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## Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

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

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2022, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-seventh session the item entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly” and to allocate it to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.
2. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) considered the item at its 26th meeting, on 11 November.<sup>1</sup>
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a note by the Secretariat on the revitalization of the General Assembly ([A/C.4/77/INF/4](#)).
4. At its 26th meeting, on 11 November, the Committee also had before it a draft decision entitled “Proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly” ([A/C.4/77/L.15](#)), submitted by the Bureau.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision [A/C.4/77/L.15](#) (see para. 6).

<sup>1</sup> For an account of the Committee’s discussion of the item, see [A/C.4/77/SR.26](#).



## **Recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)**

6. The Fourth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

### **Proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly**

The General Assembly approves the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventy-eighth session of the Assembly as set out below:

### **Proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly**

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Programme</i>
<b>Week of 25–29 September</b>	
<b>Thursday, 28 September</b>	
10 a.m.	<b>Organization of work</b>  Approval of programme of work  Approval of time limits for statements  Establishment of Working Group of the Whole on the peaceful uses of outer space  Consideration of aide-mémoire containing requests to petition on Non-Self-Governing Territories
<b>Week of 2–6 October</b>	
<b>Monday, 2 October</b>	
3 p.m.	Introductory statements and joint general debate on decolonization items:  <b>Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 <i>e</i> of the Charter of the United Nations</b>  <b>Economic and other activities that affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories</b>  <b>Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations</b>  <b>Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories</b>  <b>Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples</b>

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Programme</i>
	Approval of requests to petition on Non-Self-Governing Territories
<b>Tuesday, 3 October</b>	
3 p.m.	Consideration of decolonization items ( <i>continues</i> )  Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee
6 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on decolonization items  Deadline for submission of proposals on decolonization items
<b>Wednesday, 4 October</b>	
3 p.m.	Consideration of decolonization items ( <i>continues</i> )  Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee
<b>Thursday, 5 October</b>	
3 p.m.	Consideration of decolonization items ( <i>continues</i> )  Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee
6 p.m.	Deadline for submission of proposals on "Assistance in mine action" and "Effects of atomic radiation"
<b>Friday, 6 October</b>	
3 p.m.	Consideration of decolonization items ( <i>continues</i> )  Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee  Joint general debate on decolonization items ( <i>continues</i> )
<b>Week of 9–13 October</b>	
<b>Monday, 9 October</b>	
10 a.m.	Consideration of decolonization items ( <i>continues</i> )  Joint general debate on decolonization items ( <i>continues</i> )
<b>Tuesday, 10 October</b>	
10 a.m.	Consideration of decolonization items ( <i>continues</i> )  Joint general debate on decolonization items ( <i>continues</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 11 October</b>	
10 a.m.	Consideration of decolonization items ( <i>concludes</i> )

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Programme</i>
	Joint general debate on decolonization items ( <i>concludes</i> )
	Action on proposals submitted under decolonization items
3 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on "Assistance in mine action"
	Deadline for submission of proposals on "Questions relating to information"
<b>Thursday, 12 October</b>	
10 a.m.	Introductory statement, interactive dialogue, general debate and action on proposals
	<b>Assistance in mine action</b>
3 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on "Effects of atomic radiation"
<b>Friday, 13 October</b>	
10 a.m.	Introductory statements, general debate and action on proposals
	<b>Effects of atomic radiation</b>
<b>Week of 16–20 October</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 17 October</b>	
3 p.m.	Introductory statements, interactive dialogue and general debate
	<b>Questions relating to information</b>
6 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on "Questions relating to information"
	Deadline for submission of proposals on "International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space"
<b>Wednesday, 18 October</b>	
3 p.m.	<b>Questions relating to information</b>
	General debate ( <i>continues</i> )
<b>Thursday, 19 October</b>	
3 p.m.	<b>Questions relating to information</b>
	General debate ( <i>concludes</i> )
	Action on proposals
<b>Week of 23–27 October</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 24 October</b>	
10 a.m.	Introductory statement and general debate
	<b>International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space</b>
	Working Group of the Whole on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Programme</i>
3 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space
<b>Thursday, 26 October</b>	
10 a.m.	<b>International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space</b> General debate ( <i>continues</i> )  Working Group of the Whole on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space ( <i>continues</i> )
3 p.m.	Deadline for submission of proposals on “Comprehensive review of special political missions”
<b>Friday, 27 October</b>	
10 a.m.	<b>International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space</b> General debate ( <i>concludes</i> )  Working Group of the Whole on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space ( <i>concludes</i> )  Action on proposals
<b>Week of 30 October– 3 November</b>	
<b>Monday, 30 October</b>	
3 p.m.	Introductory statements, interactive dialogue and general debate  <b>Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects</b>
6 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on peacekeeping operations
<b>Tuesday, 31 October</b>	
3 p.m.	<b>Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects</b>  General debate ( <i>continues</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 1 November</b>	
3 p.m.	<b>Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects</b>  General debate ( <i>concludes</i> )
6 p.m.	Deadline for submission of proposals on “United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East” and “Israeli practices and settlement activities affecting the rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs of the occupied territories”  Deadline for submission of proposals on all outstanding items  Closure of the list of speakers on special political missions

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Programme</i>
<b>Thursday, 2 November</b>	
3 p.m.	Introductory statements, interactive dialogue, general debate and action on proposals  <b>Comprehensive review of special political missions</b>
<b>Friday, 3 November</b>	
3 p.m.	Introductory statement, question-and-answer period and general debate  <b>United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East</b>
6 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
<b>Week of 6–10 November</b>	
<b>Monday, 6 November</b>	
10 a.m.	<b>United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East</b>  General debate ( <i>concludes</i> )
3 p.m.	Introductory statement, question-and-answer period and general debate  <b>Israeli practices and settlement activities affecting the rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs of the occupied territories</b>
<b>Tuesday, 7 November</b>	
10 a.m.	<b>Israeli practices and settlement activities affecting the rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs of the occupied territories</b>  General debate ( <i>continues</i> )
3 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on the item on Israeli practices
<b>Wednesday, 8 November</b>	
10 a.m.	<b>Israeli practices and settlement activities affecting the rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs of the occupied territories</b>  General debate ( <i>concludes</i> )  Consideration of outstanding agenda items
<b>Thursday, 9 November</b>	
10 a.m.	<b>United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East</b>

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**Israeli practices and settlement activities affecting the rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs of the occupied territories**

Introduction of and action on proposals

Action on proposals on all outstanding agenda items

**Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly**

Proposed programme of work and timetable for the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly and consideration of working methods

**Programme planning**

Conclusion of the work of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the main part of the session

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