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Fifty-ninth session Second Committee

Allocation of agenda items to the Second Committee

Letter dated 17 September 2004 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 2nd plenary meeting of its fifty-ninth session, on 17 September 2004, pertaining to the allocation of items to the Second Committee (see annex).

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/59/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant paragraphs of sections IV and V of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

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Annex

Allocation of items to the Second Committee

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

1. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [item 91].

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

- 2. Information and communication technologies for development [item 44].
- 3. Macroeconomic policy questions [item 83]:
 - (a) International trade and development;
 - (b) International financial system and development;
 - (c) External debt crisis and development;
 - (d) Commodities.
- 4. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [item 84].
- 5. Sustainable development [item 85]:
 - (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;
 - (b) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;
 - (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;
 - (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;
 - (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;
 - (f) Convention on Biological Diversity;
 - (g) United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.
- 6. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly [item 86].
- 7. Globalization and interdependence [item 87]:
 - (a) Globalization and interdependence;

- (b) International migration and development;
- (c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin;
- (d) Culture and development;
- (e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy.
- 8. Groups of countries in special situations [item 88]:
 - (a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;
 - (b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.
- 9. Eradication of poverty and other development issues [item 89]:
 - (a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006);
 - (b) Women in development;
 - (c) Industrial development cooperation.
- 10. Operational activities for development [item 90]:
 - (a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;
 - (b) Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.
- 11. Training and research [item 92]:
 - (a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;
 - (b) United Nations University.

E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

- 12. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [item 39]:
 - (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

- 13. Programme planning (programme 10 of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007) [item 109].
- 14. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].