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PROPOSED PLAN OF WORK AND ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE

Memorandum submitted by the Secretariat

In order to facilitate consideration of the agenda items referred to the Sixth committee, it would seem advisable to group the items in three categories:

- (a) those items relating to the Headquarters Agreement, the Privileges and Immunities of representatives of Member States, and the Co-ordination of the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies,
- (b) the three items which have been reported on by the Committee on Progressive Development and International Law and its eventual Codification, and
- (c) other items (No's. 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, in President's letter of reference)

1. The items in category (a) which present various aspects of the same general subject matter might usefully be referred to a small sub-committee for initial consideration. It is suggested that this sub-committee might be requested to report first on the proposal relating to the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies since favourable action in this regard might necessitate the holding of a conference during the period of the present session of the General Assembly.

2. The items in category (b) would not appear to require reference to a sub-committee since they have already been considered by a committee of the General Assembly appointed for that purpose. Accordingly, it is suggested that the full committee consider as the first item on its agenda the report relating to the Progressive Development of International Law and its eventual Codification, document A/331. It is desirable to consider this item first since adoption of the proposal to establish an International Law Commission would require reference to the Fifth Committee in regard to budgetary aspects, and might also require the holding of an election during the present session of the General Assembly. The items relating to the Nurnberg Charter and the Draft Declaration of the Rights and Duties of States could be considered in the full committee after the Committee acts on the proposal for the establishment of an International Law Commission. This

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procedure is desirable in view of the fact that the Committee on Progressive Development of International Law has recommended that these two items be referred to the proposed commission.

4. The remaining items on the agenda could then be considered by the Committee in the order in which they appear in the President's letter of reference, document A/C.6/134. With respect to the item on genocide, the Committee might wish to devote an early meeting to a general discussion of the Convention, and then, perhaps, establish a sub-committee to examine the Convention in greater detail. The other items would not appear to require sub-committees.
