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

First report of the General Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 187th and 188th meetings, on 16 and 17 September 1970, the General Committee considered a memorandum by the Secretary-General relating to the organization of the twenty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items (A/BUR/176).
2. A summary of the discussion will appear in the summary records of the meetings (A/BUR/SR/187 and 188).

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

Schedule of meetings

3. On the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/176, paras. 2 and 3), the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly the following arrangements relating to the schedule of meetings:

- (a) Plenary and committee meetings should begin promptly at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.;
- (b) A five-day working week should be established, on the understanding that meetings on Saturdays, as well as night meetings, may be scheduled if necessary.

General debate

4. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/176, para. 4), the General Committee wishes 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.^{1/} The Committee considers 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.

Commemorative session

5. In connexion with the commemorative session, the General Committee recommends, at the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/176, para. 5), that priority

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 8, document A/7700, paragraph 17.

should be given in the plenary and in the Main Committees to the consideration of those items for which documents must be prepared for adoption at the commemorative session.

Closing date of the session

6. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/176, para. 6), the General Committee proposes to the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 2 of the rules of procedure, that the closing date of the twenty-fifth session should be Tuesday, 15 December 1970.

Verbatim records of the Main Committees

7. On the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/176, para. 7), the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the First Committee should be provided with verbatim services, that the verbatim records should be the official records of that Committee and that the summary records would remain the official records of all other Main Committees. The General Committee further recommends that the present practice according to which the debates of the Special Political Committee may be transcribed from sound recordings upon request should be maintained for the twenty-fifth session.

Seating arrangements

8. The General Committee took note of the seating arrangements to be observed in the plenary and in the Main Committees (A/BUR/176, para. 8).

Use of the General Assembly Hall by Main Committees

9. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/EUR/176, para. 9), the General Committee proposes that all the Main Committees make full use of the General Assembly Hall when no plenary meeting is being held and, in particular, use the voting machine on a rotating basis.

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III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

10. The General Committee considered the draft agenda submitted by the Secretary-General in his memorandum (A/BUR/176, para. 16). This draft was based on the following documents:

- (a) Provisional agenda of the twenty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly (A/8000/Rev.1);
- (b) Supplementary list of items proposed for inclusion in the agenda of the twenty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly (A/8050/Rev.1).

11. In connexion with item 12 of the draft agenda (Report of the Economic and Social Council), the General Committee took note of the fact (A/BUR/176, para. 11) that reports dealing with nine separate questions will be submitted under that item.

12. With regard to item 31 of the draft agenda (Implementation of the results of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States), the General Committee took note of the observation of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/176, para. 12) in respect of the convening of a session of the Disarmament Commission early in 1971.

13. With regard to item 77 of the draft agenda (Pattern of conferences), the General Committee decided to recommend, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/176, para. 13) that sub-item (b) should be deleted from the agenda of the twenty-fifth session. The item would thus read:

"Pattern of conferences: report of the Secretary-General".

14. On the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/176, para. 14), the General Committee decided to recommend that item 101 of the draft agenda (Establishment of a United Nations Fund for Namibia) should become a sub-item of item 64 (Question of Namibia). Item 64 would thus read:

"Question of Namibia:

- (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) Establishment of a United Nations Fund for Namibia;
- (d) Appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia."

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15. The representative of the United States of America proposed that the General Committee should recommend to the General Assembly that items 21, 52, 53, 54, 58, 61, 86, 91, 92, 93 and 94 of the draft agenda should be deleted from the agenda of the twenty-fifth session and included in the provisional agenda of the twenty-sixth session. The General Committee acted on the United States proposal as follows:

(a) Item 21 (Installation of mechanical means of voting)

The Committee decided to recommend that the item should be deferred to the twenty-sixth session.

(b) Item 52 (Freedom of information)

Following the withdrawal of the United States proposal, no action was taken by the Committee on the postponement of this item.

(c) Item 53 (Question of the elderly and the aged)

At its 187th meeting, the Committee decided, by 4 votes to 3, with 15 abstentions, to recommend that the item should not be included in the agenda of the twenty-fifth session and that it should be inscribed on the provisional agenda of the twenty-sixth session. At the next meeting, the Committee decided, by 19 votes to none, with 2 abstentions, to reconsider its decision and recommended the inclusion of the item in the agenda of the twenty-fifth session.

(d) Item 54 (Town twinning as a means of international co-operation)

The Committee decided, by 9 votes to 5, with 10 abstentions, to recommend that the item should not be included in the agenda of the twenty-fifth session and that it should be inscribed on the provisional agenda of the twenty-sixth session.

(e) Item 58 (Human rights and scientific and technological developments)

The Committee decided, by 15 votes to 3, with 3 abstentions, to recommend that the item should be included in the agenda of the twenty-fifth session.

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- (f) Item 61 (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)

The Committee decided, by 12 votes to 3, with 9 abstentions, to recommend that the item should be included in the agenda of the twenty-fifth session.

- (g) Item 86 (United Nations International School)

The Committee decided to recommend that the item should be deferred to the twenty-sixth session.

- (h) Item 91 (Need to consider suggestions regarding the review of the Charter of the United Nations)

The Committee decided, by 13 votes to 8, with 3 abstentions, to recommend that the item should be included in the agenda of the twenty-fifth session.

- (i) Item 92 (Declaration on Universal Participation in the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties)

The Committee decided to recommend that the item should be deferred to the twenty-sixth session.

- (j) Item 93 (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)

The Committee decided to recommend that the item should be deferred to the twenty-sixth session.

- (k) Item 94 (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)

Following the withdrawal of the United States proposal, no action was taken by the Committee on the postponement of this item.

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16. With regard to item 102 (Second United Nations Development Decade: social policy and planning in national development), the delegation of Sweden announced that, in the light of the comprehensive formulation of item 43 as it appeared in the provisional agenda (A/8000/Rev.1), it had decided to withdraw its request for the inclusion of the item. The delegation of Sweden had done so on the understanding that it would be given an opportunity to raise matters regarding social policy and planning in national development in the course of the discussion on item 43. The General Committee took note of that decision.

17. The Committee decided, by 14 votes to none, with 7 abstentions, to recommend that item 103 of the draft agenda (Review of the role of the International Court of Justice) should be included in the agenda.

18. The Committee decided, by 13 votes to 1, with 7 abstentions, to recommend that item 104 of the draft agenda (Restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations) should be included in the agenda.

19. The General Committee decided, by 16 votes to 5, with 3 abstentions, to recommend that item 107 of the draft agenda (Question of Korea) should be included in the agenda. It also decided, by 10 votes to 5, with 9 abstentions, to recommend that that item should be combined with item 105 (Withdrawal of United States and all other foreign forces occupying South Korea under the flag of the United Nations) and item 106 (Dissolution of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea) under a single heading. The item would then read:

"Question of Korea:

- (a) Withdrawal of United States and all other foreign forces occupying South Korea under the flag of the United Nations;
- (b) Dissolution of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea;
- (c) Report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea."

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20. The General Committee decided to recommend that item 26 of the draft agenda (Question of the 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 the use of their resources in the interests of mankind) and item 108 (Question of the breadth of the territorial sea and related matters) should be included in the agenda. The Committee also decided, by 13 votes to 4, with 5 abstentions, to recommend that the two items should be combined into a single item, which would read as follows:

- "(a) Question of the 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 the use of their resources in the interests of mankind: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction;
- (b) Marine pollution and other hazardous and harmful effects which might arise from the exploration and exploitation of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction: report of the Secretary-General;
- (c) Views of Member States on the desirability of convening at an early date a conference on the law of the sea: report of the Secretary-General;
- (d) Question of the breadth of the territorial sea and related matters."

21. Taking into account paragraphs 11 to 20 above, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following agenda:^{2/}

^{2/} Abbreviations used in the present document:

- (P.): an item on the provisional agenda (A/8000/Rev.1);
- (S.): an item on the supplementary list (A/8050/Rev.1).

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4/ See paragraph 12 above.

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^{5/} See paragraph 14 above.

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^{7/} See paragraph 19 above.

IV. ALLOCATION OF ITEMS

22. The General Committee approved the proposed allocation of items contained in paragraph 20 of the Secretary-General's memorandum (A/BUR/176) with the following modifications:

(a) Plenary meetings

(i) Item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council)

The General Committee decided to recommend, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/176, para. 18), that the General Assembly should suggest that chapter XIV, section B (Measures to improve the organization of the work of the Council), section D (Calendar of conferences and meetings for 1971 and 1972) and section G (Financial implications of actions of the Council), might also be of concern to the Fifth Committee.

(ii) Item 22 (The situation in the Middle East)

The General Committee decided to recommend that the item should be considered as a matter of urgency.

(iii) Item 23 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples)

The General Committee decided to recommend, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/176, para. 19), that all the chapters of the report of the Special Committee relating to specific Territories should be referred to the Fourth Committee. This would enable the General Assembly to deal in plenary meetings with the question of the implementation of the Declaration in general.

(b) First Committee

Item 26 (Question of the 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 the use of their resources in the interests of mankind)

The General Committee decided, by 15 votes to none, with 9 abstentions, to recommend that item 26 in its amended form (see paragraph 20 above) should be allocated to the First Committee.

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(c) Second Committee

Item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council)

The General Committee decided to recommend, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/176, para. 18), that the General Assembly should suggest:

- (1) That chapter III, section A, paragraphs 42 to 44 (Natural resources satellites), might be of interest to the First Committee;
- (2) That chapter V, section B, paragraphs 125 and 181 (Headquarters of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East), might also be of concern to the Fifth Committee and that chapter V, section C (Travel and subsistence expenses of members of the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa), might be of interest to that Committee;
- (3) That chapter VII, section A, paragraphs 234 to 239 (Social policy and planning in national development in the Second United Nations Development Decade), and chapter VIII (World population situation) might be of interest to the Third Committee.

(d) Third Committee

Item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council)

The General Committee decided to recommend, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/176, para. 18), that the General Assembly should suggest:

- (1) That chapter VII, section A, paragraphs 240 and 241 (Social factors in improving nutrition), and chapter VII, section B, paragraphs 251 to 257 (Housing, building and planning in the Second United Nations Development Decade), might be of interest to the Second Committee;
- (2) That chapter IX, section J (Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights), might be of interest to the Fourth Committee.

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23. The General Committee adopted the following decisions regarding the items of the draft agenda which have not been considered previously by the General Assembly:

- (a) Item 96 (Progressive development and codification of the rules of international law relating to international watercourses)
On the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/176, para. 17), the General Committee decided to recommend that the item should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.
- (b) Item 97 (Rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly)
On the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/176, para. 17), the General Committee decided to recommend that the item should be allocated to plenary meetings.
- (c) Item 98 (Status of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2456 B (XXIII) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco))
On the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/176, para. 17), the General Committee decided to recommend that the item should be allocated to the First Committee.
- (d) Item 99 (Economic and social consequences of the armaments race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security)
The General Committee decided to recommend that the item should be allocated to the First Committee.
- (e) Item 100 (The role of modern science and technology in the development of nations and the need to strengthen economic and technico-scientific co-operation among States)
On the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/176, para. 17), the General Committee decided to recommend that the item should be allocated to the Second Committee.
- (f) Item 101 (Establishment of a United Nations Fund for Namibia)
On the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/176, para. 17), the General Committee decided to recommend that the item, which would become sub-item (c) of item 64 (see paragraph 14 above), should be allocated to the Fourth Committee.

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- (g) Item 103 (Review of the role of the International Court of Justice)

On the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/176, para. 17), the General Committee decided to recommend that the item should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

- (h) Item 108 (Question of the breadth of the territorial sea and related matters)

For the recommendation of the General Committee, see paragraph 22 (b) above.⁷

24. Taking into account paragraphs 22 and 23 above, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following allocation of items:^{8/}

^{8/} For the abbreviations used in the allocation of items, see foot-note 2.

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1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Liberia (P.1).
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).
3. Credentials of representatives to the twenty-fifth 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).
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14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.15).
15. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council (P.16).
16. Election of nine members of the Economic and Social Council (P.17).
17. Election of fifteen members of the Industrial Development Board (P.18).
18. Election of fourteen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (P.19).
19. Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy: report of the Secretary-General (P.20).

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20. Celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations (P.25).
21. The situation in the Middle East (P.22). 9/
22. 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). 10/
23. Special programme of activities in connexion with the tenth anniversary 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.24).
24. Question of Namibia (P.64). 11/
 - (d) Appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia.
25. Rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly (P.97).
26. Restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations (S.4).

9/ See paragraph 22 (a) (ii) above.

10/ See paragraph 22 (a) (iii) above.

11/ For sub-items (a), (b) and (c) see below "Fourth Committee", item 3.

First Committee

1. (a) Question of the 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 the use of their resources in the interests of mankind: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction (P.26);

(b) Marine pollution and other hazardous and harmful effects which might arise from the exploration and exploitation of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction: report of the Secretary-General (P.26);

(c) Views of Member States on the desirability of convening at an early date a conference on the law of the sea: report of the Secretary-General (P.26);

(d) Question of the breadth of the territorial sea and related matters (S.8).
2. International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (P.27).
3. Question of general and complete disarmament: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (P.28).
4. Question of chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (P.29).
5. Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (P.30).
6. Implementation of the results of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States: report of the Secretary-General (P.31).
7. 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.32).
8. Consideration of measures for the strengthening of international security: report of the Secretary-General (P.33).
9. Status of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2456 B (XXII) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (P.98).

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10. Economic and social consequences of the armaments race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security (P.99).

11. Question of Korea:

- (a) Withdrawal of United States and all other foreign forces occupying South Korea under the flag of the United Nations (S.5);
- (b) Dissolution of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea (S.6);
- (c) Report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea (S.7).

Special Political Committee

1. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (P.34).
2. The policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa: report of the Special Committee on the Policies of Apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa (P.35).
3. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Commissioner-General (P.36).
4. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations (P.37).

Second Committee

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I to VI, VII (section A, paragraphs 234 to 239), VIII, X (sections A to C), XI (sections B to D, F to J and L) and XIII (sections A to C and E)]^{12/} (P.12). 12/
2. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development: report of the Trade and Development Board (P.38).
3. United Nations Industrial Development Organization (P.39):
 - (a) Report of the Industrial Development Board;
 - (b) Confirmation of the appointment of the Executive Director.
4. United Nations Institute for Training and Research: report of the Executive Director (P.40).
5. Operational activities for development (P.41):
 - (a) Activities of the United Nations Development Programme: reports of the Governing Council;
 - (b) Activities undertaken by the Secretary-General.
6. United Nations Capital Development Fund (P.42).
7. Second United Nations Development Decade (P.43).
8. United Nations Conference on the Human Environment: report of the Secretary-General (P.44).
9. Question of the establishment of an international university: report of the Secretary-General (P.45).
10. Permanent sovereignty over natural resources: report of the Secretary-General (P.46).
11. The role of modern science and technology in the development of nations and the need to strengthen economic and technico-scientific co-operation among States (P.100).

^{12/} Chapter XIII (sections A and B) would be referred also to the Third and Fifth Committees; chapter XIII (section E) would be referred also to the Fifth Committee.

Third Committee

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council / chapters VII (sections A, except paragraphs 234 to 239, and B), IX, X (section D), XI (sections A, K and M) and XIII (sections A and B) / (P.12). 13/
2. Creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights report of the Secretary-General (P.47).
3. Respect for human rights in armed conflicts: report of the Secretary-General (P.48).
4. Housing, building and planning: report of the Secretary-General (P.49).
5. Measures to be taken against nazism and racial intolerance: report of the Secretary-General (P.50).
6. Question of the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity: report of the Secretary-General (P.51).
7. Freedom of information (P.52):
 - (a) Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information;
 - (b) Draft Convention on Freedom of Information.
8. Question of the elderly and the aged (P.53).
9. Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination (P.55):
 - (a) International Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (b) Measures for effectively combating racial discrimination and the policies of apartheid and segregation in southern Africa: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (c) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, submitted under article 9 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

13/ Chapter XIII (sections A and B) would be referred also to the Second and Fifth Committees.

- (d) Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General.
- 10. Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (P.56):
 - (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.
- 11. Youth, its education in the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, its problems and needs, and its participation in national development: report of the Secretary-General (P.57).
- 12. Human rights and scientific and technological developments: report of the Secretary-General (P.58).
- 13. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (P.59).
- 14. Technical assistance in the field of narcotics: report of the Secretary-General (P.60).
- 15. 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.61).
- 16. The 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.62).

Fourth Committee

1. Report of the Trusteeship Council (P.13).
2. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations (P.63):
 - (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.
3. Question of Namibia (P.64, S.1):^{14/}
 - (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) Establishment of a United Nations Fund for Namibia.
4. Question of Territories under Portuguese administration (P.65):
 - (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.
5. 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.66).
6. Question of Fiji: 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.67).
7. 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.68).

^{14/} For sub-item (d), see above "Plenary meetings" item 24.

8. 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.69).
9. 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.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.
10. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapter XIII (section D)] (P.12).
11. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa: report of the Secretary-General (P.71).
12. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General (P.72).
13. 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 (chapters relating to specific Territories) (P.23). 15/

15/ See paragraph 22 (a) (iii) above.

Fifth Committee

1. Financial reports and accounts for the year ended 31 December 1969 and reports of the Board of Auditors (P.73):
 - (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;
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2. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1970 (P.74).
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4. Planning estimate for the financial year 1972 (P.76).
5. Pattern of conferences: report of the Secretary-General (P.77).
6. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly (P.78):
 - (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
 - (b) Committee on Contributions;
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 - (d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointments made by the Secretary-General;
 - (e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal;
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7. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (P.79).

8. Audit reports relating to expenditure by the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.80):
 - (a) Allocations from the Technical Assistance Account of the United Nations Development Programme;
 - (b) Allocations from the Special Fund Account of the United Nations Development Programme.
9. 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.81).
10. Implementation of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies (P.82):
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General;
 - (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
11. Publications and documentation of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (P.83).
12. Personnel questions (P.84):
 - (a) Composition of the Secretariat: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (b) Other personnel questions.
13. Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (P.85).
14. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters XII and XIII (Sections A, B and E). (P.12). 16/

16/ Chapter XIII (sections A and B) would be referred also to the Second and Third Committees; chapter XIII (section E) would be referred also to the Second Committee.

Sixth Committee

1. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twenty-second session (P.87).
 2. Consideration of principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States (P.88).
 3. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its third session (P.89).
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 5. Need to consider suggestions regarding the review of the Charter of the United Nations (P.91).
 6. 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.94).
 7. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Secretary-General (P.95).
 8. Progressive development and codification of the rules of international law relating to international watercourses (P.96).
 9. Review of the role of the International Court of Justice (S.3).
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