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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the Third Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-eighth session the item entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly” and to allocate it to all the Main Committees for the purpose of discussing their working methods, as well as considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

2. The Third Committee considered the item at its 56th meeting, on 16 November 2023.¹

II. Consideration of draft decision [A/C.3/78/L.72](#)

3. At its 56th meeting, on 16 November, the Committee had before it a draft decision on its draft programme of work for the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly ([A/C.3/78/L.72](#)), as submitted by the Chair.

4. At the same meeting, the Chair drew the attention of the Committee to the provisional programme of work and timetable for the Committee at the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly ([A/C.3/78/CRP.2](#)).

5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision on its draft programme of work for the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly, as contained in document [A/C.3/78/L.72](#), and recommended its approval by the Assembly (see para. 7).

6. Before the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of El Salvador (also on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay), Lebanon and Tunisia.

¹ See [A/C.3/78/SR.56](#).



III. Recommendation of the Third Committee

7. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the approval of the following draft decision:

Draft programme of work of the Third Committee for the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly approves, subject to any subsequent decision by the Assembly, the draft programme of work of the Third Committee for the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly, as set out below. The Assembly invites the Bureau of the Third Committee at the seventy-ninth session, in preparing the draft programme of work and timetable of the Committee for the seventy-ninth session, to take into account the draft provisional programme of work and timetable of the Committee, as contained in document A/C.3/78/CRP.2.

Draft programme of work

- Item 1. Social development:
 - (a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;
 - (b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, persons with disabilities and the family;
 - (c) Literacy for life: shaping future agendas.
- Item 2. Crime prevention and criminal justice.
- Item 3. Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes.
- Item 4. International drug control.
- Item 5. Advancement of women.
- Item 6. Promotion and protection of the rights of children:
 - (a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children;
 - (b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.
- Item 7. Rights of Indigenous Peoples:
 - (a) Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
 - (b) Follow-up to the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.
- Item 8. Promotion and protection of human rights:
 - (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;
 - (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

- (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.
 - Item 9. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance:
 - (a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
 - (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.
 - Item 10. Right of peoples to self-determination.
 - Item 11. Report of the Human Rights Council.
 - Item 12. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions.
 - Item 13. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.
 - Item 14. Programme planning.
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