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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the First Committee

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to allocate item 120 to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work for 2016.
2. The First Committee considered the item at its 26th meeting, on 6 November (see A/C.1/70/PV.26).
3. At the same meeting, the Chair made a statement and introduced the provisional programme of work.
4. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted its provisional programme of work and timetable for 2016, as set out in the annex to the present report.

Recommendation of the First Committee

5. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Provisional programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2016

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, approves the provisional programme of work and timetable of the Committee for 2016, as set out in the annex to the report of the Committee.



Annex

Provisional programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2016

<i>Programme/meeting</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Number of meetings</i>
Meeting for the organization of work	Friday, 30 September	1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items ^{a, b}	Monday, 3 October, to Tuesday, 11 October	7
Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on follow-up of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its previous sessions/presentation of reports		
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items	Tuesday, 4 October, at 6 p.m.	
Thematic discussion ^c on specific subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items, including:	Wednesday, 12 October, to Tuesday, 25 October	12
(a) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and other high-level officials in the field of arms control and disarmament		
(b) Panel discussions and exchanges with independent experts		
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions and decisions under all agenda items	Thursday, 13 October, at 12 noon	
Closure of the list of speakers for the thematic discussion	Monday, 17 October, at 6 p.m.	
Action on all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items	Wednesday, 26 October to Wednesday, 2 November	6

^a A rolling list of speakers will be opened about a month before the beginning of the session. Delegations are encouraged to limit their statements for the general debate to a maximum of 10 minutes; statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 15 minutes. The list will give priority to high-level representatives and should be shared with the Committee on a regular basis so as to increase transparency.

^b Wide civil society participation is encouraged.

^c During thematic discussions, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to a maximum of 5 minutes; statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 7 minutes.

<i>Week</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
26-30 September					30 September morning
3-7 October	3 October morning	4 October morning	5 October morning	6 October morning	7 October morning
10-14 October	10 October afternoon	11 October afternoon	12 October afternoon	13 October afternoon	14 October afternoon
17-21 October	17 October morning and afternoon	18 October morning	19 October morning	20 October morning	21 October morning
24-28 October	24 October morning and afternoon	25 October afternoon	26 October afternoon	27 October afternoon	28 October afternoon
31 October-2 November	31 October morning	1 November morning	2 November morning ^a		

Note: The Committee will exercise flexibility on the scheduling of the meetings during the last two weeks of the session without prejudice to the decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its seventy-first session.

^a If necessary.