



Ninth session
GENERAL COMMITTEE

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS TO COMMITTEES

Memorandum by the Secretary-General

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 ninth session and the allocation of agenda items to Committees:

Adoption of the agenda

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

Provisional agenda of the ninth regular session of the General Assembly (A/2667)

Supplementary list of items for the agenda of the ninth regular session (A/2715).

2. With respect to item 27 of the provisional agenda, "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees", the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to Supplement No. 13 A (A/2648/Add.1) containing the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Refugee Emergency Fund and the report thereon of the Board of Auditors. The Secretary-General believes that this document can most appropriately be dealt with in connexion with item 36 of the provisional agenda, "Financial reports and accounts, and reports of the Board of Auditors". It is, therefore, suggested that a new sub-title(e) should be included under item 36 as follows: "United Nations Refugee Emergency Fund, for the period 1 March 1952 to 31 December 1953".

3. In connexion with item 12 of the supplementary list, "Admission to the United Nations of Laos and Cambodia", the General Committee will note that it has been included as sub-item (b) under item 21 of the provisional agenda, "Admission of new Members".
4. Taking into account the suggestions contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the agenda of the ninth regular session would read as follows:^{1/}
1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of India (P.A.1)
 2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.A.2)
 3. Appointment of a Credentials Committee (P.A.3)
 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 members of the International Court of Justice (P.A.16):
 - (a) Election of a member of the Court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Benegal Rau
 - (b) Election of five members of the Court
 17. The Korean question (P.A.17):
 - (a) Report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea
 - (b) Report of the United Nations Agent General for Korean Reconstruction
 18. Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
 19. Methods which might be used to maintain and strengthen international peace and security in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the Charter: report of the Collective Measures Committee (P.A.19)

^{1/} The number in brackets after each item indicates the number under which the item appears on the provisional agenda (P.A.) (see A/2667) or the supplementary list (S.L.) (see A/2715).

20. Regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and all armaments: report of the Disarmament Commission (P.A.20)
21. Admission of new Members to the United Nations:
 - (a) Report of the Committee of Good Offices (P.A.21)
 - (b) Admission of Laos and Cambodia (S.L.12)
22. Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa: report of the United Nations Good Offices Commission (P.A.22)
23. The question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa: report of the United Nations Commission on the Racial Situation in the Union of South Africa (P.A.23)
24. Appointment of members of the Peace Observation Commission (P.A.24)
25. Economic development of under-developed countries (P.A.25):
 - (a) Question of the establishment of a special United Nations fund for economic development: summary by the Secretary-General of comments of Governments on the report of the Committee of Nine, report of Mr. Raymond Scheyven and report of the Economic and Social Council
 - (b) Question of the establishment of an international finance corporation: report of the Economic and Social Council
 - (c) International flow of private capital for the economic development of under-developed countries
 - (d) Land reform
26. Programmes of technical assistance: report of the Economic and Social Council (P.A.26)
27. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (P.A.27)
28. Freedom of information: report of the Economic and Social Council (P.A.28)
29. Question of organizing an international professional conference to prepare the final text of an International Code of Ethics for the use of information personnel: report of the Secretary-General (P.A.29)
30. Forced labour: report of the Economic and Social Council (P.A.30)
31. 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.31):
 - (a) Information on economic conditions
 - (b) Information on other conditions
 - (c) Transmission of information
 - (d) Participation of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

32. Cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter: report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.A.32):
 - (a) Communication from the Government of Denmark concerning Greenland
 - (b) Other communications
33. Election to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.A.33)
34. Question of South West Africa: report of the Committee on South West Africa (P.A. 34)
35. The Togoland unification problem: special report of the Trusteeship Council (P.A.35)
36. Financial reports and accounts, and reports of the Board of Auditors (P.A.36):
 - (a) United Nations, for the financial year ended 31 December 1953
 - (b) United Nations Children's Fund, for the financial year ended 31 December 1953
 - (c) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, for the financial year ended 30 June 1954
 - (d) United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency, for the financial year ended 30 June 1954
 - (e) United Nations Refugee Emergency Fund, for the period 1 March 1952 to 31 December 1953
37. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1954 (P.A.37)
38. Budget estimates for the financial year 1955 (P.A.38)
39. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly (P.A.39):
 - (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
 - (f) United Nations Staff Pension Committee
40. Headquarters of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (P.A.40)
41. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (P.A.41)

42. Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds (P.A.42)
43. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (P.A.43)
44. Review of audit procedures of the United Nations and the specialized agencies: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (P.A.44)
45. Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account (P.A.45)
46. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (P.A.46):
 - (a) Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
 - (b) Acceptance by the specialized agencies of the jurisdiction of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal in matters involving applications alleging non-observance of the regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: report of the Secretary-General
 - (c) Admission of staff members of the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
 - (d) Revision of the administrative rules of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
47. System of allowances to members of commissions, committees and other subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly or other organs of the United Nations: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (P.A.47)
48. Awards of compensation made by the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice (P.A.48)
49. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixth session (P.A.49)
50. International criminal jurisdiction: report of the 1953 Committee on International Criminal Jurisdiction (P.A. 50)
51. Question of defining aggression: report of the Special Committee on the Question of defining Aggression (P.A.51)

52. The future of the Trust Territory of Togoland under United Kingdom Trusteeship: (P.A.52)
53. Organization of the Secretariat (P.A. 53)
54. Personnel policy of the United Nations (P.A.54)
55. Translation of some official documents of the General Assembly into the Arabic language in accordance with rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (S.L.1)
56. The Morocco question (S.L.2)
57. The Tunisia question (S.L.3)
58. Draft International Covenants on Human Rights (S.L.4)
59. Status of women in private law: customs, ancient laws and practices affecting the human dignity of women (S.L.5)
60. Amendment to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly; proposal for a new rule concerning corrections of vote (S.L.6)
61. The question of West Irian (West New Guinea) (S.L.7)
62. 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 (S.L.8)
63. Complaint by the Union of Burma regarding aggression against it by the Government of the Republic of China (S.L.9)
64. Draft articles on the continental shelf (S.L. 10)
65. Economic development of fisheries and question of fishery conservation and regulation (S.L. 11)
66. Establishment of a world food reserve (S.L.13)

Establishment of an Ad Hoc Political Committee

5. The Secretary-General assumes that, in harmony with the procedure adopted in previous regular sessions, the General Assembly will wish to establish an Ad Hoc Political Committee for the ninth session. In this connexion, it will be recalled that, under the terms of resolution 791 (VIII), the General Assembly decided to amend rule 38 of the rules of procedure to include in the membership of the General Committee the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Political Committee when one is established.

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 General Committee the allocation of agenda items set forth below.

PLENARY MEETINGS

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of India
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4. Election of the President
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6. Election of Vice-Presidents
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter
8. Adoption of the agenda
9. Opening of the general debate
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, VI, VII and VIII)
13. Election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council
14. Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council
15. Election of members of the International Court of Justice:
 - (a) Election of a member of the Court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Benegal Rau
 - (b) Election of five members of the Court
16. Appointment of members of the Peace Observation Commission

FIRST COMMITTEE

1. The Korean question:
 - (a) Report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea
2. Methods which might be used to maintain and strengthen international peace and security in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the Charter: report of the Collective Measures Committee
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AD HOC POLITICAL COMMITTEE

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 - (a) Report of the Committee of Good Offices
 - (b) Admission of Laos and Cambodia
3. Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa: report of the United Nations Good Offices Commission
4. The question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa: report of the United Nations Commission on the Racial Situation in the Union of South Africa
5. Complaint by the Union of Burma regarding aggression against it by the Government of the Republic of China

SECOND COMMITTEE

1. Establishment of a world food reserve
2. Economic development of fisheries and question of fishery conservation and regulation
3. The Korean question:
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 - (b) Question of the establishment of an international finance corporation: report of the Economic and Social Council
 - (c) International flow of private capital for the economic development of under-developed countries
 - (d) Land reform
5. Programmes of technical assistance: report of the Economic and Social Council
6. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters II and III)

THIRD COMMITTEE

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
2. Forced labour: report of the Economic and Social Council
3. Freedom of information: report of the Economic and Social Council
4. Question of organizing an international professional conference to prepare the final text of an International Code of Ethics for the use of information personnel: report of the Secretary-General
5. Draft International Covenants on Human Rights
6. Status of women in private law: customs, ancient laws and practices affecting the human dignity of women
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5. Report of the Trusteeship Council
6. The Togoland unification problem: special report of the Trusteeship Council
7. The future of the Trust Territory of Togoland under United Kingdom Trusteeship

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 - (c) Admission of staff members of the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
 - (d) Revision of the administrative rules of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter IX)
13. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly:
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 - (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
 - (f) United Nations Staff Pension Committee
14. Headquarters of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General
15. Personnel policy of the United Nations
16. Awards of compensation made by the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice
17. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1954

SIXTH COMMITTEE

1. Draft articles on the continental shelf
2. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixth session
3. International criminal jurisdiction: report of the 1953 Committee on International Criminal Jurisdiction
4. Question of defining aggression: report of the Special Committee on the Question of defining Aggression
5. Amendment to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly: proposal for a new rule concerning corrections of vote
