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IDENTICAL LETTERS DATED 13 NOVEMBER 1970 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE CHAIRMEN OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES

From the exchange of views at our last co-ordination meeting on Wednesday, 11 November, it has become apparent that several Main Committees are now behind schedule.

In order to enable the General Assembly to finish its work by the date it has set, i.e. 15 December, it is imperative that every effort be made to avoid any waste of time both in the Committees and in the plenary. To help us reach that goal, meetings must start promptly, in any case not later than ten minutes after the scheduled time. Furthermore, when a new item is to be considered, representatives should be asked to inscribe their names on the list of speakers at the earliest possible time and in each case time-limits should be set for the submission of draft proposals and amendments in writing. It would also be extremely helpful if the delegations endeavoured to limit the length of their speeches, particularly for explanations of vote.

If the present situation does not improve in the very near future, it will become necessary to convene the General Committee for any appropriate action that may help us to finish the work of the General Assembly in time.

Meanwhile, I should be grateful if you would kindly circulate this letter to your Committee.

(Signed) Edvard HAMBRO

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