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ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS TO THE SECOND COMMITTEE

Letter dated 27 September 1961 from the President of the
General Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee

I have the honour to inform you that the General Assembly, at its 1018th plenary meeting, decided that the following items should be allocated to the Second Committee for consideration and report:

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters II, III, IV, V and VIII (paragraph 650 only)).

[NOTE: In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 823 (XXXII) of 20 July 1961, the Secretary-General will submit to the Assembly a report on the decentralization of United Nations economic and social activities and the strengthening of the regional economic commissions, which will be considered by the Second Committee under chapter IV of the Council's report.]

2. Economic development of under-developed countries:

- (a) Industrial development and activities of the organs of the United Nations in the field of industrialization;
- (b) Establishment of a United Nations capital development fund: report of the Committee established by General Assembly resolution 1521 (XV);
- (c) Accelerated flow of capital and technical assistance to the developing countries: report of the Secretary-General;
- (d) Land reform: interim report of the Secretary-General;

[NOTE: Chapter VIII (paragraph 651 only) of the report of the Economic and Social Council will be considered by the Committee during its discussion of this item of the agenda.]

- (e) Provision of food surpluses to food-deficient peoples through the United Nations system.

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3. Questions relating to international trade and commodities:
 - (a) Strengthening and development of the world market and improvement of the trade conditions of the economically less developed countries: report of the Economic and Social Council;
 - (b) Improvement of the terms of trade between the industrial and the under-developed countries: report of the Economic and Social Council.
4. Progress and operations of the Special Fund.
5. United Nations programmes of technical co-operation:
 - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council;
 - (b) Use of volunteer workers in the operational programmes of the United Nations and related agencies;
 - (c) Confirmation of the allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance.
6. Assistance to newly independent States: report of the Economic and Social Council.
7. Assistance to Africa:
 - (b) Economic development of Africa.
8. Questions relating to science and technology:
 - (a) Development of scientific and technical co-operation and exchange of experience: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (b) Main trends of inquiry in the natural sciences, dissemination of scientific knowledge and application of such knowledge for peaceful ends: report of the Economic and Social Council.
9. Population growth and economic development.
10. Permanent sovereignty over natural resources.

NOTE: With reference, as necessary, to the Sixth Committee. In addition, chapter V (paragraphs 424 to 432 only) of the report of the Economic and Social Council will be considered by the Committee during its discussion of this item of the agenda.7

I should be grateful if you would bring this decision to the attention of the members of the Second Committee.
