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Second Committee**

## **Organization of work of the Second Committee**

### **Note by the Secretariat**

#### **Allocation of items**

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee will be listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/C.2/54/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/54/100).

#### **Programme of work**

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/54/250) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

#### **List of documents**

3. Attention is drawn to the list of documents submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee (A/C.2/54/L.1/Add.1). The draft programme of work should be read in conjunction with the list of documents in order to obtain a full picture of the scope of the Committee's work programme.

#### **Length of statements**

4. The Second Committee, in the past, decided to limit statements on all agenda items, with the exception of the general debate, to 7 minutes and to limit statements during the general debate to 15 minutes.

#### **Conference facilities and meetings arrangements**

5. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an average of eight formal meetings a week have been scheduled for the Second Committee. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and

3 p.m. In this connection, the Assembly decided to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

#### **Informal consultations**

6. In view of the financial measures affecting conference services, and as indicated in the programme of work, some of the formal meetings allocated to the Second Committee will be utilized for informal consultations under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chairmen of the Committee so as to ensure full servicing of these consultations. In accordance with the established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the draft proposals and for adopting them *ad referendum*. All drafting will be done at the informal consultations (without interpretation or other services) and will be conducted by the appointed coordinators.

#### **Report of the Economic and Social Council**

7. The Second Committee is reminded that, in accordance with a decision of the General Assembly, chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council are to be considered in company with documentation under other agenda items, as well as under item 12. The list of documentation contains further information on this procedure (see para. 3 above).

#### **Conclusion of the work of the Committee**

8. Bearing in mind the allocation of the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 30 November for the conclusion of its work.

## Annex

### Proposed programme of work of the Second Committee

<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
<i>Week of 27 September–1 October</i>	
<i>Tuesday, 28 September</i>	
a.m.	
Election of the Bureau and organization of work	Organization of work of the Second Committee (A/C.2/54/L.1 and L.1/Add.1)
<i>Week of 4–8 October</i>	
General debate	
<i>Wednesday, 6 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
General debate	
<i>Thursday, 7 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
General debate (continued)	
<i>1 p.m.</i>	<i>Deadline for list of speakers on general debate</i>
<i>Friday, 8 October</i>	
10 a.m.	
General debate (concluded)	
3 p.m.	
<i>Item 97</i>	Macroeconomic policy questions
(d)	Science and technology for development Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/270)
(e)	External debt crisis and development Report of the Secretary-General
<i>Week of 11–15 October</i>	
<i>Monday, 11 October</i>	
10 a.m.	
<i>Item 97</i>	(d) and (e) (concluded)
<i>Tuesday, 12 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Item 105</i>	Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997–2006) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/316)

*Item to be considered*

*Document title and symbol*

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*Wednesday, 13 October*

10 a.m.

*Item 105* (concluded)

*1 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals  
under item 97 (d) and (e)*

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*Thursday, 14 October*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

All day special meeting on poverty issue

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*Friday, 15 October*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*Item 101* Operational activities for development

(a) Operational activities for development of  
the United Nations system

(b) Economic and technical cooperation  
among developing countries

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among  
Developing Countries (A/54/39, Supplement No. 39)

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the  
Southern African Development Community (A/54/273)

Report of the Secretary-General on economic and technical cooperation among  
developing countries

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United  
Nations Development Fund for Women (A/54/225)

*1 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals  
under item 105*

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*Week of 18–22 October*

*Monday, 18 October*

10 a.m.

*Item 101* (a) and (b) (concluded)

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*Item to be considered*

*Document title and symbol*

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*Tuesday, 19 October*

10 a.m.–12 p.m. and 3 p.m.

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| <i>Item 99</i> | Sustainable development and international economic cooperation  |  |
| (a)            | Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade | Report of the Secretary-General  |
| (b)            | Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)  | Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its seventeenth session (A/54/8, Supplement No. 8)<br>Report of the Secretary-General on the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (A/54/322) |
| (d)            | Human resources development   | Report of the Secretary-General  |
| (e)            | International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues  | Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/207)   |
| (g)            | Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership   | Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/328)   |
| (h)            | Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development   | Report of the Secretary-General  |

12 p.m.–1 p.m.

Observance of World Food Day (Conference Room 2)

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*Wednesday, 20 October*

3 p.m.

*Item 99* (a), (b), (d), (e), (g) and (h) (continued)

*1 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 101 (a) and (b)*

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*Item to be considered*

*Document title and symbol*

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*Thursday, 21 October*

10 a.m.

*Item 99* (a), (b), (d), (e), (g) and (h) (concluded)

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*Friday, 22 October*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*Item 100* Environment and sustainable development

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (A/54/25, Supplement No. 25)

Report of the Secretary-General on the World Solar Programme 1996–2005 (A/54/212)

Report of the Secretary-General on international institutional arrangements related to environment and development

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/131–E/1999/75)

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*Week of 25–29 October*

*Monday, 25 October*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*Item 100* Environment and sustainable development

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/96)

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

*1 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 99 (a), (b), (d), (e), (g) and (h)*

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*Tuesday, 26 October*

10 a.m.

*Item 100* (c), (d), (e) and (f) (concluded)

<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
3 p.m.	
<i>Item 104</i> Globalization and interdependence	Report of the Secretary-General prepared in conjunction with the Secretary-General of UNCTAD
6 p.m. <i>Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 100 (a)</i>	
<i>Wednesday, 27 October</i>	
10 a.m.	
Commemoration of the 30th anniversary of UNFPA	
<i>Thursday, 28 October</i>	
6 p.m. <i>Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 100 (c), (d), (e) and (f) and item 104</i>	
<i>Friday, 29 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Item 99</i> Sustainable development and international economic cooperation	
(c) Women in development	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on INSTRAW and his comments (A/54/156-E/1999/102 and Add.1) Note by the Secretary-General on women in development (A/54/275) World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (A/54/227)
(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s	Report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparations for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/54/271 and Add.1) Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action (A/54/269)
<i>Week of 1–5 November</i>	
<i>Monday, 1 November</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Item 97</i> Macroeconomic policy questions	
(a) High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development	Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of the General Assembly on Financing for Development (A/54/28, Supplement No. 28)
(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries	Report of the Secretary-General
<i>Tuesday, 2 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme	

*Item to be considered*

*Document title and symbol*

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3 p.m.

*Item 100* Environment and sustainable development

(b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Report of the Secretary-General on recommendations on arrangements for disaster reduction activities after the conclusion of the Decade (A/54/136-E/1999/89)

Report of the Secretary-General on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (A/54/132-E/1999/80 and Add.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon (A/54/135-E/1999/88)

6 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 99 (c) and (f)*

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*Wednesday, 3 November*

10 a.m.

United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

3 p.m.

*Item 98* Sectoral policy questions

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1991–2000) (A/54/320)

(b) Business and development

Report of the Secretary-General

6 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 97 (a) and (b)*

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*Thursday, 4 November*

10 a.m.

*Item 98* (a) and (b) (concluded)

3 p.m.

Informal consultations

6 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 100 (b)*

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*Friday, 5 November*

10 a.m.

*Item 102* Training and research

Report of the Secretary-General

3 p.m.

*Item 103* Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources

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<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
<i>Week of 8–12 November</i>	
<i>Monday, 8 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
<i>Item 12</i>	Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/54/3)
<i>1 p.m.</i>	<i>Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 98 (a) and (b)</i>
<i>Tuesday, 9 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
<i>Item 12</i>	(continued)
<i>6 p.m.</i>	<i>Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 102 and 103</i>
<i>Wednesday, 10 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
<i>Item 12</i>	(concluded)
3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
<i>Thursday, 11 November</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
<i>Friday, 12 November</i>	
3 pm.	
<i>Item 97</i>	Macroeconomic policy questions
(c)	Trade and development
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its nineteenth executive session (A/54/15, Part I)
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twentieth executive session (A/54/15, Part II)
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-first executive session (A/54/15, Part III)
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-second executive session (A/54/15, Part IV)
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its forty-sixth session (A/54/15, Part V)
	Report of the Secretary-General on unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries
	Report prepared in conjunction with the Secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on international trade and development (A/54/304)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a report prepared in conjunction with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries
<i>1 p.m.</i>	<i>Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 12</i>

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*Item to be considered*

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*Week of 15–19 November*

*Monday, 15 November*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Informal consultations

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*Tuesday, 16 November*

Informal consultations

6 p.m.     *Deadline for submission of draft proposals  
under item 97 (c)*

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*17-19 November*

Informal consultations

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*Week of 22–26 November*

Informal consultations

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*Week of 29 November–3 December*

*Monday, 29 November*

Informal consultations

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*Tuesday, 30 November*

**Conclusions of the work of the Second Committee**

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