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Allocation of agenda items to the First Committee

Letter dated 20 September 2002 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the First Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 19th plenary meeting of its fifty-seventh session pertaining to the allocation of items to the First Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/57/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 19th plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections IV and V of the report concerning the agendas of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

(Signed) Jan **Kavan**

Annex

Items allocated to the First Committee

1. Reduction of military budgets (item 57).
2. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament (item 58).
3. Question of Antarctica (item 59).
4. Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe (item 60).
5. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security (item 61).
6. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament (item 62).
7. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (item 63).
8. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (item 64).
9. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (item 65).
10. General and complete disarmament (item 66):

[The General Assembly decided that some portions of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/57/278) dealing with the subject matter of item 66 would be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 66.]

 - (a) Notification of nuclear tests;
 - (b) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda;
 - (c) United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education;
 - (d) Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol;
 - (e) Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status;
 - (f) Preservation of and compliance with the Treaty on the Limitation of Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems;
 - (g) Missiles;
 - (h) Reducing nuclear danger;
 - (i) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;
 - (j) Relationship between disarmament and development;
 - (k) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;
 - (l) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

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- (m) Regional disarmament;
 - (n) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;
 - (o) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;
 - (p) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;
 - (q) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;
 - (r) Transparency in armaments;
 - (s) Nuclear disarmament;
 - (t) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;
 - (u) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them;
 - (v) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;
 - (w) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;
 - (x) United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament.
11. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (item 67):
- (a) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme;
 - (b) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services;
 - (c) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;
 - (d) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;
 - (e) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;
 - (f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;
 - (g) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;
 - (h) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific.
12. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (item 68):
- (a) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;
 - (b) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;
 - (c) Report of the Disarmament Commission;
 - (d) Report of the Conference on Disarmament.

13. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East (item 69).
 14. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (item 70).
 15. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (item 71).
 16. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (item 72).
 17. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (item 73).
 18. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (item 5).
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