session.

2. The present report has been prepared in response to that request.

3. To assist the General Committee and the General Assembly in their efforts to maximize both effectiveness and efficiency, the report is comprised of two sections — section I: the draft programme of work of the plenary of the General Assembly, section II: the draft programmes of work of five of the Main Committees of the General Assembly.<sup>1</sup> The status of documentation for the sixtieth session of the General Assembly will be issued as an addendum to the present report when the relevant information is available.

4. It should be noted that the programmes of work of the Main Committees, with the exception of the Fifth Committee, have been approved by the respective Committees. The programme of work of the plenary as well as the Main Committees contained herein are for consideration by Member States.

## I. Draft programme of work of the plenary of the General Assembly at its sixtieth session<sup>2</sup>

### First week (13-18 September)

	<b>[Organizational, administrative and other matters]</b>
Tuesday, a.m. and p.m.	Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly [1] Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2] <sup>3</sup> Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3 (a)] Meeting of the General Committee

<sup>1</sup> Information on the programme of work of the Fifth Committee is not available as the Fifth Committee has not yet taken a decision on this matter.

<sup>2</sup> The preliminary programme of work is prepared based on 13 weeks of work for the main part of the session. Since there are fixed dates for the observance of United Nations Day, two official United Nations holidays and the scheduling of some items, owing either to long-time practice and/or General Assembly mandate, the weeks are counted based on the opening date of the sixtieth session on Tuesday, 13 September 2005, and the date of recess on Tuesday, 13 December 2005.

<sup>3</sup> Agenda items and their numbers cited herein are from the preliminary list of items for the sixtieth session (A/60/50 and Corr.1). All items on the preliminary list are pending approval by the General Assembly at its sixtieth regular session for their inclusion on the agenda and allocation. Some items that are on the preliminary list are not contained in the draft programme, either in accordance with resolution 58/316 or so that they may be scheduled at a later date.

Wednesday, a.m.	High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly [48 and 121]; Meeting on Financing for Development [53]
p.m.	High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly [48 and 121] First round table
Thursday, a.m.	High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly [48 and 121] Second round table
p.m.	High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly [48 and 121] Third round table
Friday, a.m.	High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly [48 and 121] Fourth round table
p.m.	High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly [48 and 121]
Saturday and Sunday	General debate [8] <sup>4</sup>

#### **Second week (19-23 September)**

	<b>[Organizational, administrative and other matters]</b>
Monday, a.m. and p.m.	General debate [8]
Evening	Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee [7]
Tuesday to Friday	General debate [8]

#### **Third week (26-30 September)**

	<b>[Organizational, administrative and other matters]</b>
Monday to Wednesday	General debate [8]
Thursday	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [111]

#### **Fourth week (3-7 October)**

	<b>[Development of Africa: promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]</b>
Monday	New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [68 (a) and (b)]; 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in

<sup>4</sup> As the first item preceding the opening of the general debate, the Secretary-General will present his report on the work of the Organization.

Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [49]: **joint debate**

**[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]**

Thursday

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: two plenary meetings on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (General Assembly resolution 59/148, para. 1) [64]

**Fifth week (10-14 October)**

Monday, a.m. **[Organizational, administrative and other matters]**  
Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [112 (a)]

p.m. **[Promotion of justice and international law]**  
Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [77]; report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [78]: **joint debate**

**Sixth week (18-21 October)**

Monday **[Organizational, administrative and other matters]**  
Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [112 (b)]

Thursday **[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]**  
Culture of peace: one day of plenary meetings (General Assembly resolution 55/47, para. 13 and General Assembly resolution 57/6, para. 11) [45]

**Seventh week (24-28 October)**

Monday

**United Nations Day concert<sup>5</sup>****[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]**

Tuesday, p.m.

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [43]
2. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [48]; follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS [47]: **joint debate**
3. Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations [44]

Thursday, a.m.

**[Promotion of justice and international law]**

Report of the International Court of Justice [75]

**Eighth week (31 October-4 November)**

Monday

**[Disarmament; maintenance of international peace and security]**

1. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [85]
2. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [10]
3. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [11]; prevention of armed conflict [12]: **joint debate**
4. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [13]
5. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [16]
6. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan [18]
7. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte [19]
8. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [20]

---

<sup>5</sup> The General Assembly Hall will not be available for meetings on Tuesday morning, 25 October 2005, to allow time for the dismantling of the stage and the checking of audio and telecommunications equipment.

- [Organizational, administrative and other matters;  
promotion of sustained economic growth and  
sustainable development in accordance with the  
relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and  
recent United Nations conferences]**
- Thursday
1. Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination [113 (a)]
  2. Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme [113 (b)]
  3. Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme [113 (c)]
  4. Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme [113 (d)]
  5. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [116]
  6. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences [114 (f)]
  7. Sport for peace and development [50 (a) and (b)]: **joint debate**

Friday *Official United Nations holiday (Eid Al-Fitr)*

**Ninth week (7-11 November)**

- [Organizational, administrative and other matters;  
maintenance of international peace and security]**
- Monday Election of five members of the International Court of Justice [112 (c)]
- Thursday
1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations [110]
  2. Report of the Security Council [9]; question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [118]: **joint debate**

**Tenth week (14-18 November)**

- [Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance  
efforts]**
- Monday
1. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [74]; strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations [74 (2)]; strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and

minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster [74 (c)]; assistance to the Palestinian people [74 (d)]: **joint debate**

2. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [17]; Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan [74 (e)]: **joint debate**

Thursday **[Promotion of justice and international law]**  
Oceans and the law of the sea [76 (a) and (b)]:  
**joint debate**

**Eleventh week (21-25 November)**

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

*Official United Nations holiday (Thanksgiving Day)*

Friday

**Twelfth week (28 November-2 December)**

Tuesday, p.m. and **[Maintenance of international peace and security]**  
Wednesday and Question of Palestine [15]; The situation in the Middle  
Thursday East [14]: **joint debate**

**Thirteenth week (5-13 December)**

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Monday

Tuesday

(13 December — end of 13 weeks)

## II. Draft programmes of work of the Main Committees of the General Assembly at its sixtieth session

### A. Draft programme of work of the First Committee

<i>Programme/meeting</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Number of meetings</i>
Meeting for the organization of work		1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items		7
Exchange with the head of the Department for Disarmament Affairs and other United Nations officials		1
Follow-up of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its past session/presentation of reports <sup>6</sup>		1
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items <sup>7</sup>	Second day of the general debate	
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions on all disarmament and international security agenda items	Third day of the second week	
Panel discussion with independent experts <sup>8</sup>		1
Thematic discussion on item subjects as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items		7
Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items		7

<sup>6</sup> Presentation of reports could also take place during the thematic debate.

<sup>7</sup> A rolling list of speakers would be open one month before the beginning of the session. Delegations are encouraged to limit the time of their statements to a maximum of 10 minutes, and statements on behalf of groups of countries should not exceed 15 minutes. The list should give priority to high-level representatives and be regularly shared with the Committee so as to increase transparency.

<sup>8</sup> Wide civil society participation is encouraged.

**Schedule of meetings**

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
								<b>x</b>		
	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>		<b>x</b>		<b>x</b>	
	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
		<b>x</b>		<b>x</b>		<b>x</b>		<b>x</b>		<b>x</b>
	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
	<b>x</b>		<b>x</b>		<b>x</b>		<b>x</b>		<b>x</b>	
	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
	<b>x</b>		<b>x</b>		<b>x</b>		<b>x</b>		<b>x</b>	
	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
	<b>x</b>		<b>x</b>							

## B. Draft programme of work of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

<i>Agenda items</i>	<i>Dates for consideration</i>
Organization of work (informal briefing)	Thursday a.m. (1 meeting)
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Hear petitioners)	Wednesday p.m. Thursday p.m. Friday p.m. Monday a.m. Tuesday a.m. (5 meetings)
Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 <i>e</i> of the Charter of the United Nations	
Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories	
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations	
Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories	
Questions relating to information	Wednesday a.m.
(Panel and interactive session followed by general debate)	Thursday a.m. Friday a.m. (3 meetings)
International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (Expert panel followed by general debate)	Monday p.m. Tuesday p.m. Wednesday p.m. (3 meetings)

<i>Agenda items</i>	<i>Dates for consideration</i>
Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects	Thursday p.m. Friday p.m.
(In addition to the traditional interactive dialogue with the Secretariat on peacekeeping in general, informal discussions on civilian police in peacekeeping operations)	Monday p.m. Tuesday p.m. (4 meetings)
Assistance in mine action	Wednesday p.m.
(Presentations by the Secretariat and other agencies followed by question-and-answer session)	Thursday p.m. (2 meetings)
Effects of atomic radiation	Friday p.m. Monday p.m. (2 meetings)
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	Tuesday p.m. Wednesday p.m. Thursday a.m. (3 meetings)
Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories	Friday a.m. Monday a.m. Tuesday a.m. Wednesday a.m. (3+1 meetings)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>27 meetings</b>

## C. Draft programme of work of the Second Committee

---

*Items to be considered*

*Document title and symbol*

---

### **Week of 19-23 September**

*Monday, 19 September*

3 p.m.

Organization of work

### **Week of 3-7 October**

*Monday, 3 October*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

General debate

*Tuesday, 4 October*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

General debate (*continued*)

### **Wednesday, 5 October**

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

General debate (*concluded*)

*Friday, 7 October*

10 a.m. (special event)

### **Week of 10-14 October**

*Monday, 10 October*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

### **Item 52: Macroeconomic policy questions**

#### **(b) International financial system and development**

Report of the Secretary-General on the international financial system and development

#### **(c) External debt crisis and development**

Report of the Secretary-General on the external debt crisis and development

*Tuesday, 11 October*

10 a.m.

### **Item 74: Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance**

<i>Items to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
<b>(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions</b>	<p>Report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation for Ethiopia</p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic and social rehabilitation of Somalia</p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made on the international cooperation and coordination for the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan</p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on the humanitarian situation of Djibouti and on the progress made with regard to economic assistance to Djibouti and its implementation</p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of assistance for humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and development of Timor-Leste</p>
<b>6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 52, 52 (b) and (c)</b>	
<i>Wednesday, 12 October</i>	
10 a.m. (special event)	
3 p.m.	
<b>Item 53: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development</b>	Summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization (A/60/___, E/2005/___ and addenda)
<b>(a) Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development</b>	Annual analytical assessment by the Secretary-General of the state of implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and on the follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development
<b>(b) High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development</b>	Summary of informal hearings with representatives of civil society and the business sector accredited to the high-level dialogue

---

*Items to be considered**Document title and symbol*

---

Summary by the President of the General Assembly of the policy dialogue

Summaries of each round-table discussion by the co-Chairpersons of individual round tables

Issues paper by the Secretary-General containing an annotated agenda and programme of work

Input from all stakeholders related to financing for development, to be made available by the Secretary-General

Summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization

Annual analytical assessment by the Secretary-General in respect of the state of implementation of the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development and the follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the Conference (see also 4 (a) above)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration

**6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 74 (b)**

*Thursday, 13 October*

10 a.m.

***Items 53, 53 (a) and (b) (continued)***

*Friday, 14 October*

10 a.m.

***Item 55: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)***

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

**6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 53, 53 (a) and (b)**

---

*Items to be considered*

*Document title and symbol*

---

**Week of 17-21 October**

*Monday, 17 October*

10 a.m.

**Observance of World Food Day<sup>9</sup>**

**6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 55**

*Wednesday, 19 October*

10 a.m. (special event)

3 p.m.

**Item 51: Information and communication technologies for development**

Report of the World Summit on the Information Society

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities undertaken to develop a comprehensive information and communication technologies (ICT) strategy for the United Nations system

*Thursday, 20 October*

**6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 51**

*Friday, 21 October*

10 a.m. (special event)

**Week of 24-28 October**

*Tuesday, 25 October*

10 a.m.

**Item 126: Programme planning**

*Wednesday, 26 October*

10 a.m.

Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions on globalization

*Thursday, 27 October*

10 a.m. (special event)

3 p.m.

---

<sup>9</sup> World Food Day is usually observed on 16 October.

---

*Items to be considered*

*Document title and symbol*

---

**Item 56: Globalization and interdependence**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>(a) Globalization and interdependence</b>   | Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence and on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence |
| <b>(b) Science and technology for development</b>  | Report of the Secretary-General on science and technology for development   |
| <b>(c) International migration and development</b>   | Report of the Secretary-General on the organizational details of the 2006 high-level dialogue on international migration and development  |
| <b>(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin</b> | Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin              |

*Friday, 28 October*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**Item 56 (a) through (d) (continued)**

**Week of 31 October-4 November<sup>10</sup>**

**Monday, 31 October**

3 p.m.

Action on items 74 (b), 51, 52, 52 (b) and (c)

**6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 56, 56 (a) through (d)**

*Tuesday, 1 November*

9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

**Item 52: Macroeconomic policy questions**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>(a) International trade and development</b> | Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development and on developments in the multilateral trading system            |
|  | Report of the Secretary-General on unilateral economic measures as means of political and economic coercion against developing countries |

---

<sup>10</sup> From 1 November to 4 November, in observance of Ramadan, morning meetings of the Second Committee will be from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and afternoon meetings will be from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Report of the Trade and Development Board

Wednesday, 2 November

9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

**Item 54: Sustainable development**

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its twenty-third session (A/60/25 (Supp.))

**(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development**

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities undertaken during the International Year of Freshwater, 2003, preparations for the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015 and further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of water resources

**(b) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and follow-up to the outcomes of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States**

Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/CONF.207/11)

**(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction**

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, in particular the outcome of the World Conference on Disaster Reduction, including the issue of natural disasters and vulnerability

**(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind**

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of the Conference of the Parties

**(e) Sustainable development in mountain regions**

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of sustainable development in mountain regions, including an overall analysis of the challenges that lie ahead and appropriate policy recommendations

<i>Items to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
<b>(f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005</b>	Report of the Secretary-General on the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005
<b>(g) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa</b>	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of preparations for the International Year of Deserts and Desertification, 2006  Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa
<b>(h) Convention on Biological Diversity</b>	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the ongoing work regarding the Convention, including the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety thereto
<b>(i) Rendering assistance to poor mountain countries to overcome obstacles in socio-economic and ecological areas</b>	No advance documentation has been requested
<b>6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 52 (a)</b>	
<i>Thursday, 3 November</i>	
9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.	
<b>Item 54, 54 (a) through (i) (continued)</b>	
<i>Friday, 4 November</i>	
<b>Eid Al-Fitr — United Nations holiday</b>	
<b>Week of 7-11 November</b>	
<i>Monday, 7 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities	
<b>6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 54, 54 (a) and (i)</b>	

*Items to be considered**Document title and symbol*

*Tuesday, 8 November*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**Item 59: Operational activities for development**

**(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system**

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women

Report of the Secretary-General on funding for operational activities for development of the United Nations system

**(b) South-South cooperation: economic and technical cooperation among developing countries**

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive state of South-South cooperation among developing countries

*Wednesday, 9 November*

10 a.m.

**Item 57: Groups of countries in special situations**

**(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries**

Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

**(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation**

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries

**6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 59, 59 (a) and (b)**

*Thursday, 10 November*

10 a.m.

**Item 57, 57 (a) and (b) (continued)**

**6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 57, 57 (a) and (b)**

---

*Items to be considered*

*Document title and symbol*

---

*Friday, 11 November*

10 a.m.

**Item 41: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources**

Report of the Secretary-General on the permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources

3 p.m.

Informal consultations

Action on items 53, 53 (a) and (b), 55, 56, 56 (a) through (d)

**6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 41**

**Week of 14-18 November**

*Monday, 14 November*

10 a.m.

**Item 58: Eradication of poverty and other development issues**

**(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)**

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

**(b) Women in development**

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 58/206 on women in development, including the impact of globalization on the empowerment of women and their integration in development

Report of the Secretary-General on the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development

**(c) Human resources development cooperation**

Report of the Secretary-General on human resources development, including a separate section on the effect of the movement of highly skilled people and those with an advanced education in human resources development in developing countries

3 p.m. (special event)

<i>Items to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
<i>Tuesday, 15 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
<b>Item 58 and 58 (a) through (c) (continued)</b>	
3 p.m.	
<b>Item 60: Training and research</b>	
<b>(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research</b>	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (General Assembly resolution 59/252)
<b>(b) United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy</b>	No request for advance documentation
<b>6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 58, 58 (a) through (c)</b>	
<i>Wednesday, 16 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
<b>Item 61: Towards global partnership</b>	No request for advance documentation
3 p.m.	
<b>6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 60 and 61</b>	
<i>Thursday, 17 November</i>	
10 a.m. (special event)	
<b>Week of 21-25 November</b>	
<i>Monday, 21 November</i>	
3 p.m. (special event)	
<i>Tuesday, 22 November</i>	
3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
<i>Wednesday, 23 November</i>	
3 p.m. (special event)	
<i>Thursday, 24 November</i>	
<b>Thanksgiving Day — United Nations holiday</b>	

---

*Items to be considered**Document title and symbol*

---

*Friday, 25 November*

10 a.m.

Informal consultations

**Week of 28 November-2 December***Monday, 28 November*

10 a.m.

Informal consultations

*Wednesday, 30 November*

3 p.m.

Informal consultations

*Thursday, 1 December*

3 p.m.

Informal consultations

*Friday, 2 December*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Action on outstanding proposals

**Week of 5-9 December***Monday, 5 December*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Action on outstanding proposals

*Tuesday, 6 December*

3 p.m.

**Conclusion of the work of the Second  
Committee**

---

## **D. Draft programme of work of the Third Committee**

### **Provisional programme of work**

#### **Item 1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly**

#### **Item 2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family**

World social situation

Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: towards a society for all in the twenty-first century

Policies and programmes involving youth

Family

Cooperatives in social development

International Year of Volunteers 2001

#### **Item 3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing**

Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing

#### **Item 4. Crime prevention and criminal justice**

Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (2005)

#### **Item 5. International drug control**

Action by the United Nations system; respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in countering the world drug problem; international cooperation to counter the world drug problem and follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly

#### **Item 6. Advancement of women**

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180)

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

United Nations Development Fund for Women

Future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas

Violence against women migrant workers

In-depth study on violence against women

**Item 7. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”**

Elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”

**Item 8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children**

Rights of the child; implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; prevention and eradication of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography; children in armed conflict; promoting and protecting the rights of children, including children in particularly difficult situations; the girl child

**Item 9. Indigenous issues**

Second International Decade of the World’s Indigenous People

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

Voluntary Fund for the International Decade of the World’s Indigenous People

Trust Fund in support of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Fund for the Development of the Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean

**Item 10. Human rights questions**

**(a) Implementation of human rights instruments**

Report of the Committee against Torture

Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

Report of the Human Rights Committee

International Covenants on Human Rights

Equitable geographical distribution in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies

**(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms**

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances

Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Protection of migrants

Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights

Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

World Programme for Human Rights Education

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

Respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of a humanitarian character

Right to food

Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

Human rights and cultural diversity

Human rights and terrorism

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities

Human rights and mass exoduses

Human rights in the administration of justice

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes

Strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons

**(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives**

**(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action**

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights

**(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

**Item 11. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination**

**(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination**

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (article 9 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex))

**(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

**Item 12. Right of peoples to self-determination**

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

**Item 13. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions**

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States

**E. Draft programme of work of the Fifth Committee**

Information on the programme of work of the Fifth Committee is not currently available. No decision has yet been taken by the Fifth Committee on this matter.

## F. Draft programme of work of the Sixth Committee<sup>11</sup>

3 October	Sixth Committee (organization of work)
3 and 4 October	Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-eighth session [item 80]
4 October	Request(s) for observer status in the General Assembly
4, 5 and 7 October	Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [item 84]
6, 7 and 10 October	Measures to eliminate international terrorism [item 109]
10-12 and 14 October	Working group on measures to eliminate international terrorism [item 109]
14, 17-18 October	Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [item 83]
19 October	Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [item 84]
20 October	[Reserved]
21 October	Measures to eliminate international terrorism (report of the working group) [item 109]
24 October-3 November	Report of the International Law Commission [item 81]
7 November	United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [item 79]
9 November	Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [item 155]
9 November	Adoption of the provisional programme of work for the sixty-first session (General Assembly resolution 58/316, annex, para. 3 (h))

---

<sup>11</sup> The provisional programme of work was approved by the Sixth Committee at its 28th meeting on 18 February 2005.