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## NOTE

The resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly are identified as follows:

### Regular sessions

Until the thirtieth regular session, the resolutions of the General Assembly were identified by an arabic numeral followed by a roman numeral in parentheses indicating the session (for example: resolution 3363 (XXX)). When several resolutions were adopted under the same number, each of them was identified by a capital letter placed between the two numerals (for example: resolution 3367 A (XXX), resolutions 3411 A and B (XXX), resolutions 3419 A to D (XXX)). The decisions were not numbered.

Since the thirty-first session, as part of the new system adopted for symbols of General Assembly documents, resolutions and decisions have been identified by an arabic numeral, indicating the session, followed by an oblique stroke and another arabic numeral (for example: resolution 31/1, decision 31/301). When several resolutions or decisions were adopted under the same number, each of them has been identified by a capital letter placed after the two numerals (for example: resolution 31/16 A, resolutions 31/6 A and B, decisions 31/406 A to E).

### Special sessions

Until the seventh special session, the resolutions of the General Assembly were identified by an arabic numeral followed, in parentheses, by the letter "S" and a roman numeral indicating the session (for example: resolution 3362 (S-VII)). The decisions were not numbered.

Since the eighth special session, resolutions and decisions have been identified by the letter "S" and an arabic numeral indicating the session, followed by an oblique stroke and another arabic numeral (for example: resolution S-8/1, decision S-8/11).

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In each of the series described above, the numbering follows the order of adoption.

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The present volume contains the decisions adopted by the General Assembly from 12 September to 24 December 2017. Resolutions adopted by the Assembly during that period appear in volume I, together with information on the allocation of agenda items. Resolutions and decisions adopted subsequently during the seventy-second session will be published in volume III.

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## A. Elections and appointments

### 72/401. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 12 September 2017, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its seventy-second session consisting of the following Member States: CABO VERDE, CHINA, DOMINICA, INDONESIA, IRELAND, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, UGANDA, URUGUAY and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

### 72/402. Election of the Chairs of the Main Committees of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session<sup>1</sup>

On 28 September 2017, the First Committee of the General Assembly held a meeting in accordance with rules 99 (a) and 103 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly for the purpose of electing its Chair.

At the 28th plenary meeting of the General Assembly, on 3 October 2017, the President of the Assembly announced that Mr. Mohammed Hussein BAHR ALULOOM of Iraq had been elected as Chair of the First Committee of the Assembly at its seventy-second session to replace Mr. Mouayed SALEH of Iraq.<sup>2</sup>

### 72/403. Election of fifteen members of the Human Rights Council

At its 31st plenary meeting, on 16 October 2017, the General Assembly, pursuant to its resolutions 60/251 of 15 March 2006 and 65/281 of 17 June 2011, elected AFGHANISTAN, ANGOLA, AUSTRALIA, CHILE, the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, MEXICO, NEPAL, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, QATAR, SENEGAL, SLOVAKIA, SPAIN and UKRAINE as members of the Human Rights Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2018 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ALBANIA, BANGLADESH, BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF), BOTSWANA, the CONGO, EL SALVADOR, GHANA, INDIA, INDONESIA, LATVIA, the NETHERLANDS, NIGERIA, PARAGUAY, PORTUGAL and QATAR.

As a result, as of 1 January 2018, the Human Rights Council is composed of the following 47 Member States:<sup>3</sup> AFGHANISTAN,\*\*\* ANGOLA,\*\*\* AUSTRALIA,\*\*\* BELGIUM,\* BRAZIL,\*\* BURUNDI,\* CHILE,\*\*\* CHINA,\*\* CÔTE D'IVOIRE,\* CROATIA,\*\* CUBA,\*\* DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO,\*\*\* ECUADOR,\* EGYPT,\*\* ETHIOPIA,\* GEORGIA,\* GERMANY,\* HUNGARY,\*\* IRAQ,\*\* JAPAN,\*\* KENYA,\* KYRGYZSTAN,\* MEXICO,\*\*\* MONGOLIA,\* NEPAL,\*\*\* NIGERIA,\*\*\* PAKISTAN,\*\*\* PANAMA,\* PERU,\*\*\* PHILIPPINES,\* QATAR,\*\*\* REPUBLIC OF KOREA,\* RWANDA,\*\* SAUDI ARABIA,\*\* SENEGAL,\*\*\* SLOVAKIA,\*\*\* SLOVENIA,\* SOUTH AFRICA,\*\* SPAIN,\*\*\* SWITZERLAND,\* TOGO,\* TUNISIA,\*\* UKRAINE,\*\*\* UNITED ARAB EMIRATES,\* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,\*\* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA\*\* and VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)\*.

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\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2018.

\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2019.

\*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2020.

### 72/404. Election of five members of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly, at its 44th plenary meeting, on 9 November 2017, and the Security Council, at its 8092nd meeting, on the same date, proceeded independently of one another to elect, in accordance with Articles 2 to 4, 7 to 12 and 14 and 15 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, rules 150 and 151 of the rules of

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee consists of the President of the Assembly, the 21 Vice-Presidents and the Chairs of the six Main Committees.

<sup>2</sup> See decision 71/421.

<sup>3</sup> China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ethiopia, Germany, Kenya, Nigeria, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) are serving their second consecutive term.

procedure of the Assembly and rules 40 and 61 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council, four members of the Court for a nine-year term of office beginning on 6 February 2018 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of Mr. Ronny Abraham (France), Mr. Dalveer Bhandari (India), Mr. Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade (Brazil), Mr. Christopher Greenwood (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and Mr. Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf (Somalia).

Having obtained the required absolute majority of votes in both the General Assembly and the Security Council, Mr. Ronny Abraham (France), Mr. Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade (Brazil), Mr. Nawaf Salam (Lebanon) and Mr. Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf (Somalia) were elected as members of the Court for a nine-year term of office beginning on 6 February 2018.

The General Assembly, at its 57th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2017, and the Security Council, at its 8110th meeting, on the same date, continued independently of one another to elect one member of the Court to fill the remaining vacancy.

Having obtained the required absolute majority of votes in both the General Assembly and the Security Council, Mr. Dalveer Bhandari (India) was elected as a member of the Court for a nine-year term of office beginning on 6 February 2018.

As a result, as of 6 February 2018, the International Court of Justice is composed as follows: Mr. Ronny ABRAHAM (*France*),\*\*\* Mr. Mohamed BENNOUNA (*Morocco*),\*\* Mr. Dalveer BHANDARI (*India*),\*\*\* Mr. Antônio Augusto CANÇADO TRINDADE (*Brazil*),\*\*\* Mr. James Richard CRAWFORD (*Australia*),\*\* Ms. Joan E. DONOGHUE (*United States of America*),\*\* Mr. Giorgio GAJA (*Italy*),\* Mr. Kirill GEVORGIAN (*Russian Federation*),\*\* Mr. Hisashi OWADA (*Japan*),\* Mr. Patrick Lipton ROBINSON (*Jamaica*),\*\* Mr. Nawaf SALAM (*Lebanon*),\*\*\* Ms. Julia SEBUTINDE (*Uganda*),\* Mr. Peter TOMKA (*Slovakia*),\* Ms. XUE Hanqin (*China*)\* and Mr. Abdulqawi Ahmed YUSUF (*Somalia*).\*\*\*

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\* Term of office expires on 5 February 2021.

\*\* Term of office expires on 5 February 2024.

\*\*\* Term of office expires on 5 February 2027.

#### **72/405. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

At its 55th plenary meeting, on 17 November 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>4</sup> appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2018: Mr. Bachar Bong Abdallah, Mr. Pavel Chernikov, Ms. Julia A. Maciel González, Mr. Cihan Terzi and Mr. David Traystman.

As a result, as of 1 January 2018, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is composed as follows: Mr. Bachar Bong ABDALLAH (*Chad*),\*\*\* Mr. Takeshi AKAMATSU (*Japan*),\*\* Mr. Pavel CHERNIKOV (*Russian Federation*),\*\*\* Mr. Ihor HUMENNYI (*Ukraine*),\* Mr. Conrod HUNTE (*Antigua and Barbuda*),\* Mr. Mutaz HYASSAT (*Jordan*),\* Mr. Marcel JULLIER (*Switzerland*),\*\* Mr. Mahesh KUMAR (*India*),\*\* Ms. Julia A. MACIEL GONZÁLEZ (*Paraguay*),\*\*\* Mr. Olivier MYARD (*France*),\*\* Mr. Carlos RUIZ MASSIEU (*Mexico*),\*\* Mr. Babou SENE (*Senegal*),\* Mr. Tesfa Alem SEYOUUM (*Eritrea*),\* Mr. Cihan TERZI (*Turkey*),\*\*\* Mr. David TRAYSTMAN (*United States of America*)\*\*\* and Mr. YE Xuenong (*China*).\*\*

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\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2018.

\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2019.

\*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2020.

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<sup>4</sup> [A/72/566](#), para. 6.

#### 72/406. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

At its 55th plenary meeting, on 17 November 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>5</sup> appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2018: Mr. Michael HOLTSCHE, Mr. Evgeny KALUGIN, Mr. Henrique da Silveira SARDINHA PINTO, Mr. Steve TOWNLEY, Ms. Yoon Seongmee and Ms. Zhang Wei.

As a result, as of 1 January 2018, the Committee on Contributions is composed as follows: Mr. Syed Yawar ALI (*Pakistan*),\* Mr. Cheikh Tidiane DÈME (*Senegal*),\*\* Ms. Jasminka DINIĆ (*Croatia*),\* Mr. Gordon ECKERSLEY (*Australia*),\*\* Mr. Edward FARIS (*United States of America*),\* Mr. Bernardo GREIVER DEL HOYO (*Uruguay*),\*\* Mr. Michael HOLTSCHE (*Germany*),\*\*\* Mr. Evgeny KALUGIN (*Russian Federation*),\*\*\* Mr. Baudelaire NDONG ELLA (*Gabon*),\*\* Mr. Toshiro OZAWA (*Japan*),\* Mr. Tõnis SAAR (*Estonia*),\* Mr. Henrique da Silveira SARDINHA PINTO (*Brazil*),\*\*\* Mr. Ugo SESSI (*Italy*),\*\* Mr. Josiel Motumisi TAWANA (*South Africa*),\* Alejandro TORRES LÉPORI (*Argentina*),\*\* Mr. Steve TOWNLEY (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*),\*\*\* Ms. YOON Seongmee (*Republic of Korea*)\*\*\* and Ms. ZHANG Wei (*China*).\*\*\*

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\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2018.

\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2019.

\*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2020.

#### 72/407. Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors

At its 55th plenary meeting, on 17 November 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>6</sup> appointed the Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile as a member of the Board of Auditors for a six-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2018.

As a result, the Board of Auditors is composed as follows: German Supreme Audit Institution,\*\* Comptroller and Auditor-General of INDIA\* and Comptroller General of the REPUBLIC OF CHILE.\*\*\*

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\* Term of office expires on 30 June 2020.

\*\* Term of office expires on 30 June 2022.

\*\*\* Term of office expires on 30 June 2024.

#### 72/408. Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission

At its 55th plenary meeting, on 17 November 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>7</sup> appointed Mr. Luis Mariano Hermosillo Sosa, Mr. Yuji Kumamaru, Mr. Aldo Mantovani, Mr. Jeffrey Mounts and Mr. Wolfgang Stöckl as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2018.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, also on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>8</sup> designated Mr. Aldo Mantovani as Vice-Chair of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2018.

As a result, as of 1 January 2018, the International Civil Service Commission is composed as follows: Mr. Kingston Papie RHODES (*Sierra Leone*),\* Chair, Mr. Aldo MANTOVANI (*Italy*),\*\*\* Vice-Chair, Ms. Marie-Françoise BECHTEL (*France*),\* Mr. Emmanuel Oti BOATENG (*Ghana*),\* Mr. Larbi DJACTA (*Algeria*),\*\* Mr. Mohammed FARASHUDDIN (*Bangladesh*),\*\* Ms. Carleen GARDNER (*Jamaica*),\* Mr. Luis Mariano

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<sup>5</sup> A/72/567, para. 4.

<sup>6</sup> A/72/571, para. 5.

<sup>7</sup> A/72/568, para. 5 (a).

<sup>8</sup> Ibid., para. 5 (b).

HERMOSILLO SOSA (*Mexico*),\*\*\* Mr. Yuji KUMAMARU (*Japan*),\*\*\* Mr. Jeffrey MOUNTS (*United States of America*),\*\*\* Mr. Wolfgang STÖCKL (*Germany*),\*\*\* Mr. Vladimir STOROZHEV (*Russian Federation*),\*\* Mr. WANG Xiaochu (*China*),\*\* Mr. Eugeniusz WYZNER (*Poland*)\* and Mr. El Hassane ZAHID (*Morocco*).\*\*

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\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2018.

\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2020.

\*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2021.

#### **72/409. Appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee**

At its 55th plenary meeting, on 17 November 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>9</sup> appointed Mr. Richard Quartei Quartey and Ms. Janet St. Laurent as members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2018.

As a result, as of 1 January 2018, the Independent Audit Advisory Committee is composed as follows: Ms. Natalia BOCHAROVA (*Russian Federation*),\* Mr. Richard Quartei QUARTEY (*Ghana*),\*\* Ms. Janet ST. LAURENT (*United States of America*),\*\* Ms. Maria Gracia Pulido TAN (*Philippines*)\* and Ms. Patricia X. Arriagada VILLOUTA (*Chile*).\*

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\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2019.

\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2020.

#### **72/410. Confirmation of the appointment of ad hoc members of the Investments Committee**

At its 55th plenary meeting, on 17 November 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>10</sup> confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of Ms. Kemi ADEOSUN and Ms. Keiko HONDA as ad hoc members of the Investments Committee for a one-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2018.

#### **72/411. Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination**

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 11 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the basis of nominations by the Economic and Social Council<sup>11</sup> and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and Assembly decision 42/450 of 17 December 1987, elected BELARUS, BOTSWANA, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BURKINA FASO, CAMEROON, CHILE, CUBA, GERMANY, INDIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), JAPAN, PAKISTAN, PORTUGAL, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA as members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2018 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ARMENIA, BELARUS, BRAZIL, BURKINA FASO, CAMEROON, CUBA, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), IRAQ, ITALY, NAMIBIA, PAKISTAN, PORTUGAL, SAUDI ARABIA, UKRAINE, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, URUGUAY and VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF).

As a result, as of 1 January 2018, the Committee for Programme and Coordination is composed of the following 30 Member States:<sup>12</sup> ARGENTINA,\* BANGLADESH,\*\* BELARUS,\*\*\* BOTSWANA,\*\*\* BRAZIL,\*\*\* BULGARIA,\*\*\* BURKINA FASO,\*\*\* CAMEROON,\*\*\* CHILE,\*\*\* CHINA,\*\* CUBA,\*\*\* EGYPT,\*\* ERITREA,\*\*

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<sup>9</sup> A/72/569, para. 4.

<sup>10</sup> A/72/570, para. 4.

<sup>11</sup> See A/72/612; see also Economic and Social Council decisions 2017/201 C and D and 2018/201 B.

<sup>12</sup> One vacancy for a member from Western European and other States remains to be filled for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2018; and three vacancies, one for a member from African States, one for a member from Latin American and Caribbean States and one for a member from Western European and other States, remain to be filled for a term of office beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 2020.

FRANCE,\* GERMANY,\*\*\* HAITI,\*\* INDIA,\*\*\* IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),\*\*\* JAPAN,\*\*\* PAKISTAN,\*\*\* PERU,\* PORTUGAL,\*\*\* REPUBLIC OF KOREA,\*\* REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA,\*\*\* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,\* SENEGAL,\*\* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,\*\*\* UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA,\* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA\*\*\* and ZIMBABWE.\*

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\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2018.

\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2019.

\*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2020.

#### **72/412. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences**

At its 74th and 76th plenary meetings, on 20 and 24 December 2017, respectively, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 2 of its resolution [43/222 B](#) of 21 December 1988, took note of the appointment by its President, after consultations with the Chairs of the regional groups concerned, of BOTSWANA, FRANCE, IRAQ, NEPAL and the RUSSIAN FEDERATION as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2018.

Also at its 74th plenary meeting, the General Assembly took note of the appointment by its President, after consultation with the Chair of the regional group concerned, of CHINA as a member of the Committee on Conferences to fill a vacancy for a term of office beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 2019.

As a result, as of 1 January 2018, the Committee on Conferences is composed of the following 18 Member States:<sup>13</sup> AUSTRIA,\*\* BOTSWANA,\*\*\* CHINA,\*\* FRANCE,\*\*\* GERMANY,\* GHANA,\* GUYANA,\* HUNGARY,\* IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),\* IRAQ,\*\*\* JAMAICA,\*\* JAPAN,\*\* KENYA,\*\* LIBERIA,\* MOROCCO,\*\* NEPAL,\*\*\* RUSSIAN FEDERATION\*\*\* and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.\*\*

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\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2018.

\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2019.

\*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2020.

#### **72/413. Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,<sup>14</sup> elected Ms. Maimunah Mohd SHARIF (Malaysia) as Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) for a four-year term of office.

Subsequently, the Secretary-General informed the General Assembly that the term of office of the Executive Director would be from 20 January 2018 to 19 January 2022.<sup>15</sup>

#### **72/414. Election of two members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission**

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2017, the General Assembly, pursuant to its resolutions [60/180](#) of 20 December 2005 and [63/145](#) of 18 December 2008, elected CZECHIA and EL SALVADOR as members of the

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<sup>13</sup> One vacancy for a member from Latin American and Caribbean States remains to be filled for a term of office beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 2018; and two vacancies, one for a member from African States and one for a member from Latin American and Caribbean States, remain to be filled for a term of office beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 2020.

<sup>14</sup> [A/72/661](#).

<sup>15</sup> [A/72/661/Add.1](#).

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2018 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of EL SALVADOR and MONTENEGRO.

Pursuant to paragraphs 4 (a) to (d) of resolution 60/180, 23 States have already been elected and/or selected as members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission: BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF), CHINA, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, FRANCE, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA selected by the Security Council;<sup>16</sup> BELGIUM, ECUADOR, NIGERIA, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ROMANIA and SOUTH AFRICA elected by the Economic and Social Council;<sup>17</sup> BRAZIL, CANADA, GERMANY, JAPAN, and NORWAY selected by and from among the top 10 providers of assessed contributions to United Nations budgets and of voluntary contributions to United Nations funds, programmes and agencies, including a standing peacebuilding fund;<sup>18</sup> and BANGLADESH, ETHIOPIA, INDIA, PAKISTAN and RWANDA selected by and from among the top 10 providers of military personnel and civilian police to United Nations missions.<sup>19</sup>

As a result, on 1 January 2018, the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission is composed of the following 30 Member States:<sup>20</sup> BANGLADESH,\*\* BELGIUM,\*\* BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF),\*\* BRAZIL,\*\* CANADA,\*\* CHINA,\* CÔTE D'IVOIRE,\*\* COLOMBIA,\*\* CZECHIA,\*\* ECUADOR,\*\* EGYPT,\*\* EL SALVADOR,\*\* ETHIOPIA,\*\* FRANCE,\* GERMANY,\*\* INDIA,\*\* INDONESIA,\*\* JAPAN,\*\* KENYA,\*\* MEXICO,\*\* NIGERIA,\*\* NORWAY,\*\* PAKISTAN,\*\* REPUBLIC OF KOREA,\*\* ROMANIA,\*\* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,\* RWANDA,\*\* SOUTH AFRICA,\*\* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND\* and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.\*

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- \* Permanent members of the Security Council.
  - \*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2018.
  - \*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2019.

#### **72/415. Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal**

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 24 December 2017, the General Assembly, pursuant to resolution 72/256 of 24 December 2017, decided to extend the terms of office of Mr. Rowan Downing (Australia), Ms. Alessandra Greceanu (Romania) and Ms. Nkemdilim Amelia Izuako (Nigeria) as ad litem judges for a term beginning on 1 January 2018 and expiring on 31 December 2018.

As a result, as of 1 January 2018, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal is composed as follows: Ms. Teresa Maria DA SILVA BRAVO (*Portugal*, full-time, Geneva),\*\*\* Mr. Rowan DOWNING (*Australia*, ad litem),\* Ms. Memooda EBRAHIM-CARSTENS (*Botswana*, full-time, New York),\*\* Ms. Alessandra GRECEANU (*Romania*, ad litem),\* Mr. Alexander W. HUNTER, Jr. (*United States of America*, half-time),\*\*\* Ms. Nkemdilim Amelia IZUAKO (*Nigeria*, ad litem),\* Ms. Agnieszka KLONOWIECKA-MILART (*Poland*, full-time, Nairobi)\*\*\* and Mr. Goolam Hoosen Kader MEERAN (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*, half-time).\*\*

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- \* Term of office expires on 31 December 2018.
  - \*\* Term of office expires on 30 June 2019.
  - \*\*\* Term of office expires on 30 June 2023.

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<sup>16</sup> See [S/2018/75](#).

<sup>17</sup> See Economic and Social Council decisions 2017/201 D and 2018/201 B.

<sup>18</sup> See [A/71/664](#).

<sup>19</sup> See [A/71/610](#).

<sup>20</sup> As Sweden's membership on the Economic and Social Council ended on 31 December 2017, one vacancy for a Council member remains to be filled for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2018.

## B. Other decisions

### 1. *Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee*

#### **72/501. Meetings of subsidiary organs during the main part of the seventy-second session**

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 12 September 2017, the General Assembly decided to authorize those subsidiary organs of the Assembly listed in the letter dated 5 September 2017 from the Chair of the Committee on Conferences,<sup>21</sup> namely the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Office for Project Services and the United Nations Children's Fund, the Independent Audit Advisory Committee and the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, to meet during the main part of the seventy-second session of the Assembly.

#### **72/502. Organization of the seventy-second session**

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,<sup>22</sup> adopted a number of provisions concerning the organization of the seventy-second session.

At its 56th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2017, the General Assembly, at the request of the Chair of the Second Committee, decided to extend the work of the Committee until Thursday, 30 November 2017.

At its 59th plenary meeting, on 29 November 2017, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, decided to postpone the date of recess of the seventy-second session of the Assembly from Monday, 11 December 2017, to Friday, 22 December 2017.

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the General Committee on its third meeting.<sup>23</sup>

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, decided to postpone the date of recess of the seventy-second session of the Assembly from Friday, 22 December 2017, to Saturday, 23 December 2017.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, at the request of the Chair of the Fifth Committee, decided to extend the work of the Committee until Saturday, 23 December 2017.

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, decided to further postpone the date of recess of the seventy-second session of the Assembly from Saturday, 23 December 2017, to Sunday, 24 December 2017.

#### **72/503. General debate of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly**

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,<sup>24</sup> and taking note that, pursuant to resolution 57/301 of 13 March 2003, the general debate would begin on Tuesday, 19 September 2017, decided that the general debate would continue on Saturday, 23 September 2017, in order to maximize the number of speakers during that week.

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<sup>21</sup> [A/72/376](#).

<sup>22</sup> [A/72/250](#) and [A/72/250/Corr.1](#), paras. 3–77.

<sup>23</sup> [A/72/250/Add.2](#).

<sup>24</sup> [A/72/250](#) and [A/72/250/Corr.1](#), para. 31.

#### 72/504. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,<sup>25</sup> adopted the agenda<sup>26</sup> and the allocation of agenda items<sup>27</sup> for the seventy-second session.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,<sup>28</sup> decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled “Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte”, under heading B (Maintenance of international peace and security), on the understanding that there would be no consideration of this item by the Assembly.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,<sup>29</sup> decided to defer consideration of the item entitled “Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India” and to include it in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,<sup>30</sup> by a recorded vote of 113 to 21, with 17 abstentions,<sup>31</sup> decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-second session an item entitled “The responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity” under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

At its 34th plenary meeting, on 26 October 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report,<sup>32</sup> decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-second session an additional sub-item entitled “Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee” as sub-item (j) of agenda item 115 entitled “Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments”, under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report,<sup>33</sup> decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-second session an additional item entitled “Observer status for the Fund for the Development of the Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean in the General Assembly” as agenda item 175, under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

<sup>25</sup> Ibid., paras. 78–110.

<sup>26</sup> A/72/251.

<sup>27</sup> A/72/252.

<sup>28</sup> A/72/250 and A/72/250/Corr.1, para. 86.

<sup>29</sup> Ibid., para. 88.

<sup>30</sup> Ibid., para. 93.

<sup>31</sup> The voting was as follows:

*In favour:* Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Yemen

*Against:* Belarus, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Burundi, Chad, China, Cuba, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zimbabwe

*Abstaining:* Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cameroon, Colombia, Gabon, Jordan, Kenya, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malawi, Mali, Serbia, Togo, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam.

<sup>32</sup> A/72/250/Add.1, para. 2.

<sup>33</sup> Ibid., para. 3.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report,<sup>34</sup> decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-second session an additional item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation” as agenda item 176, under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report,<sup>35</sup> decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-second session an additional item entitled “Impact of exponential technological change on sustainable development and peace” as agenda item 177, under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

**72/505. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization**

At its 28th plenary meeting, on 3 October 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.<sup>36</sup>

**72/506. Report of the Economic and Social Council**

At its 29th plenary meeting, on 9 October 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Economic and Social Council.<sup>37</sup>

**72/507. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991**

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 18 October 2017, the General Assembly took note of the twenty-fourth and final annual report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.<sup>38</sup>

**72/508. Report of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals**

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 18 October 2017, the General Assembly took note of the fifth annual report of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.<sup>39</sup>

**72/509. Report of the International Court of Justice**

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 26 October 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.<sup>40</sup>

**72/510. Sport for development and peace: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal**

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 13 November 2017, the General Assembly decided, without setting a precedent, to invite Ms. Kim Yuna, Olympic gold medallist in figure skating and Goodwill Ambassador for the 2018 Pyeongchang Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, to make a statement at the plenary meeting.

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<sup>34</sup> Ibid., para. 4.

<sup>35</sup> Ibid., para. 5.

<sup>36</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No.1 (A/72/1)*.

<sup>37</sup> Ibid., Supplement No.3 (A/72/3).

<sup>38</sup> [A/72/266-S/2017/662](#).

<sup>39</sup> [A/72/261-S/2017/661](#).

<sup>40</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No.4 (A/72/4)*.

**72/548. Agenda items remaining for consideration by the General Assembly at its seventy-second session**

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 24 December 2017, the General Assembly, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, decided that the following agenda items remained for consideration during its seventy-second session:

- Item 9. Report of the Economic and Social Council
- Item 10. Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declaration on HIV/AIDS
- Item 11. Sport for development and peace: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal
- Item 12. Improving global road safety
- Item 13. 2001–2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa
- Item 14. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields
- Item 15. Culture of peace
- Item 19. Sustainable development:
  - (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
- Item 22. Groups of countries in special situations:
  - (b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries
- Item 24. Operational activities for development:
  - (a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system
  - (b) South-South cooperation for development
- Item 29. Report of the Security Council
- Item 30. Report of the Peacebuilding Commission
- Item 31. Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion
- Item 32. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies
- Item 33. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict
- Item 34. Prevention of armed conflict:
  - (a) Prevention of armed conflict
  - (b) Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution
- Item 35. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development
- Item 36. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic
- Item 37. The situation in the Middle East
- Item 38. Question of Palestine
- Item 40. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan
- Item 41. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte
- Item 43. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development
- Item 44. Question of Cyprus

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- Item 45. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Item 46. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
- Item 47. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti
- Item 48. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security
- Item 49. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait
- Item 55. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects
- Item 65. Peacebuilding and sustaining peace
- Item 66. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support:
  - (a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support
  - (b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa
- Item 70. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
- Item 72. Promotion and protection of human rights:
  - (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives
- Item 73. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:
  - (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations
  - (b) Assistance to the Palestinian people
  - (c) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions
- Item 88. Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965
- Item 107. Crime prevention and criminal justice
- Item 111. Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund
- Item 112. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations
- Item 113. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:
  - (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council
  - (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council
- Item 114. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:
  - (a) Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination
  - (b) Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- Item 115. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:
  - (f) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences
  - (g) Appointment of members of the Board of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns
  - (h) Approval of the appointment of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Item 116. Admission of new Members to the United Nations
- Item 117. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit
- Item 118. The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy
- Item 119. Commemoration of the abolition of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade

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- Item 120. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations
- Item 121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly
- Item 122. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council
- Item 123. Strengthening of the United Nations system
- Item 124. United Nations reform: measures and proposals
- Item 125. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union
- Item 126. Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union
- Item 127. Global health and foreign policy
- Item 128. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991
- Item 130. Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him
- Item 131. Sexual exploitation and abuse: implementing a zero-tolerance policy
- Item 132. The responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity
- Item 133. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors
- Item 134. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations
- Item 135. Programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017
- Item 136. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019
- Item 137. Programme planning
- Item 138. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations
- Item 139. Pattern of conferences
- Item 140. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations
- Item 141. Human resources management
- Item 142. Joint Inspection Unit
- Item 143. United Nations common system
- Item 144. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency
- Item 145. Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services
- Item 146. Administration of justice at the United Nations
- Item 147. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991
- Item 148. Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
- Item 149. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
- Item 150. Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei
- Item 151. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic
- Item 152. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire
- Item 153. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus
- Item 154. Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

- Item 155. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor
- Item 156. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti
- Item 157. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
- Item 158. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia
- Item 159. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali
- Item 160. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:
  - (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force
  - (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon
- Item 161. Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan
- Item 162. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara
- Item 163. Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur
- Item 164. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)
- Item 165. Financing of the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti

## 2. Decisions adopted on the reports of the First Committee

### 72/511. Joint panel discussion of the First and Fourth Committees on possible challenges to space security and sustainability

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 4 December 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.<sup>41</sup>

### 72/512. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 4 December 2017, the General Assembly, by a recorded vote of 185 to none, with one abstention,<sup>42</sup> on the recommendation of the First Committee,<sup>43</sup> decided to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session the item entitled “Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security”.

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<sup>41</sup> [A/72/399](#).

<sup>42</sup> The voting was as follows:

*In favour:* Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:* None

*Abstaining:* Ukraine.

<sup>43</sup> [A/72/404](#), para. 7.

**72/513. Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices**

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 4 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,<sup>44</sup> recalling its resolution [71/259](#) of 23 December 2016 and previous resolutions on this matter, decided:

(a) To welcome the commencement of the work of the high-level fissile material cut-off treaty expert preparatory group tasked with making recommendations on substantial elements of a future non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, on the basis of document [CD/1299](#) and the mandate contained therein, and examining, with a view to making possible recommendations, the report of the Group of Governmental Experts mandated pursuant to resolution [67/53](#) of 3 December 2012, as contained in document [A/70/81](#), as well as the views submitted by Member States as contained in documents [A/68/154](#), [A/68/154/Add.1](#), [A/71/140/Rev.1](#) and [A/71/140/Rev.1/Add.1](#);

(b) To welcome the first informal open-ended consultative meeting in New York, which was open-ended so that all Member States could engage in interactive discussions and share their views on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

(c) To welcome the informal discussions in the Conference on Disarmament on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

(d) To include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session, under the item entitled “General and complete disarmament”, the sub-item entitled “Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices”.

**72/514. Nuclear disarmament verification**

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 4 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,<sup>44</sup> recalling its resolution [71/67](#) of 5 December 2016, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session, under the item entitled “General and complete disarmament”, the sub-item entitled “Nuclear disarmament verification”.

**72/515. Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok Treaty)**

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 4 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,<sup>44</sup> recalling its resolutions [62/31](#) of 5 December 2007, [64/39](#) of 2 December 2009, [66/43](#) of 2 December 2011, [68/49](#) of 5 December 2013 and [70/60](#) of 7 December 2015, entitled “Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok Treaty)”, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fourth session, under the item entitled “General and complete disarmament”, the sub-item entitled “Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok Treaty)”.

**72/516. Provisional programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2018**

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 4 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,<sup>45</sup> approved the provisional programme of work and timetable of the Committee for 2018, as set out in the annex to the report of the Committee.<sup>46</sup>

**72/517. Programme planning (First Committee)**

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 4 December 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.<sup>47</sup>

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<sup>44</sup> See [A/72/409](#), para. 85.

<sup>45</sup> [A/72/478](#), para. 5.

<sup>46</sup> [A/72/478](#).

<sup>47</sup> [A/72/483](#).

### 3. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

#### **72/518. Election of officers nominated for the bureaux of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its subsidiary bodies for the period 2018–2019**

At its 66th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),<sup>48</sup> by a recorded vote of 142 to 21, with 3 abstentions,<sup>49</sup> noting that, in accordance with the agreement reached by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its forty-sixth session on the measures relating to the future composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies,<sup>50</sup> on the basis of the measures relating to the working methods of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies,<sup>51</sup> the African States, the Asia-Pacific States, the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and other States had nominated their candidates for the offices of Chair of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, First Vice-Chair of the Committee, Chair of the Legal Subcommittee, Chair of the Committee and Second Vice-Chair/Rapporteur of the Committee, respectively, for the period 2018–2019, endorsed the composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies for the period 2018–2019, and agreed that the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, at their respective sessions in 2018, should elect their officers nominated for that period.

#### **72/519. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects**

At its 66th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).<sup>52</sup>

#### **72/520. Question of Gibraltar**

At its 66th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),<sup>53</sup> recalling its decision 71/521 of 6 December 2016:

(a) Urged the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, while listening to the interests and aspirations of Gibraltar that are legitimate under international law, to reach, in the spirit of the Brussels Declaration of 27 November 1984, a definitive solution to the question of Gibraltar, in the light of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and applicable principles, and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations;

<sup>48</sup> A/72/446, para. 20.

<sup>49</sup> The voting was as follows:

*In favour:* Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:* Algeria, Bahrain, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Maldives, Mauritania, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen

*Abstaining:* Bangladesh, China, Malaysia.

<sup>50</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/58/20)*, annex II, paras. 5–9.

<sup>51</sup> *Ibid.*, *Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/52/20)*, annex I; and *ibid.*, *Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/58/20)*, annex II, appendix III.

<sup>52</sup> A/72/449.

<sup>53</sup> A/72/456, para. 44.

(b) Took note of the position of Spain on this issue, including its proposal to start new discussions on the basis of the Brussels Declaration, and also took note of Spain's presentation of a co-sovereignty offer before the Special Political and Decolonization Committee, on 4 October 2016;

(c) Took note of the position of the United Kingdom on this issue, that is, the commitment never to enter into arrangements under which the people of Gibraltar would pass under the sovereignty of another State against their freely and democratically expressed wishes, nor enter into a process of sovereignty negotiations with which Gibraltar is not content;

(d) Took note of the desire of the United Kingdom to continue with the trilateral Forum for Dialogue;

(e) Took note of the position of Spain that the trilateral Forum for Dialogue did not exist any longer and should be replaced with a new mechanism for local cooperation in which the people of the Campo de Gibraltar and Gibraltar were represented;

(f) Encouraged the United Kingdom and Spain to engage in a constructive and responsive manner, with all relevant and appropriate parties, in order to find common solutions and make progress on issues of mutual benefit.

**72/521. Proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventy-third session of the General Assembly**

At its 66th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),<sup>54</sup> approved the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Fourth Committee for the seventy-third session of the Assembly, as set out in the report of the Fourth Committee.<sup>55</sup>

**72/522. Programme planning (Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee))**

At its 66th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).<sup>56</sup>

#### **4. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee**

**72/538. Macroeconomic policy questions**

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.<sup>57</sup>

**72/539. Globalization and interdependence**

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.<sup>58</sup>

**72/540. Groups of countries in special situations**

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.<sup>59</sup>

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<sup>54</sup> [A/72/481](#), para. 5.

<sup>55</sup> [A/72/481](#).

<sup>56</sup> [A/72/486](#).

<sup>57</sup> [A/72/418](#).

<sup>58</sup> [A/72/422](#).

<sup>59</sup> [A/72/423](#).

**72/541. Eradication of poverty and other development issues**

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.<sup>60</sup>

**72/542. Operational activities for development**

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.<sup>61</sup>

**72/543. Towards global partnerships**

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,<sup>62</sup> recalling its resolution [70/224](#) of 22 December 2015:

(a) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on enhanced cooperation between the United Nations and all relevant partners, in particular the private sector;<sup>63</sup>

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session an update of the report on enhanced cooperation between the United Nations and all relevant partners, in particular the private sector;

(c) Decided to defer, on an exceptional basis, consideration of the item entitled “Towards global partnerships” and to include it in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session.

**72/544. Programme of work of the Second Committee for the seventy-third session of the General Assembly**

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,<sup>64</sup> approved the programme of work of the Committee for the seventy-third session of the Assembly as set out below:

- Item 1. Information and communications technologies for sustainable development
- Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions:
  - (a) International trade and development
  - (b) International financial system and development
  - (c) External debt sustainability and development
  - (d) Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows and strengthen good practices on assets return to foster sustainable development
- Item 3. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development
- Item 4. Sustainable development:
  - (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

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<sup>60</sup> [A/72/424](#).

<sup>61</sup> [A/72/425](#).

<sup>62</sup> [A/72/427](#), para. 8.

<sup>63</sup> [A/72/310](#).

<sup>64</sup> [A/72/479](#), para. 5.

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- (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
  - (c) Disaster risk reduction
  - (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind
  - (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) Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme
  - (h) Harmony with Nature
  - (i) Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
  - (j) Combating sand and dust storms
- Item 5. Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- Item 6. Globalization and interdependence:
- (a) Globalization and interdependence
  - (b) International migration and development
- Item 7. Groups of countries in special situations:
- (a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
  - (b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries
- Item 8. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:
- (a) Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027)
  - (b) Industrial development cooperation
- Item 9. Operational activities for development:
- (a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system
  - (b) South-South cooperation for development
- Item 10. Agriculture development, food security and nutrition
- Item 11. Towards global partnerships
- Item 12. 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

### **72/545. Programme planning (Second Committee)**

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.<sup>65</sup>

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<sup>65</sup> [A/72/484](#).

## 5. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Third Committee

### 72/530. Document considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of social development

At its 73rd plenary meeting, on 19 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,<sup>66</sup> took note of the note by the Secretariat transmitting an overview of the report entitled “World Social Situation 2017: Promoting inclusion through social protection”<sup>67</sup> submitted under the item entitled “Social development”.

### 72/531. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the advancement of women

At its 73rd plenary meeting, on 19 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,<sup>68</sup> decided to take note of the following documents under the item entitled “Advancement of women”:

- (a) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women;<sup>69</sup>
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.<sup>70</sup>

### 72/532. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

At its 73rd plenary meeting, on 19 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,<sup>71</sup> took note of the following documents submitted under the item entitled “Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance”:

- (a) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on its ninetieth, ninety-first and ninety-second sessions;<sup>72</sup>
- (b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.<sup>73</sup>

### 72/533. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the promotion and protection of human rights

At its 73rd plenary meeting, on 19 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,<sup>74</sup> took note of the following documents submitted under the item entitled “Promotion and protection of human rights”:

#### Under sub-item (a):

- (a) Report of the Human Rights Committee on its 117th, 118th and 119th sessions;<sup>75</sup>
- (b) Report of the Committee against Torture on its fifty-eighth, fifty-ninth and sixtieth sessions;<sup>76</sup>

<sup>66</sup> [A/72/431](#), para. 40.

<sup>67</sup> [A/72/211](#).

<sup>68</sup> [A/72/432](#), para. 21.

<sup>69</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/72/38)*.

<sup>70</sup> [A/72/93](#).

<sup>71</sup> [A/72/437](#), para. 27.

<sup>72</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/72/18)*.

<sup>73</sup> [A/72/287](#).

<sup>74</sup> [A/72/439](#), para. 10.

<sup>75</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 40 (A/72/40)*.

<sup>76</sup> *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 44 (A/72/44)*.

- (c) Report of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on its thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth sessions;<sup>77</sup>
- (d) Report of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances on its eleventh and twelfth sessions;<sup>78</sup>
- (e) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations voluntary trust fund on contemporary forms of slavery;<sup>79</sup>
- (f) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;<sup>80</sup>
- (g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the tenth annual report of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;<sup>81</sup>
- (h) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies on their twenty-ninth meeting;<sup>82</sup>
- (i) Note by the Secretariat on the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;<sup>83</sup>

**Under sub-item (b):**

- (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context;<sup>84</sup>
- (b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism;<sup>85</sup>
- (c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association;<sup>86</sup>
- (d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health;<sup>87</sup>
- (e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences;<sup>88</sup>
- (f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers;<sup>89</sup>
- (g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights;<sup>90</sup>
- (h) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights;<sup>91</sup>

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<sup>77</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 55 (A/72/55).

<sup>78</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 56 (A/72/56).

<sup>79</sup> A/72/229.

<sup>80</sup> A/72/278.

<sup>81</sup> A/72/168.

<sup>82</sup> A/72/177.

<sup>83</sup> A/72/273.

<sup>84</sup> A/72/128.

<sup>85</sup> A/72/131.

<sup>86</sup> A/72/135.

<sup>87</sup> A/72/137.

<sup>88</sup> A/72/139.

<sup>89</sup> A/72/140.

<sup>90</sup> A/72/153.

<sup>91</sup> A/72/155.

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- (i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises;<sup>92</sup>
- (j) Note by the Secretariat on the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to development;<sup>93</sup>
- (k) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the joint report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material, and the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children;<sup>94</sup>
- (l) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity;<sup>95</sup>
- (m) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity;<sup>96</sup>
- (n) Note by the Secretariat on the report of the Secretary-General on the right to development;<sup>97</sup>
- (o) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons;<sup>98</sup>
- (p) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions;<sup>99</sup>
- (q) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression;<sup>100</sup>
- (r) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights;<sup>101</sup>
- (s) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism;<sup>102</sup>
- (t) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education;<sup>103</sup>
- (u) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights;<sup>104</sup>
- (v) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence;<sup>105</sup>
- (w) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy;<sup>106</sup>

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<sup>92</sup> [A/72/162](#).

<sup>93</sup> [A/72/163](#).

<sup>94</sup> [A/72/164](#).

<sup>95</sup> [A/72/171](#).

<sup>96</sup> [A/72/172](#).

<sup>97</sup> [A/72/201](#).

<sup>98</sup> [A/72/202](#).

<sup>99</sup> [A/72/335](#).

<sup>100</sup> [A/72/350](#).

<sup>101</sup> [A/72/370](#).

<sup>102</sup> [A/72/495](#).

<sup>103</sup> [A/72/496](#).

<sup>104</sup> [A/72/502](#).

<sup>105</sup> [A/72/523](#).

<sup>106</sup> [A/72/540](#).

**Under sub-item (c):**

(a) Note by the Secretariat on the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Burundi;<sup>107</sup>

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus;<sup>108</sup>

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967;<sup>109</sup>

**Under sub-item (d):**

Note by the Secretariat on the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.<sup>110</sup>

**72/534. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action**

At its 73rd plenary meeting, on 19 December 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.<sup>111</sup>

**72/535. Document considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of crime prevention and criminal justice**

At its 73rd plenary meeting, on 19 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,<sup>112</sup> took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime on its eighth session, held in Vienna from 17 to 21 October 2016,<sup>113</sup> submitted under the item entitled “Crime prevention and criminal justice”.

**72/536. Programme of work of the Third Committee for the seventy-third session of the General Assembly**

At its 73rd plenary meeting, on 19 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,<sup>114</sup> approved the programme of work of the Third Committee for the seventy-third session of the Assembly as set out below:

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, disabled persons and the family

Item 2. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 3. International drug control

Item 4. Advancement of women

Item 5. 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

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<sup>107</sup> [A/72/281](#).

<sup>108</sup> [A/72/493](#).

<sup>109</sup> [A/72/556](#).

<sup>110</sup> [A/72/36](#).

<sup>111</sup> [A/72/439/Add.4](#).

<sup>112</sup> [A/72/440](#), para. 21.

<sup>113</sup> [A/72/91](#).

<sup>114</sup> [A/72/480](#), para. 5.

- Item 6. 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 7. 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 8. 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 9. Right of peoples to self-determination
- Item 10. Report of the Human Rights Council
- Item 11. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions
- Item 12. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

**72/537. Programme planning (Third Committee)**

At its 73rd plenary meeting, on 19 December 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.<sup>115</sup>

**6. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee**

**72/546. United Nations Office for Partnerships**

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 24 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>116</sup> took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Office for Partnerships.<sup>117</sup>

**72/547. Questions deferred for future consideration**

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 24 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>118</sup>

**Section A**

Decided to defer consideration of the following documents:

*Item 136*

*Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019*

*Proposed regional restructuring of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

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<sup>115</sup> [A/72/485](#).

<sup>116</sup> [A/72/668](#), para. 9.

<sup>117</sup> [A/72/167](#).

<sup>118</sup> [A/72/682](#), para. 9.

Report of the Secretary-General entitled “Proposed regional restructuring of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: increasing efficiency and effectiveness in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/141”<sup>119</sup>  
Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions<sup>120</sup>

### Section B

Decided to defer until the first part of its resumed seventy-second session consideration of the following documents:

#### *Item 136*

*Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019*

*Review of the experience of the utilization of the contingency fund*

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the experience of the utilization of the contingency fund<sup>121</sup>

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions<sup>122</sup>

### Section C

Decided to defer until the main part of its seventy-third session consideration of the following documents:

#### *Item 135*

*Programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017*

*Capital master plan*

Fifteenth annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan<sup>123</sup>

Report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2016<sup>124</sup>

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports for the year ended 31 December 2016 on the United Nations and on the capital master plan<sup>125</sup>

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions<sup>126</sup>

Fourteenth annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan<sup>127</sup>

Report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2015<sup>128</sup>

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2015<sup>129</sup>

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<sup>119</sup> [A/71/218](#) and [A/71/218/Corr.1](#).

<sup>120</sup> [A/71/584](#).

<sup>121</sup> [A/70/395](#).

<sup>122</sup> [A/70/7/Add.7](#).

<sup>123</sup> [A/72/294](#) and [A/72/294/Corr.1](#).

<sup>124</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 5, vol. V (A/72/5 (Vol. V))*.

<sup>125</sup> [A/72/355](#).

<sup>126</sup> [A/72/536](#).

<sup>127</sup> [A/71/309](#).

<sup>128</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 5, vol. V (A/71/5 (Vol. V))*.

<sup>129</sup> [A/71/331](#).

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions<sup>130</sup>

*Item 136*

*Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019*

*Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council*

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of arrangements for funding and backstopping special political missions<sup>131</sup>

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions<sup>132</sup>

## **7. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Sixth Committee**

### **72/523. Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly**

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,<sup>133</sup> decided to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the Assembly until the seventy-third session of the Assembly.

### **72/524. Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly**

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,<sup>134</sup> decided to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the Assembly until the seventy-third session of the Assembly.

### **72/525. Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly**

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,<sup>135</sup> decided to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Community of Democracies in the Assembly until the seventy-third session of the Assembly.

### **72/526. Observer status for the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands Secretariat in the General Assembly**

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,<sup>136</sup> decided to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands Secretariat in the Assembly until the seventy-third session of the Assembly.

### **72/527. Observer status for the Global Environment Facility in the General Assembly**

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,<sup>137</sup> decided to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Global Environment Facility in the Assembly until the seventy-third session of the Assembly.

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<sup>130</sup> [A/71/541](#).

<sup>131</sup> [A/66/340](#).

<sup>132</sup> [A/66/7/Add.21](#).

<sup>133</sup> [A/72/470](#), para. 8.

<sup>134</sup> [A/72/471](#), para. 8.

<sup>135</sup> [A/72/472](#), para. 8.

<sup>136</sup> [A/72/476](#), para. 8.

<sup>137</sup> [A/72/477](#), para. 8.

**72/528. Provisional programme of work of the Sixth Committee for the seventy-third session of the General Assembly**

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,<sup>138</sup> noted that the Committee had decided to adopt the following provisional programme of work for the seventy-third session of the Assembly, as proposed by the Bureau:

**Provisional programme of work**

3 October	Organization of work of the Sixth Committee
3–5 October	Measures to eliminate international terrorism
5 October	Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission
8 and 9 October	The rule of law at the national and international levels
9 October	The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction
10 October	Administration of justice at the United Nations
12 October	Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization Request(s) for observer status
15 October	Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifty-first session
15 and 16 October	Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts
16 October	Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives
19 October	United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law
22–26 and 30 and 31 October	Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventieth session
1 November	Protection of persons in the event of disasters
2 November	Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
6 November	Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly
13 November	Programme planning Election of the officers of the Main Committees
12 and 18 October	Reserved

**72/529. Programme planning (Sixth Committee)**

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Sixth Committee.<sup>139</sup>

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<sup>138</sup> [A/72/482](#), para. 6.

<sup>139</sup> [A/72/487](#).



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