



Seventeenth session

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE SEVENTEENTH REGULAR SESSION,
ALLOCATION OF ITEMS, AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

First report of the General Committee

1. The General Committee, at its 148th and 149th meetings held on 19 and 20 September 1962, considered the provisional agenda of the seventeenth session of the General Assembly (A/5150), the supplementary list of items (A/5180 and Add.1 and 2) and four requests for the inclusion of additional items (A/5197, 5198 and addenda, 5218 and 5219), as contained in the memorandum by the Secretary-General relating to the adoption of the agenda and allocation of items (A/BUR/157 and Add.1-2).
2. The Secretary-General proposed, in document A/BUR/157/Add.2, that the General Committee should take up, as a matter of priority, the question of the inclusion in the agenda of item 10 of the supplementary list "Agreement between the Republic of Indonesia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning West New Guinea (West Irian)", in view of the desirability of early action by the General Assembly. The Committee recommended the inclusion of the item in the agenda and its allocation to plenary meeting, and submitted a separate report to the Assembly on this item (A/5227).
3. A summary of the discussions in the Committee appears in the records of the 148th and 149th meetings (A/BUR/SR.148 and 149).
4. The following sub-paragraphs give the decisions of the Committee on those items in regard to which a vote was taken on the question of inclusion:
 - (a) Item 28^{1/} (The Korean question: report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea)

The Committee decided, by 14 votes to 3, with 4 abstentions, to recommend the inclusion of this item.

^{1/} The references to item numbers are those in the memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/157).

(b) Item 85 (Question of Hungary)

The Committee decided, by 13 votes to 4, with 4 abstentions, to recommend the inclusion of this item.

5. The Committee decided, without vote, to recommend the inclusion of all the remaining items in the agenda.

6. By 12 votes to 3, with 6 abstentions, the Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 28 (The Korean question: report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea) and item 76 proposed by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (The withdrawal of foreign troops from South Korea) as sub-items of one agenda item bearing the general heading "The Korean question".

7. The Committee also decided to recommend the inclusion of item 36 (a) (Question of holding an international conference on international trade problems relating especially to primary commodity markets: report of the Secretary-General) and the additional item proposed by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (Question of holding an international conference on trade problems) as a single item worded as follows: "Question of holding an international conference on trade problems". Item 36 (b) would be renumbered as a separate item.

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

8. Taking into account the foregoing, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following agenda:^{2/}

^{2/} The number in parentheses after each item indicates the number under which the item appears on the provisional agenda (P.) (see A/5150) or the supplementary list (S.) (see A/5180). The additional items are indicated by (A.) (see A/5197, 5198 and addenda, 5218 and 5219).

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Tunisia (P.1).
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).
3. Credentials of representatives to the seventeenth 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 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. Opening of the 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).
13. Report of the Trusteeship Council (P.13).
14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.14).
15. Election of non-permanent members of the Security Council (P.15).
16. Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council (P.16).
17. Election of one member of the Trusteeship Council (P.17).
18. Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (P.18).
19. Appointment of the members of the Peace Observation Commission (P.19).
20. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (P.20).
21. Report of the Committee on arrangements for a conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter (P.21).

22. Report of the Commission of investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld and of members of the party accompanying him (P.22).
23. Organization of peace (P.23).
24. United Nations Year for International Co-operation (P.24).
25. The situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples: report of the Special Committee established under General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI) (P.25).
26. Question of convening a conference for the purpose of signing a convention on the prohibition of the use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons: report of the Secretary-General (P.26).
27. International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space: reports of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the World Meteorological Organization and the International Telecommunication Union (P.27).
28. The Korean question:
 - (a) Report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea (P.28);
 - (b) The withdrawal of foreign troops from South Korea (P.76).
29. The situation in Angola: reports of the Sub-Committee established under General Assembly resolution 1603 (XV) and of the Government of Portugal (P.29).
30. Report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (P.30).
31. Report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (P.31).
32. United Nations Emergency Force (P.32):
 - (a) Report on the Force;
 - (b) Cost estimates for the maintenance of the Force.
33. Economic and social consequences of disarmament: report of the Secretary-General transmitting the study of the group of expert consultants appointed under General Assembly resolution 1516 (XV) (P.33).

34. United Nations Development Decade: report of the Secretary-General (P.34).
35. Economic development of under-developed countries (P.35):
 - (a) Accelerated flow of capital and technical assistance to the developing countries: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (b) Establishment of a United Nations capital development fund: report of the Committee established under General Assembly resolution 1521 (XV);
 - (c) Industrial development and activities of the organs of the United Nations in the field of industrialization;
 - (d) Long-term projections of world economic trends: progress report prepared by the Secretary-General;
 - (e) Land reform: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (f) Decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions.
36. Question of holding an international conference on trade problems (P.36 (a), A.4).
37. International measures to assist in offsetting fluctuations in commodity prices (P.36 (b)).
38. Population growth and economic development (P.37).
39. Permanent sovereignty over natural resources (P.38).
40. Progress and operations of the Special Fund (P.39).
41. United Nations programmes of technical co-operation (P.40):
 - (a) Review of activities;
 - (b) Confirmation of the allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;
 - (c) Question of assistance to Libya: report of the Secretary-General.

42. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (P.41):
 - (a) Report of the High Commissioner;
 - (b) Question of the continuation of the Office of the High Commissioner.
43. Draft International Covenants on Human Rights (P.42).
44. Draft Convention and draft Recommendation on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age of Marriage and Registration of Marriages (P.43).
45. Draft Convention on Freedom of Information (P.44).
46. Draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum (P.45).
47. Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information (P.46).
48. Manifestations of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance (P.47).
49. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 75 e of the Charter of the United Nations: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.48):
 - (a) Political and constitutional information on Non-Self-Governing Territories;
 - (b) Information on educational, economic and social advancement;
 - (c) General questions relating to the transmission and examination of information.
50. Dissemination of information on the United Nations in the Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General (P.49).
51. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General (P.50).
52. Preparation and training of indigenous civil and technical cadres in Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General (P.51).
53. Racial discrimination in Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General (P.52).

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54. Non-compliance of the Government of Portugal with Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations and with General Assembly resolution 1542 (XV): report of the Special Committee on Territories under Portuguese Administration (P.53).
55. Election to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.54).
56. Question of Southern Rhodesia: report of the Special Committee established under General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI) (P.55).
57. Question of South West Africa (P.56):
 - (a) Report of the United Nations Special Committee for South West Africa;
 - (b) Special educational and training programmes for South West Africa: report of the Secretary-General.
58. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories: report of the Secretary-General (P.57).
59. Dissemination of information on the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System in the Trust Territories: report of the Secretary-General (P.58).
60. Financial reports and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1961, and reports of the Board of Auditors (P.59):
 - (a) United Nations;
 - (b) United Nations Children's Fund;
 - (c) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;
 - (d) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
61. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1962 (P.60).
62. Budget estimates for the financial year 1963 (P.61).
63. United Nations operations in the Congo: cost estimates and financing (P.62).

64. Obligations of Members, under the Charter of the United Nations, with regard to the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and the Organization's operations in the Congo: advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice (P.63).
65. Review of the pattern of conferences (P.64).
66. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly (P.65):
 - (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
 - (b) Committee on Contributions;
 - (c) Board of Auditors;
 - (d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General;
 - (e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal.
67. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (P.66).
68. Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.67):
 - (a) Earmarkings and contingency allocations from the Special Account of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;
 - (b) Earmarkings and allotments from the Special Fund.
69. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and with the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (P.68).
70. Personnel questions (P.69):
 - (a) Geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (b) Proportion of fixed-term staff;
 - (c) Other personnel questions.

71. Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (P.70).
72. United Nations International School: report of the Secretary-General (P.71).
73. Question of the publication of a United Nations juridical yearbook (P.72).
74. Consular relations (P.73).
75. Consideration of principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations (P.74).
76. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fourteenth session (P.75).
77. The urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests (P.77).
78. Rwanda and Burundi: report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1746 (XVI) (P.78).
79. Question of Oman (P.79).
80. Advisory services in the field of human rights (S.1).
81. Implementation of the Supplementary Convention of 1956 on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices similar to Slavery (S.2).
82. The Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation (S.3).
83. Measures designed to promote among youth the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding between peoples (S.4).
84. The Cairo Declaration of Developing Countries (S.5).
85. Question of Hungary (S.6).
86. Improvement of the methods of work of the General Assembly (S.7).
87. The policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa (S.8):
 - (a) Race conflict in South Africa;
 - (b) Treatment of people of Indian and Indo-Pakistan origin in the Republic of South Africa.

88. Question of boundaries between Venezuela and the territory of British Guiana (S.9).
89. Agreement between the Republic of Indonesia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning West New Guinea (West Irian) (S.10).
90. Question of general and complete disarmament: report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament (A.1).
91. Measures to be adopted in connexion with the earthquake in Iran (A.2).
92. Restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations (A.3).

II. ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS

9. The General Committee, in its consideration of the allocation of agenda items, took into account the proposals put forward in the Secretary-General's memorandum (A/BUR/157 and Add.1 and 2). With the exception of item 85 (Question of Hungary) which the Committee, by 10 votes to 3, with 6 abstentions, decided to allocate to the Special Political Committee, the General Committee approved the suggested allocation by the Secretary-General.

10. The General Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the following allocation of items:

Plenary meetings

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2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
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 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
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7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.
8. Adoption of the agenda.
9. Opening of the general debate.
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.
11. Report of the Security Council.
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters VII (sections I to III) and X to XIII).
13. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency.
14. Election of non-permanent members of the Security Council.
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2. International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space: reports of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the World Meteorological Organization and the International Telecommunication Union.
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Special Political Committee

1. Report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation.
2. Report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.
3. Question of Oman.
4. The policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa:
 - (a) Race conflict in South Africa;
 - (b) Treatment of people of Indian and Indo-Pakistan origin in the Republic of South Africa.
5. Question of boundaries between Venezuela and the territory of British Guiana.
6. Question of Hungary.

Second Committee

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters I to VI).
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 - (a) Review of activities;
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 - (c) Question of assistance to Libya: report of the Secretary-General.
12. Rwanda and Burundi: report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1746 (XVI).

Third Committee

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters VIII and IX).
2. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees:
 - (a) Report of the High Commissioner;
 - (b) Question of the continuation of the Office of High Commissioner.
3. Draft International Covenants on Human Rights.
4. Draft Convention and draft Recommendation on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age of Marriage and Registration of Marriages.
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6. Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information.
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Fourth Committee

1. Report of the Trusteeship Council.
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1. Financial reports and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1961, and reports of the Board of Auditors:
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 - (b) United Nations Children's Fund;
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 - (d) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
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 - (b) Cost estimates for the maintenance of the Force.
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6. Obligations of Members, under the Charter of the United Nations, with regard to the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and the Organization's operations in the Congo: advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice.
7. Review of the pattern of conferences.
8. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly:
 - (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
 - (b) Committee on Contributions;
 - (c) Board of Auditors;
 - (d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General;
 - (e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal.
9. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions.

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 - (a) Earmarkings and contingency allocations from the Special Account of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;
 - (b) Earmarkings and allotments from the Special Fund.
11. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and with the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
12. Personnel questions:
 - (a) Geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (b) Proportion of fixed-term staff;
 - (c) Other personnel questions.
13. Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.
14. United Nations International School: report of the Secretary-General.
15. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter XIV).

Sixth Committee

1. Question of the publication of a United Nations juridical yearbook.
2. Consular relations.
3. Consideration of principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.
4. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fourteenth session.

III. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

11. On the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/156), the General Committee recommends that the General Assembly approve the following arrangements relating to the schedule of meetings:

- (a) That both plenary and Committee meetings should begin at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.;
- (b) That a five-day working week be established, it being understood that meetings on Saturdays, as well as night meetings, may be scheduled should this prove necessary.

12. The General Committee recommends that the Assembly approve, in accordance with rule 2 of the rules of procedure, 21 December 1962 as the closing date of the seventeenth session.
