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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 General Assembly by the General Committee regarding the organization of the twenty-eighth regular session, 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 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. In this connexion, the General Committee may wish to stress the need for punctuality in opening meetings and to draw the General Assembly's attention to the amended text of rules 69 and 110 of the rules of procedure (A/520/Rev.11), whereby the President of the General Assembly may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when at least one third of the members are present, and the Chairman of a Main Committee may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when at least one quarter of the members are present.

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. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the following conclusions of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly which were approved by the Assembly at its twenty-sixth session:

(a) The length of the general debate should not normally exceed two and a half weeks (A/520/Rev.11, annex V, para. 45);

(b) The list of speakers wishing to take part in the general debate should be closed at the end of the third day after the opening of the debate (*ibid.*, para. 46);

(c) Speakers should, as far as possible, avoid putting down their names to speak on a given item and at the same time indicating an alternative meeting if they are unable to keep to their original schedule (*ibid.*, para. 70);

(d) Representatives should speak in the order of their inscription on the list of speakers, on the understanding that those prevented from doing so should normally

be moved to the end of the list, unless they have arranged to change places with other representatives (ibid., para. 71).

5. Taking into consideration the conclusions set forth in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 4 above, the Secretary-General wishes to suggest that:

(a) The general debate should begin on Monday, 24 September and end on Wednesday, 10 October 1973;

(b) The list of speakers wishing to take part in the general debate should be closed on Wednesday, 26 September, at 6 p.m.

Right of reply

6. The General Committee may also wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the recommendation of the Special Committee, which was approved by the Assembly, whereby statements made in the exercise of the right of reply should be delivered, as a general rule, at the end of meetings (ibid., para. 78). Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to recommend, as it did at the previous session, 1/ that delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day.

7. Following the precedents established by the General Assembly at the four previous sessions (see A/PV.2065, p. 72), the General Committee may wish to recommend to the Assembly that statements in the exercise of the right of reply should be limited to 10 minutes.

Closing date of the session

8. In accordance with the provisions of rule 2 of the rules of procedure and in the light of the recommendation of the Special Committee that the General Assembly should meet for a period of 13 weeks (A/520/Rev.11, annex V, para. 4), the Secretary-General wishes to suggest that the closing date of the twenty-eighth session should be Tuesday, 18 December 1973.

Records of the Main Committees

9. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the General Committee's attention to the fact that under rule 60 of the rules of procedure the First Committee shall be provided with verbatim records. Rule 60 also stipulates that no organ of the General Assembly shall have both verbatim and summary records. As previously, the General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the verbatim records should

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 8, document A/8800/Rev.1, paragraph 7.

be the official records of the First Committee and the summary records should 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-eighth session. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 10 (e) of its resolution 2538 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 which reads as follows:

"Speeches or statements by representatives, by the Secretary-General or his representative, or by persons presenting reports on behalf of committees or other bodies, may be reproduced in extenso in summary records or as official documents only if they serve as bases for discussion, provided that the relevant decision is taken by the body concerned after a statement of the financial implications has been submitted in accordance with regulation 13.1 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations."

Seating arrangements

10. 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. The name drawn was Luxembourg. Consequently, the delegation of that 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 observed in the Main Committees.

Use of the General Assembly Hall by the Main Committees

11. 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 no more than 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

12. The Secretary-General 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.

Financial implications of draft resolutions

13. The Secretary-General would like to draw the attention of the General Committee to rule 155 of the rules of procedure which reads as follows:

"No resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General. No resolution in respect of which expenditures are anticipated by the Secretary-General shall be voted by the General Assembly until the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) has had an opportunity of stating the effect of the proposal upon the budget estimates of the United Nations."

In this connexion the General Committee may wish to recommend that the General Assembly should draw the attention of the Main Committees to the need for allowing sufficient time for the preparation of the estimate of expenditures by the Secretariat and for its consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and by the Fifth Committee.

Reports of the Main Committees

14. The General Committee may also wish to recommend that the General Assembly should draw the attention of the Main Committees to Assembly resolution 2292 (XXII), which was reaffirmed by the Special Committee (*ibid.*, para. 43), whereby the reports of the Main Committees should be as concise as possible and, save in exceptional cases, should not contain a summary of the debates.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

15. All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the twenty-eighth session have been communicated to Member States in the provisional agenda (A/9100). 2/ The items proposed for inclusion are listed in the draft agenda, which appears in paragraph 18 below.

16. 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 item 12, deal with the following questions:

2/ There have been no requests for the inclusion of supplementary items (rule 14) or additional items (rule 15).

- (a) Permanent sovereignty over natural resources of developing countries /resolution 3016 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972/;
- (b) Special measures to be taken in favour of the least developed among the developing countries /resolution 2564 (XXIV) of 13 December 1969 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1753 (LIV) of 16 May 1973/;
- (c) Economic and social consequences of disarmament /resolution 2171 (XXI) of 6 December 1966 and resolution 2685 (XXV) of 11 December 1970/;
- (d) Report of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development /Economic and Social Council resolution 1621 B (LI) of 30 July 1971/;
- (e) Role of modern science and technology in the development of nations /resolution 2658 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 and decision of 18 December 1972/;
- (f) World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology for Development /resolutions 1944 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 and 2318 (XXII) of 15 December 1967 and decision of 18 December 1972/;
- (g) Application of computer technology for development /resolution 2804 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971/;
- (h) The problem of mass poverty and unemployment in developing countries /resolution 3018 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972/.

Furthermore, in accordance with a decision taken at the 2113th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1972, the General Assembly will be called upon to consider the draft resolution entitled "Measures to improve the organization of the work of the Council", recommended by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1622 (LI) of 30 July 1971, and the amendments thereto (A/8578/Add.1, paras. 44-46).

17. In connexion with item 17 (Election of members of the Economic and Social Council), the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the fact that, if the amendments to Article 61 of the Charter enter into force during the twenty-eighth session, the General Assembly would have to elect 27 members of the Council in addition to the nine members which the Assembly must elect in any case to replace those whose terms of office expire on 31 December 1973.

18. Subject to the General Committee's recommendations regarding paragraphs 16 and 17 above, the draft agenda of the twenty-eighth session would consist of the following items: 3/

3/ Abbreviations used in the present document:

(P.): item on the provisional agenda (A/9100).

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Poland (P.1).
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).
3. Credentials of representatives to the twenty-eighth 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). 4/
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 members of the Economic and Social Council (P.17). 5/
18. Election of fifteen members of the Industrial Development Board (P.18).
19. Election of nineteen members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (P.19).
20. Election of fifteen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (P.20).

4/ See paragraph 16 above.

5/ See paragraph 17 above.

21. Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (P.21).
22. The situation in the Middle East (P.22).
23. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.23):
 - (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.
24. Scientific work on peace research: report of the Secretary-General (P.24).
25. Strengthening of the role of the United Nations with regard to the maintenance and consolidation of international peace and security, the development of co-operation among all nations and the promotion of the rules of international law in relations between States: report of the Secretary-General (P.25).
26. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: report of the Secretary-General (P.26).
27. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (P.27).
28. Appointment of the members of the Peace Observation Commission (P.28).
29. Economic and social consequences of the armaments race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security (P.29).
30. International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (P.30).
31. Preparation of an international convention on principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (P.31).
32. World Disarmament Conference: report of the Special Committee on the World Disarmament Conference (P.32).
33. General and complete disarmament (P.33):
 - (a) Report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament;
 - (b) Napalm and other incendiary weapons and all aspects of their possible use: report of the Secretary-General.

34. Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (P.34).
35. Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests (P.35):
 - (a) Report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament;
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General.
36. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 2935 (XXVII) 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.36).
37. Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace: report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean (P.37).
38. Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the Secretary-General (P.38).
39. 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.39).
40. Question of Korea: report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea (P.40).
41. Creation of favourable conditions to accelerate the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea (P.41).
42. Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa (P.42):
 - (a) Reports of the Special Committee on Apartheid;
 - (b) Reports of the Secretary-General.
43. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (P.43):
 - (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 United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine;
 - (d) Reports of the Secretary-General.
44. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations (P.44).
45. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories (P.45).
46. Review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade (P.46).
47. United Nations Institute for Training and Research: report of the Executive Director (P.47).
48. United Nations Industrial Development Organization (P.48):
- (a) Report of the Industrial Development Board;
 - (b) Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization: report of the Executive Director.
49. Operational activities for development (P.49):
- (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) United Nations Fund for Population Activities;
 - (f) United Nations Children's Fund;
 - (g) World Food Programme.
50. United Nations Environment Programme (P.50):
- (a) Report of the Governing Council;
 - (b) Criteria governing multilateral financing of housing and human settlements: report of the Secretary-General.

51. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (P.51):
 - (a) Report of the Trade and Development Board;
 - (b) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.
52. United Nations University: report of the Secretary-General (P.52).
53. Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination (P.53):
 - (a) Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;
 - (b) Draft Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid;
 - (c) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;
 - (d) Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General.
54. Human rights in armed conflicts: protection of journalists engaged in dangerous missions in areas of armed conflict: report of the Secretary-General (P.54).
55. Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (P.55):
 - (a) Draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (b) Draft International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.
56. Observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (P.56).
57. Creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (P.57).
58. Question of the elderly and the aged: report of the Secretary-General (P.58).
59. 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: report of the Secretary-General (P.59).
60. Principles of international co-operation in the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity (P.60).

61. Crime prevention and control (P.61).
62. World social situation of youth: report of the Secretary-General (P.62).
63. Human rights and scientific and technological developments: report of the Secretary-General (P.63).
64. Freedom of information (P.64):
 - (a) Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information;
 - (b) Draft Convention on Freedom of Information.
65. 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.65).
66. Measures to be taken against ideologies and practices based on terror or on incitement to racial discrimination or any other form of group hatred (P.66).
67. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (P.67).
68. Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations: report of the Secretary-General (P.68).
69. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations (P.69):
 - (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.
70. Question of Namibia (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 United Nations Council for Namibia;
 - (c) Report of the Secretary-General under General Assembly resolution 3031 (XXVII);
 - (d) United Nations Fund for Namibia: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (e) Appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia.

71. Question of Territories under Portuguese administration (P.71):
 - (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.
72. 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.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) Reports 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 1972 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 1973 (P.78).
79. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975 and medium-term plan for the period 1974-1977 (P.79).
80. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (P.80).
81. Joint Inspection Unit (P.81):
- (a) Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit;
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General.
82. Pattern of conferences: report of the Secretary-General (P.82).
83. Publications and documentation of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (P.83).
84. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (P.84).
85. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary organs of the General Assembly (P.85):
- (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;
 - (f) United Nations Staff Pension Committee.
86. Personnel questions (P.86):
- (a) Composition of the Secretariat: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (b) Other personnel questions: reports of the Secretary-General.

87. United Nations salary system (P.87):

(a) Report of the Secretary-General;

(b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

88. Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (P.88).

89. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twenty-fifth session (P.89).

90. Draft convention on the prevention and punishment of crimes against diplomatic agents and other internationally protected persons (P.90).

91. International conference of plenipotentiaries on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations (P.91).

92. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its sixth session (P.92).

93. United Nations Conference on Prescription (Limitation) in the International Sale of Goods (P.93).

94. Measures to prevent international terrorism which endangers or takes innocent human lives or jeopardizes fundamental freedoms, and study of the underlying causes of those forms of terrorism and acts of violence which lie in misery, frustration, grievance and despair and which cause some people to sacrifice human lives, including their own, in an attempt to effect radical changes: report of the Ad Hoc Committee on International Terrorism (P.94).

95. Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression (P.95).

96. Respect for human rights in armed conflicts: report of the Secretary-General (P.96).

97. Review of the role of the International Court of Justice (P.97).

98. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Secretary-General (P.98).

99. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (P.99).

100. Declaration on Universal Participation in the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (P.100).

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101. 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.101).
102. 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.102).
103. Inclusion of Chinese among the working languages of the General Assembly and the Security Council (P.103).
104. Aid to the Sudano-Sahelian populations threatened with famine (P.104).

IV. ALLOCATION OF ITEMS

19. The allocation of items proposed in paragraph 27 below follows, in the main, the pattern adopted by the General Assembly for those items in previous years.

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

103. Inclusion of Chinese among the working languages of the General Assembly and the Security Council (P.103).

104. Aid to the Sudano-Sahelian populations threatened with famine (P.104).

The sponsors of the requests for the inclusion of those items have suggested that they should be allocated as follows:

Item 103 Fifth Committee

Item 104 Third Committee

21. In connexion with item 12 (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, 6/ on the understanding that the sections of the addendum to the report 7/ would be allocated according to their subject-matter:

Chapter I Plenary meetings

Chapters II to IV Second Committee

Chapter V

Section A

(a) Substantive aspects Second and Third
Committees

(b) Administrative and budgetary aspects . . . Fifth Committee

Section B Fifth Committee

Sections C and D Second Committee

Section E Fifth Committee

6/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/9003).

7/ Ibid., Supplement No. 3A (A/9003/Add.1) /to be issued/.

Chapters VI to XX Second Committee

Chapter XXI

Sections A and C Third Committee

Section B Second Committee

Chapters XXII to XXIV Third Committee

Chapter XXV

(a) Substantive aspects Second and Third
Committees

(b) Administrative and budgetary aspects Fifth Committee

Chapter XXVI Fourth Committee

Chapter XXVII Second Committee

Chapter XXVIII

(a) Substantive aspects Second Committee

(b) Administrative and budgetary aspects Fifth Committee

Chapter XXIX

(a) Substantive aspects Second and Third
Committees

(b) Administrative and budgetary aspects Fifth Committee

Chapter XXX

Section A Plenary meetings

Section B Third Committee

Chapter XXXI

Sections A to C Plenary meetings

Sections D to F Fifth Committee

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

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- (a) Chapter II (General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments) might be of interest to the First and Third Committees;
- (b) Chapter III (Second United Nations Development Decade) might be of interest to the Third Committee;
- (c) Chapter IV (Collective economic security) might be of interest to the First Committee;
- (d) Chapter V, section B (Establishment of an economic commission for Western Asia) and section E (Question of the admission of Bangladesh to membership in the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East), might be of interest to the Second and Third Committees and section D (Study on regional structures) might be of interest to the Third Committee;
- (e) Chapter IX (Prospects for food deficits and food aid needs) might be of interest to the Third Committee;
- (f) Chapter XIV (Population) might be of interest to the Third Committee;
- (g) Chapter XVII (The Sea) might be of interest to the First Committee;
- (h) Chapter XXI, section B (Promotion of the co-operative movement during the Second United Nations Development Decade), might be of interest to the Third Committee.

22. 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 (A/9023 and addenda) 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 as a whole. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that the report of the Secretary-General on the International Conference of Experts for the Support of Victims of Colonialism and Apartheid in Southern Africa (A/9061), issued under item 23, is of concern to both the Special Political Committee and the Fourth Committee.

23. With regard to item 33 (General and complete disarmament), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that some portions of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/9125), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 15, deal with the subject-matter of this item. The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the relevant paragraphs of the report should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connexion with its consideration of item 33.

24. With regard to item 48 (United Nations Industrial Development Organization), item 49 (Operational activities for development), item 50 (United Nations Environment Programme) and item 52 (United Nations University), which are proposed

for allocation to the Second Committee, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that portions of some of the reports submitted thereunder deal with administrative and budgetary matters and are, therefore, of concern to the Fifth Committee. The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the relevant portions of those reports should be referred to the Fifth Committee.

25. Item 83 (Publications and documentation of the United Nations) has been proposed for allocation to the Fifth Committee. Nevertheless, the General Committee may wish to recommend that the memorandum which the Secretary-General intends to submit regarding the circulation of communications as documents of the General Assembly should be referred to the Sixth Committee.

26. In connexion with item 88 (Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board) the General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that the report of the Board contains a draft resolution 8/ concerning measures relating to the adjustment of benefits in respect of cost-of-living changes, which are to become effective on 1 October 1973. The General Committee may wish therefore to recommend to the General Assembly that the Fifth Committee should consider this item as a matter of priority.

27. Subject to the recommendations of the General Committee regarding the adoption of the draft agenda and the considerations set forth in paragraphs 21 to 26 above, the Secretary-General suggests to the Committee the following allocation of agenda items: 9/

8/ Ibid., Supplement No. 9 (A/9009), vol. I, annex VI.

9/ For the abbreviations used in the allocation of items, see foot-note 3.

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11/ See paragraph 22 above.

12/ For subitem (a), see below "Second Committee", item 7.

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15/ The parts of the report listed below would be referred also to the Third and Fifth Committees as follows:

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16/ See paragraph 24 above.

17/ For subitem (b), see above "Plenary meetings", item 28.

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23/ See paragraph 26 above.

24/ The parts of the report listed below would be referred to the Second and Third Committees as follows:

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