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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 note by the Secretariat ([A/C.2/74/1](#)). Background information on those items can be found in the annotations to the agenda ([A/74/100](#) and [A/74/100/Add.1](#)).

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, Assembly decision 73/544 on the programme of work of the Second Committee for the seventy-fourth session of the Assembly, by which the Assembly invited the Bureau of the Second Committee to take into account the provisional timetable of the Committee as contained in document [A/C.2/73/CRP.1](#), the provisional agenda of the seventy-fourth session of the Assembly ([A/74/150](#)) 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 forthcoming addendum to the present note ([A/C.2/74/L.1/Add.1](#)), which will list the documentation submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee.

Statements by delegations

4. The list of speakers for the general debate and the general discussion of individual agenda items will open on Wednesday, 25 September 2019. The General Assembly, in its decision 65/530, decided to maintain the current time limits of 7 minutes for individual Member States and 10 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during the general debate of the Second Committee. The Assembly also decided to maintain, as appropriate, the current time limits of 5 minutes for individual Member States and 7 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during debates on individual agenda items.



Conference facilities and meeting arrangements

5. Unless otherwise specified, meetings of the Second Committee will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The General Assembly has stressed 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. In this regard, it is expected that 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 will be waived.

Informal consultations

6. In accordance with established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the proposals and for adopting them ad referendum. All drafting will be done at the level of informal informal consultations (without interpretation or other services) and will be conducted by the appointed facilitators.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. Pursuant to paragraph 4 (c) of section D of the annex to General Assembly resolution [58/316](#), the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" should be considered in its entirety in plenary; subsequently, it was clarified by the General Committee that the relevant parts of chapter I of the report that fall under agenda items already allocated to the Main Committees would be considered by the Committee concerned for final action by the Assembly (see [A/59/250/Add.1](#), para. 4).

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

8. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 27 November 2019 for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee¹

Wednesday, 2 October 2019

10 a.m.

Organizational meeting

Week of 7–11 October 2019

Monday, 7 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Keynote address

Opening of the general debate

3–6 p.m.

General debate (*continued*)

Tuesday, 8 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

General debate (*continued and concluded*)

Thursday, 10 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

Joint consideration of:

Item 17: Macroeconomic policy questions:

- (a) International trade and development
- (b) International financial system and development
- (c) External debt sustainability and development
- (d) Commodities
- (e) Financial inclusion for sustainable development
- (f) Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows and strengthen good practices on assets return to foster sustainable development

Item 18: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development

Friday, 11 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

Item 24: Agriculture development, food security and nutrition

¹ The numbers of the agenda items as reflected in the draft programme of work correspond to the agenda items of the provisional agenda of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly (A/74/150).

Week of 14–18 October 2019

Monday, 14 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

Item 19: Sustainable development:

- (a) **Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development**
- (b) **Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States**
- (c) **Disaster risk reduction**
- (d) **Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind**
- (e) **Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa**
- (f) **Convention on Biological Diversity**
- (g) **Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme**
- (h) **Education for sustainable development**
- (i) **Harmony with Nature**
- (j) **Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all**
- (k) **Combating sand and dust storms**
- (l) **Sustainable mountain development**

Tuesday, 15 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Item 19: Sustainable development and sub-items (a) to (l) (continued and concluded)

3–6 p.m.

Joint meeting with the Economic and Social Council²

3 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 24

Wednesday, 16 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

Item 22: Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

² Concept note will be made available on the website of the Committee (www.un.org/en/ga/second/74/events.shtml).

- (a) **Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027)**
- (b) **Women in development**
- (c) **Human resources development**
- (d) **Eradicating rural poverty to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

3 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 17 and sub-items (a) to (c)

Thursday, 17 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Item 20: Globalization and interdependence:

- (a) **Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence**
- (b) **Science, technology and innovation for sustainable development**
- (c) **Culture and sustainable development**
- (d) **Development cooperation with middle-income countries**

3–6 p.m.

Side event²

Friday, 18 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Item 16: Information and communications technologies for sustainable development

3–6 p.m.

Item 21: Groups of countries in special situations:

- (a) **Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries**
- (b) **Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries**

3 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 22 and sub-items (a) to (d)

Week of 21–25 October 2019

Monday, 21 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

Item 23: Operational activities for development:

- (a) **Operational activities for development of the United Nations system**
- (b) **South-South cooperation for development**

3 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under sub-items (d) to (f) of item 17; item 18 and item 20 and sub-items (a) to (d)

Tuesday, 22 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions²

3–6 p.m.

Item 62: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources

3 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 16 and item 21 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Wednesday, 23 October

3 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 19 and sub-items (a) to (f), and item 23 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Thursday, 24 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Side event²

3 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 62

Week of 28 October–1 November 2019

Monday, 28 October

3 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under sub-items (g) to (l) of item 19

Week of 4–8 November 2019³

Tuesday, 5 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Introduction of and action on draft proposals⁴

Week of 11–15 November 2019

Thursday, 14 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals⁴

³ The 2019 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Monday, 4 November 2019.

⁴ Meetings of the Committee to hear introduction of and/or take action on draft proposals are scheduled on a preliminary basis and will be convened and/or rescheduled depending on availability of documentation.

Week of 18–22 November 2019

Tuesday, 19 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals⁴

Thursday, 21 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals⁴

Week of 25–29 November 2019

Tuesday, 26 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Item 138: Programme planning

Action on draft proposals⁴

Wednesday, 27 November

3–6 p.m.

Item 123: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Action on draft proposals⁴

Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee
