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Organization of work of the Second Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee are listed in the note by the Secretariat ([A/C.2/77/1](#)). Background information on those items can be found in the annotations to the agenda ([A/77/100](#) and [A/77/100/Add.1](#)).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, Assembly decision 76/545 on the programme of work of the Second Committee for the seventy-seventh session of the Assembly, by which the Assembly invited the Bureau of the Second Committee to take into account the provisional timetable of the Committee as contained in conference room paper A/C.2/76/CRP.2, the provisional agenda of the seventy-seventh session of the Assembly ([A/77/150](#)) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

List of documents

3. Attention is drawn to the addendum to the present note ([A/C.2/77/L.1/Add.1](#)), which lists the documentation submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee.

General debate

4. In accordance with General Assembly decision 75/548 B on the revitalization of the work of the Second Committee and following consultations with the membership of the Committee, the Bureau proposed the theme “Transforming political commitments into actions for sustainable recovery: rebuilding a sustainable future for all” for the general debate, taking into account the theme agreed by the Assembly for the 2022 session of the Economic and Social Council and the 2022 high-level political forum on sustainable development.



5. At the seventy-seventh session, the general debate will be held in person. Delegations may make only one national statement during the debate. The statement may cover any or all items allocated to the Committee.

General discussions of agenda items, introduction of reports and question time

6. The general discussions of agenda items will be conducted in person.

7. The introductions of the reports of the Secretary-General will be made through brief oral statements of no more than seven minutes at the meeting at which the item is considered. Some flexibility with regard to the time limit may be exercised when two or more reports are introduced in one statement. Immediately following the introduction of reports, and in accordance with the practice of the Main Committees, delegations will be invited to make comments or pose questions to the presenters on the reports introduced. Delegations are invited to participate actively in the dialogues with questions and unscripted comments.

Statements by delegations

8. The lists of speakers for the general debate and the general discussions of individual agenda items will be opened on 16 September 2022. For planning purposes, inscriptions should be submitted by 30 September. In accordance with General Assembly decision 65/530, statements in the general debate should be limited to no more than 10 minutes for statements made on behalf of groups and 7 minutes for national statements. Statements in the general discussions of items should be limited to no more than seven minutes for statements made on behalf of groups and five minutes for national statements. The lists of speakers for a given meeting will be prepared on the basis of these time limits, which will be strictly implemented, including, as necessary, by switching off microphones automatically after the allotted time. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [72/313](#), delegations are encouraged to adhere to the “all protocol observed” principle and to refrain from listing standard protocol expressions during their statements. In the same resolution, the Assembly recommended that speakers should be mindful of the speed of statement delivery, bearing in mind the need for accuracy of interpretation.

9. In accordance with previous decisions of the General Assembly and the practice of the Committee, delegations should exercise their right of reply in in-person meetings at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for the consideration of the relevant agenda item on that day, or at the conclusion of the consideration of the item, if that is sooner. The number of interventions in exercise of the right of reply for any delegation at a given meeting should be limited to two per item, with the first intervention limited to five minutes and the second, if any, to three minutes.

10. Also in accordance with previous decisions of the General Assembly and the practice of the Committee, explanations of vote should be limited to five minutes, and points of order should be limited to three minutes.

Conference facilities and meeting arrangements

11. Unless otherwise specified, in-person meetings of the Second Committee will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The General Assembly has stressed that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. In this regard, rule 108 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly requiring the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived by the Assembly.

Informal consultations

12. In accordance with established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the proposals and for adopting them ad referendum. All drafting will be done at the level of informal consultations (without interpretation or other services) and will be conducted by the appointed facilitators. Informal consultations (without interpretation or other services) on draft proposals will be conducted by the appointed facilitators in person or via a virtual platform. The Bureau will coordinate a comprehensive calendar of informal consultations, within regular meeting hours, while avoiding parallel negotiations as far as possible.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

13. Pursuant to paragraph 4 (c) of section D of the annex to General Assembly resolution [58/316](#), the item entitled “Report of the Economic and Social Council” should be considered in its entirety in plenary; subsequently, it was clarified by the General Committee that the relevant parts of chapter I of the report that fall under agenda items already allocated to the Main Committees would be considered by the Committee concerned for final action by the Assembly (see [A/59/250/Add.1](#), para. 4).

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

14. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, a target date of 23 November 2022 has been set for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee

Wednesday, 14 September 2022

3–4.30 p.m. (*in-person informal meeting*)

Briefing

Thursday, 29 September 2022

10–11.30 a.m. (*in-person plenary meeting*)

Organizational meeting

Week of 3–7 October 2022

Monday, 3 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. (*in-person plenary meeting*)

Keynote address

Opening of the general debate

3–6 p.m. (*in-person plenary meeting*)

General debate (*continued*)

Tuesday, 4 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. (*in-person plenary meeting*)

General debate (*continued*)

3–6 p.m. (*in-person plenary meeting*)

General debate (*concluded*)

Wednesday, 5 October (United Nations floating holiday)

No meetings scheduled

Thursday, 6 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m. (*in-person plenary meetings*)

Introductory statements and joint general discussion on:

Item 16: Macroeconomic policy questions:

- (a) **International trade and development**
- (b) **International financial system and development**
- (c) **External debt sustainability and development**
- (d) **Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows and strengthen good practices on assets return to foster sustainable development**
- (e) **Promoting investments for sustainable development**

Item 17: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development

Friday, 7 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m. (*in-person plenary meetings*)

Introductory statements and joint general discussion on:

Item 15: Information and communications technologies for sustainable development

Item 20: Globalization and interdependence:

- (a) **Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence**
- (b) **International migration and development**

Week of 10–14 October 2022**Monday, 10 October**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m. (*in-person plenary meetings*)

Introductory statements and general discussion on:

Item 18: Sustainable development:

- (a) **Towards the achievement of sustainable development: implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through sustainable consumption and production, building on Agenda 21**
- (b) **Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States**
- (c) **Disaster risk reduction**
- (d) **Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind**
- (e) **Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa**
- (f) **Convention on Biological Diversity**
- (g) **Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme**
- (h) **Harmony with Nature**
- (i) **Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all**
- (j) **Combating sand and dust storms**
- (k) **Sustainable mountain development**

3 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 16 and sub-items (a) to (e) and item 17

Tuesday, 11 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. (*in-person plenary meeting*)

Joint meeting with the Economic and Social Council¹

3–6 p.m. (*in-person plenary meeting*)

General discussion on:

Item 18: Sustainable development and sub-items (a) to (k) (*concluded*)

3 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 15 and item 20 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Wednesday, 12 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m. (*in-person plenary meetings*)

Introductory statements and joint general discussion on:

Item 22: Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

- (a) **Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027)**
- (b) **Industrial development cooperation**
- (c) **Women in development**
- (d) **Human resources development**
- (e) **Eradicating rural poverty to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

Item 24: Agriculture development, food security and nutrition

Thursday, 13 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. (*in-person informal meeting*)

Side event on the role of trade and logistics in getting food and energy to people in need¹

3–6 p.m. (*in-person plenary meeting*)

Introductory statements and general discussion on:

Item 21: Groups of countries in special situations:

- (a) **Follow-up to the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries**
- (b) **Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries**

3 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 18 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Friday, 14 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

Introductory statements and joint general discussion on:

¹ A concept note will be available from the website of the Committee (www.un.org/en/ga/second/77/events.shtml).

Item 19: Follow-up to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

Item 23: Operational activities for development:

- (a) **Operational activities for development of the United Nations system**
- (b) **South-South cooperation for development**

3 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 22 and sub-items (a) to (e) and item 24

Week of 17–21 October 2022

Monday, 17 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. (*in-person plenary meeting*)

Introductory statement and general discussion on:

Item 56: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources

3 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under sub-items (c) to (g) of item 18 and item 21 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Tuesday, 18 October

3 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 19 and item 23 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Wednesday, 19 October

3 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under sub-items (h) to (k) of item 18 and item 56

Week of 24–28 October 2022

Tuesday, 25 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. (*in-person informal meeting*)

Dialogue with the regional commissions²

Week of 7–11 November 2022

Thursday, 10 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m. (*in-person plenary meeting*)

Introduction of and action on draft proposals³

² A concept note will be available from the website of the Committee (www.un.org/en/ga/second/77/events.shtml).

³ Meetings of the Committee to take action on draft proposals are scheduled on a preliminary basis and will be convened and/or rescheduled depending on the availability of documentation and conference facilities.

Week of 14–18 November 2022

Tuesday, 15 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m. (*in-person plenary meeting*)

Action on draft proposals²

3 p.m.: deadline for submission of final draft proposals

Thursday, 17 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m. (*in-person plenary meeting*)

Action on draft proposals²

Week of 21–25 November 2022

Tuesday, 22 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m. (*in-person plenary meeting*)

Item 139: Programme planning

Action on draft proposals²

3–6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals²

Wednesday, 23 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m. (*in-person plenary meeting*)

Item 124: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Action on draft proposals²

Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee
