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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE THIRTEENTH REGULAR
SESSION AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS TO COMMITTEES,
AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

First report of the General Committee

1. The General Committee, at its 117th, 118th and 119th meetings held on 17 and 19 September 1958, considered the provisional agenda of the thirteenth session of the General Assembly (A/3846), the supplementary list of items (A/3894), and requests by the United States of America (A/3902) and by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (A/3915) for the inclusion of additional items, as contained in the memorandum of the Secretary-General relating to the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items to Committees (A/BUR/148 and Add.1/Rev.1, English only). The Committee also considered two further requests for the inclusion of additional items, by the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic (A/3920 and Add.1) and by the USSR (A/3925).
2. The Committee approved the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/148, para. 3) that a new sub-item (c) be recommended for inclusion under item 29 entitled "Establishment of an international administrative service".
3. Attention having been drawn to action taken by the Economic and Social Council under its resolution 683 C (XXVI) in regard to freedom of information (A/BUR/148, para. 4), the Committee agreed to recommend the deletion from the agenda of the thirteenth session of sub-item (c) of item 35 entitled "Reports of the Economic and Social Council and of the Commission on Human Rights".
4. The Committee approved a suggestion by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/148, para. 5) that the annual budget of the International Atomic Energy Agency be considered under item 50: "Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies".

5. The Committee further approved the wording suggested by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/148, para. 6) for sub-item (d) of item 53.
6. At the suggestion of the representatives of Indonesia and Ceylon, the Committee decided to include the item "The banning of the use of cosmic space for military purposes, the elimination of foreign bases on the territories of other countries and international co-operation in the study of cosmic space", proposed by the USSR, and the item "Programme for international co-operation in the field of outer space" proposed by the United States, as sub-items (a) and (b) respectively under the general heading "Question of the peaceful use of outer space".
7. The Committee approved, by 13 votes to 5, with 1 abstention (see A/BUR/SR.117, p. 8), a suggestion by the representative of the United States that item 61, proposed by Czechoslovakia, be reworded "Measures aimed at implementation and promotion of peaceful and neighbourly relations among States".
8. The representative of India explained that his Government, without prejudice to the merits of the question, did not wish to press for consideration of item 64 (The question of Antarctica) at the present time; the Committee therefore took note of the withdrawal of this item from the agenda of the thirteenth session.
9. After statements had been made by the representative of the Union of South Africa on items 62 (Treatment of people of Indian origin) and 69 (Question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa); by the representatives of France, Australia, and Indonesia on item 65 (The question of Algeria); and by the representatives of Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Greece and Australia on item 70 (The question of Cyprus), the Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of these items in the agenda.
10. The representative of Hungary made a statement on item 71 (The situation in Hungary); after discussion, the Committee decided, by 15 votes to 3, with 2 abstentions, to recommend the inclusion of the item in the agenda.
11. With regard to item 63 (Question of the representation of China in the United Nations), proposed by India, the representative of India was invited to the table and made a statement.
12. The representative of the United States proposed that the General Committee recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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"The General Assembly

"1. Decides to reject the request of India for the inclusion in the agenda of its thirteenth regular session of the item entitled "Question of the representation of China in the United Nations";

"2. Decides not to consider, at its thirteenth regular session, any proposals to exclude the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China or to seat representatives of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China."

3. After discussion, during which the question of the competence of the Committee to consider the draft resolution was raised, the Chairman ruled that the Committee was competent to do so, under the rules of procedure. This ruling was challenged by the representative of the USSR. It was upheld by 10 votes to 3, with 7 abstentions.

4. A motion by the representative of the United States that priority in voting be given to the United States draft resolution over the Indian request for inclusion of the item was adopted by 10 votes to 4, with 5 abstentions.

5. The United States draft resolution was then put to the vote by roll-call, with the following results:

Paragraph 1 was approved by 12 votes to 7, with 2 abstentions.

Paragraph 2 was approved by 11 votes to 7, with 3 abstentions.

The draft resolution as a whole was approved by 12 votes to 7, with 2 abstentions.

6. The Committee's attention was drawn to resolution 683 F (XXVI) adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-sixth session recommending that the General Assembly devote a special meeting, to be held on 10 December 1958, Human Rights Day, to the observance of the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Committee agreed to recommend accordingly to the General Assembly.

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

17. Taking into account paragraphs 2 to 15 above, the General Committee recommends the adoption of the following agenda for the thirteenth regular session:

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AGENDA OF THE THIRTEENTH SESSION

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of New Zealand.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Credentials of representatives to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly:
 - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President.
5. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers.
6. Election of Vice-Presidents.
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter.
8. Adoption of the agenda.
9. Opening of the general debate.
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.
11. Report of the Security Council.
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council.
13. Report of the Trusteeship Council.
14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency.
15. Election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council.
16. Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council.
17. Election of three members of the Trusteeship Council.

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18. Appointment of the members of the Peace Observation Commission.
19. Appointment of members of the Disarmament Commission.
20. Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
21. Question of amending the United Nations Charter, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the number of non-permanent members of the Security Council and the number of votes required for decisions of the Council.
22. Question of amending the United Nations Charter, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the membership of the Economic and Social Council.
23. Question of amending the Statute of the International Court of Justice, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations and Article 69 of the Statute of the Court, with respect to an increase in the number of judges of the International Court of Justice.
24. The Korean question: report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea.
25. Effects of atomic radiation:
 - (a) Report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation;
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening and widening of scientific activities in this field.
26. Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.
27. United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency.
 - (a) Report of the Agent General of the Agency;
 - (b) Progress report of the Administrator for Residual Affairs of the Agency.
28. Economic development of under-developed countries.
 - (a) Establishment of the Special Fund: reports of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Fund and of the Economic and Social Council;
 - (b) International tax problems: report of the Economic and Social Council.

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29. Programmes of technical assistance.
 - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council;
 - (b) Confirmation of the allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;
 - (c) Establishment of an international administrative service.
30. Question of assistance to Libya.
31. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
32. Draft International Covenants on Human Rights.
33. Recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination.
34. Advisory services in the field of human rights: report of the Economic and Social Council.
35. Freedom of information: report of the Secretary-General on consultations concerning the draft Convention on Freedom of Information.
36. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.
 - (a) Information on social conditions;
 - (b) Information on other conditions;
 - (c) General questions relating to the transmission and examination of information;
 - (d) Methods of reproducing summaries of information concerning Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (e) Report of the Secretary-General on developments connected with the association of Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community;
 - (f) Offers of study and training facilities under resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954: report of the Secretary-General.
37. Question of the renewal of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.

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38. Election, if required, to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.
39. Question of South West Africa:
 - (a) Report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa;
 - (b) Report of the Committee on South West Africa;
 - (c) Study of legal action to ensure the fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the Mandatory Power under the Mandate for South West Africa: resumed consideration of the special report of the Committee on South West Africa;
 - (d) Election of three members of the Committee on South West Africa.
40. The future of Togoland under French administration: report of the United Nations Commissioner for the Supervision of the Elections and report of the Trusteeship Council thereon.
41. Question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia: reports of the Governments of Ethiopia and of Italy.
42. Financial reports and accounts and reports of the Board of Auditors:
 - (a) United Nations (for the financial year ended 31 December 1957);
 - (b) United Nations Children's Fund (for the financial year ended 31 December 1957);
 - (c) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (for the financial period ended 31 December 1957);
 - (d) United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (for the financial year ended 30 June 1958);
 - (e) United Nations Refugee Fund (for the financial year ended 31 December 1957).
43. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1958.
44. Budget estimates for the financial year 1959.

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45. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly.
 - (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
 - (b) Committee on Contributions;
 - (c) Board of Auditors;
 - (d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General;
 - (e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal;
 - (f) United Nations Staff Pension Committee.
46. Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds.
47. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions.
48. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.
49. Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the special account.
50. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
51. Control and limitation of documentation.
 - (a) Report of the Committee on the Control and Limitation of Documentation;
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General.
52. Offer by the Government of Chile of land in Santiago to be used as office site for the United Nations and other international organizations: report of the Secretary-General and observations thereon by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
53. Personnel questions:
 - (a) Geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (b) Proportion of fixed-term staff;
 - (c) Pensionable remuneration of the staff;
 - (d) Staff Regulations of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General

54. United Nations International School and delegation office facilities: reports of the Secretary-General.
55. Public information activities of the United Nations: report of the Committee of Experts on United Nations Public Information and comments and recommendations thereon by the Secretary-General.
56. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its tenth session.
57. Question of arbitral procedure.
58. Question of initiating a study of the juridical regime of historic waters, including historic bays.
59. Question of convening a second United Nations conference on the law of the sea.
60. Question of the peaceful use of outer space:
 - (a) The banning of the use of cosmic space for military purposes, the elimination of foreign bases on the territories of other countries and international co-operation in the study of cosmic space;
 - (b) Programme for international co-operation in the field of outer space.
61. Measures aimed at implementation and promotion of peaceful and neighbourly relations among States.
62. Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa:
 - (a) Report of the Government of India;
 - (b) Report of the Government of Pakistan.
63. Question of Algeria.
64. Question of disarmament.
65. United Nations Emergency Force:
 - (a) Cost estimates for the maintenance of the Force;
 - (b) Progress report on the Force;
 - (c) Summary study of the experience derived from the establishment and operation of the Force.

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66. Report of the Secretary-General on the Second United Nations International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy.
67. Question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa.
68. Question of Cyprus.
69. The situation in Hungary.
70. The discontinuance of atomic and hydrogen weapons tests.
- 71. The organization of an international public health and medical research year.
72. The reduction of the military budgets of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and France by 10 - 15 per cent and the use of part of the savings so effected for assistance to the under-developed countries.

II. ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS TO COMMITTEES

18. The General Committee approved the allocation of items to Committees proposed by the Secretary-General in his memorandum (A/BUR/148) with the following modifications and additions:

(a) On the proposal of the representative of Australia, the Committee decided to recommend that sub-items (b) and (c) of the item on the United Nations Emergency Force be transferred from the plenary meeting to the Special Political Committee.

(b) After rejecting, by 12 votes to 6, with 2 abstentions, a proposal by the representative of the USSR that the item on effects of atomic radiation be transferred to the Special Political Committee, the Committee decided, on the proposal of the representative of the United Kingdom, by 13 votes to 4, with 2 abstentions, to recommend that the item "Measures aimed at implementation and promotion of peaceful and neighbourly relations among States" be transferred from the First Committee to the Special Political Committee.

(c) The Committee decided to recommend that chapter I, section VI, of the report of the Economic and Social Council, containing the Council's recommendation regarding an increase in the membership of the Council, should be referred also to the Second Committee for consideration, if possible prior to the matter being taken up in the Special Political Committee.

(d) The Committee decided to recommend that the two additional items proposed by the USSR (A/3915 and A/3925) be referred to the First Committee.

(e) After discussion, the Committee decided, on the proposal of the representative of Greece, that the item proposed by the Ukrainian SSR, regarding the organization of an international public health and medical research year (A/3920 and Add.1), be referred to the Third Committee, on the understanding that any financial, administrative or co-ordination implications would be referred to the Fifth Committee at the appropriate time.

(f) The Chairman drew attention to a resolution adopted on 27 April 1958 by the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, regarding nuclear tests on the high seas (A/CONF.13/L.56, p. 2), and suggested that the resolution be referred to the First Committee for consideration under the relevant agenda item.

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19. The representative of Mexico, referring to resolution 684 (VII), expressed the hope that, in accordance with the terms of that resolution, the legal aspects of questions considered in other Committees would be referred to the Sixth Committee as appropriate.

PLENARY MEETINGS

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of New Zealand.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Credentials of representatives to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly:
 - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President.
5. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers.
6. Election of Vice-Presidents.
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter.
8. Adoption of the agenda.
9. Opening of the general debate.
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.
11. Report of the Security Council.
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter I, with the exception of section VI, chapters VIII and IX)
13. Election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council.
14. Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council.
15. Election of three members of the Trusteeship Council.
16. Appointment of the members of the Peace Observation Commission.
17. Appointment of members of the Disarmament Commission.
18. Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

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19. The situation in Hungary.
20. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency.
21. Report of the Secretary-General on the Second United Nations International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy.

First Committee

1. The Korean question: report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea.
2. Question of the peaceful use of outer space:
 - (a) The banning of the use of cosmic space for military purposes, the elimination of foreign bases on the territories of other countries and international co-operation in the study of cosmic space;
 - (b) Programme for international co-operation in the field of outer space.
3. Question of Algeria.
4. Question of disarmament.
5. Question of Cyprus.
6. Effects of atomic radiation:
 - (a) Report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation;
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening and widening of scientific activities in this field.
7. The discontinuance of atomic and hydrogen weapons tests.
8. The reduction of the military budgets of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and France by 10 - 15 per cent and the use of part of the savings so effected for assistance to the under-developed countries.

Special Political Committee

1. Question of amending the United Nations Charter, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the number of non-permanent members of the Security Council and the number of votes required for decisions of the Council.

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2. Question of amending the United Nations Charter, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the membership of the Economic and Social Council.
3. Question of amending the Statute of the International Court of Justice, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations and Article 69 of the Statute of the Court, with respect to an increase in the number of judges of the International Court of Justice.
4. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter I, section VI).*
5. Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa:
 - (a) Report of the Government of India;
 - (b) Report of the Government of Pakistan.
6. Question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa.
7. Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.
8. United Nations Emergency Force:
 - (a) Progress report on the Force;
 - (b) Summary study of the experience derived from the establishment and operation of the Force.
9. Measures aimed at implementation and promotion of peaceful and neighbourly relations among States.

Second Committee

1. Economic development of under-developed countries:
 - (a) Establishment of the Special Fund: reports of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Fund and of the Economic and Social Council;
 - (b) International tax problems: report of the Economic and Social Council.
2. Programmes of technical assistance:
 - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council;

* Also referred to the Second Committee under item 5 of the items allocated to that Committee.

- (b) Confirmation of the allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;
 - (c) Establishment of an international administrative service.
3. United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency:
- (a) Report of the Agent General of the Agency;
 - (b) Progress report of the Administrator for Residual Affairs of the Agency.
4. Question of assistance of Libya.
5. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters I, section VI, II, III, IV and V).

Third Committee

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters VI and VII).
2. Draft International Covenants on Human Rights.
3. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
4. Recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination.
5. Advisory services in the field of human rights: report of the Economic and Social Council.
6. Freedom of information: report of the Secretary-General on consultations concerning the draft Convention on Freedom of Information.
7. The organization of an international public health and medical research year.

Fourth Committee

1. Question of South West Africa:
 - (a) Report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa;
 - (b) Report of the Committee on South West Africa;
 - (c) Study of legal action to ensure the fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the Mandatory Power under the Mandate for South West Africa: resumed consideration of the special report of the Committee on South West Africa;
 - (d) Election of three members of the Committee on South West Africa.

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2. Report of the Trusteeship Council.
3. The future of Togoland under French administration: report of the United Nations Commissioner for the Supervision of the Elections and report of the Trusteeship Council thereon.
4. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories:
 - (a) Information on social conditions;
 - (b) Information on other conditions;
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 - (d) Methods of reproducing summaries of information concerning Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (e) Report of the Secretary-General on developments connected with the association of Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community;
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6. Election, if required, to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.
7. Question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia: reports of the Governments of Ethiopia and of Italy.

Fifth Committee

1. Financial reports and accounts, and reports of the Board of Auditors:
 - (a) United Nations (for the financial year ended 31 December 1957);
 - (b) United Nations Children's Fund (for the financial year ended 31 December 1957);

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- (c) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (for the financial period ended 31 December 1957);
 - (d) United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (for the financial year ended 30 June 1958);
 - (e) United Nations Refugee Fund (for the financial year ended 31 December 1957).
2. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1958.
 3. Budget estimates for the financial year 1959.
 4. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly:
 - (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
 - (b) Committee on Contributions;
 - (c) Board of Auditors;
 - (d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General;
 - (e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal;
 - (f) United Nations Staff Pension Committee.
 5. Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds.
 6. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions.
 7. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.
 8. Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account.
 9. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
 10. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter X).
 11. Control and limitation of documentation:
 - (a) Report of the Committee on the Control and Limitation of Documentation;
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General.

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12. Offer by the Government of Chile of land in Santiago to be used as office site for the United Nations and other international organizations: report of the Secretary-General and observations thereon by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
13. Personnel questions:
 - (a) Geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (b) Proportion of fixed-term staff;
 - (c) Pensionable remuneration of the staff;
 - (d) Staff Regulations of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General.
14. United Nations International School and delegation office facilities: reports of the Secretary-General.
15. Public information activities of the United Nations: report of the Committee of Experts on United Nations Public Information and comments and recommendations thereon by the Secretary-General.
16. United Nations Emergency Force: Cost estimates for the maintenance of the Force.

Sixth Committee

1. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its tenth session.
2. Question of arbitral procedure.
3. Question of initiating a study of the juridical regime of historical waters, including historic bays.
4. Question of convening a second United Nations conference on the law of the sea.

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III. ORGANIZATION OF THE THIRTEENTH REGULAR SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/148)¹⁵⁰, the General Committee recommends that the General Assembly approve the following arrangements relating to the schedule of meetings:

- (a) That both plenary and Committee meetings should begin at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- (b) That a five-day working week be established, it being understood that extended morning meetings on Saturdays may be scheduled should this prove necessary.

The General Committee recommends that the General Assembly approve, in accordance with rule 2 of the rules of procedure, 12 December 1958 as the closing date of the thirteenth session. 5 i
