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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 2020, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to allocate item 126 to all the Main Committees for the purpose of discussing their working methods, as well as considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.
2. The First Committee considered the item at its 15th meeting, on 10 November 2020.¹
3. At the same meeting, the Chair made a statement and introduced the provisional programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2021.
4. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted its provisional programme of work and timetable for 2021, 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 2021

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, approves the provisional programme of work and timetable of the Committee for 2021, as set out in the annex to the report of the Committee.

¹ For an account of the Committee's discussion of the item, see [A/C.1/75/PV.15](#).



Annex

Provisional programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2021¹

<i>Programme/meeting</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Number of meetings</i>
Meeting for the organization of work	Thursday, 30 September	1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items ^{a,b}	Monday, 4 October, to Wednesday, 13 October	8
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items	Tuesday, 5 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:	Thursday, 14 October, to Wednesday, 27 October	12
(a) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, including on the follow-up to the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its previous sessions/presentation of reports		
(b) Panel discussions and exchanges with high-level officials nominated by regional groups and with independent experts		
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions and decisions under all agenda items	Thursday, 14 October, at 12 noon	
Closure of the list of speakers for the thematic discussion	Tuesday, 12 October, at 6 p.m.	
Action on all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items	Thursday, 28 October to Friday, 5 November	6

^a A rolling list of speakers will be opened approximately one month before the beginning of the session. Delegations are encouraged to limit their statements for the general debate to a maximum of 8 minutes; statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 13 minutes.

^b Wide participation by civil society is encouraged.

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

¹ This provisional programme of work is based on the assumption of a return to normal circumstances and the conclusion of phase 3 of the reopening of United Nations Headquarters.

<i>Week</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
27 September– 1 October				30 September afternoon	
4–8 October	4 October morning	5 October morning	6 October morning	7 October morning	8 October morning
11–15 October	11 October afternoon	12 October afternoon	13 October afternoon	14 October afternoon	15 October afternoon
18–22 October	18 October morning and afternoon	19 October morning	20 October morning	21 October morning	22 October morning
25–29 October	25 October morning and afternoon	26 October afternoon	27 October afternoon	28 October afternoon	29 October afternoon
1–4 November	1 November morning	2 November morning	3 November morning	4 November morning ^a	5 November morning ^b

Note: The Committee will exercise flexibility in 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-sixth session.

^a Diwali floating holiday (see resolutions 69/250 and 70/9).

^b If a meeting is needed and/or services are available.