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RATIONALIZATION OF THE PROCEDURES AND ORGANIZATION OF  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 1939th plenary meeting, on 25 September 1971, the General Assembly included the item entitled "Rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly: report of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly"<sup>1/</sup> in the agenda of its twenty-sixth session. In accordance with the recommendation contained in the first report of the General Committee (A/8500), the Assembly allocated the item as a whole to plenary meetings and referred the section of the report of the Special Committee dealing with documentation (section IX) to the Fifth Committee and the part relating to amendments to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (section XII, annex I) to the Sixth Committee.<sup>2/</sup>

<sup>1/</sup> For the report of the Special Committee, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 26 (A/8426).

<sup>2/</sup> Subparagraph 1 (c) of annex II to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly states that "whenever any Committee contemplates making a recommendation for the adoption by the General Assembly of any amendment to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the matter shall, at some appropriate stage of its consideration by that Committee, be referred to the Sixth Committee for advice on the drafting of such amendment and of any consequential amendment."

2. The Sixth Committee considered the proposed amendments to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, contained in annex I to the draft resolution recommended by the Special Committee in section XII of its report, at its 1299th meeting, held on 3 December 1971. In accordance with the terms of reference, the Sixth Committee limited its task to the examination of the proposed amendments to the rules of procedure and did not consider the draft resolution recommended by the Special Committee.

3. At the suggestion of the Chairman, the Sixth Committee agreed to proceed to the examination of the proposed amendments to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, as follows:

(a) No general debate would be held on the matter;

(b) The Committee would consider the proposed amendments one after the other, from the legal point of view;

(c) If no objection was raised or change suggested with regard to a particular proposed amendment, that amendment would be considered approved by the Committee;

(d) If an objection was raised or an oral or written change moved with regard to a particular proposed amendment, the Committee should decide thereon;

(e) The approval by the Committee of the text of a particular proposed amendment would imply that the Committee agreed to recommend it, as originally drafted or as modified by the Committee, to the General Assembly for adoption;

(f) The report of the Sixth Committee on the item would record the decision and recommendation of the Committee on each of the proposed amendments.

## II. CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROPOSED BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

4. In accordance with the agreed procedure set forth in paragraph 3 above, the Sixth Committee examined one after the other, from the legal point of view, the text of the amendments to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly proposed by the Special Committee in annex I of section XII of its report. The proposed amendments were considered in the following order: present rule 60; present

rules 69 and 110; present rules 74 and 115; present rule 100; present rule 105; present rule 107; present rule 39; and a new rule after present rule 111.

5. The Sixth Committee approved the text of all the proposed amendments as drafted in annex I of section XII of the Special Committee's report except that it inserted the word "at least" in the amendments to present rules 69 and 110 as proposed by the representative of Colombia (see para. 6).

### III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

6. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the amendments to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly proposed by the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly in section XII, annex I, of its report should be drafted as follows:

(a) For the proposed amendments to present rules 39, 60, 74, 100, 105, 107 and 115 and the insertion of a new rule after present rule 111, the text proposed by the Special Committee in section II, annex I, of its report;

(b) For the proposed amendment to present rule 69, the text proposed by the Special Committee in section XII, annex I, of its report as modified by the Sixth Committee by inserting the words "at least" between the words "to proceed when" and "one third";

(c) For the proposed amendment to present rule 110, the text proposed by the Special Committee in section XII, annex I, of its report as modified by the Sixth Committee by inserting the words "at least" between the words "to proceed when" and "one quarter".

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