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Annotations

1. Election of officers

At its twenty-fifth session, the Committee for Programme and Coordination reaffirmed the decision made at its twenty-fourth session that the post of its Chair, as well as the other posts on the Bureau, should rotate annually among the regional groups, and decided on the following pattern of rotation for the post of the Chair: (a) African States; (b) Eastern European States; (c) Latin American and Caribbean States; (d) Western European and other States; and (e) Asia-Pacific States. The

* The dates for the substantive session are tentative.



Committee also decided that each year the post of Rapporteur should be occupied by a member of the regional group that occupied the post of the Chair the previous year.

At its sixty-first session, in the absence of nominations for the Chair from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, the Committee elected, by acclamation, the representative from Malta as Chair of the Committee for the session, without prejudice to the pattern of rotation for the post of Chair adopted by the Committee at its twenty-fifth session. Accordingly, the Committee confirmed that, for the sixty-second session, the chairship of the Committee would be held by a member of the Group of Western European and other States while the post of Rapporteur would be held by a member of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Pursuant to paragraph 2 (e) of Economic and Social Council resolution [1979/41](#) and paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution [34/50](#), the Committee submitted to the Council and the Assembly for their review the provisional agenda for its sixty-second session, together with the list of documentation requested.

In accordance with paragraph 6 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution [2008 \(LX\)](#), the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning the economic, social and human rights programmes of the United Nations system, including the reports dealing with the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, shall be examined by the Committee, which shall report thereon to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly. In its resolution [59/267](#), the Assembly invited the Committee, in performing its programmatic, coordination, monitoring and evaluation functions, as set out in its mandate, to consider relevant reports of the Unit. The Assembly, in its resolution [67/236](#), endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee contained in its report on its fifty-second session ([A/67/16](#)), including its recommendation that the Assembly urge the Unit to intensify its efforts to introduce to the Committee reports that are relevant to the function of the Committee, bearing in mind subparagraphs 4 (d) and (e) of article 11 of the statute of the Unit. In that connection, the Committee will select, at its organizational meeting, under agenda item 2, the report or reports of the Unit that it will consider at its sixty-second session under agenda item 5.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions [70/8](#) and [72/9](#), attention is drawn to the Secretary-General's bulletin [ST/SGB/2018/3](#), which contains the approved Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, effective as at 1 January 2018.

In its resolution [64/229](#), the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and decided not to include the agenda item "Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination" in future sessions, and further decided to discuss related matters under the agenda item "Adoption of the agenda and organization of work" as and when needed.

In paragraph 19 of its resolution [76/236](#), the General Assembly decided that the sixty-second session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination should be extended to five weeks.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the sixty-second session ([E/AC.51/2022/L.1](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit ([E/AC.51/2022/L.2](#))

3. Programme questions

(a) Proposed programme budget for 2023

In its resolution [72/266 A](#), entitled “Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations”, the General Assembly approved, inter alia, the proposed change from a biennial¹ to an annual budget period on a trial basis and decided that the proposed programme budget should consist of:

- (a) Part I: the plan outline, which endorses the long-term priorities and the objectives of the Organization;
- (b) Part II: the programme plan for programmes and subprogrammes and programme performance information;
- (c) Part III: the post and non-post resource requirements for the programmes and subprogrammes.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly decided that parts I and II would be submitted through the Committee for Programme and Coordination and part III through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the consideration of the Assembly. The Assembly also decided that the plan outline shall be submitted every three years. Furthermore, the Assembly reiterated that the Committees should examine the proposed programme budget in accordance with their respective mandates and that the sequential nature of the review process of the proposed programme budget would be preserved.

Also in the same resolution, the Assembly decided it would review, at its seventy-seventh session with a view to taking a final decision, the implementation of the annual budget.

In adopting resolution [72/266 A](#), the General Assembly reaffirmed that no changes to the budget methodology, established budgetary procedures and practices or the financial regulations may be implemented without prior review and approval by the Assembly in accordance with established budgetary procedures.

In its resolution [74/251](#), the General Assembly recalled its resolution [72/266 A](#), in which it had approved the change from a biennial to an annual budget period on a trial basis, and reaffirmed that no changes to the budget methodology, established budgetary procedures and practices or the financial regulations might be implemented without prior review and approval by the Assembly in accordance with established budgetary procedures. In addition, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure that the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation approved by the Assembly in its resolutions [70/8](#) and [72/9](#) were fully respected, with the exception of regulations and rules that had been directly impacted by the decisions taken by the Assembly in its resolution [72/266 A](#).

¹ Background information on the mandate of the biennial programme budget process pursuant to General Assembly resolutions [58/269](#), [62/224](#), [67/236](#), [70/8](#) and [72/9](#) is provided in [E/AC.51/2020/1](#).

In its resolution [76/236](#), the General Assembly recalled its resolution [72/266 A](#), in which it approved the change from a biennial to an annual budget period on a trial basis, beginning with the programme budget for 2020, and reaffirmed that no changes to the budget methodology, established budgetary procedures and practices or the financial regulations may be implemented without prior review and approval by the General Assembly in accordance with established budgetary procedures. The Assembly further reiterated its guidance to the Secretary-General to ensure that the terms and expressions referenced in the proposed programme plan have been intergovernmentally agreed.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the proposed programme plan for 2022 and programme performance for 2020, contained in its report on the work of its sixty-first session ([A/76/16](#)). At that session, the Committee had not reached an agreement on the programme narrative for programmes 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 14, 20, 23, 24 and 28 of the proposed programme budget for 2022, and recommended that the Assembly, at its seventy-sixth session, review the programme plan of those 10 programmes under the agenda item entitled “Programme planning”.

Also in the same resolution, the General Assembly, on an exceptional basis and without creating a precedent, approved, for programmes 3, 7, 14, 20 and 23 of the proposed programme budget for 2022, a programme narrative that was composed solely of the list of mandates at the programme level and the objectives approved by the Assembly in its resolution [71/6](#) and the deliverables for 2022 at the subprogramme level. The Assembly also approved, on an exceptional basis and without creating a precedent, for programmes 1, 4, 24 and 28 of the proposed programme budget for 2022, a programme narrative that was composed solely of the list of mandates at the programme level and the objectives approved by the Assembly in its resolution [75/243](#) and the deliverables for 2022 at the subprogramme level. The Assembly further approved the programme plan for programme 6, Legal affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2022, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General ([A/76/6 \(Sect. 8\)](#)).

Also in its resolution [76/236](#), the General Assembly expressed its appreciation for the continued efforts of the Committee to reach consensus on all programmes and recommended that the Committee, in accordance with its mandate, provide recommendations on all programmes of the proposed programme budget. It also reiterated that, whenever the Committee could not provide conclusions and recommendations on a given subprogramme or programme of the proposed programme budget, the plenary or the relevant Main Committee or Main Committees of the Assembly responsible for those mandates would consider the said subprogramme or programme at the very start of its session in order to provide any conclusions and recommendations to the Fifth Committee, at the earliest opportunity, and no later than four weeks after the start of the session, for timely consideration by the Fifth Committee.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for 2023: part I: plan outline, and part II: programme plan for programmes and subprogrammes and programme performance information (General Assembly resolutions [72/266 A](#), [74/251](#), [75/243](#) and [76/236](#))

(b) Evaluation**Programme evaluations**

In paragraph 20 of its resolution [76/236](#), the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee, contained in chapter II.B of its report on its sixty-first session, on evaluation. On strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives, the Assembly expressed concern regarding the findings in the report on shortfalls such as highly uneven evaluation practice, weak evaluation use and tracking systems and the long-standing lack of evaluation capacity and requested the Secretary-General to increase evaluation coverage across the Secretariat. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to take further action to strengthen the role of evaluation in order to improve programmes, enhance performance and strengthen accountability, transparency and internal control.

In the same resolution, in endorsing the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee, contained in chapter II.B of its report on its sixty-first session, the General Assembly selected the following evaluations for consideration at the Committee's sixty-second session, in 2022: the resident coordinator system and the Development Coordination Office; the Economic Commission for Africa; and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Documentation

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Development Coordination Office: Resident coordinator system contribution to country-level programme coherence (E/AC.51/2022/_)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Economic Commission for Africa: subprogramme 1 – Macroeconomic policy and governance (E/AC.51/2022/_)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean: subprogramme 3 – Macroeconomic policies and growth (E/AC.51/2022/_)

Triennial review

By its resolution [74/251](#), the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on evaluation, set out in chapter II.B of its report on its fifty-ninth session ([A/74/16](#)). The Committee, at its sixty-second session, will undertake the triennial reviews of the implementation of the recommendations made at its fifty-ninth session on evaluations of the Office for Disarmament Affairs; the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management; the Offices of the Special Representatives of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, on Sexual Violence in Conflict and on Violence against Children; the United Nations Environment Programme; the Office of Legal Affairs; the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; the Department of Public Information (currently the Department of Global Communications); and the Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Management (currently the Office of Human Resources, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, and Human Resources Services Division, Department of Operational Support).

Documentation

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its fifty-ninth session on the evaluation of the Office for Disarmament Affairs (E/AC.51/2022/_)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its fifty-ninth session on the evaluation of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (E/AC.51/2022/_)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its fifty-ninth session on the evaluation of the Offices of the Special Representatives of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, on Sexual Violence in Conflict and on Violence against Children (E/AC.51/2022/_)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its fifty-ninth session on the evaluation of the United Nations Environment Programme (E/AC.51/2022/_)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its fifty-ninth session on the evaluation of the Office of Legal Affairs (E/AC.51/2022/_)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its fifty-ninth session on the evaluation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (E/AC.51/2022/_)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its fifty-ninth session on the evaluation of the Department of Public Information (currently the Department of Global Communications) (E/AC.51/2022/_)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its fifty-ninth session on the evaluation of the Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Management (currently the Office of Human Resources, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, and Human Resources Services Division, Department of Operational Support) (E/AC.51/2022/_)

4. Coordination questions**(a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination**

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution [2008 \(LX\)](#), the Committee will have before it the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) for 2021.

In paragraph 24 of its resolution [76/236](#), the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee, contained in chapter III.A of its report on its sixty-first session, on the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2020. In endorsing those conclusions and recommendations, the Assembly noted with appreciation the efforts of CEB and its high-level committees towards strengthening system-wide coordination in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The General Assembly also brought to the attention of the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, the need to ensure that the Board's activities and initiatives,

including those related to system-wide coherence, were in line with intergovernmental mandates, and the need to ensure continued alignment of the measures of the High-level Committee on Management with the existing United Nations legislative framework.

The General Assembly further requested the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, to continue to foster a coordinated approach to multilingualism, which was a core and fundamental value of the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant Assembly resolutions.

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2021 (E/2022/___)

(b) United Nations support for Agenda 2063

In its resolution [60/257](#), the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee, contained in chapter IV.B of the report of the Committee on its forty-fifth session ([A/60/16](#) and [A/60/16/Corr.1](#)). In endorsing those conclusions and recommendations, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report annually on progress by the United Nations system in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).

In its resolution [76/236](#), the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee, contained in its report on the work of its sixty-first session, relating to the United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development. In so doing, the Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in paragraphs 68 to 72 of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development ([E/AC.51/2021/8](#)) and thus reaffirmed Agenda 2063 as the framework for assessing United Nations support for Africa's development and agreed to the inclusion in the agenda of the Committee, beginning at its sixty-second session, the agenda item entitled "United Nations support for Agenda 2063".

The General Assembly also welcomed the informative overview of the comprehensive response of the United Nations system to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic in Africa, with its three-pillar (health, humanitarian and socioeconomic) approach enabling the longer-term effects of the pandemic to be addressed and taking into account a development focus. On the continued efforts undertaken to enhance the coordination and coherence of the activities of the United Nations system in Africa, the General Assembly encouraged the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa to continue to strengthen its cooperation with United Nations development entities, regional economic communities and regional and subregional organizations, especially the African Union, in supporting African countries as they addressed the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic to achieve sustainable, resilient and inclusive post-pandemic recovery and to build back better.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations support for Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want (E/AC.51/2022/___)

5. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit

Under agenda item 5, the Committee will consider the relevant report or reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, to be decided upon by the Committee during its organizational session on 21 April 2022.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit ([E/AC.51/2022/L.2](#))

6. Provisional agenda for the sixty-third session

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution [1894 \(LVII\)](#), the Committee will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its sixty-second session, with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the Committee to consider those documents, their contribution to its work, their urgency and their relevance in the light of the current situation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional agenda and documentation for the sixty-third session of the Committee ([E/AC.51/2022/L.3](#))

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its sixty-second session

The report of the Committee on its sixty-second session will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its coordination and management meeting, to be held in July 2022, and to the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session.

Documentation

Draft report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its sixty-second session ([E/AC.51/2022/L.4](#) and addenda)

Annex**Members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination
for 2022***

<i>Membership in 2022</i>	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Armenia	2023
Belarus	2023
Botswana	2024
Brazil	2023
Cameroon	2023
Chile	2024
China	2022
Comoros	2022
Costa Rica	2023
Cuba	2023
Dominican Republic	2023
Eritrea	2023
Eswatini	2023
France	2024
Germany	2023
India	2023
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2023
Italy	2023
Japan	2023
Kenya	2024
Liberia	2022
Mali	2023
Malta	2023
Mauritania	2022
Pakistan	2023
Paraguay	2024
Philippines	2022
Poland	2023

<i>Membership in 2022</i>	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Republic of Korea	2022
Russian Federation	2024
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2023
United States of America	2023
Uruguay	2022

* As at 1 January 2022, one vacancy remains to be filled on the Committee for a member from the Western European and other States for election by the General Assembly for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2024 (see Economic and Social Council decision 2021/201 D and General Assembly decision 76/404).
