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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2014, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-ninth session the item entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly” and to allocate it to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.
2. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) considered the item at its 25th meeting, on 13 November 2014 (see [A/C.4/69/SR.25](#)).
3. At its 25th meeting, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled “Rotation of the post of Rapporteur of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventieth to seventy-third sessions of the General Assembly” ([A/C.4/69/L.7](#)), submitted by the Bureau.
4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision [A/C.4/69/L.7](#) without a vote (see para. 8, draft decision I).
5. At its 25th meeting, the Committee also had before it a draft decision entitled “Proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventieth session of the General Assembly” ([A/C.4/69/L.8](#)), submitted by the Bureau.
6. At the same meeting, the Chair orally revised the draft decision.
7. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision [A/C.4/69/L.8](#), as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 8, draft decision II).



Recommendations of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

8. The Fourth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I

Rotation of the post of Rapporteur of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventieth to seventy-third sessions of the General Assembly

The General Assembly, taking into account its decision 68/505 of 1 October 2013 and the rotation of the post of Rapporteur of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) at previous sessions, decides that the rotation of that post for the next four sessions of the Assembly will be as set out below:

<i>Seventieth session (2015)</i>	Western European and other States
<i>Seventy-first session (2016)</i>	African States
<i>Seventy-second session (2017)</i>	Asia-Pacific States
<i>Seventy-third session (2018)</i>	Eastern European States

Draft decision II

Proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventieth session of the General Assembly*

The General Assembly approves the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventieth session of the General Assembly as set out in the report of the Fourth Committee.

Proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventieth session of the General Assembly

Date/time

Programme

Week of 28 September-2 October

Thursday, 1 October

10 a.m.-11 a.m.	Organization of work
	Approval of programme of work
	Approval of time limits for statements

* To be updated, as necessary, in the light of the decision of the General Assembly on the dates of the general debate of the seventieth session.

Date/time	Programme
	<p>Establishment of Working Group of the Whole</p> <p>Consideration of aide-mémoire containing requests to petition on Non-Self-Governing Territories</p>
Week of 5-9 October	
Monday, 5 October	
3 p.m.	<p>Introductory statements and joint general debate on decolonization items:</p> <p>Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 <i>e</i> of the Charter of the United Nations</p> <p>Economic and other activities that affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories</p> <p>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</p> <p>Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories</p> <p>Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples</p> <p>Approval of requests to petition on Non-Self-Governing Territories</p>
Tuesday, 6 October	
3 p.m.	<p>Consideration of decolonization items (<i>continued</i>):</p> <p>Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee</p>
6 p.m.	<p>Closure of the list of speakers on decolonization items</p> <p>Deadline for submission of proposals on decolonization items</p>
Wednesday, 7 October	
3 p.m.	<p>Consideration of decolonization items (<i>continued</i>):</p> <p>Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee</p>

Date/time

Programme

Thursday, 8 October

3 p.m.

Consideration of decolonization items (*continued*):

Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee

Joint general debate on decolonization items (*continued*)

Friday, 9 October

3 p.m.

Joint general debate on decolonization items (*continued*)

Week of 12-16 October**Monday, 12 October**

10 a.m.

Joint general debate on decolonization items (*concluded*)

Action on proposals submitted under decolonization items

Tuesday, 13 October

10 a.m.

Introductory statement, interactive dialogue and general debate on:

Questions relating to information**Wednesday, 14 October**

10 a.m.

Questions relating to information

General debate (*continued*)

1 p.m.

Closure of the list of speakers on “Questions relating to information”

Thursday, 15 October

10 a.m.

Questions relating to information

General debate (*concluded*)

Action on proposals

Friday, 16 October

10 a.m.

Introductory statement, interactive dialogue, general debate and action on proposal on:

Assistance in mine action

Date/time

Programme

Week of 19-23 October**Tuesday, 20 October**

3 p.m.

Introductory statement, general debate and action on proposal on:

University for Peace

Introductory statement and general debate on:

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space

Working Group of the Whole on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space

Wednesday, 21 October

3 p.m.

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer spaceGeneral debate (*continued*)Working Group of the Whole on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (*continued*)**Thursday, 22 October**

3 p.m.

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer spaceGeneral debate (*concluded*)Working Group of the Whole on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (*concluded*)**Friday, 23 October**

3 p.m.

Joint ad hoc meeting of the First and Fourth Committees on possible challenges to space security and sustainability

Week of 26-30 October

(Action on proposals relating to “International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space” is expected in the week of 26-30 October)

Tuesday, 27 October

10 a.m.

Introductory statements, interactive dialogue and general debate on:

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects**Wednesday, 28 October**

10 a.m.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspectsGeneral debate (*continued*)

Thursday, 29 October

10 a.m.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspectsGeneral debate (*continued*)**Friday, 30 October**

10 a.m.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspectsGeneral debate (*concluded*)**Week of 2-6 November****Monday, 2 November**

3 p.m.

Introductory statements, general debate and action on proposal on:

Effects of atomic radiation**Tuesday, 3 November**

3 p.m.

Introductory statements, general debate and action on proposal on:

Comprehensive review of special political missions**Wednesday, 4 November**

3 p.m.

Introductory statement, question-and-answer period and general debate on:

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East**Thursday, 5 November**

10 a.m.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

1 p.m.

General debate (*concluded*)**Friday, 6 November**

10 a.m.

Introductory statements, question-and-answer period and general debate on:

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Programme</i>
3 p.m.	<p>Deadline for submission of proposals on “United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East” and “Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories”</p> <p>Deadline for submission of proposals on all outstanding items</p>
Week of 9-13 November	
Monday, 9 November	
10 a.m.	<p>Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories</p> <p>General debate (<i>continued</i>)</p>
Tuesday, 10 November	
10 a.m. (if needed)	<p>Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories</p> <p>General debate (<i>concluded</i>)</p>
Thursday, 12 November	
10 a.m.	<p>United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East</p> <p>Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories</p> <p>Introduction of and action on proposals</p> <p>Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly</p> <p>Proposed programme of work and timetable for the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly and consideration of working methods</p> <p>Action on proposals on all outstanding agenda items</p> <p>Conclusion of the work of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the main part of the session</p>