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

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A. Elections and appointments

78/401. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 5 September 2023, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its seventy-eighth session consisting of the following Member States: ANDORRA, CHINA, GRENADA, NIGERIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SOLOMON ISLANDS, SURINAME, TOGO and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

78/402. Election of members of the Human Rights Council

At its 17th plenary meeting, on 10 October 2023, the General Assembly, pursuant to its resolutions 60/251 of 15 March 2006 and 65/281 of 17 June 2011, elected ALBANIA, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BURUNDI, CHINA, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CUBA, the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, FRANCE, GHANA, INDONESIA, JAPAN, KUWAIT, MALAWI and NETHERLANDS (KINGDOM OF THE) as members of the Human Rights Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2024 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF), CHINA, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CUBA, CZECHIA, FRANCE, GABON, MALAWI, MEXICO, NEPAL, PAKISTAN, SENEGAL, UKRAINE, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UZBEKISTAN.

As a result, as of 1 January 2024, the Human Rights Council is composed of the following 47 Member States:¹ ALBANIA,*** ALGERIA,** ARGENTINA,* BANGLADESH,** BELGIUM,** BENIN,* BRAZIL,*** BULGARIA,*** BURUNDI,*** CAMEROON,* CHILE,** CHINA,*** COSTA RICA,** CÔTE D'IVOIRE,*** CUBA,*** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,*** ERITREA,* FINLAND,* FRANCE,*** GAMBIA,* GEORGIA,** GERMANY,** GHANA,*** HONDURAS,* INDIA,* INDONESIA,*** JAPAN,*** KAZAKHSTAN,* KUWAIT,*** KYRGYZSTAN,** LITHUANIA,* LUXEMBOURG,* MALAWI,*** MALAYSIA,* MALDIVES,** MONTENEGRO,* MOROCCO,** NETHERLANDS (KINGDOM OF THE),*** PARAGUAY,* QATAR,* ROMANIA,** SOMALIA,* SOUTH AFRICA,** SUDAN,** UNITED ARAB EMIRATES,* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA* and VIET NAM.**

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2024.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2025.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2026.

78/403. Election of members of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly, at its 31st plenary meeting, on 9 November 2023, and the Security Council, at its 9471st meeting, on the same date, proceeded independently of one another to elect, in accordance with Articles 2 to 4 and 7 to 12 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, rules 150 and 151 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly and rules 40 and 61 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council, five members of the Court for a nine-year term of office beginning on 6 February 2024 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of Mohamed Bennouna (Morocco), Hilary Charlesworth (Australia), Joan E. Donoghue (United States of America), Kirill Gevorgian (Russian Federation) and Patrick Lipton Robinson (Jamaica).

Having obtained the required absolute majority of votes in both the General Assembly and the Security Council, Bogdan-Lucian Aurescu (Romania), Hilary Charlesworth (Australia), Sarah Hull Cleveland (United States of America), Juan Manuel Gómez Robledo Verduzco (Mexico) and Dire Tladi (South Africa) were elected as members of the Court for a nine-year term of office beginning on 6 February 2024.

As a result, as of 6 February 2024, the International Court of Justice is composed as follows: Ronny ABRAHAM (France),* Bogdan-Lucian AURESCU (Romania),*** Dalveer BHANDARI (India),* Leonardo Nemer Caldeira BRANT (Brazil),* Hilary CHARLESWORTH (Australia),*** Sarah Hull CLEVELAND (United States of America),*** Juan Manuel GÓMEZ ROBLEDOS VERDUZCO (Mexico),*** IWASAWA Yuji (Japan),** Georg NOLTE (Germany),** Nawaf

¹ Argentina, Cameroon, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Eritrea, France, Germany, India, Malawi, Somalia and the Sudan are serving their second consecutive term.

SALAM (Lebanon),* Julia SEBUTINDE (Uganda),** Dire TLADI (South Africa),*** Peter TOMKA (Slovakia),** XUE Hanqin (China)** and Abdulqawi Ahmed YUSUF (Somalia).*

* Term of office expires on 5 February 2027.

** Term of office expires on 5 February 2030.

*** Term of office expires on 5 February 2033.

78/404. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 16 November 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,² appointed or reappointed 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 2024: Surendra Kumar Adhana (India), Abdallah Bachar Bong (Chad), Feliksas Bakanauskas (Lithuania), Ali Ben Said (Tunisia), Simon Horner (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Evgeny Kalugin (Russian Federation), Julia Maciel (Paraguay), Caroline Nalwanga (Uganda), Juliana Gaspar Ruas (Brazil) and Stephani Laura Scheer (United States of America).

As a result, as of 1 January 2024, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is composed as follows: Surendra Kumar ADHANA (India),*** Yves Éric AHOUSSOUBEMÉY (Benin),* Amjad Qaid AL KUMAIM (Yemen),* Makiese Kinkela AUGUSTO (Angola),* Abdallah BACHAR BONG (Chad),*** Feliksas BAKANAUSKAS (Lithuania),*** Ali BEN SAID (Tunisia),*** Sharon BRENNEN-HAYLOCK (Bahamas),* Jakub CHMIELEWSKI (Poland),* Udo Klaus FENCHEL (Germany),** Olivio FERMÍN (Dominican Republic),** Simon HORNER (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland),*** Carlo JACOBUCCI (Italy),** Ji Haojun (China),** Evgeny KALUGIN (Russian Federation),*** Julia MACIEL (Paraguay),*** MATSUDA Yukiko (Japan),** Caroline NALWANGA (Uganda),*** Juliana Gaspar RUAS (Brazil),*** Stephani Laura SCHEER (United States of America)*** and Minhong YI (Republic of Korea).**

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2024.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2025.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2026.

78/405. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 16 November 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,³ appointed or reappointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions:

(a) Suzuki Yoriko (Japan) for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2024 and ending on 31 December 2024;

(b) Michael HOLTSCHE (Germany), Vadim LAPUTIN (Russian Federation), Lin Shan (China), Hae-yun Park (Republic of Korea), Henrique da Silveira SARDINHA PINTO (Brazil) and Cihan Terzi (Türkiye) for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2024.

As a result, as of 1 January 2024, the Committee on Contributions is composed as follows: Syed Yawar ALI (Pakistan),* Phologo Kaone BOGATSU (Botswana),* Cheikh Tidiane DÈME (Senegal),** Jasminka DINIĆ (Croatia),* Gordon ECKERSLEY (Australia),** Helena Concepción FELIP SALAZAR (Paraguay),** Bernardo GREIVER DEL HOYO (Uruguay),** Michael HOLTSCHE (Germany),*** Ihor HUMENNYI (Ukraine),* Marcel JULLIER (Switzerland),** Vadim LAPUTIN (Russian Federation),*** LIN Shan (China),*** Joseph MASILA (Kenya),** Hae-yun PARK (Republic of Korea),*** Thomas Anthony REPASCH (United States of America),* Henrique da Silveira SARDINHA PINTO (Brazil),*** SUZUKI Yoriko (Japan)* and Cihan TERZI (Türkiye).***

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2024.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2025.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2026.

² A/78/558, para. 6.

³ A/78/559, para. 7.

78/406. Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 16 November 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:⁴

(a) Confirmed the appointment or reappointment by the Secretary-General of Yasir O. Al-Rumayyan (Saudi Arabia), Sarah Omotunde Alade (Nigeria), Natalia Khanjenkova (Russian Federation), Shan Li (China) and Patricia Parise (Argentina) as regular members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2024;

(b) Confirmed the reappointment by the Secretary-General of Macky Tall (Mali) as an ad hoc member of the Investments Committee for a one-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2024.

As a result, as of 1 January 2024, the Investments Committee is composed as follows: Yasir O. AL-RUMAYYAN (Saudi Arabia, regular member),*** Sarah Omotunde ALADE (Nigeria, regular member),*** Jens FRICKE (Germany, regular member),** HONDA Keiko (Japan, regular member),* Natalia KHANJENKOVA (Russian Federation, regular member),*** Michael KLEIN (United States of America, regular member),** Shan LI (China, regular member),*** Patricia PARISE (Argentina, regular member),*** Luciane RIBEIRO (Brazil, regular member)** and Macky TALL (Mali, ad hoc member).*

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2024.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2025.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2026.

78/407. Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 16 November 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,⁵ appointed the Chair of the Federal Court of Accounts of Brazil as a member of the Board of Auditors for a six-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2024.

As a result, as of 1 July 2024, the Board of Auditors is composed as follows: Chair of the Federal Court of Accounts of BRAZIL,*** Auditor-General of the National Audit Office of CHINA* and First President of the Court of Accounts of FRANCE.**

* Term of office expires on 30 June 2026.

** Term of office expires on 30 June 2028.

*** Term of office expires on 30 June 2030.

78/408. Appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 16 November 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,⁶ appointed or reappointed the following persons as members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2024: Jeanette Franzel (United States of America) and Imran Vanker (South Africa).

As a result, as of 1 January 2024, the Independent Audit Advisory Committee is composed as follows: Dorothy BRADLEY (Belize),* Jeanette FRANZEL (United States of America),** Anton V. KOSYANENKO (Russian Federation),* Suresh Raj SHARMA (Nepal)* and Imran VANKER (South Africa).**

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2025.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2026.

⁴ A/78/560, para. 4.

⁵ A/78/561, para. 4.

⁶ A/78/562, para. 4.

78/409. Election of members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2023, the General Assembly, on the basis of nominations by the Economic and Social Council⁷ 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 ARMENIA, BRAZIL, CAMEROON, COSTA RICA, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, GERMANY, INDIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), ISRAEL, ITALY, JAPAN, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, POLAND, RWANDA, SOUTH AFRICA, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and URUGUAY as members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2024 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ARMENIA, BELARUS, BRAZIL, CAMEROON, COSTA RICA, CUBA, the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ERITREA, ESWATINI, GERMANY, INDIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), ITALY, JAPAN, MALI, MALTA, PAKISTAN, POLAND, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

As a result, as of 1 January 2024, the Committee for Programme and Coordination is composed of the following 33 Member States:⁸ ARGENTINA,** ARMENIA,*** BELGIUM,* BOTSWANA,* BRAZIL,*** CAMEROON,*** CHILE,* CHINA,** COSTA RICA,*** CÔTE D'IVOIRE,*** FRANCE,* GERMANY,*** INDIA,*** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),*** ISRAEL,*** ITALY,*** JAPAN,*** KENYA,* LIBERIA,** MEXICO,*** MOROCCO,** PAKISTAN,*** PARAGUAY,* PHILIPPINES,** POLAND,*** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* RWANDA,*** SOUTH AFRICA,*** TUNISIA,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,*** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA*** and URUGUAY.***

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2024.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2025.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2026.

78/410. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2023, 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 ARGENTINA, BOTSWANA, FRANCE, the PHILIPPINES, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SIERRA LEONE and SRI LANKA as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2024.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 2 of its resolution 43/222 B, took note of the appointment by its President, after consultations with the Chair of the regional group concerned, of BRAZIL and PERU for a term of office beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 2024, and GUATEMALA for a term of office beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 2025.

As a result, as of 1 January 2024, the Committee on Conferences is composed of the following 21 Member States: ARGENTINA,*** AUSTRIA,** BOTSWANA,*** BRAZIL,* CHINA,** CÔTE D'IVOIRE,* DJIBOUTI,** EGYPT,** FRANCE,*** GUATEMALA,** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),* JAPAN,** PERU,* PHILIPPINES,*** POLAND,* PORTUGAL,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,*** SENEGAL,* SIERRA LEONE,*** SRI LANKA*** and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2024.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2025.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2026.

⁷ See A/78/519; see also Economic and Social Council decisions 2023/213 A–C.

⁸ One vacancy for a member from Eastern European States remains to be filled for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2026.

78/411. Election of members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 4 December 2023, the General Assembly, pursuant to its resolutions [60/180](#) of 20 December 2005, [60/261](#) of 8 May 2006 and [63/145](#) of 18 December 2008, elected POLAND and URUGUAY as members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2024 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of BULGARIA and the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

Pursuant to paragraphs 4 (a) to (d) of resolution [60/180](#), 29 States have already been elected and/or selected as members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission: EGYPT, KENYA, QATAR, SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES and SOUTH AFRICA elected by the Assembly;⁹ ALGERIA, CHINA, FRANCE, GUYANA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA selected by the Security Council;¹⁰ BRAZIL, CROATIA, DENMARK, ITALY, NIGERIA, PERU and REPUBLIC OF KOREA elected by the Economic and Social Council;¹¹ CANADA, GERMANY, JAPAN, NORWAY and SWEDEN 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;¹² and BANGLADESH, ETHIOPIA, INDIA, NEPAL and RWANDA selected by and from among the top 10 providers of military personnel and civilian police to United Nations missions.¹³

As a result, on 1 January 2024, the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission is composed of the following 31 Member States: ALGERIA,** BANGLADESH,** BRAZIL,**** CANADA,** CHINA,* CROATIA,**** DENMARK,**** EGYPT,** ETHIOPIA,** FRANCE,* GERMANY,** GUYANA,** INDIA,** ITALY,**** JAPAN,** KENYA,** NEPAL,** NIGERIA,**** NORWAY,** PERU,**** POLAND,*** QATAR,** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,**** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* RWANDA,** SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES,** SOUTH AFRICA,** SWEDEN,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA* and URUGUAY.***

* Permanent members of the Security Council.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2024.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2025.

**** Term of office expires on 31 December 2024 or when they cease to be members of the Economic and Social Council, whichever comes earlier.

⁹ See decision [77/416](#).

¹⁰ See [S/2024/83](#).

¹¹ See Economic and Social Council decisions [2022/206 C and D](#) and [2023/208](#).

¹² See [A/77/652](#).

¹³ See [A/77/650](#).

B. Other decisions

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

78/501. General debate of the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,¹⁴ and taking note that, pursuant to resolution 57/301 of 13 March 2003, the general debate would begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 19 September 2023, and would continue on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 20–22 September, and on Tuesday, 26 September, decided that the general debate would continue on Saturday, 23 September 2023, in order to maximize the number of speakers during that week.

78/502. Rights of reply to addresses by Heads of State

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 2023, the General Assembly took note of the information provided in paragraph 53 of the report of the General Committee¹⁵ concerning rights of reply to addresses by Heads of State.

78/503. Organization of the seventy-eighth session

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,¹⁶ adopted a number of provisions concerning the organization of the seventy-eighth session.

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 10 November 2023, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, decided to postpone the date of recess of the seventy-eighth session of the Assembly from Monday, 4 December 2023, to Friday, 15 December 2023.

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 Friday, 15 December 2023.

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 8 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, decided to further postpone the date of recess of the seventy-eighth session of the Assembly from Friday, 15 December 2023, to Tuesday, 19 December 2023.

78/504. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,¹⁷ adopted the agenda¹⁸ and the allocation of agenda items¹⁹ for the seventy-eighth session.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,²⁰ decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-eighth 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.

¹⁴ [A/78/250](#), para. 37.

¹⁵ [A/78/250](#).

¹⁶ [A/78/250](#).

¹⁷ [A/78/250](#).

¹⁸ [A/78/251](#).

¹⁹ [A/78/252](#).

²⁰ [A/78/250](#), para. 93.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,²¹ 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-ninth session.

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2023, the General Assembly decided to consider directly in plenary meeting sub-item (b) entitled “Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries” of agenda item 20 entitled “Groups of countries in special situations”, under heading A (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences), and to proceed expeditiously with the consideration of a draft decision.²²

At its 50th (resumed) plenary meeting, on 22 December 2023, the General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 107 entitled “Crime prevention and criminal justice”, under heading H (Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations), to consider it directly in plenary meeting and to proceed expeditiously with the consideration of a draft resolution.²³

78/505. Meetings of subsidiary organs and entities during the main part of the seventy-eighth session

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 2023, the General Assembly decided to authorize those entities listed in the letter dated 5 September 2023 from the Chair of the Committee on Conferences,²⁴ namely the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Panel of External Auditors and Board of Auditors, the Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children’s Fund, the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction, the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Committee on Conferences to meet during the main part of the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly, on the strict understanding that all such meetings would be allocated conference services in such a way as to ensure that the work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees is not impeded.

78/506. Report of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

At its 19th plenary meeting, on 18 October 2023, the General Assembly took note of the eleventh annual report of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.²⁵

78/507. Report of the International Court of Justice

At its 28th plenary meeting, on 7 November 2023, the General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.²⁶

78/508. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 33rd plenary meeting, on 14 November 2023, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Economic and Social Council.²⁷

²¹ *Ibid.*, para. 94.

²² [A/78/L.23](#).

²³ [A/78/L.33](#).

²⁴ [A/78/332](#).

²⁵ [A/78/257-S/2023/566](#).

²⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-eighth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/78/4)*.

²⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/78/3)*.

78/528. Participation of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector in the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President,²⁸ recalling paragraph 51 (c) of its resolution [77/246](#) of 30 December 2022 on follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, decided to approve the participation of the non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector as listed in the annex to the present decision in the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries and its preparatory process, to be held pursuant to resolutions [77/246](#), and [77/329](#) of 25 August 2023.

Annex

Association pour la Conservation et la Protection des Ecosystèmes des Lacs et l’Agriculture Durable
ASSOCIATION POUR LA COOPERATION INTERNATIONALE AU DEVELOPPEMENT (ACID)
Chako Zanzibar
Child’s Destiny and Development Organization (CHIDDO)
Communauté des Personnes Engagées pour Promouvoir l’Entrepreneuriat et le Développement durable (CPEPED)
DUKINGIRE ISI YACU
Glocal Pvt. Ltd.
GSDM, Professionnels de l’Agroécologie
Human Health Aid Burundi
International Young Catholic Students (IYCS Africa)
ISHAKA 2250
KIWONNONGO FOUNDATION INC
Let There Be Light International
Microsoft
MKAAJI MPYA asbl
Organisation des Visionnaires Dévoués pour un Développement de Haute Modernisation (OVDDHMO)
Pay No Bribe Animators (PaNBA)
PVBLIC Foundation, Inc.
Shamba Centre for Food & Climate
Société SOMMAC
Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI)
The national institute for Sustainable development
ThinkBikes
Veille Citoyenne Togo
Worthy General Supplies Limited
Young African Leaders Initiative YALI RDC
Youths Enterprise Development and Innovation Society

78/543. Agenda items remaining for consideration by the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session

At its 50th (resumed) plenary meeting, on 22 December 2023, the General Assembly, apart from organizational matters and items that might have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, took note of the following agenda items that remained for consideration during its seventy-eighth session:

- Item 9. Report of the Economic and Social Council
- Item 10. Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations 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

²⁸ [A/78/L.23](#).

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- Item 13. 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 14. Culture of peace
- Item 18. 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
 - (c) Disaster risk reduction
 - (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind
 - (i) Combating sand and dust storms
- Item 20. Groups of countries in special situations:
 - (b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries
- Item 25. Advancement of women:
 - (a) Advancement of women
- Item 26. Report of the Security Council
- Item 27. Report of the Peacebuilding Commission
- Item 28. Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion
- Item 29. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies
- Item 30. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict
- Item 31. 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 32. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development
- Item 33. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic
- Item 34. The situation in the Middle East
- Item 35. Question of Palestine
- Item 36. The situation in Afghanistan
- Item 37. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte
- Item 39. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development
- Item 40. Question of Cyprus
- Item 41. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Item 42. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
- Item 43. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti

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- Item 44. 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 45. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait
- Item 51. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects
- Item 58. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
- Item 61. Peacebuilding and sustaining peace
- Item 62. The situation in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine
- Item 63. Use of the veto
- Item 64. Zone of peace, trust and cooperation of Central Asia
- Item 65. 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 68. 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 69. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
- Item 72. 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 73. Report of the International Court of Justice
- Item 75. Oceans and the law of the sea:
 - (a) Oceans and the law of the sea
 - (c) Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction
- Item 80. Crimes against humanity
- 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 99. General and complete disarmament
- Item 110. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization
- 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 non-permanent members of the Security Council
 - (b) Election of members of the Economic and Social Council

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- Item 114. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:
- (a) Election of members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination
 - (d) 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
- Item 116. Admission of new Members to the United Nations
- Item 117. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit
- Item 118. Commemoration of the abolition of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade
- Item 119. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations
- Item 120. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly
- Item 121. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council
- Item 122. Strengthening of the United Nations system
- Item 123. United Nations reform: measures and proposals
- Item 124. Multilingualism
- Item 125. Global health and foreign policy
- Item 127. Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him
- Item 128. Sexual exploitation and abuse: implementing a zero-tolerance policy
- Item 129. The responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity
- Item 130. Report of the United Nations Youth Office
- Item 131. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors:
- (a) United Nations
 - (b) United Nations peacekeeping operations
 - (c) International Trade Centre
 - (d) United Nations University
 - (e) United Nations Development Programme
 - (f) United Nations Capital Development Fund
 - (g) United Nations Children's Fund
 - (h) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
 - (i) United Nations Institute for Training and Research
 - (j) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
 - (k) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme
 - (l) United Nations Population Fund
 - (m) United Nations Human Settlements Programme
 - (n) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

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- (o) United Nations Office for Project Services
 - (p) United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)
 - (q) International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
 - (r) United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund
- Item 132. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations
- Item 133. Programme budget for 2023
- Item 134. Programme budget for 2024
- Item 135. Programme planning
- Item 136. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations
- Item 137. Pattern of conferences
- Item 138. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations
- Item 139. Human resources management
- Item 140. Report on the activities of the Ethics Office
- Item 141. Joint Inspection Unit
- Item 142. United Nations common system
- Item 143. Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services
- Item 144. Administration of justice at the United Nations
- Item 145. Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
- Item 146. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
- Item 147. Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei.
- Item 148. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic
- Item 149. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire
- Item 150. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus
- Item 151. Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Item 152. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor
- Item 153. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
- Item 154. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia
- Item 155. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali
- Item 156. 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 157. Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan
- Item 158. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara
- Item 159. Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur
- Item 160. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution [1863 \(2009\)](#)

2. Decisions adopted on the reports of the First Committee

78/509. Reduction of military budgets

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 4 December 2023, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.²⁹

78/510. Provisional programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2024

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 4 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,³⁰ approved the provisional programme of work and timetable of the Committee for 2024, as set out in the annex to the report of the Committee.³¹

78/511. Programme planning (First Committee)

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 4 December 2023, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.³²

78/541. Open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025 established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240

At its 50th (resumed) plenary meeting, on 22 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,³³ recalling its resolutions [75/240](#) of 31 December 2020 and [76/19](#) of 6 December 2021, noting that the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies established pursuant to resolution [75/240](#) had held its organizational session and its first substantive session in 2021, its second and third substantive sessions in 2022, and its fourth and fifth substantive sessions in 2023, and recalling that, at its fifth substantive session on 28 July 2023, the open-ended working group had considered its second annual progress report, had decided to include in its report the outcome of the substantive discussions of the working group as contained in the annex to document [A/78/265](#) and had subsequently issued a compendium of statements in explanation of position on the adoption of the second annual progress report as document [A/AC.292/2023/INF/5](#):

(a) Decided to endorse the second annual progress report and convene additional intersessional meetings of up to ten days across 2024 and 2025, to advance discussions, build on the annual progress reports, and support the continued work of the open-ended working group in accordance with its mandate pursuant to resolution [75/240](#), recognizing that States had emphasized that the open-ended working group itself served as a confidence-building measure;

(b) Further decided to request the Secretary-General to implement the functions of directory manager beginning in 2024 as elaborated in Annex A of [A/78/265](#);

(c) Also decided to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-ninth session the item entitled “Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security”.

²⁹ [A/78/400](#).

³⁰ [A/78/416](#), para. 5.

³¹ [A/78/416](#).

³² [A/78/575](#).

³³ [A/78/404](#), para. 15.

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

78/512. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2023, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).³⁴

78/513. Question of Gibraltar

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),³⁵ recalling its decision 77/533 of 12 December 2022:

(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 were 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;

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

(c) 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;

(d) Welcomed the efforts made by all to resolve problems and advance in a spirit of trust and solidarity, in order to find common solutions and move forward in areas of mutual interest towards a relationship based on dialogue and cooperation.

78/514. Proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),³⁶ approved the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Fourth Committee for the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly, as set out in the report of the Committee.³⁷

78/515. Programme planning (Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee))

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2023, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).³⁸

4. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee

78/529. Globalization and interdependence

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2023, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.³⁹

³⁴ [A/78/422](#).

³⁵ [A/78/429](#), para. 34.

³⁶ [A/78/430](#), para. 6.

³⁷ [A/78/430](#).

³⁸ [A/78/431](#).

³⁹ [A/78/462](#).

78/530. Groups of countries in special situations

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2023, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.⁴⁰

78/531. Eradication of poverty and other development issues

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2023, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.⁴¹

78/532. Operational activities for development

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2023, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.⁴²

78/533. Agriculture development, food security and nutrition

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2023, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.⁴³

78/534. Revitalization of the work of the Second Committee

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,⁴⁴ recalling its resolution [77/335](#) of 1 September 2023, in particular the provisions relating to working methods, as well as its decisions [74/537 B](#) of 11 August 2020, [75/548 B](#) of 29 July 2021 and [77/538 B](#) of 24 July 2023, requested the Bureau of the Second Committee to convene up to two informal dialogues of the Committee in the first months of 2024 to discuss the working methods of the Committee and to update the conference room paper on the working methods of the Second Committee following those discussions.

78/535. Draft programme of work of the Second Committee for the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee:⁴⁵

(a) Approved the draft programme of work of the Second Committee for the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly as set out below;

(b) Invited the Bureau of the Second Committee at the seventy-ninth session, in preparing the draft programme of work and timetable of the Committee for the seventy-ninth session, to take into account the provisional programme of work and timetable of the Committee as contained in document [A/C.2/78/CRP.1](#).

Draft programme of work⁴⁶

1. Information and communications technologies for sustainable development.
2. Macroeconomic policy questions:
 - (a) International trade and development;

⁴⁰ [A/78/463](#).

⁴¹ [A/78/464](#).

⁴² [A/78/465](#).

⁴³ [A/78/466](#).

⁴⁴ [A/78/468](#), para. 7.

⁴⁵ [A/78/468](#), para. 7.

⁴⁶ The final list of items and sub-items to be considered will be based on the resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly.

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- (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;
 - (e) Promoting investments for sustainable development;
 - (f) Promotion of inclusive and effective international cooperation on tax matters at the United Nations.
3. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development.
 4. Sustainable development:
 - (a) Towards the achievement of sustainable development: implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through sustainable consumption and production, building on Agenda 21;
 - (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;
 - (k) Promoting the social and solidarity economy for sustainable development.
 5. Follow-up to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).
 6. Globalization and interdependence:
 - (a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;
 - (b) International migration and development.
 7. Groups of countries in special situations:
 - (a) Follow-up to the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;
 - (b) Follow-up to the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries.
 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;
 - (c) Women in development;
 - (d) Human resources development;
 - (e) Eradicating rural poverty to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

9. Operational activities for development:
 - (a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;
 - (b) South-South cooperation for development.
10. Agriculture development, food security and nutrition.
11. Towards global partnerships.
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.
13. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.
14. Programme planning.

78/536. Programme planning (Second Committee)

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2023, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.⁴⁷

5. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Third Committee

78/537. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2023, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.⁴⁸

78/538. Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2023, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.⁴⁹

78/539. Draft programme of work of the Third Committee for the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,⁵⁰ approved, subject to any subsequent decision by the Assembly, the draft programme of work of the Third Committee for the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly, as set out below. The Assembly invited the Bureau of the Third Committee at the seventy-ninth session, in preparing the draft programme of work and timetable of the Committee for the seventy-ninth session, to take into account the draft provisional programme of work and timetable of the Committee, as contained in document A/C.3/78/CRP.2.

Draft programme of work

- 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;

⁴⁷ [A/78/469](#).

⁴⁸ [A/78/481/Add.4](#).

⁴⁹ [A/78/483](#).

⁵⁰ [A/78/484](#), para. 7.

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- (b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, persons with disabilities and the family;
 - (c) Literacy for life: shaping future agendas.
- Item 2. Crime prevention and criminal justice.
- Item 3. Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes.
- Item 4. International drug control.
- Item 5. Advancement of women.
- Item 6. 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.
- Item 7. 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 8. 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 9. 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 10. Right of peoples to self-determination.
- Item 11. Report of the Human Rights Council.
- Item 12. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions.
- Item 13. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.
- Item 14. Programme planning.

78/540. Programme planning (Third Committee)

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2023, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.⁵¹

⁵¹ [A/78/485](#).

6. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee

78/542. Questions deferred for future consideration

At its 50th (resumed) plenary meeting, on 22 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,⁵² decided to defer until the main part of its seventy-ninth session consideration of the following documents:

Item 134

Proposed programme budget for 2024

Estimates in respect of special political missions

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of arrangements for funding and backstopping special political missions⁵³

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁵⁴

7. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Sixth Committee

78/516. Protection of persons in the event of disasters

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2023, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Sixth Committee.⁵⁵

78/517. Provisional programme of work of the Sixth Committee for the seventy-ninth session

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,⁵⁶ noted that the Committee had decided to adopt the following provisional programme of work for the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly, as proposed by the Bureau:

Provisional programme of work⁵⁷

2 October	Organization of work of the Sixth Committee
	Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly
2 and 3 October	Measures to eliminate international terrorism
4 October	Programme planning
	Protection of persons in the event of disasters
10 October	Crimes against humanity
14 October	Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifty-seventh session
14 and 15 October	Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission

⁵² [A/78/664](#), para. 13.

⁵³ [A/66/340](#).

⁵⁴ [A/66/7/Add.21](#).

⁵⁵ [A/78/441](#).

⁵⁶ [A/78/444](#), para. 6.

⁵⁷ Indicating provisional dates in 2024 for debates under the respective items without prejudice to the allocation of additional meetings for working groups established and Secretariat briefings convened by the Sixth Committee. In accordance with General Assembly resolution [69/250](#), no plenary meetings of the Committee are scheduled for 11 October 2024 (Yom Kippur) and 31 October 2024 (Diwali).

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15 October	Administration of justice at the United Nations Request(s) for observer status ⁵⁸
15 to 17 October	The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction
17 and 18 October	The rule of law at the national and international levels
21 to 25 and 29 and 30 October	Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventy-fifth session
1 November	United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives
4 November	Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization
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8 November	Request(s) for observer status ⁵⁹ Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (continued)
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78/518. Programme planning (Sixth Committee)

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2023, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Sixth Committee.⁶⁰

78/519. Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,⁶¹ decided to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the Assembly⁶² until the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly.

78/520. Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,⁶³ decided to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the Assembly⁶⁴ until the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly.

⁵⁸ Request(s) for observer status included, for the first time, in the agenda of the seventy-ninth session.

⁵⁹ Request(s) for observer status deferred from previous sessions.

⁶⁰ [A/78/445](#).

⁶¹ [A/78/448](#), para. 7.

⁶² See [A/66/141](#).

⁶³ [A/78/449](#), para. 7.

⁶⁴ See [A/70/141](#).

78/521. Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,⁶⁵ decided to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Community of Democracies in the Assembly⁶⁶ until the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly.

78/522. Observer status for the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands Secretariat in the General Assembly

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,⁶⁷ decided to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands Secretariat in the Assembly⁶⁸ until the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly.

78/523. Observer status for the Global Environment Facility in the General Assembly

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,⁶⁹ decided to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Global Environment Facility in the Assembly⁷⁰ until the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly.

78/524. Observer status for the International Organization of Employers in the General Assembly

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,⁷¹ decided to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the International Organization of Employers in the Assembly⁷² until the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly.

78/525. Observer status for the International Trade Union Confederation in the General Assembly

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,⁷³ decided to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the International Trade Union Confederation in the Assembly⁷⁴ until the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly.

78/526. Observer status for the Boao Forum for Asia in the General Assembly

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,⁷⁵ decided to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Boao Forum for Asia in the Assembly⁷⁶ until the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly.

⁶⁵ [A/78/450](#), para. 7.

⁶⁶ See [A/70/142](#).

⁶⁷ [A/78/451](#), para. 7.

⁶⁸ See [A/72/194](#).

⁶⁹ [A/78/452](#), para. 7.

⁷⁰ See [A/72/195](#).

⁷¹ [A/78/453](#), para. 7.

⁷² See [A/74/291](#).

⁷³ [A/78/454](#), para. 7.

⁷⁴ See [A/74/292](#).

⁷⁵ [A/78/455](#), para. 7.

⁷⁶ See [A/74/293](#).

78/527. Observer status for the International Parliamentarians' Congress in the General Assembly

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,⁷⁷ decided to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the International Parliamentarians' Congress in the General Assembly⁷⁸ until the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly.

⁷⁷ [A/78/456](#), para. 8.

⁷⁸ See [A/78/141](#).

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