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### ORGANIZATION OF WORK

#### Note by the Secretariat

1. In order to assist the Sixth Committee in the organization of its work, the Secretariat finds it appropriate, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 1898 (XVIII) of 11 November 1963 and 32/71 of 9 December 1977 and of rule 99 (b) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to draw the Sixth Committee's attention to the following.

#### I. ITEMS ALLOCATED TO THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1987, the General Assembly decided to allocate to the Sixth Committee 14 items. The titles of these items and their numbers are reproduced in the letter dated 18 September 1987 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/42/1).

#### II. DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO THE ITEMS ALLOCATED TO THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

3. The following table lists the documents of the forty-second session of the General Assembly relating to the items allocated to the Sixth Committee.\* It includes references to the reports of commissions or committees and the reports which are to be submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to resolutions or decisions of preceding sessions of the General Assembly, as well as to the documents circulated under the agenda items allocated to the Sixth Committee, in accordance with requests of Member States. The items are arranged in the order in which they appear in the letter dated 18 September 1987 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/42/1).

\* The figure in brackets after the title of each item indicates its number of the agenda of the forty-second session.

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Measures to prevent international terrorism which endangers or takes innocent human lives or jeopardizes fundamental freedoms and study of the underlying causes of those forms of terrorism and acts of violence which lie in misery, frustration, grievance and despair and which cause some people to sacrifice human lives, including their own in an attempt to effect radical changes [126]:

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General;
- (b) Convening, under the auspices of the United Nations, of an international conference to define terrorism and to differentiate it from the struggle of peoples for national liberation.

Report of the Secretary-General (A/42/519)

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Letter dated 17 December 1986 from the  
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of  
the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General  
(A/42/58)

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Letter dated 6 January 1987 from the Permanent  
Representative of Egypt to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/72)

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Letter dated 3 March 1987 from the Permanent  
Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General  
(A/42/178-S/18753)

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Letter dated 31 March 1987 from the Permanent  
Representative of Belgium to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/201 and  
Corr.1)

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Letters dated 4 May, 9 and 13 July 1987 from the  
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of  
Suriname to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General (A/42/270, A/42/393 and  
A/42/398)

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Letter dated 21 May 1987 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/307)

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Letter dated 10 June 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/336-S/18913)

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Letter dated 23 July 1987 from the Permanent Representatives of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/416)

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Letter dated 20 July 1987 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Samoa to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/417)

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United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [127]

Report of the Secretary-General (A/42/...)

November 1987

Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order [128]

Report of the Secretary-General (A/42/483)

Issued

Letter dated 12 June 1987 from the Permanent Representative of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/354-E/1987/110)

Issued

Peaceful settlement of disputes between States [129]

Letters dated 23 December 1986, 5, 8, 13, 16 and 23 January, 10 and 25 February, 2, 5, 9, 11, 26 and 30 March, 8, 13 and 28 April, 4, 12 and 21 May, 2, 8 and 26 June and 16 and 27 July, 17 and 21 August and 10 September 1987 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed

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to the Secretary-General (A/42/64-S/18543, A/42/68-S/18558, A/42/74-S/18564, A/42/84-S/18596, A/42/90-S/18611, A/42/96-S/18627, A/42/124-S/18684, A/42/154-S/18722, A/42/161-S/18734, A/42/162-S/18735, A/42/164-S/18737, A/42/165-S/18739, A/42/172-S/18747, A/42/175-S/18750, A/42/188-S/18764, A/42/190-S/18770, A/42/215-S/18789, A/42/221-S/18801, A/42/258-S/18830, A/42/274-S/18846, A/42/291-S/18861, A/42/303-S/18876, A/42/316-S/18891, A/42/330-S/18904, A/42/368-S/18950, A/42/406-S/18985, A/42/423-S/19000, A/42/486-S/19056, A/42/503-S/19069 and A/42/558-S/19127)

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Letters dated 31 December 1986, 6, 13 and 19 January, 2, 9 and 12 February, 4, 5, 26, 27 and 30 March, 1 and 23 April, 1 May, 15 June and 30 July, 26 and 27 August 1987 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/66-S/18552, A/42/74-S/18564, A/42/86-S/18604, A/42/91-S/18612, A/42/117-S/18655, A/42/128-S/18692, A/42/168-S/18742, A/42/169-S/18743, A/42/170-S/18745, A/42/187-S/18763, A/42/203-S/18775, A/42/205-S/18778, A/42/206-S/18780, A/42/240-S/18823, A/42/271-S/18845, A/42/347-S/18923, A/42/428-S/19007, A/42/510-S/19074 and A/42/513-S/19077)

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Letters dated 5 and 29 January, 7 April, 5 June, 13 and 17 August 1987 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/66-S/18552, A/42/113-S/18646, A/42/213-S/18786, A/42/327-S/18902, A/42/477-S/19048 and A/42/478-S/19051 and Corr.1)

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Letters dated 14 and 16 January and 31 July, 21 and 31 August and 2 September 1987 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/85-S/18599, A/42/88-S/18608 and A/42/432-S/19010 and Corr.1-2, A/42/500-S/19067, A/42/524-S/19088 and A/42/531-S/19100)

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Note verbale dated 16 January 1987 from the Permanent Mission of Chad to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/92-S/18619)

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Letter dated 4 February 1987 from the  
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of  
Panama to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General (A/42/120)

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Letters dated 2 and 23 February, 14, 20 and 29 April,  
7 May, 5, 25 and 29 June and 17 August 1987 from the  
Permanent Representative or the  
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of  
Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed  
to the Secretary-General (A/42/114-S/18647,  
A/42/140-S/18716 and Corr.1, A/42/222-S/18802,  
A/42/233-S/18817, A/42/260-S/18832, A/42/280-S/18853,  
A/42/323-S/18899, A/42/367-S/18948, A/42/368-S/18950,  
A/42/479-S/19055 and A/42/536-S/19104)

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Letter dated 20 April 1987 from the Permanent  
Representative of China to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/236-S/18818)

Issued

Notes verbales dated 1 and 16 June and 28 July 1987  
from the Permanent Mission of Mozambique to the  
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General  
(A/42/312-S/18887, A/42/351-S/18929, A/42/352-S/18930  
and A/42/425-S/19003)

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Letter dated 17 June 1987 from the Permanent  
Representative of Bolivia to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/348)

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Letter dated 18 June 1987 from the Permanent  
Representative of Guyana to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/357-S/18935)

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Letter dated 9 July 1987 from the  
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission  
of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United  
Nations addressed to the Secretary-General  
(A/42/389-S/18972)

Issued

Letter dated 31 July 1987 from the Permanent  
Representative of the Lao People's Democratic  
Republic to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General (A/42/440-S/19014)

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	<u>Projected date of issuance</u>
Letter dated 14 September 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/562)	Issued
Draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind [130]	
Report of the Secretary-General (A/42/454)	Issued
Report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations [131]	
Report of the Special Committee, <u>Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 41</u> (A/42/41)	Issued
Letters dated 23 February and 20 and 29 April and 17 August and 3 September 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/140-S/18716, A/42/233-S/18817, A/42/260-S/18832, A/42/479-S/19055 and A/42/536-S/19104)	Issued
Notes verbales dated 1 and 16 June and 28 July 1987 from the Permanent Mission of Mozambique to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/312-S/18887, A/42/351-S/18929, A/42/352-S/18930 and A/42/425-S/19003)	Issued
Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twentieth session [132]	
Report of the Commission, <u>Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 17</u> (A/42/17)	Issued
Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [133]	
Report of the Secretary-General (A/42/482)	Issued
Report of the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries [134]	

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Report of the Ad Hoc Committee, Official Records of  
the General Assembly, Forty-second Session,  
Supplement No. 43 (A/42/43)

Issued

Letters dated 23 December 1986, 5, 8 13, 16 and 23 January, 10 and 25 February, 2, 5, 9, 11, 26 and 30 March, 8, 13 and 28 April, 4, 12 and 21 May, 2, 8 and 26 June, 16 and 27 July and 17 and 21 August and 10 September 1987 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/64-S/18543, A/42/68-S/18558, A/42/74-S/18564, A/42/84-S/18596, A/42/90-S/18611, A/42/96-S/18627, A/42/124-S/18684, A/42/154-S/18722, A/42/161-S/18734, A/42/162-S/18735, A/42/164-S/18737, A/42/165-S/18739, A/42/172-S/18747, A/42/175-S/18750, A/42/188-S/18764, A/42/190-S/18770, A/42/215-S/18789, A/42/221-S/18801, A/42/258-S/18830, A/42/274-S/18846, A/42/291-S/18861, A/42/303-S/18876, A/42/316-S/18891, A/42/330-S/18904, A/42/368-S/18950, A/42/406-S/18985, A/42/423-S/19000, A/42/486-S/19056, A/42/503-S/19069 and A/42/558-S/19127)

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Letters dated 31 December 1986, 6, 13 and 19 January, 2, 9 and 12 February, 4, 5, 26, 27 and 30 March, 1 and 23 April, 1 May, 15 June, 30 July and 26 and 27 August 1987 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/66-S/18552, A/42/74-S/18564, A/42/86-S/18604, A/42/91-S/18612, A/42/117-S/18655, A/42/128-S/18692, A/42/168-S/18742, A/42/169-S/18743, A/42/170-S/18745, A/42/187-S/18763, A/42/203-S/18775, A/42/205-S/18778, A/42/206-S/18780, A/42/240-S/18823, A/42/271-S/18845, A/42/347-S/18923, A/42/428-S/19007, A/42/510-S/19074 and A/42/513-S/19077)

Issued

Letters dated 4 May, 9 and 13 July 1987 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Suriname to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/270, A/42/393 and A/42/398)

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Notes verbales dated 16 June 1987 from the Permanent Mission of Mozambique to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/351-S/18929 and A/42/352-S/18930)

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Letter dated 9 July 1987 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/389-S/18972)	Issued
Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its thirty-ninth session [135]	
Report of the Commission, <u>Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 10</u> (A/42/10)	30 September 1987
Note by the Secretary-General (A/42/429)	Issued
Letter dated 13 March 1987 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/179)	Issued
Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [136]	
Report of the Committee, <u>Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 26</u> (A/42/26)	October 1987
Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [137]	
Report of the Special Committee, <u>Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 33</u> (A/42/33)	Issued
Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States [138]	
Letters dated 23 December 1986, 5, 8, 13, 16 and 23 January, 10 and 25 February, 2, 5, 9, 11, 26 and 30 March, 8, 13 and 28 April, 4, 12 and 21 May, 2, 8 and 26 June, 16 and 27 July and 17 and 21 August and 10 September 1987 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/64-S/18543, A/42/68-S/18558, A/42/74-S/18564,	



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A/42/162-S/18735, A/42/164-S/18737, A/42/165-S/18739,  
A/42/172-S/18747, A/42/175-S/18750, A/42/188-S/18764,  
A/42/190-S/18770, A/42/215-S/18789, A/42/221-S/18801,  
A/42/258-S/18830, A/42/274-S/18846, A/42/291-S/18861,  
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A/42/86-S/18604, A/42/91-S/18612, A/42/117-S/18655,  
A/42/128-S/18692, A/42/168-S/18742, A/42/169-S/18743,  
A/42/170-S/18745, A/42/187-S/18763, A/42/203-S/18775,  
A/42/205-S/18778, A/42/206-S/18780, A/42/240-S/18823,  
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A/42/510-S/19074 and A/42/513-S/19077)

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A/42/213-S/18786, A/42/327-S/18902, A/42/477-S/19048 and  
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Letters dated 14 and 16 January and 31 July, 21 and  
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and Corr.1-2, A/42/500-S/19067, A/42/524-S/19088 and  
A/42/531-S/19100)

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Letter dated 4 February 1987 from the Chargé d'affaires  
a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Panama to the United  
Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/120)

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Letters dated 2 and 23 February, 14, 20 and 29 April,  
7 May, 5, 25 and 29 June and 17 August and  
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Letter dated 17 June 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/348)	Issued
Letter dated 9 July 1987 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/389-S/18972)	Issued
Letter dated 24 July 1987 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/420)	Issued
Letter dated 31 July 1987 from the Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (P/42/440-S/19014)	Issued
Letter dated 7 August 1987 from the Permanent Representatives of Bolivia and Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/474)	Issued
Letter dated 8 September 1987 from the Permanent Representatives of Bolivia and Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/549)	Issued
Draft Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment [139]	
No documents of the forty-second session relating to this item have been circulated	

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### III. DATE FOR CONCLUDING THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE, ORDER AND APPROXIMATE DATES OF CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS

#### 4. Rule 99 (b) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that:

"Each Main Committee, taking into account the closing date for the session fixed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the General Committee, shall adopt its own priorities and meet as may be necessary to complete the consideration of the items referred to it. It shall at the beginning of the session adopt a programme of work indicating, if possible, a target date for the conclusion of its work, the approximate dates of consideration of items and the number of meetings to be allocated to each item."

5. It is to be mentioned that the General Committee, at its 4th meeting, on 17 September 1987, agreed to recommend to the General Assembly that no closing date of the forty-second session should be decided upon at this time and that every effort should be made to curtail the duration of the forty-second session.

6. With regard to the Sixth Committee adopting a programme of work for the forty-second session, the General Assembly, at its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1987, approved the recommendation of the General Committee (A/42/250) that the attention of the Chairmen of the Main Committees should be drawn to the desirability, when approving their respective programmes of work for the session, for sufficient flexibility to allow for an orderly shortening of the session if the Assembly should so decide. Taking into account the pattern followed by the Committee in the order of consideration of items at recent sessions of the General Assembly and without prejudice, of course, to appropriate adjustments which might be required pursuant to the General Assembly decision on a closing date of the forty-second session, the Sixth Committee may wish to consider beginning its work on the basis of the following tentative timetable. This timetable shows the possible order of consideration of the items allocated to the Committee. It also indicates, on the basis of previous programmes of work adopted by the Committee, approximate dates of consideration of corresponding items. Following the pattern established at the last sessions of the General Assembly, a definite number of meetings to be allocated to each item has not been set aside.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Approximate dates of consideration</u>
Election of the Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur and organization of work	21 September
Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twentieth session [132]	22-25 September
Report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations [131]	28 September-2 October

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Approximate dates of consideration</u>
Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [133]	5-7 October
Report of the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries [134]	8-12 October
Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [137]	13-20 October
Peaceful settlement of disputes between States [129]	
Measures to prevent international terrorism which endangers or takes innocent human lives or jeopardizes fundamental freedoms and study of the underlying causes of those forms of terrorism and acts of violence which lie in misery, frustration, grievance and despair and which cause some people to sacrifice human lives, including their own, in an attempt to effect radical changes [126]:	21-28 October
(a) Report of the Secretary-General;	
(b) Convening, under the auspices of the United Nations, of an international conference to define terrorism and to differentiate it from the struggle of peoples for national liberation.	
Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its thirty-ninth session [135]	29 October-11 November
Draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind: report of the Secretary-General [130]	
Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order: report of the Secretary-General [128]	12-16 November
Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States [138]	17-18 November

<u>Item</u>	<u>Approximate dates of consideration</u>
Draft Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment [139]	19 November
United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Secretary-General [127]	20 November
Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [136]	23-24 November
Reserve	25-27 November

#### IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES OR WORKING GROUPS AND HOLDING OF CONSULTATIONS

7. Paragraph (e) of resolution 1898 (XVIII) recommends that each Main Committee should consider the establishment of sub-committees or working groups of limited size but representative of its membership, for the purpose of facilitating the work. In this respect, as far as the organization of the work of the Sixth Committee is concerned, the following decisions taken by the General Assembly at its forty-first session may be considered relevant:

(a) On agenda item 138 it is to be recalled that the General Assembly decided to continue and complete the task of identifying and clarifying the elements of good-neighbourliness within the framework of a sub-committee of the Sixth Committee, at its forty-second session (resolution 41/84 of 3 December 1986);

(b) Regarding agenda item 139, it is to be recalled that the General Assembly decided that an open-ended working group of the Sixth Committee would be established at its forty-second session in order to conduct a further examination of the draft Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment with the view to the completion of the principles (decision 41/418 of 3 December 1986).

8. Should the Sixth Committee decide to establish sub-committees or working groups or to hold consultations on an item on its agenda, it should be borne in mind that such sub-committees, working groups or consultations would be using the conference services provided for the Committee. Therefore, it is important that in principle the planning of meetings of these sub-committees, working groups or consultations should be held instead of plenary meetings of the Committee rather than in addition to them.

V. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS  
WITH FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. According to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, "No resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General. No resolution in respect of which expenditures are anticipated by the Secretary-General shall be voted by the General Assembly until the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) has had an opportunity of stating the effect of the proposal upon the budget estimates of the United Nations". Under paragraphs 12 and 13 of General Assembly decision 34/401 it is imperative that Main Committees allow sufficient time for the preparation of the estimates of expenditures by the Secretariat and for their consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and by the Fifth Committee, and that a mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications. The mandatory deadline mentioned above should be adjusted accordingly, if the General Assembly decides to curtail the duration of the forty-second session.

VI. CONFERENCE RESOURCES AVAILABLE

10. The available conference facilities will, in principle, enable the Committee to hold an average of seven meetings per week; normally, morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and afternoon meetings will be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. At its 4th meeting, on 17 September 1987, the General Committee, agreed to recommend to the General Assembly as a cost-saving measure that morning meetings should start at 10 a.m. promptly for all plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees during the forty-second session.

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