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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE FOURTH REGULAR SESSION AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS TO COMMITTEES

Report of the General Committee

The General Committee, at its 65th meeting held on 21 September 1949, considered the provisional agenda (A/932), the supplementary list of items (A/964), requests for the inclusion of additional items (A/970, A/980) and the allocation of agenda items to committees. The Committee also considered a memorandum of the Secretary-General on the organization of the session (A/BUR/120).

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. The General Committee, having been informed of the resignation of Costa Rica from the Trusteeship Council, considered the former's request (A/980) for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda "Election of a new member of the Trusteeship Council", and on the proposal of the Secretary-General, decided to recommend the amendment of item 15 of the provisional agenda to read as follows:

"Election of three members of the Trusteeship Council".

2. With the concurrence of the delegation of Australia, the General Committee recommends that item 27 of the provisional agenda and item 3 of the supplementary list be combined to read as follows:

"Observance in Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania of human rights and fundamental freedoms".

3. On the proposal of the Secretary-General, the General Committee recommends that item 28 of the provisional agenda and item 6 of the supplementary list be combined to read as follows:

"Economic development of under-developed countries:

"(a) Economic development of under-developed countries:
report of the Economic and Social Council

"(b) Technical assistance for economic development:
item proposed by the Economic and Social Council

"(c) Expanded co-operative programme of technical assistance for economic development through the United Nations and the specialized agencies: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council."

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4. On the proposal of the Secretary-General, the General Committee recommends that item 31 of the provisional agenda and item 11 of the supplementary list be combined to read as follows:

"United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund:

"(a) Report of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council

"(b) United Nations Appeal for Children: report of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund"

5. In accordance with the request of the Economic and Social Council (A/BUR/117), the General Committee recommends that item 32 of the provisional agenda, "International Bill of Human Rights. Right of petition (Resolution 217 (III) B of 10 December 1948)", should not be included in the agenda.

6. On the proposal of the delegation of the United States of America, the General Committee recommends that item 60 of the provisional agenda, "Plan for the reform of the calendar: item proposed by Panama" should not be included in the agenda and that it be postponed.

7. The General Committee was informed (A/BUR/121) that the delegation of Nicaragua had withdrawn its request for the inclusion in the agenda of item 6 of the supplementary list in the agenda, "Tribute to the memory of Thomas Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Delano Roosevelt". The General Committee, in view of the suggestion of the delegation of Nicaragua that a fitting tribute could be associated with the completion of the United Nations permanent headquarters, therefore recommends that this item should not be included in the agenda.

8. The General Committee was informed by the delegation of Argentina that it had withdrawn its request (A/970) for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda, "Calling of the General Conference referred to in Article 109 of the Charter". The General Committee therefore recommends that this item should not be included in the agenda.

9. The General Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following agenda:

AGENDA OF THE FOURTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Australia.
2. Appointment of a Credentials Committee.
3. Election of the President.
4. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers.
5. Election of Vice-Presidents.
6. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter.
7. Adoption of the agenda.
8. Opening of the general debate.
9. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.
10. Report of the Security Council.
11. Report of the Economic and Social Council.
12. Report of the Trusteeship Council.
13. Election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council.
14. Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council.
15. Election of three members of the Trusteeship Council.
16. Installation of the Assistant Secretary-General in charge of Security Council Affairs.
17. Admission of new Members: reports of the Security Council
18. Palestine:
 - (a) Proposals for a permanent international regime for the Jerusalem area: report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine
 - (b) Protection of the Holy Places: report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine
 - (c) Assistance to Palestine refugees: report of the Secretary-General
19. Question of the disposal of the former Italian colonies.
20. Question of Indonesia.
21. Threats to the political independence and territorial integrity of Greece: report of the United Nations Special Committee on the Balkans.
22. The problem of the independence of Korea: report of the United Nations Commission on Korea.
23. International control of atomic energy: report of the permanent members of the Atomic Energy Commission.

24. Prohibition of the atomic weapon and reduction by one-third of the armaments and armed forces of the permanent members of the Security Council: report of the Security Council.
25. Report of the Interim Committee of the General Assembly.
 - (a) Promotion of international co-operation in the political field
 - (b) Constitution, duration and terms of reference of the Interim Committee.
26. United Nations Field Service: report of the Special Committee.
27. Observance in Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania of human rights and fundamental freedoms.
28. Economic development of under-developed countries:
 - (a) Economic development of under-developed countries: report of the Economic and Social Council
 - (b) Technical assistance for economic development: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council
 - (c) Expanded co-operative programme of technical assistance for economic development through the United Nations and the specialized agencies: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council.
29. Draft convention on Freedom of Information.
30. Discriminations practised by certain States against immigrating labour and, in particular, against labour recruited from the ranks of refugees.
31. United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund:
 - (a) Report of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council
 - (b) United Nations Appeal for Children: report of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.
32. Action taken in pursuance of the agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: report of the Economic and Social Council
33. Administrative unions affecting Trust Territories: report of the Trusteeship Council.
34. Question of South West Africa: report of the Trusteeship Council.
35. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories:
 - (a) Summary and analysis of information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter: report of the Secretary-General
 - (b) Information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter: report of the Special Committee.

36. Headquarters of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General.
37. Financial report and accounts of the United Nations for the financial year ended 31 December 1948, and report of the Board of Auditors.
38. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1949: report of the Secretary-General.
39. Budget estimates for the financial year 1950.
 - (a) Budget estimates prepared by the Secretary-General.
 - (b) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
40. Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for 1949 and advances from the Working Capital Fund: report of the Secretary-General.
41. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions.
42. United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund: Financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1948, and report of the Board of Auditors.
43. Organization of a United Nations postal administration: report of the Secretary-General.
44. Establishment of an Administrative Tribunal: report of the Secretary-General.
45. 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) United Nations Staff Pension Committee
 - (e) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General.
46. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: annual report of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee.
47. Expenses of the Permanent Central Opium Board. Assessment of non-Members of the United Nations, signatories of the Convention of 19 February 1925 relating to narcotic drugs: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council.
48. Methods and procedures of the General Assembly: report of the Special Committee.

49. Report of the International Law Commission
 - (a) Part I: General
 - (b) Part II: Draft Declaration on the Rights and Duties of States
50. Permanent Missions to the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General.
51. Reparation for injuries incurred in the service of the United Nations: advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice and report of the Secretary-General.
52. Draft rules for the calling of international conferences: report of the Secretary-General.
53. Registration and publication of treaties and international agreements: report of the Secretary-General.
54. Privileges and immunities of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General.
55. Approval of a supplementary agreement with the Universal Postal Union concerning the use of the United Nations laissez-passer: report of the Secretary-General.
56. Designation of non-member States to which a certified copy of the revised General Act for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes shall be communicated by the Secretary-General for the purpose of accession to this Act: report of the Secretary-General.
57. Invitations to be addressed to non-member States to become parties to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide: report of the Secretary-General.
58. Application of Liechtenstein to become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice: report of the Security Council.
59. Problem of the proliferation and overlapping of the programmes of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies: item proposed by Brazil.
60. The observance and implementation of Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter and in particular of 55a providing for the achievement of full employment and higher standards of living: item proposed by Australia.
61. Action to achieve or maintain full employment and economic stability: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council.
62. Draft Convention for the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council.

63. Refugees and stateless persons: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council.
64. Freedom of Information. Access for news personnel to meetings of the United Nations and the specialized agencies: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council.
65. Advisory social welfare services: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council.
66. Draft Convention on the death of missing persons: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council.

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC COMMITTEES

10. On the proposal of the Secretary-General, the General Committee recommends the establishment of a Joint Second and Third Committee on which each Member may be represented by one person as provided in rules 88 and 91 of the rules of procedure.
11. On the proposal of the delegations of the United States of America and of Pakistan, the General Committee recommends the establishment of an ad hoc Political Committee on which each Member may be represented by one person as provided in rules 88 and 91 of the rules of procedure.

III. ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS TO COMMITTEES

12. The General Committee recommends the following allocation of agenda items to committees:

ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS TO COMMITTEES

PLENARY MEETING

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Australia.
2. Appointment of a Credentials Committee.
3. Election of the President.
4. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers.
5. Election of Vice-Presidents.
6. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter.
7. Adoption of the agenda.
8. Opening of the general debate.
9. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.
10. Election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council.
11. Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council.
12. Election of three members of the Trusteeship Council.
13. Installation of the Assistant Secretary-General in charge of Security Council Affairs.

FIRST COMMITTEE

1. Report of the Security Council.
2. Palestine:
 - (a) Proposals for a permanent international regime for the Jerusalem area: report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine
 - (b) Protection of the Holy Places: report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine
 - (c) Assistance to Palestine refugees: report of the Secretary-General
3. Question of the disposal of the former Italian colonies.
4. Question of Indonesia.
5. Threats to the political independence and territorial integrity of Greece: report of the United Nations Special Committee on the Balkans.

AD HOC POLITICAL COMMITTEE

1. The problem of the independence of Korea: report of the United Nations Commission on Korea.
2. Observance in Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania of human rights and fundamental freedoms.
3. Report of the Interim Committee of the General Assembly.
 - (a) Promotion of international co-operation in the political field
 - (b) Constitution, duration and terms of reference of the Interim Committee
4. United Nations Field Service: report of the Special Committee.
5. Admission of new Members: reports of the Security Council.
6. International control of atomic energy: report of the permanent members of the Atomic Energy Commission.
7. Prohibition of the atomic weapon and reduction by one-third of the armaments and armed forces of the permanent members of the Security Council: report of the Security Council.

SECOND COMMITTEE

1. Economic development of under-developed countries (Chapter II A of the report of the Economic and Social Council):
 - (a) Economic development of under-developed countries: report of the Economic and Social Council
 - (b) Technical assistance for economic development: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council
 - (c) Expanded co-operative programme of technical assistance for economic development through the United Nations and the specialized agencies: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council.
2. The observance and implementation of Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter and in particular of 55a providing for the achievement of full employment and higher standards of living: item proposed by Australia.
3. Action to achieve or maintain full employment and economic stability: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council.

Note: Items 2 and 3 to be discussed simultaneously.
4. Chapter II B of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

THIRD COMMITTEE

1. Draft Convention on Freedom of Information.
2. Freedom of Information. Access for news personnel to meetings of the United Nations and the specialized agencies: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council.
3. Draft Convention for the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council.
4. Refugees and stateless persons: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council.
5. Discriminations practised by certain States against immigrating labour and, in particular, against labour recruited from the ranks of refugees
6. Advisory social welfare services: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council.
7. United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund:
 - (a) Report of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council
 - (b) United Nations Appeal for Children: report of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

8. Chapter III of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

JOINT SECOND AND THIRD COMMITTEE

1. Action taken in pursuance of the agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: report of the Economic and Social Council.

Note: For consideration in a joint meeting with the Fifth Committee.

2. Problem of the proliferation and overlapping of the programmes of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies: item proposed by Brazil.

Note: For consideration in a joint meeting with the Fifth Committee.

3. Chapters I, IV, V and VI of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

Note: Chapter V for consideration in a joint meeting with the Fifth Committee.

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Note: In the joint meetings with the Fifth Committee referred to above, consideration will also be given to such aspects of the item "Budget estimates for the financial year 1950, (b) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions", allocated to the Fifth Committee, as relate to the specialized agencies.

FOURTH COMMITTEE

1. Report of the Trusteeship Council.
2. Administrative unions affecting Trust Territories: report of the Trusteeship Council.
3. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories:
 - (a) Summary and analysis of information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter: report of the Secretary-General.
 - (b) Information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter: report of the Special Committee.
4. Question of South West Africa: report of the Trusteeship Council.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

1. Financial report and accounts of the United Nations for the financial year ended 31 December 1948, and report of the Board of Auditors.
2. United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund: Financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1948, and report of the Board of Auditors.
3. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: annual report of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee.
4. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions.
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 - (e) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General.
9. Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for 1949 and advances from the Working Capital Fund: report of the Secretary-General.
10. Budget estimates for the financial year 1950:
 - (a) Budget estimates prepared by the Secretary-General

/(b) Reports

(b) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note: Such aspects arising under (b) of this item which relate to the specialized agencies will be considered in a joint meeting with the Joint Second and Third Committee.

11. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1949; report of the Secretary-General.
12. Headquarters of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General.
13. Chapters V and VII of the report of the Economic and Social Council.
Note: Chapter V for consideration in a joint meeting with the Joint Second and Third Committee.
14. Action taken in pursuance of the agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: report of the Economic and Social Council.
Note: For consideration in a joint meeting with the Joint Second and Third Committee.
15. Problem of the proliferation and overlapping of the programmes of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies: item proposed by Brazil.
Note: For consideration in a joint meeting with the Joint Second and Third Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

1. Methods and procedures of the General Assembly: report of the Special Committee.
2. Report of the International Law Commission:
 - (a) Part I: General.
 - (b) Part II: Draft declaration on the Rights and Duties of States.
3. Draft rules for the calling of international conferences: report of the Secretary-General.
4. Draft Convention on the death of missing persons: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council.
5. Reparation for injuries incurred in the service of the United Nations: advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice and report of the Secretary-General.
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7. Designation of non-Member States to which a certified copy of the revised General Act for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes shall be communicated by the Secretary-General for the purpose of accession to this Act: report of the Secretary-General.
8. Invitations to be addressed to non-member States to become parties to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide: report of the Secretary-General.
9. Permanent Missions to the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General.
10. Registration and publication of treaties and international agreements: report of the Secretary-General.
11. Privileges and immunities of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General.
12. Approval of a supplementary agreement with the Universal Postal Union concerning the use of the United Nations laissez-passer: report of the Secretary-General.

/IV. ORGANIZATION

IV. ORGANIZATION OF THE FOURTH SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13. On the proposal of the Secretary-General, 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 shall begin at 10.45 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.
- (b) That a six-day working week be established, and that night meetings be held whenever necessary
- (c) That in the initial stages of the Committees' work four Main Committees be scheduled to meet each morning and four each afternoon.

14. On the proposal of the Secretary-General, the General Committee recommends that the General Assembly approve 30 November 1949 as the target date for the closing of the fourth session.

15. On the proposal of the Secretary-General, the General Committee recommends that the General Assembly approve 4 October 1949 as the deadline after which requests for the inclusion of additional items in the agenda of the session should not be made.
