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The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m.

Organization of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items (A/BUR/67/1)

Memorandum by the Secretary-General

1. **The Chair** drew attention to the memorandum by the Secretary-General regarding the organization of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items (A/BUR/67/1).

Chapter II. Organization of the session

2. **The Chair** drew attention to paragraph 6 of the Secretary-General's memorandum and said that he trusted that he would shortly receive from each of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly a letter concerning the designation of a liaison person for the duration of the session. He also drew attention to paragraph 20 of the memorandum, in which the Secretary-General recommended that the general debate should continue on Saturday, 29 September 2012, in order to maximize the number of speakers during that week.

3. *The Committee took note of all the relevant information contained in chapter II of the memorandum. It decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to all the necessary information, in particular the information contained in paragraph 41 of the memorandum concerning the timely submission of draft proposals for the review of their programme budget implications, and to recommend to the General Assembly that it should take action on all the proposals contained in that chapter. It also decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the information contained in paragraph 46 of the memorandum on the views of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the use of the phrase "within available resources" and the Advisory Committee's views on the responsibility of the Secretariat to inform the General Assembly regarding the availability of resources to implement a new activity. The Committee further decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the general debate should continue on Saturday, 29 September 2012.*

4. **Mr. Berger** (Germany), speaking as the Chair of the Fifth Committee, recalled the importance of submitting the statements of programme budget implications referred to in paragraphs 40 and 41 and

later paragraphs of the memorandum to the Committee by 1 December 2012.

5. **Mr. Shaper** (Netherlands) drew attention to the need to respect the established time limits since the Committees could not complete their work unless reports were submitted by the appropriate dates.

Chapter III. Adoption of the agenda

6. **The Chair** informed the Committee that, in accordance with paragraph 2 (a) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the draft agenda was organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization as contained in every medium-term plan, or in the strategic framework, with an additional heading for "Organizational, administrative and other matters".

Paragraphs 52 to 54

7. *The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraphs 52 to 54 of the memorandum.*

Inclusion of items

8. **The Chair** said that, since the agenda was organized under nine headings, the Committee might wish to consider the inclusion of items under each heading as a whole. However, it might wish to take separate decisions on certain items, where it was deemed appropriate, including in some cases the placement of items under appropriate headings.

9. The draft agenda contained nine new items, namely item 29 under heading A (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences), item 95 (j) under heading G (Disarmament) and items 144 and 167 to 172 under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

Paragraph 55

Items 1 to 8

10. The Chair drew attention to paragraph 55 of the memorandum. Items 1 to 8 were not under any heading. The General Assembly had already dealt with items 1 and 2. Items 3 to 8 related to organizational matters.

11. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of items 1 to 8.*

Heading A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

12. **Mr. Talbot** (Guyana), speaking as Chair of the Second Committee, proposed that item 20 (a) should be amended to read “Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development” so that the General Assembly would incorporate the outcome document of that Conference into its work under the agenda item.

13. *It was so decided.*

Item 29. People’s empowerment and a peace-centric development model

14. **The Chair** said that the inclusion of item 29 had been requested by Bangladesh (A/67/143).

15. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 29 under heading A.

16. The Committee also decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading A, taking into account the decision taken regarding item 20 (a) and item 29.

Heading B. Maintenance of international peace and security

Item 40. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte

17. **The Chair** said that the General Assembly, at the 130th plenary meeting of its sixty-sixth session, had decided to include item 40 in the provisional agenda for its sixty-seventh session.

18. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 40 under heading B, on the understanding that there would be no consideration of the item until further notice.*

Item 61. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India

19. **The Chair** said that the General Assembly, at the 2nd plenary meeting of its sixty-sixth session, had decided to include item 61 in the provisional agenda for its sixty-seventh session.

20. **Mr. Balé** (Republic of the Congo) proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly that consideration of item 61 should be deferred to its sixty-eighth session.

21. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that consideration of item 61 should be deferred to its sixty-eighth session and that the item should be included in the provisional agenda for that session.*

22. *The Committee also decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading B, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 40 and 61.*

Heading C. Development of Africa

23. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading C.*

Heading D. Promotion of human rights

24. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading D.*

Heading E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

25. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading E.*

Heading F. Promotion of justice and international law

26. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading F.*

Heading G. Disarmament

Item 95 (j). Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control

27. **The Chair** said that item 95 (j) had been included in the provisional agenda pursuant to General Assembly resolution 65/69 and, as a new item, had been listed tentatively under heading G.

28. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 95 (j) under heading G.*

29. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the*

items listed under heading G, taking into account the decision taken regarding item 95 (j).

Heading H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

30. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading H.*

Heading I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

Item 144. Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

31. **The Chair** said that item 144 had been included in the provisional agenda pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/240 B and, as a new item, had been listed tentatively under heading I.

32. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 144 under heading I.*

Item 167. Addressing the socioeconomic needs of individuals, families and societies affected by autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disorders

33. **The Chair** said that the inclusion of item 167 had been requested by Bangladesh (A/67/141).

34. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 167 under heading I.*

Item 168. Observer status for the Andean Development Corporation in the General Assembly

35. **The Chair** said that the inclusion of item 168 had been requested by Colombia (A/67/142).

36. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 168 under heading I.*

Item 169. Observer status for the International Chamber of Commerce in the General Assembly

37. **The Chair** said that the inclusion of item 169 has been requested by France (A/67/191).

38. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 169 under heading I.*

Item 170. Observer status for the European Organization for Nuclear Research in the General Assembly

39. **The Chair** said that the inclusion of item 170 had been requested by France and Switzerland (A/67/192).

40. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 170 under heading I.*

Item 171. Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic

41. **The Chair** said that the inclusion of item 171 had been requested by the Secretary-General (A/67/231).

42. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 171 under heading I.*

Item 172. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative

43. **The Chair** said that the inclusion of item 172 had been requested by Ukraine (A/67/232).

44. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 172 under heading I.*

45. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading I, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 144 and 167 to 172.*

Chapter IV. Allocation of items

Paragraphs 56 to 58

46. *The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraphs 56 to 58 of the memorandum.*

Paragraph 59

47. **The Chair** said that, in paragraph 59 of his memorandum, the Secretary-General had listed items of the draft agenda which had not been considered previously by the General Assembly. If the members of the Committee agreed, he would first request the Committee to decide on the recommendation it should make regarding the allocation of those items, which it had just recommended for inclusion in the agenda of the sixty-seventh session.

48. *It was so decided.*

Item 29. People's empowerment and a peace-centric development model

49. **The Chair** said that Bangladesh, which had requested the inclusion of item 29, had also requested that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

50. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 29 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.*

Item 95 (j). Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control

51. **The Chair** said that, owing to the nature of the item, the Secretary-General had suggested that it should be allocated to the First Committee.

52. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 95 (j) should be allocated to the First Committee.*

Item 144. Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

Item 171. Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic

53. **The Chair** said that, owing to the nature of the items, the Secretary-General had suggested that they should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

54. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that items 144 and 171 should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.*

Item 167. Addressing the socioeconomic needs of individuals, families and societies affected by autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disorders

55. **The Chair** said that Bangladesh, which had requested the inclusion of item 167, had also requested that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

56. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 167 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.*

Item 168. Observer status for the Andean Development Corporation in the General Assembly

Item 169. Observer status for the International Chamber of Commerce in the General Assembly

Item 170. Observer status for the European Organization for Nuclear Research in the General Assembly

57. **The Chair** recalled that, in accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution 54/195, any request by an organization for the granting of observer status in the General Assembly would be considered in plenary meeting after consideration of the issue by the Sixth

Committee. The Committee would therefore proceed accordingly with the consideration of items 168, 169 and 170.

58. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that items 168, 169 and 170 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.*

Item 172. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative

59. **The Chair** recalled that in accordance with resolutions 55/285 and 58/316, all cooperation items would be clustered under an item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations". Thus, the item would become item 122 (w). Owing to its nature, the Secretary-General had requested that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

60. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Committee that item 172, which would become item 122 (w), should be considered directly in plenary meeting.*

Item 9. Report of the Economic and Social Council

61. *The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 66 and decided to recommend that the General Assembly, when considering item 9 in its entirety in plenary meeting, should take note of the clarification that, in implementing resolution 58/316, the relevant parts of chapter I of the report of the Economic and Social Council would be considered by the Main Committees concerned, under agenda items already allocated to them, for final action by the Assembly.*

Item 14. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

62. *The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 67.*

Item 114. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

63. *The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 68.*

Item 65. Report of the Human Rights Council

64. *The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 69.*

Item 76 (a). Oceans and the law of the sea

65. The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 70.

Item 84. The rule of law at the national and international levels

66. The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 71.

Item 99. General and complete disarmament

67. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the relevant paragraphs of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 95.

Item 107. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

68. The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 73.

Item 117. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

69. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 117 should be allocated to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

Item 131. Programme planning

70. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 131 of the draft agenda should be allocated to all the Main Committees and to the plenary Assembly to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports.

Item 141. Administration of justice at the United Nations

71. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 141 should be allocated to the Fifth Committee and to the Sixth Committee in light of resolution 66/237.

Plenary Assembly

72. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 29, 65, 84, 122 (w), 131 and 167.

First Committee

73. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 86, 95 (j), 117 and 131.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee

74. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 117 and 131.

Second Committee

75. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 117 and 131.

Third Committee

76. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 65, 117 and 131.

Fifth Committee

77. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 117, 131, 141, 144 and 171.

Sixth Committee

78. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 117, 131, 141 and 168 to 170.

79. **Mr. Prosor** (Israel) said that his delegation would work hand in hand with the United Nations to advance its work on important issues such as sustainable development, global health, the eradication of poverty and the empowerment of women and would join the consensus in the Committee in order to ensure that work should move forward on those critical issues. However, it was dismayed to note the recurrence, year after year, of one-sided agenda items that did nothing to resolve the conflict in the Middle East. The costs of the institutions arising from some of the resolutions adopted under those items seemed particularly absurd in light of all the challenges facing the United Nations and it was time for the responsible nations in the General Assembly to stop supporting them and to think critically about their implications.

The meeting rose at 11.10 a.m.