



Twelfth session

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE TWELFTH REGULAR SESSION AND ALLOCATION OF
ITEMS TO COMMITTEES, AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSIONFirst report of the General Committee

1. The General Committee, at its 111th and 112th meetings held on 18 and 19 September 1957, considered the provisional agenda of the twelfth session of the General Assembly (A/3610), the supplementary list of items (A/3646) and five requests for the inclusion of additional items, as contained in the memorandum by the Secretary-General relating to the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items to Committees (A/BUR/147 and A/BUR/147/Add.1/Rev.1).
2. The Committee approved the suggestion of the Secretary-General in paragraph 3 of his memorandum that the additional item, proposed by India concerning the expansion of the membership of the Disarmament Commission and of its Sub-Committee (A/BUR/147/Add.1/Rev.1, point 1) should be included as sub-item (b) of the item on disarmament (item 24).
3. At the suggestion of the representative of Iran, the Committee further decided to recommend that item 2 of the supplementary list, proposed by Belgium, entitled "Collective action to inform and enlighten the peoples of the world as to the dangers of the armaments race, and particularly as to the destructive effects of nuclear weapons", should be included as sub-item (c) of item 24. The Committee also approved a suggestion by the representative of France to recommend the replacement of the word "nuclear" by the word "modern" in this sub-item.
4. After statements had been made concerning item 58 of the provisional agenda, proposed by Greece, the Committee, by 11 votes to none, with 4 abstentions, decided, on the proposal of the representative of Norway, to recommend the inclusion of the item under the title "The Cyprus question".

5. After discussion, the Committee decided, by 7 votes to 4, with 4 abstentions, to recommend the inclusion of item 4 of the supplementary list entitled "The question of West Irian (West New Guinea)".

6. After a discussion concerning the additional item entitled "The question of Hungary (A/RES/1133 (XI) of 14 September 1957)" (A/BUR/147/Add.1/Rev.1, point 2), the Committee, by 13 votes to 2, decided to recommend the inclusion of the item.

7. With regard to the additional item, proposed by India, entitled "The representation of China in the United Nations" (A/BUR/147/Add.1/Rev.1, point 3), the representative of the United States of America proposed that the Committee recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution reading as follows:

The General Assembly

1. Decides to reject the request of India for the inclusion in the agenda of its twelfth regular session of the additional item entitled "The representation of China in the United Nations"; and

2. Decides not to consider, at its twelfth regular session, any proposal to exclude the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China or to seat representatives of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China.

8. Following an objection made by the representative of India, who had been invited to the Committee table, the Chairman ruled that the General Committee was competent, under rule 40 of the rules of procedure, to consider the draft resolution.

9. A motion by the United States representative to give the draft resolution priority in voting over the Indian request for the inclusion of the item in the agenda was adopted by 10 votes to 3, with 2 abstentions.

10. Paragraph 1 of the United States draft resolution was approved by 10 votes to 4, with 1 abstention; paragraph 2 by 9 votes to 4, with 2 abstentions; and the draft resolution as a whole by 9 votes to 4, with 2 abstentions.

11. The remaining items were recommended for inclusion without objection.

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

12. The General Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following agenda for the twelfth regular session:

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AGENDA OF THE TWELFTH SESSION

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Thailand
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation
3. Credentials of representatives to the twelfth session of the General Assembly:
 - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee
4. Election of the President
5. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers
6. Election of Vice-Presidents
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter
8. Adoption of the agenda
9. Opening of the general debate
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization
11. Report of the Security Council
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council
13. Report of the Trusteeship Council
14. Election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council
15. Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council
16. Election of five members of the International Court of Justice
17. Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations
18. Draft relationship agreement between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Advisory Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy

19. Question of amending the United Nations Charter in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the number of non-permanent members of the Security Council and the number of votes required for decisions of the Council
20. Question of amending the United Nations Charter in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the membership of the Economic and Social Council
21. Question of amending the Statute of the International Court of Justice, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations and Article 69 of the Statute of the Court with respect to an increase in the number of judges of the International Court of Justice
22. Report of the Committee on arrangements for a Conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter
23. The Korean question: report of the United Nations Commission on the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea
24. Regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and all armaments; conclusion of an international Convention (treaty) on the reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic, hydrogen and other weapons of mass destruction:
 - (a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;
 - (b) Expansion of the membership of the Disarmament Commission and of its Sub-Committee;
 - (c) Collective action to inform and enlighten the peoples of the world as to the dangers of the armaments race, and particularly as to the destructive effects of modern weapons
25. Admission of new Members to the United Nations
26. Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
27. Report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency
28. Economic development of under-developed countries. Question of the establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development: final and supplementary reports of the Ad Hoc Committee, and recommendations of the Economic and Social Council
29. Programmes of technical assistance:
 - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council;
 - (b) Confirmation of allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance

30. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
31. Review of the arrangements for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
32. Recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination
33. Draft International Covenants on Human Rights
34. Draft Convention on Freedom of Information: report of the Economic and Social Council
35. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories:
 - (a) Information on economic conditions;
 - (b) Information on other conditions;
 - (c) General questions relating to the transmission and examination of information;
 - (d) Offers of study and training facilities under resolutions 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954 and 931 (X) of 8 November 1955;
 - (e) Methods of reproducing summaries of information concerning Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General
36. Election to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories
37. The future of Togoland under French administration: report of the Trusteeship Council
38. Question of South West Africa:
 - (a) Report of the Committee on South West Africa;
 - (b) Study of legal action to ensure the fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the Mandatory Power under the Mandate for South West Africa: special report of the Committee on South West Africa;
 - (c) Election of three members of the Committee on South West Africa

39. Question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia: reports of the Governments of Ethiopia and of Italy
40. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1957
41. Budget estimates for the financial year 1958
42. 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;
 - (d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General;
 - (e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal
43. Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds
44. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions
45. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund:
 - (a) Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;
 - (b) Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the fourth actuarial valuation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund as of 30 September 1956, and second review of the basic tables of the Fund
46. Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account
47. Review of audit procedures of the United Nations and the specialized agencies
48. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

49. Financial reports and accounts and reports of the Board of Auditors:
 - (a) United Nations (for the financial year ended 31 December 1956);
 - (b) United Nations Children's Fund (for the financial year ended 31 December 1957);
 - (c) United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (for the financial year ended 30 June 1957);
 - (d) United Nations Refugee Fund (for the financial year ended 31 December 1956)
50. Offer by the Government of Chile of land in Santiago to be used as office site for the United Nations and other international organizations
51. Personnel questions:
 - (a) United Nations salary, allowance and benefits system: outstanding questions from the eleventh session;
 - (b) Question of the geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (c) Question of the proportion of fixed-term staff: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (d) Review of the staff regulations and of the principles and standards progressively applied thereto: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (e) Proposal to amend article 9 of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Secretary-General
52. United Nations International School: report of the Secretary-General
53. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its ninth session
54. Question of defining aggression: report of the Special Committee
55. Draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind
56. International criminal jurisdiction
57. Effects of atomic radiation
58. The Cyprus question

59. The question of Algeria
60. The question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa
61. Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa: reports of the Governments of India and of Pakistan
62. The question of West Irian (West New Guinea)
63. The question of Hungary
64. Clearance of the Suez Canal: report of the Secretary-General
65. United Nations Emergency Force: report of the Secretary-General

II. ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS TO COMMITTEES

13. The General Committee decided to defer its recommendations concerning the allocation of the following items:

The question of Hungary;

Clearance of the Suez Canal: report of the Secretary-General;

United Nations Emergency Force: report of the Secretary-General.

14. The General Committee recommends the following allocation of items to Committees:

PLENARY MEETINGS

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11. Report of the Security Council
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters I, VIII and IX)
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2. Regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and all armaments; conclusion of an international Convention (treaty) on the reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic, hydrogen and other weapons of mass destruction:
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SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

1. Admission of new Members to the United Nations
2. The question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa
3. Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa: reports of the Governments of India and Pakistan
4. Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

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2. Economic development of under-developed countries. Question of the establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development: final and supplementary reports of the Ad Hoc Committee, and recommendations of the Economic and Social Council
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1. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters VI and VII)
2. Draft International Covenants on Human Rights
3. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
4. Review of the arrangements for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
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III. ORGANIZATION OF THE ~~TWELFTH~~ REGULAR SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

~~15.~~ On the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/14⁸), the General Committee recommends that the General Assembly approve the following arrangements relating to the schedule of meetings:

- (a) That both plenary and Committee meetings should begin at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m;
- (b) That a five-day working week be established, it being understood that extended morning meetings on Saturdays may be scheduled should this prove necessary.

~~16.~~ The General Committee recommends that the General Assembly approve, in accordance with rule 2 of the rules of procedure, ~~14~~¹⁵ December 195⁸ as the closing date of the ~~twelfth~~ session.

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