

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

PART I

ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC COMMITTEES AND PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

1. Ad Hoc Committee on the Palestinian Question

The General Committee has examined the Provisional Agenda, the Supplementary List of Items and requests for the inclusion of additional items and considers that the work load will be unevenly distributed among the Main Committees of the Assembly, and that the time required by some of them to complete their agenda will be considerably longer than that required by others.

This situation is most serious in the case of the First Committee, which will have an extremely heavy agenda. In order to divide the work load more equally, the General Committee recommends the establishment of an ad hoc Committee on the Palestinian question, on which each member of the General Assembly shall have the right to be represented, to consider and report to the General Assembly on any items on the agenda relating to Palestine.

2. Ad Hoc Committee on Headquarters

The General Committee also recommends that the General Assembly shall establish an ad hoc committee consisting of the members of the Advisory Committee on Headquarters set up under the terms of Resolution 100(I) of 14 December 1946 to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the permanent headquarters of the United Nations.

The ad hoc committee on Headquarters shall report to the General Assembly on questions of general design, plans and requirements for official buildings and other necessary facilities, while questions of cost and financial arrangements shall be referred by the ad hoc committee to the Fifth Committee for report to the General Assembly.

The General Committee therefore recommends that the ad hoc committee shall consist of the following members: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, France, Greece, India, Norway, Poland, Syria, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom, United States of America, and Yugoslavia.

/3. Programme of Meetings

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The following arrangements, which had been tentatively made by the Secretary-General, are recommended to the General Assembly by the General Committee:

- (a) Plenary meetings will be held at the General Assembly Hall at Flushing Meadow. The Committees of the General Assembly will meet in the committee rooms at the interim headquarters at Lake Success.
- (b) Plenary and Committee meetings will normally be scheduled for 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- (c) It is proposed that a six-day working week be established.

PART II

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The General Committee has considered the Provisional Agenda for the Second Regular Session (document A/329), the Supplementary List of Items (document A/369), two additional items proposed by the United States of America (document A/EUR/35), and an additional item proposed by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (document A/EUR/86).

The following items gave rise to discussion during the meetings and the recommendations of the General Committee thereon are recorded below.

Item 13 of the Provisional Agenda: Reports from the Specialized Agencies

The General Committee took note of the fact that the Economic and Social Council had, at its last session, agreed not to consider the reports received from the Specialized Agencies until February 1948. The Committee felt that it would be more appropriate for the General Assembly to study these reports after they had been considered by the appropriate organ of the United Nations, and therefore recommends to the General Assembly that this item should not be included in the Agenda.

Item 24 of the Provisional Agenda: Convocation of a General Conference under Article 109 of the Charter to Abolish the Privilege of the Veto

The General Committee, by nine votes to two, with three abstentions, recommends to the General Assembly that this item, amended by the substitution of the word "amend" for "abolish", be included in the Agenda.

Item 32 of the Provisional Agenda: Proposal to increase the membership of the Economic and Social Council to twenty-four

The General Committee, by seven votes to four, with three abstentions, recommends the inclusion of this item in the Agenda.

Item 1 of the Supplementary List: Protection of the rights of the General Assembly in relation to the admission of New Members

The General Committee, by ten votes to three, with one abstention, recommends the inclusion of this item in the agenda.

Item 2 of the Supplementary List: Resolution granting Pakistan and Hindu India full membership within the United Nations

The representative of Argentina withdrew the request made by his Government for the inclusion of this item in the agenda.

Item 3 of the Supplementary List: Resolution of the Second Part of the First Session of the General Assembly in relation to the exercise of the veto in the Security Council and the extent to which the recommendations contained in that resolution have been carried out.

The General Committee, by eleven votes to two, with one abstention, recommends the inclusion of this item in the agenda.

Item 5 of the Supplementary List: Peace Treaty with Italy

The representatives of Argentina and Honduras amended this item to read as follows:

"Suggestions to the countries concerned with the Peace Treaty with Italy"
The representative of Ecuador withdrew the item proposed by his Government.

The Committee, by four votes to two, with eight abstentions, recommends the inclusion of the item as amended in the agenda.

Item 13 of the Supplementary List: Draft Charter of International Human Rights and Duties

The Secretary-General notified the Committee that he had received a communication from the delegation of Ecuador requesting him to transmit to the Commission on Human Rights of the Economic and Social Council the Draft Charter of International Human Rights submitted by the Government of Ecuador (document A/341).

The General Committee therefore recommends that this item should not be included in the agenda.

Item 14 of the Supplementary List: Draft Charter of the Duties and Rights of States

The delegation of Ecuador had informed the Secretary-General that the Draft Charter on the Duties and Rights of States (document A/340) should be considered as embodying the comments and observations of the Government of Ecuador in accordance with the recommendation of resolution 38 (I) adopted by the General Assembly on 11 December 1946, relative to the Draft Declaration on the Rights and Duties of States presented by Panama.

The General Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly that this item should not be included in the agenda.

Item Proposed by the United States of America: Establishment of an
Interim Committee of the General Assembly on Peace and Security

The General Committee, by twelve votes to two, recommends the inclusion of this item in the agenda.

Item Proposed by the United States of America: The Problem of the
Independence of Korea

The General Committee, by twelve votes to two, recommends the inclusion of this item in the agenda.

Item Proposed by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: Measures to be
Taken Against Propaganda and the Inciters of a New War

The Committee unanimously recommends the inclusion of this item in the agenda.

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The General Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following agenda:

AGENDA FOR THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the Delegation of Brazil
2. Appointment of the Credentials Committee
3. Election of the President.
4. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers
5. Election of Vice-Presidents
6. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter
7. Adoption of the agenda
8. Opening of the general debate
9. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization
10. Report of the Security Council
11. Report of the Economic and Social Council
12. Report of the Trusteeship Council
13. Headquarters of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (Resolution 100 (I) of 14 December 1946)
14. Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the headquarters of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (Resolution 99 (I) of 14 December 1946)
15. Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly
 - (a) Report of the Committee on Procedures and Organization (Resolution 102 (I) of 15 December 1946)
 - (b) Simultaneous Interpretation: report of the Secretary-General
- /16. Rules governing

16. Rules governing the admission of new Members: reports of the Committee of the General Assembly and of the Security Council (Resolution 36 (I) of 19 November 1946)
17. Admission of new Members (if recommendations are received from the Security Council)
18. Relations of Members of the United Nations with Spain (Resolution 39 (I) of 12 December 1946)
19. Treatment of Indians in the Union of South Africa (Resolution 44 (I) of 8 December 1946)
20. Question of Palestine: item submitted by the United Kingdom
21. Report of the Special Committee on Palestine (Resolution 106 (S-I) of 15 May 1947)
22. Termination of the Mandate over Palestine and the recognition of its independence as one State: item submitted by Saudi Arabia and by Iraq
23. Convocation of a General Conference under Article 109 of the Charter to amend the privilege of the veto: item submitted by Argentina
24. Election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council
25. Consideration of proposed new Trusteeship agreements, if any (Resolutions 9 (I) of 9 February 1946 and 65 (I) of 14 December 1946)
26. Election of additional members of the Trusteeship Council
27. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories
 - (a) Summary and analysis of information transmitted under Article 73e of the Charter: report of the Secretary-General
 - (b) Information transmitted under Article 73e of the Charter: report of the ad hoc Committee (Resolution 66 (I) of 14 December 1946)
28. International Children's Emergency Fund:
 - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council
 - (b) Annual audit of the accounts of the Fund submitted by the Secretary-General (Resolution 57 (I) of 11 December 1946)
29. Draft Convention on Genocide: report of the Economic and Social Council (Resolution 96 (I) of 11 December 1946)
30. Telecommunications: report of the Secretary-General
31. Proposal to increase the membership of the Economic and Social Council to twenty-four: item submitted by Argentina
32. Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council
33. Progressive development of international law and its eventual codification: report of the Committee on the Progressive Development of International Law and its Codification (Resolution 94 (I) of 11 December 1946)

34. Plans for the formulation of the principles of the Nurnberg Charter: report of the Committee on the Progressive Development of International Law and its Codification (Resolution 95 (I) of 11 December 1946)
35. Draft declaration on the Rights and Duties of States proposed by Panama: report of the Committee on the Progressive Development of International Law and its Codification (Resolution 38 (I) of 11 December 1946)
36. Co-ordination of the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and of the Specialized Agencies: report of the Secretary-General (Resolution 22 (I) D of 13 February 1946)
37. Installation of the Assistant Secretary-General in charge of Administrative and Financial Services
38. Financial Administration of the United Nations
 - (a) Budget for the Financial Year 1946
 - (b) Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 1948
 - (c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
 - (d) Report of the Committee on Contributions (Resolution 69 (I) of 14 December 1946)
 - (e) Report of the Board of Auditors (Resolution 74 (I) of 7 December 1946)
 - (f) Budgetary and Financial relationships with Specialized Agencies: report of the Secretary-General (Resolution 81 (I) of 14 December 1946)
 - (g) Adoption of the permanent financial regulations: report of the Advisory Committee (Resolution 80 (I) of 11 December 1946)
39. Appointments to fill vacancies in the memberships of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly
 - (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
 - (b) Committee on Contributions
 - (c) Board of Auditors
40. Organizational and Administrative Matters
 - (a) United Nations Joint Staff Pension Scheme: report of the United Nations Staff Benefit Committee (Resolution 82 (I) of 15 December 1946 and Section E of the Provisional Regulations)
 - (b) United Nations Joint Staff Pension Scheme. Appointment of an Investments Committee: report of the Secretary-General (Section 25 of the Provisional Regulations)

- (c) United Nations Flag: item submitted by the Secretary-General
41. Charter Day and United Nations Peace Day: item submitted by the Secretary-General
42. Organization of a United Nations postal service: item submitted by Argentina
43. Protection of the rights of the General Assembly in relation to the admission of new Members: item proposed by Australia
44. Resolution of the second part of the first session of the General Assembly in relation to the exercise of the veto in the Security Council and the extent to which the recommendations contained in that resolution have been carried out: item proposed by Australia
45. Threats to the political independence and territorial integrity of Greece: item proposed by the United States of America
46. Suggestions to countries concerned with the Peace Treaty with Italy
47. Transfer to the United Nations of Functions and Powers exercised by the League of Nations under the International Convention of 30 September 1921 on Traffic in Women and Children, the Convention of 11 October 1933 on Traffic in Women of Full Age, and the Convention of 12 September 1923 on Traffic in Obscene Publications: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council
48. Agreements with Specialized Agencies: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council
- (a) World Health Organization
 - (b) Universal Postal Union
 - (c) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
 - (d) International Monetary Fund
 - (e) International Telecommunications Union
49. Applications for Membership in the International Civil Aviation Organization: item proposed by the Secretary-General
- (a) Application of Italy
 - (b) Application of Austria
50. Transfer to the World Health Organization of certain assets of the United Nations: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council
51. Trade Union Rights (Freedom of Association): item proposed by the Economic and Social Council
52. Recommendations to be made with a view to preventing the dissemination with regard to foreign States of slanderous reports which are harmful to good relations between States and contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations: item proposed by Yugoslavia
- /53. Relief

53. Relief needs after the termination of UNRRA (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration): item proposed by the Economic and Social Council
54. Need for greater use by the United Nations and its organs of the International Court of Justice in connection not only with disputes of a legal character, but also with legal aspects of disputes and situations: item proposed by Australia
55. Privileges and Immunities within the boundaries of the United States of America of the representatives of Member States and their staffs: item proposed by Argentina
56. Recommendations to be made to ensure the surrender of war criminals, traitors and quislings to the States where their crimes were committed: item proposed by Yugoslavia
57. Registration of treaties and international agreements: item proposed by the Secretary-General
58. Working of the Secretariat of the United Nations under Chapter XV of the Charter: item proposed by Australia.
59. Establishment of an Interim Committee of the General Assembly on Peace and Security
60. The problem of the independence of Korea
61. Measures to be taken against propaganda and the inciters of a new war

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TIME LIMIT FOR THE SUBMISSION OF NEW ITEMS

The General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the time limit for the submission of new items for inclusion in the agenda be midnight on Monday, 29 September 1947.

PART III

ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS TO COMMITTEES

A.

The General Committee recommends the allocation of agenda items to the following committees:

FIRST COMMITTEE

1. Report of the Security Council
2. Admission of new Members
3. Threats to the political independence and territorial integrity of Greece: item proposed by the United States of America
4. Treatment of Indians in the Union of South Africa
5. Rules governing the admission of new Members: reports of the Committee of the General Assembly and of the Security Council
6. Protection of the rights of the General Assembly in relation to the admission of new Members: item proposed by Australia

/7. Convocation

7. Convocation of a General Conference under Article 109 of the Charter to abolish the privilege of the veto: item proposed by Argentina
8. Resolution of the second part of the first session of the General Assembly in relation to the exercise of the veto in the Security Council and the extent to which the recommendations contained in that resolution have been carried out: item proposed by Australia
9. Suggestions to the countries concerned with the Peace Treaty with Italy
10. Relations of Members of the United Nations with Spain
11. Establishment of an Interim Committee of the General Assembly on Peace and Security.
12. The problem of the independence of Korea
13. Measures to be taken against propaganda and the inciters of a new war

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION

1. Question of Palestine: item proposed by the United Kingdom
2. Report of the Special Committee on Palestine
3. Termination of the Mandate over Palestine and the recognition of its independence as one State: item proposed by Saudi Arabia and by Iraq

SECOND COMMITTEE

1. Chapter I, II and IV of the Report of the Economic and Social Council
2. Relief needs after the termination of UNRRA (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration): item proposed by the Economic and Social Council
3. Agreements with Specialized Agencies: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council
 - (a) Universal Postal Union
 - (b) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
 - (c) International Monetary Fund
 - (d) International Telecommunications Union
4. Applications for Membership in the International Civil Aviation Organization: item proposed by the Secretary-General
 - (a) Application of Italy
 - (b) Application of Austria

THIRD COMMITTEE

1. Chapter III of the Report of the Economic and Social Council
2. Agreements with Specialized Agencies: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council

World Health Organization

/3. Transfer

3. Transfer to the United Nations of Functions and Powers exercised by the League of Nations under the International Convention of 30 September 1921 on Traffic in Women and Children, the Convention of 11 October 1933 on Traffic in Women of Full Age, and the Convention of 12 September 1932 on Traffic in Obscene Publications: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council.
4. Trade Union Rights (Freedom of Association): item proposed by the Economic and Social Council.
5. Recommendations to be made with a view to preventing the dissemination with regard to foreign States of slanderous reports which are harmful to good relations between States and contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations: item proposed by Yugoslavia
6. Transfer to the World Health Organization of certain assets of the United Nations: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council
7. International Children's Emergency Fund
 - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council
 - (b) Annual audit of the accounts of the Fund submitted by the Secretary-General
8. Proposal to increase the membership of the Economic and Social Council to twenty-four: item proposed by Argentina

FOURTH COMMITTEE

1. Report of the Trusteeship Council
2. Consideration of proposed new Trusteeship agreements, if any
3. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories
 - (a) Summary and analysis of information transmitted under Article 73 (e) of the Charter: report of the Secretary-General
 - (b) Information transmitted under Article 73 (e) of the Charter: report of the ad hoc Committee

FIFTH COMMITTEE

1. Financial Administration of the United Nations
 - (a) Budget of the Organization for the Financial Year 1947
 - (b) Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 1948
 - (c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
 - (d) Report of the Committee on Contributions
 - (e) Report of the Board of Auditors
 - (f) Budgetary and financial relationships with Specialized Agencies: report of the Secretary-General

/(g) Adoption

- (g) Adoption of the permanent financial regulations: report of the Advisory Committee
- 2. Working of the Secretariat of the United Nations under Chapter XV of the Charter: item proposed by Australia
- 3. 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
- 4. Organizational and Administrative Matters
 - (a) United Nations Joint Staff Pension Scheme: report of the United Nations Staff benefit Committee
 - (b) United Nations Joint Staff Pension Scheme. Appointment of an Investments Committee: report of the Secretary-General
- 5. Simultaneous Interpretation: report of the Secretary-General
- 6. Telecommunications: report of the Secretary-General
- 7. Organization of a United Nations postal service: item proposed by Argentina

SIXTH COMMITTEE

- 1. Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General
- 2. Privileges and Immunities within the boundaries of the United States of America of the representatives of Member States and their staffs: item proposed by Argentina
- 3. Co-ordination of the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and of the Specialized Agencies: report of the Secretary-General
- 4. Need for greater use by the United Nations and its organs of the International Court of Justice in connection not only with disputes of a legal character, but also with legal aspects of disputes and situations: item proposed by Australia
- 5. Progressive development of international law and its eventual codification: report of the Committee on the Progressive Development of International Law and its Codification
- 6. Plans for the formulation of the principles of the Nürnberg Charter: report of the Committee on the Progressive Development of International Law and its Codification
- 7. Draft declaration on the Rights and Duties of States proposed by Panama: report of the Committee on the Progressive Development of International Law and its Codification

8. Draft Convention on Genocide: report of the Economic and Social Council
9. Recommendations to be made to ensure the surrender of war criminals, traitors and quislings to the States where their crimes were committed: item proposed by Yugoslavia
10. Registration of treaties and international agreements: item proposed by the Secretary-General
11. United Nations Flag: item proposed by the Secretary-General
12. Charter Day and United Nations Peace Day: item proposed by the Secretary-General

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HEADQUARTERS

Headquarters of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General

B.

1. The General Committee recommends that the General Assembly authorize the Second and Third Committees to refer to an eventual Joint Second and Third Committee any items on their respective agendas which they would wish to have considered by that Committee.

2. Item 11 of the Supplementary List: Recommendations to be made with a view to preventing the dissemination with regard to foreign States of slanderous reports which are harmful to good relations between States and contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations: item proposed by Yugoslavia.

The General Committee, recommends by eight votes to three, with three abstentions, that this item be considered by the Third Committee.

3. Item 17 of the Supplementary List: Recommendations to be made to ensure the surrender of war criminals, traitors and quislings to the States where their crimes were committed: item proposed by Yugoslavia

The General Committee, recommends by ten votes to four, that this item be referred to the Sixth Committee.

4. The General Committee, having considered the suggestion of the Norwegian delegation (document A/BUR/87) that the committee considering Item 7 on the Supplementary List: Agreements with Specialized Agencies, should request the Fifth Committee to express its opinion on these agreements, expressed the view that this request might more appropriately be presented to the committee dealing with the question.