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Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Status of documentation

Note by the Secretariat

1. In accordance with paragraph 8 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the fiftieth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be held at Headquarters from 7 June to 2 July 2010.
2. In its resolution 1988/77 on its revitalization, the Council reiterated that the Secretariat should circulate relevant documentation in all working languages six weeks before the opening of sessions of the Council and its subsidiary organs.
3. In section III of its resolution 59/265, the General Assembly noted with deep concern that the six-week rule for the issuance of documents was not fully complied with owing to, inter alia, the continued late submission of documents by author departments. It requested the Secretary-General to ensure strict compliance with the six-week rule for issuance of documentation. In section III of its resolution 60/236 B, noting the continued high level of late submissions of documentation, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its sixty-first session, through the Committee on Conferences, on impediments, if any, to achieving full compliance with the 10-week and 6-week rules for the issuance of pre-session documents, including, where appropriate, proposed measures to address such impediments. It also requested the Secretary-General to develop a clear accountability mechanism within the Secretariat for the submission, processing and issuance of documentation and to present a detailed report to the Committee on Conferences for its further consideration and analysis, in order to provide concrete recommendations to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session.
4. In its resolution 53/208 B on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly:
(a) reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that documents were available in accordance with the six-week rule for their distribution simultaneously

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in the six official languages; (b) reaffirmed its decision that, if a report was issued late, the reason for the delay should be indicated when the report was introduced; and (c) decided that, if a report was submitted late to conference services, the reasons for the delay should be included in a footnote to the document.

5. In its latest resolution on the subject, resolution 64/230, the General Assembly reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to direct all departments to include, where appropriate, the following elements in their reports:

- (a) A summary of the report;
- (b) Consolidated conclusions, recommendations and other proposed actions;
- (c) Relevant background information.

6. In that resolution, the General Assembly also reiterated its request that all documents submitted to legislative organs by the Secretariat and expert bodies for consideration and action have conclusions and recommendations marked in bold print.

Annex

Status of preparedness of documentation for the fiftieth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

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2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work							
	E/AC.51/2010/1	Note by the Secretariat: annotated provisional agenda	22 Feb.	19 Feb.			DM/CPCS
	E/AC.51/2010/L.1	Note by the Secretariat: status of documentation	22 Feb.	19 Feb.			DM/CPCS
	E/AC.51/2010/L.2	Note by the Secretariat: reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 59/267)	22 Feb.	19 Feb.			DM/CPCS
3. Programme questions							
(a) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013							
	A/65/6 (Part one)	Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013: part one, plan outline (General Assembly resolution 62/224)					
	A/65/6 (Prog. 1)	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	3 Mar.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 2)	Political affairs	26 Mar.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 3)	Disarmament	25 Feb.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 4)	Peacekeeping operations	24 Mar.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 5)	Peaceful uses of outer space	1 Mar.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 6)	Legal affairs	11 Mar.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 7)	Economic and social affairs	25 Mar.				OPPBA

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	A/65/6 (Prog. 8)	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	2 Mar.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 9)	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	9 Mar.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 10)	Trade and development	23 Mar.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 11)	Environment	22 Mar.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 12)	Human settlements	5 Mar.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 13)	International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice	24 Feb.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 14)	Economic and social development in Africa	16 Mar.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 15)	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	18 Mar.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 16)	Economic development in Europe	12 Mar.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 17)	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	17 Mar.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 18)	Economic and social development in Western Asia	26 Feb.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 19)	Human rights	29 Mar.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 20)	International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees	9 Feb.	9 Feb.			OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 21)	Palestine refugees	10 Mar.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 22)	Humanitarian assistance	4 Mar.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 23)	Public information	17 Feb.	8 Feb.			OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 24)	Management and support services	29 Mar.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 25)	Internal oversight	19 Feb.				OPPBA

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	A/65/6 (Prog. 26)	Jointly financed activities	19 Mar.				OPPBA
	A/65/6 (Prog. 27)	Safety and security	8 Mar.				OPPBA
(b) Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2008-2009							
	A/65/___	Report of the Secretary-General on programme performance for the biennium 2008-2009	15 Mar.				DM/POCS
(c) Evaluation							
	E/AC.51/2010/2	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-seventh session on the summary and addendum reports on the evaluation of political affairs (General Assembly resolutions 61/235 and 62/224)	29 Mar.				OIOS
4. Coordination questions							
(a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination							
	E/2010/___	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2009/10 (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX))	6 May				CEB
(b) New Partnership for Africa's Development							
	E/AC.51/2010/3	Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (General Assembly resolution 59/275)	29 Mar.				OSAA
5. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit							
	See E/AC.51/2010/L.2						

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6. Provisional agenda for the fifty-first session							
	E/AC.51/2010/L.3	Note by the Secretariat: provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-first session of the Committee (Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII))	9 Jul.				DM/CPCS
7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fiftieth session							
	E/AC.51/2010/L.4 and addenda	Draft report of the Committee	9 Jul.				DM/CPCS