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AGENDA

Note by the Chairman

1. In the interest of facilitating the work of the Second Committee, the Chairman wishes to make the following observations regarding the examination of the various agenda items referred to the Committee by the General Assembly at its 803rd plenary meeting.

2. The items referred to the Committee (A/C.2/202) are as follows:

Item 12: Report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 30: Economic development of under-developed countries

(a) Report by the Secretary-General on measures taken by the Governments of Member States to further the economic development of under-developed countries in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1316 (XIII);

(b) Progress in the field of financing the economic development of under-developed countries.

Item 29: Progress and operations of the Special Fund

Item 31: Programmes of technical assistance

(a) Report of the Economic and Social Council;

(b) United Nations assistance in public administration: report of the Secretary-General;

(c) Confirmation of the allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance

Item 32: United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency: progress report of the Administrator for Residual Affairs of the Agency.

3. It will be for the Committee to decide at its first meeting on the organization of its work, in particular the order in which it will take up the items on its agenda. In order to facilitate the discussion of the organization of the Committee's work, the Chairman, after consultation with a number of delegations, submits the following suggestions:

4. The Committee might take up the items on its agenda in the following order:

- (i) Item 29: Progress and operations of the Special Fund
- (ii) Item 31: Programmes of technical assistance:
  - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council
  - (b) United Nations assistance in public administration: report of the Secretary-General
  - (c) Confirmation of the allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance
- (iii) Item 32: United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency: progress report of the Administrator for Residual Affairs of the Agency
- (iv) Items 30 and 12: Economic development of under-developed countries:
  - (a) Report by the Secretary-General on measures taken by the Governments of Member States to further the economic development of under-developed countries in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1316 (XIII);
  - (b) Progress in the field of financing the economic development of under-developed countries.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

5. In considering item 29 (Progress and operations of the Special Fund), the Committee will have before it the Secretary-General's report (A/4217) and the comments on the report made by the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-eighth session (A/4143, chapter III, section XIII). The Chairman would draw the Committee's attention to the fact that the programme contained in the Secretary-General's report related to the activities of the Fund during the first three months of its existence. The Chairman therefore anticipates that the Committee will devote a relatively small number of meetings to consideration of this item.

6. With regard to item 31 (Programmes of technical assistance), the Committee will presumably begin with a general debate, followed by a discussion of any individual proposals that may be submitted. In this connexion, it will be noted that chapter III, part B, of the Economic and Social Council's report relates to this item. The Chairman would also draw the Committee's attention to the fact that in order to consider sub-item (c) (Confirmation of the allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance), the Committee will have to have before it the report of the Technical Assistance Committee, which is scheduled to meet in the last week of November. It is desirable that sub-item (c) should be taken up as soon as the TAC report is ready, so that the consideration of the allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for 1959 can be completed in time. With regard to sub-item 31 (b) (United Nations assistance in public administration: report of the Secretary-General), the Chairman would draw the Committee's attention to Council resolution 739 (XXVIII) and to the relevant part of the Council's report (A/4143, chapter III, section XI).

7. For its consideration of item 32 (United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency), the Committee will have before it the progress report of the Administrator for Residual Affairs of the Agency.

It may be noted that, on the basis of the work of previous sessions, consideration of this item should not require more than two meetings.

8. At the request of a number of delegations, the Committee should take up items 30 (Economic development of under-developed countries) and 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council) last, on the understanding that the Committee will have adequate time for their consideration. Several delegations have also suggested that the two items should be the subject of a single general discussion followed by separate discussion of proposals made under item 30 and proposals made under item 12. The Chairman considers that the general discussion covering both items 30 and 12 might begin in the last week of October at the latest. This would allow for an adequate number of meetings before the end of the session of the General Assembly for the general discussion and for discussion of the two groups of proposals which may be submitted under items 30 and 12 respectively. It will be noted that in considering item 12, the Committee will have before it chapters II, III, IV and V of the Economic and Social Council's report.

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The Chairman recommends that the members of the Committee should agree, at an appropriate time during the discussion of each item, to fix a time-limit for the submission of proposals relating to the item.

Finally, the Chairman would draw the attention of members of the Committee to document A/C.2/203, concerning items 29, 30 and 31; document A/4217, concerning item 29; document A/4212, concerning item 31 and documents A/4211 and A/4220, concerning item 12.

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