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OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA  
AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS

Memorandum by the Secretary-General

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to place before the General Committee, for its consideration, the following observations and proposals in connexion with the report to be made to the plenary meeting by the General Committee regarding the organization of the twenty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items.

## II. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

### Schedule of meetings

2. It is suggested that both plenary and committee meetings should begin promptly at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Thus, two and a half hours would be available in the morning and three in the afternoon.

3. It is proposed that a five-day working week should be established, on the understanding that meetings on Saturdays, as well as night meetings, may be scheduled should this prove necessary.

### General debate

4. In view of the considerable number of items already inscribed on the draft agenda, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the procedure approved at the twenty-fourth session concerning the general debate, particularly in connexion with the list of speakers and the exercise of the right of reply,<sup>1/</sup> In addition, experience has shown that it may be desirable for delegations to exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day.

5. Regarding the schedule of meetings, the Secretary-General wishes to suggest that the general debate should start on Monday, 27 September 1971, so that the first week of the session may be devoted to organizational meetings of the plenary and the Main Committees. The general debate would, as usual, last approximately fifteen working days. To facilitate the planning of work, the

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<sup>1/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 8, document A/7700, paragraph 17.

Secretary-General also wishes to suggest that the list of speakers in the general debate should be closed on Friday, 1 October.

#### Closing date of the session

6. In accordance with the provisions of rule 2 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General wishes to suggest that, following the practice of the General Assembly to meet for a period of thirteen weeks, the General Committee propose to the Assembly that the closing date of the twenty-sixth session should be Tuesday, 21 December 1971.

#### Verbatim records of the Main Committees

7. The Secretary-General wishes to draw to the General Committee's attention the fact that in previous years, in accordance with a recommendation made by the Fifth Committee at the second session, verbatim records have been authorized "for one Main Committee at a time, the Committee which, in the opinion of the General Committee, has the most important items on its agenda".<sup>2/</sup> The Secretary-General suggests that the First Committee be provided with verbatim services. As previously, the verbatim records would be the official records of the First Committee and the summary records would remain the official records of all other Main Committees. In this connexion, the General Committee should also make a recommendation to the General Assembly as to whether the option that has traditionally been approved for the Special Political Committee to obtain, on specific request, transcriptions of the debates of some of its meetings, or portions thereof, should be maintained for the twenty-sixth session.

#### Seating arrangements

8. In accordance with the established practice, the Secretary-General has caused lots to be drawn for the purpose of choosing the Member to occupy the first desk on the Assembly floor from which the alphabetical seating order will begin. Sweden was the name drawn and, consequently, the delegation of that

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<sup>2/</sup> Ibid., Second Session, Plenary Meetings, vol. II, annex 6(b), document A/498, p. 1501.

country will sit at the first desk at the right of the President and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be followed by the Main Committees.

#### Use of the General Assembly Hall by Main Committees

9. In addition to the General Assembly Hall, only five conference rooms (Conference Rooms 1 to 4 and the Trusteeship Council Chamber) can accommodate the membership of the Organization, making it possible to hold six meetings simultaneously. All the Main Committees should, therefore, make full use of the General Assembly Hall when no plenary meeting is being held.

#### Mechanical means of voting

10. Under resolution 2519 (XXIV) of 4 December 1969, the General Assembly authorized the Secretariat to develop, on an experimental basis, its own voting equipment. The system, which is now operational, has been installed in Conference Room 3. The Secretary-General, therefore, wishes to suggest that the Main Committees make full use, on a rotating basis, of the mechanical means of voting available in both the General Assembly Hall and Conference Room 3.

### III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

11. All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the twenty-sixth session have been communicated to Member States in the following documents:

(a) Provisional agenda of the twenty-sixth session (A/8400/Rev.1);

(b) Supplementary list of items proposed for inclusion in the agenda of the twenty-sixth session (A/8450);

(c) Request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the twenty-sixth session: letter dated 6 September 1971 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (A/8491).

The items proposed for inclusion are listed in the draft agenda, which appears in paragraph 15 below.

12. In connexion with item 12 of the draft agenda (Report of the Economic and Social Council), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to a number of reports which the General Assembly specifically requested or which the Economic and Social Council decided to transmit to the Assembly. These reports, which will be considered under agenda item 12, deal with the following questions:

(a) Outflow of trained professional and technical personnel at all levels from the developing to the developed countries, its causes, its consequences and practical remedies for the problems resulting from it /resolution 2417 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968 and decision of 11 December 1970<sup>7</sup>;

(b) Public administration in the Second United Nations Development Decade /resolution 2561 (XXIV) of 13 December 1969<sup>7</sup>;

(c) Application of science and technology to development:

(i) World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development /resolution 2318 (XXII) of 15 December 1967<sup>7</sup>;

(ii) International co-operation with a view to the use of computers and computation techniques for development /resolution 2458 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 and decision of 11 December 1970<sup>7</sup>;

(iii) Increase in the production and use of edible protein /resolution 2684 (XXV) of 11 December 1970<sup>7</sup>;

(d) Allegations regarding infringements of trade-union rights /Economic and Social Council resolution 1599 (L)<sup>7</sup>.

Moreover, the General Assembly will be required to review:

(a) The World Food Programme, as provided for in Assembly resolution 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965;

(b) The arrangements made by the Economic and Social Council in pursuance of paragraphs 3 and 4 of Assembly resolution 2579 (XXIV) of 15 December 1969 regarding the final report of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

13. With regard to item 84 (Audit report on the consolidated status of funds of the United Nations Development Programme Account), the Secretary-General feels that the audit report in question, dealing with the allocations to and expenditures by the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency in their

function as participating organizations in the United Nations Development Programme, could more appropriately be considered by the Governing Council of the Programme rather than by the General Assembly as heretofore. This matter was discussed during the twenty-fifth session at the 1419th meeting of the Fifth Committee, on 12 December 1970. Accordingly, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that these accounts and the related report of the Board of Auditors should from now on be referred to the Governing Council for its consideration and appropriate action and that the item should be deleted from the agenda of the General Assembly.

14. In connexion with item 90 (United Nations International School), it is the opinion of the Secretary-General that it is no longer necessary to include this matter as a separate item in the agenda of the General Assembly. Appropriate opportunity for the presentation of relevant information by the Secretary-General to the Assembly exists under item 79 (Budget estimates for the financial year 1972). It is accordingly proposed that the question be discussed in connexion with the budget estimates and that the General Committee should recommend to the Assembly the deletion of item 90.

15. Subject to the General Committee's recommendations regarding paragraphs 12 to 14 above, the draft agenda of the twenty-sixth session would consist of the following items:<sup>3/</sup>

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3/ Abbreviations used in the present document:

- (P. ): an item on the provisional agenda (A/8400/Rev.1),
- (S. ): an item on the supplementary list (A/8450),
- (A. ): an additional item.

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Norway (P.1).
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).
3. Credentials of representatives to the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly (P.3):
  - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President (P.4).
5. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers (P.5).
6. Election of the Vice-Presidents (P.6).
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (P.7).
8. Adoption of the agenda (P.8).
9. General debate (P.9).
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (P.10).
11. Report of the Security Council (P.11).
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (P.12).<sup>4/</sup>
13. Report of the Trusteeship Council (P.13).
14. Report of the International Court of Justice (P.14).
15. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.15).
16. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council (P.16).
17. Election of nine members of the Economic and Social Council (P.17).
18. Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (P.18).
19. Election of 15 members of the Industrial Development Board (P.19).
20. Election of the members of the International Law Commission (P.20).
21. Appointment of the members of the Peace Observation Commission (P.21).

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<sup>4/</sup> See para. 12 above.

22. The situation in the Middle East (P.22)..
23. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.23).
24. Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy: report of the Secretary-General (P.24).
25. Celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations: report of the Committee for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations (P.25).
26. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (P.26).
27. Installation of mechanical means of voting: report of the Secretary-General (P.27).
28. Rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly: report of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly (P.28).
29. General and complete disarmament (P.29):
  - (a) Report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament;
  - (b) Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency.
30. Question of chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (P.30).
31. Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (P.31).
32. Implementation of the results of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States: report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.32).
33. Establishment, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of an international service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control: report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.33).
34. Status of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2666 (XXV) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the Secretary-General (P.34).

35. Economic and social consequences of the armaments race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security: report of the Secretary-General (P.35).
36. International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (P.36).
37. Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the Secretary-General (P.37).
38. Reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor and the subsoil thereof, underlying the high seas beyond the limits of present national jurisdiction and use of their resources in the interests of mankind, and convening of a conference on the law of the sea: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction (P.38).
39. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (P.39).
40. The policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa (P.40):
  - (a) Report of the Special Committee on Apartheid;
  - (b) Reports of the Secretary-General.
41. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (P.41):
  - (a) Report of the Commissioner-General;
  - (b) Report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;
  - (c) Report of the Secretary-General.
42. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations (P.42).
43. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories (P.43).
44. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (P.44):
  - (a) Report of the Trade and Development Board;
  - (b) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the Conference.

45. United Nations Industrial Development Organization (P.45):
  - (a) Report of the Industrial Development Board;
  - (b) Report of the Special International Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.
46. United Nations Institute for Training and Research: report of the Executive Director (P.46).
47. Operational activities for development: reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (P.47):
  - (a) United Nations Development Programme;
  - (b) United Nations Capital Development Fund;
  - (c) Technical co-operation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General;
  - (d) United Nations Volunteers programme;
  - (e) Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.
48. Review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade: report of the Secretary-General (P.48).
49. Identification of the least developed among the developing countries: report of the Secretary-General (P.49).
50. United Nations Conference on the Human Environment: report of the Secretary-General (P.50).
51. Question of the establishment of an international university: report of the Secretary-General (P.51).
52. Respect for human rights in armed conflicts (P.52):
  - (a) Report of the Secretary-General;
  - (b) Protection of journalists engaged in dangerous missions in areas of armed conflict: report of the Secretary-General.
53. Human rights and scientific and technological developments: report of the Secretary-General (P.53).

54. Freedom of information (P.54):
  - (a) Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information;
  - (b) Draft Convention on Freedom of Information.
55. Question of the elderly and the aged (P.55).
56. World social situation: report of the Secretary-General (P.56).
57. Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination (P.57):
  - (a) International Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (b) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;
  - (c) Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General.
58. Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights (P.58).
59. Question of the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity: report of the Secretary-General (P.59).
60. Measures to be taken against nazism and other totalitarian ideologies and practices based on incitement to hatred and racial intolerance (P.60).
61. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (P.61).
62. Assistance in cases of natural disaster: report of the Secretary-General (P.62).
63. Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (P.63):
  - (a) Draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance;
  - (b) Draft International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.
64. Creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: report of the Secretary-General (P.64).
65. Town twinning as a means of international co-operation (P.65).

66. Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights: report of the Secretary-General (P.66).
67. Criminality and social change (P.67).
68. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations (P.68):
  - (a) Report of the Secretary-General;
  - (b) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.
69. Question of Namibia (P.69):
  - (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
  - (b) Report of the United Nations Council for Namibia;
  - (c) United Nations Fund for Namibia: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (d) Appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia.
70. Question of Territories under Portuguese administration (P.70):
  - (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
  - (b) Report of the Secretary-General.
71. Question of Southern Rhodesia: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.71).
72. Question of Oman: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.72).

73. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.73).
74. 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 (P.74):
  - (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
  - (b) Report of the Secretary-General.
75. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa: report of the Secretary-General (P.75).
76. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General (P.76).
77. Financial reports and accounts for the year ended 31 December 1970 and reports of the Board of Auditors (P.77):
  - (a) United Nations;
  - (b) United Nations Development Programme;
  - (c) United Nations Children's Fund;
  - (d) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;
  - (e) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;
  - (f) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
78. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1971 (P.78).
79. Budget estimates for the financial year 1972 (P.79).
80. Planning estimate for the financial year 1973 (P.80).

81. Pattern of conferences (P.81):
  - (a) Report of the Secretary-General;
  - (b) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit.
82. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly (P.82):
  - (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
  - (b) Committee on Contributions;
  - (c) Board of Auditors;
  - (d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointments made by the Secretary-General;
  - (e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal.
83. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (P.83).
84. Audit report on the consolidated status of funds of the United Nations Development Programme Account (P.84). 5/
85. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency: reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (P.85).
86. Implementation of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies: report of the Secretary-General (P.86).
87. Publications and documentation of the United Nations (P.87).
  - (a) Report of the Secretary-General;
  - (b) Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit;
  - (c) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

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5/ See para. 13.

88. Personnel questions (P.88):
- (a) Composition of the Secretariat: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (b) Other personnel questions.
89. Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (P.89).
90. United Nations International School: report of the Secretary-General (P.90).<sup>6/</sup>
91. Status of the work of the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations: report of the Secretary-General (P.91).
92. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fourth session (P.92).
93. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twenty-third session (P.93).
94. Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression (P.94).
95. Declaration on Universal Participation in the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (P.95).
96. Question of issuing special invitations to States which are not Members of the United Nations or members of any of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency or parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice to become parties to the Convention on Special Missions (P.96).
97. Review of the role of the International Court of Justice (P.97).
98. Amendment to Article 22 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice (Seat of the Court) and consequential amendments to Articles 23 and 28 (P.98).
99. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Secretary-General (P.99).
100. Preparation of an international treaty concerning the Moon (P.100).
101. Restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations (P.101).
102. Proclamation of United Nations Day as an international holiday (P.102).

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<sup>6/</sup> See para. 14.

103. Scientific work on peace research (P.103).
104. The colonial case of Puerto Rico (S.1).
105. The representation of China in the United Nations (S.2).
106. Withdrawal of United States and all other foreign forces occupying South Korea under the flag of the United Nations (S.3).
107. Dissolution of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea (S.4).
108. Question of Korea: report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea (S.5).
109. World Disarmament Conference (A.1).

#### IV. ALLOCATION OF ITEMS

16. The allocation of items proposed in paragraph 23 below follows, in the main, the pattern adopted by the General Assembly for those items in previous years.

17. The following items of the draft agenda have not been considered previously by the General Assembly:

100. Preparation of an international treaty concerning the Moon (P.100).

102. Proclamation of United Nations Day as an international holiday (P.102).

103. Scientific work on peace research (P.103).

104. The colonial case of Puerto Rico (S.1).

105. The representation of China in the United Nations (S.2).

109. World Disarmament Conference (A.1).

The Member States which requested the inclusion of these items have suggested that they should be allocated as follows:

Item 100 . . . . . First Committee

Item 102 . . . . . Plenary meetings

Item 103 . . . . . Plenary meetings

Item 104 . . . . . Fourth Committee

Item 105 . . . . . Plenary meetings

Item 109 . . . . . First Committee

18. In connexion with item 12 of the draft agenda (Report of the Economic and Social Council), the Secretary-General proposes that, as in previous years, the various parts of the report should be assigned to the Main Committees in accordance with their respective fields of competence or to plenary meetings. Bearing that consideration in mind, the Secretary-General wishes to recommend the following allocation for the various parts of the main report<sup>7/</sup> on the understanding that the sections of the addendum to the report<sup>8/</sup> would be allocated according to their subject matter:

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<sup>7/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8403).

<sup>8/</sup> Ibid., Supplement No. 3A (A/8403/Add.1) /to be issued<sup>7/</sup>.

Chapters I and II . . . . .	Plenary meetings
Chapters III to VII . . . . .	Second Committee
Chapter VIII	
Sections A to E. . . . .	Second Committee
Section F. . . . .	Third Committee
Chapters IX to XIV. . . . .	Second Committee
Chapters XV and XVI . . . . .	Third Committee
Chapter XVII	
Sections A and B . . . . .	Third Committee
Section C. . . . .	Special Political Committee
Sections D to M. . . . .	Third Committee
Chapter XVIII	
Sections A to C. . . . .	Third Committee
Section D. . . . .	Special Political Committee
Chapter XIX . . . . .	Third Committee
Chapter XX. . . . .	Fourth Committee
Chapters XXI and XXII	
(a) Substantive aspects . . . . .	Second and Third Committees
(b) Administrative and budgetary aspects. . . . .	Fifth Committee
Chapters XXIII and XXIV . . . . .	Plenary meetings

In addition, the General Committee may wish to bear in mind that:

- (a) Chapter III (General discussion of international economic and social policy) might be of concern to the Third Committee;
- (b) Chapter IV (Measures to improve the organization of the work of the Council) might be of interest to the Third and Fifth Committees;
- (c) Chapter V (Review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade) might be of interest to the Third Committee;
- (d) Chapter VII, section B (The sea), might be of interest to the First Committee;

(e) Chapter XIII, section A (Reports of the regional economic commissions and of the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut), might be of concern to the Fifth Committee, and portions thereof, relating to the question of representation of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Mozambique in the Economic Commission for Africa, would need to be considered by the Fourth Committee;

(f) Chapter XVII, section C (Policies of apartheid and racial discrimination), might be of concern to the Fifth Committee;

(g) Chapter XIX (Assistance in cases of natural disaster) might be of concern to the Fifth Committee;

(h) Chapter XXIV, section B (Calendar of conferences), might be of concern to the Fifth Committee.

19. With regard to item 23 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples), the General Committee may wish to consider referring to the Fourth Committee, as was done at previous sessions, all the chapters of the report of the Special Committee relating to specific territories. This would again enable the General Assembly to deal in plenary meetings with the question of the implementation of the Declaration in general.

20. In connexion with item 28 (Rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly), the General Committee may wish to recommend that the section of the report of the Special Committee<sup>9/</sup> dealing with documentation (section IX) should be allocated to the Fifth Committee and that the part of the report relating to amendments to the rules of procedure (section XII, annex I) should be referred to the Sixth Committee.

21. With regard to item 29 (General and complete disarmament), item 32 (Implementation of the results of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States) and item 33 (Establishment, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of an international service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control), the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency has drawn attention to the fact that some portions of the annual report of the Agency, which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 15, deal with the subject matters of these three items. The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the relevant paragraphs of the

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<sup>9/</sup> Ibid., Supplement No. 26 (A/8426) /to be issued/.

report<sup>10/</sup> should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connexion with its consideration of items 29, 32 and 33.

22. In connexion with item 91 (Status of the work of the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that, under the terms of paragraph 7 of resolution 2618 (XXIV) of 1 December 1969 entitled "New construction and major alterations to existing premises of United Nations Headquarters", the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to reconstitute and convene on a regular basis the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations and to report on the results of its activities to the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session and annually thereafter. The discussion of this matter at both the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth sessions took place under the agenda item relating to the budget estimates. At the twenty-fifth session, during the debate in the Fifth Committee on the report of the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations,<sup>11/</sup> the interventions referred mainly to the relationship with the host country under the terms of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and the Headquarters Agreement, a matter falling primarily within the competence of the Sixth Committee. It is suggested, therefore, that the Secretary-General's report called for in General Assembly resolution 2747 (XXV) of 17 December 1970 should be referred to the Sixth Committee.

23. Subject to the recommendations of the General Committee regarding the adoption of the draft agenda and the considerations set forth in paragraphs 16 to 22 above, the Secretary-General suggests to the Committee the following allocation of agenda items:<sup>12/</sup>

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<sup>10/</sup> A/8384 /to be issued/.

<sup>11/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 73, document A/C.5/1319.

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19/ Chapters XXI and XXII would be referred also to the Third and Fifth Committees.

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27/ See para. 22 above.

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