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(Fourth Committee)**

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Note by the Secretariat

The attention of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) is drawn to the following provisions of General Assembly resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, as highlighted in the first report of the General Committee (A/74/250), which was considered by the Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2019:

(a) Paragraph 24 of resolution 73/341, in which the General Assembly reaffirmed existing relevant mandates related to the improvement of the working methods of the Main Committees (see A/74/250, para. 13);

(b) Paragraph 26 of resolution 73/341, in which the Assembly requested each Main Committee to further discuss its working methods and invited the Chairs of the Main Committees to continue briefing the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly during the seventy-fourth session on any best practices and lessons learned with a view to improving working methods, and to coordinate their briefings through, inter alia, possible identification of commonalities in the working methods and the lessons learned (ibid., para. 15);

(c) Paragraph 29 of resolution 73/341, in which the Assembly emphasized that the General Assembly and its Main Committees, at the seventy-fourth session, in consultation with Member States, should continue their consideration of and make concrete proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items on the agenda of the Assembly, including through the introduction of a sunset clause, with the clear consent of the sponsoring State or States, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group, during the seventy-fourth session of the Assembly (ibid., para. 10);

(d) The relevant provision contained in the annex to resolution 72/313 on the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the seventy-fourth to the eighty-third sessions of the General Assembly (ibid., para. 19);

(e) Paragraph 31 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly recalled rules 153 and 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and encouraged



the Chairs of the Main Committees and the Secretary-General to ensure observance of those rules, within their respective mandates (*ibid.*, para. 75);

(f) Paragraph 44 of resolution [72/313](#), in which the Assembly reiterated its invitation to the President of the General Assembly and the Chairs of the Main Committees, in consultation with the General Committee and Member States, as well as to the Secretary-General, to enhance the coordination of the scheduling of the meetings of the Assembly, including high-level meetings and high-level thematic debates, with a view to optimizing their interactivity, effectiveness and distribution throughout the session, and to consider ways to decrease the number of high-level events held during the general debate (*ibid.*, para. 33);

(g) Paragraph 32 of resolution [73/341](#), in which the Assembly requested the Secretariat to continue to improve, harmonize and unify e-services provided to Member States under e-deleGATE with a view to creating a full-fledged delegates' online workplace in order to save costs, reduce the environmental impact and improve the distribution of documents (*ibid.*, para. 67).
