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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS TO COMMITTEES

Memorandum by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to place before the General Committee for its consideration the following observations and proposals in connexion with the report to be made to the plenary meeting by the General Committee on the adoption of the agenda of the twelfth session and the allocation of agenda items to Committees:

Adoption of the agenda

2. All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the eleventh session have been communicated to Members of the General Assembly in the following documents:

- Provisional agenda of the twelfth regular session of the General Assembly (A/3610);
- Supplementary list of items (A/3646);
- Request by India for the inclusion of an additional item (A/3657).

3. In requesting the inclusion in the agenda of the item entitled "Expansion of the membership of the Disarmament Commission and of its Sub-Committee", the Government of India announced its intention of suggesting that the item might be included as a sub-item of the item on disarmament already appearing on the provisional agenda. The Secretary-General has therefore given effect to this suggestion and proposes that item 24 should be worded as follows:

"24. Regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and all armaments; conclusion of an international Convention (treaty) on the reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic, hydrogen and other weapons of mass destruction:

"(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission

"(b) Expansion of the membership of the Disarmament Commission and of its Sub-Committee".

4. In connexion with item 42: "Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly", since no vacancies are expected to occur at this time in the membership of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee, the Secretary-General proposes the deletion of sub-item (f) of item 42.

5. Taking into account paragraphs 3 and 4 above, the agenda of the twelfth session would read as follows:

AGENDA OF THE TWELFTH SESSION<sup>1/</sup>

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Thailand (P.A.1)
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.A.2)
3. Credentials of representatives to the twelfth session of the General Assembly (P.A.3):
  - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee
4. Election of the President (P.A.4)
5. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers (P.A.5)
6. Election of Vice-Presidents (P.A.6)
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter (P.A.7)
8. Adoption of the agenda (P.A.8)
9. Opening of the general debate (P.A.9)
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (P.A.10)
11. Report of the Security Council (P.A.11)
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (P.A.12)
13. Report of the Trusteeship Council (P.A.13)
14. Election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council (P.A.14)
15. Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council (P.A.15)
16. Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (P.A.16)
17. Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (P.A.17)

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<sup>1/</sup> The number in brackets after each item indicates the number under which the item appears on the provisional agenda (P.A.) (see A/3610) or the supplementary list (S.L.) (see A/3646). The additional item is indicated by (A.I.) (see A/3657).

18. Draft relationship agreement between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Advisory Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy (P.A.18)
19. Question of amending the United Nations Charter in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the number of non-permanent members of the Security Council and the number of votes required for decisions of the Council (P.A.19)
20. Question of amending the United Nations Charter in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the membership of the Economic and Social Council (P.A.20)
21. Question of amending the Statute of the International Court of Justice, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations and Article 69 of the Statute of the Court with respect to an increase in the number of judges of the International Court of Justice (P.A.21)
22. Report of the Committee on arrangements for a Conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter (P.A.22)
23. The Korean question: report of the United Nations Commission on the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea (P.A.23)
24. Regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and all armaments; conclusion of an international Convention (treaty) on the reduction of armaments and on the prohibition of atomic, hydrogen and other weapons of mass destruction:
  - (a) Report of the Disarmament Commission (P.A.24)
  - (b) Expansion of the membership of the Disarmament Commission and of its Sub-Committee (A.I)
25. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (P.A.25)
26. Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (P.A.26)
27. Report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (P.A.27)
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 (P.A.28)
29. Programmes of technical assistance (P.A.29)
  - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council;

- (b) Confirmation of allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance
30. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (P.A.30)
  31. Review of the arrangements for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (P.A.31)
  32. Recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination (P.A.32)
  33. Draft International Covenants on Human Rights (P.A.33)
  34. Draft Convention on Freedom of Information: report of the Economic and Social Council (P.A.34)
  35. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.A.35):
    - (a) Information on economic conditions;
    - (b) Information on other conditions;
    - (c) General questions relating to the transmission and examination of information;
    - (d) Offers of study and training facilities under resolutions 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954 and 931 (X) of 8 November 1955;
    - (e) Methods of reproducing summaries of information concerning Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General
  36. Election to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.A.36)
  37. The future of Togoland under French administration: report of the Trusteeship Council (P.A.37)
  38. Question of South West Africa (P.A.38):
    - (a) Report of the Committee on South West Africa;
    - (b) Study of legal action to ensure the fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the Mandatory Power under the Mandate for South West Africa: special report of the Committee on South West Africa;
    - (c) Election of three members of the Committee on South West Africa

39. Question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia: reports of the Governments of Ethiopia and of Italy (P.A.39)
40. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1957 (P.A.40)
41. Budget estimates for the financial year 1958 (P.A.41)
42. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly (P.A.42):
  - (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
  - (b) Committee on Contributions;
  - (c) Board of Auditors;
  - (d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General;
  - (e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal
43. Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds (P.A.43)
44. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (P.A.44)
45. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (P.A.45):
  - (a) Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;
  - (b) Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the fourth actuarial valuation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund as of 30 September 1956, and second review of the basic tables of the Fund
46. Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account (P.A.46)
47. Review of audit procedures of the United Nations and the specialized agencies (P.A.47)
48. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (P.A.48)
49. Financial reports and accounts and reports of the Board of Auditors (P.A.49):
  - (a) United Nations (for the financial year ended 31 December 1956);

- (b) United Nations Children's Fund (for the financial year ended 31 December 1957);
  - (c) United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (for the financial year ended 30 June 1957);
  - (d) United Nations Refugee Fund (for the financial year ended 31 December 1956)
50. Offer by the Government of Chile of land in Santiago to be used as office site for the United Nations and other international organizations (P.A.50)
51. Personnel questions (P.A.51):
- (a) United Nations salary, allowance and benefits system: outstanding questions from the eleventh session;
  - (b) Question of the geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (c) Question of the proportion of fixed-term staff: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (d) Review of the staff regulations and of the principles and standards progressively applied thereto: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (e) Proposal to amend article 9 of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Secretary-General
52. United Nations International School: report of the Secretary-General (P.A.52)
53. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its ninth session (P.A.53)
54. Question of defining aggression: report of the Special Committee (P.A.54)
55. Draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind (P.A.55)
56. International criminal jurisdiction (P.A.56)
57. Effects of atomic radiation (P.A.57)
58. Cyprus (P.A.58):
- (a) Application, under the auspices of the United Nations, of the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples in the case of the population of the Island of Cyprus;
  - (b) Violations of human rights and atrocities by the British colonial administration against the Cyprians

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59. The question of Algeria (P.A.59)
60. The question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa (S.L.1)
61. Collective action to inform and enlighten the peoples of the world as to the dangers of the armaments race, and particularly as to the destructive effects of nuclear weapons (S.L.2)
62. Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa: reports of the Governments of India and of Pakistan (S.L.3)
63. The question of West Irian (West New Guinea) (S.L.4)



Allocation of agenda items to Committees

6. Subject to the recommendations of the General Committee with regard to the adoption of the agenda, the Secretary-General proposes for consideration by the Committee the allocation of agenda items set forth below:

PLENARY MEETINGS

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Thailand
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  - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
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5. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers
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10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization
11. Report of the Security Council
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters I, VIII and IX)
13. Election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council
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17. Draft relationship agreement between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Advisory Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy
18. Report of the Committee on arrangements for a Conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter

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1. The Korean question: report of the United Nations Commission on the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea
2. Regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and all armaments; conclusion of an international Convention (treaty) on the reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic, hydrogen and other weapons of mass destruction:
  - (a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;
  - (b) Expansion of the membership of the Disarmament Commission and of its Sub-Committee
3. Effects of atomic radiation
4. Cyprus:
  - (a) Application, under the auspices of the United Nations, of the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples in the case of the population of the Island of Cyprus;
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1. Admission of new Members to the United Nations
2. The question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa
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1. Programmes of technical assistance:
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3. Report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency
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4. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1957
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- 4. International criminal jurisdiction

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