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Note by the Secretariat

1. The attention of the Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee) is drawn to the following provisions of General Assembly resolution [73/341](#), several of which are 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 26 of the resolution, in which the Assembly requested each Main Committee to further discuss its working methods, and in this regard invited the Chairs of the Main Committees to continue briefing the Ad Hoc Working Group 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 ([A/74/250](#), para. 15);

(b) Paragraph 29 of the resolution, 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);

(c) Paragraph 33 of the resolution, in which the Assembly decided that all meetings of the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs should make provisions for accessible seating for representatives with disabilities through the following process:

(i) Upon a request by a delegation for accessible seating, the seating order in a given meeting room is changed in such a way as to allow the requesting delegation to move to the closest accessible seat from the one it occupies in accordance with the order established for each session of the Assembly, and the seating order for the rest of the delegations is moved by one seat;



(ii) Should there be more than one request for accessible seating, the delegations requesting such seats will move to the accessible seats which are closest to their respective seats, which they occupy in accordance with the order established for each session of the Assembly, and the seating order for the rest of the delegations is moved by the corresponding number of seats, omitting the ones newly occupied by the requesting delegations (*ibid.*, para. 25 (a)).

2. At the same meeting, the General Assembly took note of:

(a) The fact that explanations of vote should be limited to 10 minutes; that, when the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee; and that delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item (*ibid.*, para. 47);

(b) The fact that once the Assembly adopts a draft resolution or decision, Member States can no longer alter the sponsorship thereof. Likewise, when a Main Committee has adopted a proposal and recommends its adoption by the Assembly, Member States can no longer alter the sponsorship thereof (*ibid.*, para. 52).

3. Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly approved the recommendation that points of order be limited to five minutes (*ibid.*, para. 48).

Annex**Pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the First Committee, in accordance with General Assembly resolution [72/313](#)**

Session	Regional group
Seventy-fifth	Western European and other States
Seventy-sixth	African States
Seventy-seventh	Asia-Pacific States
Seventy-eighth	Eastern European States
Seventy-ninth	Latin American and Caribbean States
Eightieth	Western European and other States
Eighty-first	Asia-Pacific States
Eighty-second	Eastern European States
Eighty-third	African States
