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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 handling of the several items of the General Assembly's agenda which have been referred to this Committee by the General Assembly at its 682nd plenary meeting.
2. The items referred to the Committee (A/C.2/194) are listed below:
 - Item 29: Programmes of technical assistance:
 - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council;
 - (b) Confirmation of allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (resolution 831 (IX) of 26 November 1954)
 - Item 28: Economic development of under-developed countries. Question of the establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development: final and supplementary reports of the Ad Hoc Committee, and recommendations of the Economic and Social Council (resolution 1030 (XI) of 26 February 1957)
 - Item 27: Report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (resolution 410 A (V) of 1 December 1950)
 - Item 12: Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters II, III, IV and V).
3. As regards the order in which the Committee will take up these items, the Chairman has received indications that some members would have proposals to submit for consideration by the Committee. The following points may be borne in mind when considering the order of business.

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4. As regards item 29 (Programmes of technical assistance), the Committee will undoubtedly wish to have a general debate followed by a discussion of any specific proposals that may be submitted by members. In this connexion it will be noted that chapter III, part B of the report of the Economic and Social Council is closely connected with this item. The Chairman wishes to draw the Committee's attention to the fact that, for the discussion of part (b) of this item (Confirmation of allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance), the Committee will require to have before it the report of the Technical Assistance Committee, which will convene on 25 November. Should that report not be available when the Second Committee completes discussion of sub-item (a), the discussion of sub-item (b) will have to be postponed. It should be taken up, however, as soon as the report of TAC is available, in order that consideration of the allocation of funds for 1958 under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance can be completed on time.
5. As regards item 28 (Economic development of under-developed countries. Question of the establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development), the Chairman suggests that its consideration begin, as in previous years, with a general debate on economic development. It will be noted in this connexion that chapter III, part A of the Council's report is closely connected with this item and the Chairman would propose that in the general debate members should not feel limited in the expression of their views to the question of the establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development, but should speak to and present any proposals that they may have concerning any aspect of economic development of under-developed countries.
6. After the general debate on economic development has ended, the Chairman proposes that the question of the establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development should be taken up.
7. As regards item 27 (Report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency), the Chairman would suggest to the Committee that it be taken up late in the session, as the report will not be circulated until October.
8. Under item 12, the Committee will have before it chapters II, III, IV and V of the report of the Economic and Social Council; chapter III is also closely related to items 28 and 29. It is the view of the Chairman that members should be entirely free to comment upon such sections of chapters II, III, IV and V of the report dealing with general economic questions as they feel are relevant to the item under discussion.

9. The Chairman recommends that the Committee agree, at an appropriate moment during its consideration of an item, on a time-limit for submitting proposals under that item.

10. Finally, the attention of the Committee is drawn to document A/3661 which contains information on agenda items 28 and 29, and to documents A/3651 and A/3675 relating to item 27, which will be distributed later.
