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Second Committee****Letter dated 26 October 1998 from the Chairman of the Fifth  
Committee to the Chairman of the Second Committee**

I have the honour to inform you that, at its 12th meeting, on 23 October 1998, the Fifth Committee, in the context of its consideration of agenda item 114, entitled "Programme planning", decided to request me to address a letter to the Chairmen of the concerned Main Committees of the General Assembly, seeking their views on the relevant proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001.

Attention is drawn, in particular, to paragraph 40 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-eighth session (A/53/16), by which the Committee had recommended that the Economic and Social Council and the competent Main Committees of the General Assembly stress in particular the consideration of the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan that had not been submitted to the attention of sectoral and regional bodies. The proposed revisions refer to the following programmes: programme 18 (Economic and social development in Western Asia), programme 20 (Humanitarian assistance) and programme 28 (Economic and social affairs).

It would be appreciated if the views of your Committee on the relevant proposed revisions could be communicated to the Fifth Committee by Friday, 6 November 1998.

*(Signed)* **Movses Abelian**  
Chairman  
Fifth Committee of the General Assembly