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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution [75/325](#), the General Assembly decided to establish, at its seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh sessions, an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, open to all Member States:

(a) To identify further ways to enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on progress achieved in past sessions as well as on previous resolutions, including evaluating the status of their implementation, with the primary focus on:

(i) During the seventy-sixth session: role and authority of the General Assembly, and working methods;

(ii) During the seventy-seventh session: strengthening the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads.

2. The General Assembly further decided that the Ad Hoc Working Group should continue its review of the inventory of Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted at the seventy-fifth session ([A/75/973](#)) and, as a result, continue to update the inventory to be attached to the reports to be submitted at the seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh sessions of the Assembly, including the separate indication of relevant provisions that were not implemented, with reasons therefor. The present report is submitted pursuant to the provisions of that resolution.

3. During the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly, the President of the General Assembly appointed the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations, Mitchell Fifield, and the Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations, Egriselda González López, as Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

II. Proceedings

4. The Working Group held a total of four formal meetings, on 9 March, 12 April and 11 May 2022.

5. The programme of work consisted of a general discussion and two thematic meetings on the following themes:

(a) The role and authority of the General Assembly;

(b) The working methods of the Assembly.

6. In addition, one meeting was held on 14 June 2022 as part of the interactive dialogue between permanent missions and the Secretariat. All formal meetings and the dialogue between permanent missions and the Secretariat were webcast.

A. General discussion

7. The first meeting of the Working Group was convened by its Co-Chairs on 9 March 2022. Following introductory remarks by the President of the General Assembly, interventions were made by 29 delegations, including on behalf of five groups of States. The Working Group also had before it a tentative timetable for the thematic discussions and a draft updated inventory chart of all revitalization

mandates, which was uploaded on the dedicated web page accessible from the website of the General Assembly (www.un.org/en/ga/revitalization/).

8. In his opening remarks, the President reiterated the need for the General Assembly, as the chief policy and deliberative organ of the United Nations, to discuss both issues and solutions that have an impact on humanity in the face of the ongoing complex global challenges, including climate change, the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and the dire consequences of war. Revitalization was also key to the ongoing thematic consultations on “Our Common Agenda”, as a bold and compelling vision of the United Nations for a more inclusive and sustainable future. A revitalized Assembly would bring about a more effective and responsive United Nations. In closing, the President encouraged delegations to develop concrete proposals for the effective implementation of the revitalization mandates.

9. Subsequently, the Co-Chairs recalled that, in accordance with resolution [75/325](#) and in the absence of a negotiated text at the seventy-sixth session, the work would focus on the implementation of previous decisions and discuss future actions to improve the work and functions of the General Assembly, including during the two thematic debates: (a) on the role and authority of the Assembly; and (b) on its working methods. The Co-Chairs noted that the revitalization was a long-term process, with each resolution delivering iterative progress across each of the four thematic pillars. In the end, revitalizing the Assembly was about building a multilateral system that would be relevant, flexible, agile and responsive to emerging challenges.

10. During the discussion, delegations noted the importance of the revitalization process as a critical component of the comprehensive reform of the United Nations. Referring to the simultaneous consultations process on the recommendations of the Secretary-General in his report entitled “Our Common Agenda” ([A/75/982](#)), speakers agreed on the need for effective multilateralism to be more interconnected, inclusive and effective in order to address current challenges. One group of States reiterated the importance of preserving the intergovernmental, inclusive and democratic nature of the United Nations and the need to ensure the proper implementation of the Charter of the United Nations with respect to the functional relationship between its principal organs, while also fully respecting their respective mandates. An invigorated General Assembly would significantly contribute to strengthening the wider United Nations system, improving global governance and reinvigorating multilateralism, many speakers said.

11. Overall, a broad range of issues were raised, including greater support for multilingualism as a core value of the Organization, the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads, the gender and geographical balance of the Secretariat, support for the Office of the President of the General Assembly, accessibility, lessons learned after the COVID-19 pandemic and training for delegates, among other things.

12. Many speakers welcomed the start of the new biennial cycle of the Ad Hoc Working Group, referring to resolution [75/325](#) as an ambitious and action-oriented outcome containing practical and concrete steps aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the General Assembly. Delegations also welcomed the road map contained in the letter of the Co-Chairs dated 25 January 2022, and supported their suggestion to enhance the capacities of delegations to draft, discuss and negotiate action-oriented outcomes as well as to mainstream gender equality in the meetings and outcomes of the Assembly. Delegations noted with appreciation the commitment of the President of the General Assembly towards achieving gender parity among invited speakers and panellists for high-level and other meetings of the Assembly.

B. Thematic debate on the role and authority of the General Assembly

13. The Co-Chairs convened the thematic meeting on the role and authority of the General Assembly on 12 April 2022. A briefing was provided by the Director of the Outreach Division of the Department of Global Communications on the efforts of the Department to enhance the visibility of the work of the Assembly, including through multimedia content and outreach to diverse audiences in multiple languages and on multiple platforms. In 2020, in the face of the health crisis caused by COVID-19, the Department launched the “Verified” initiative, aimed at equipping people with accurate public health information, cementing confidence in the COVID-19 vaccine, countering misinformation and building solidarity and equity for a fair and effective recovery. In 2021, the Verified initiative produced 9,000 pieces of content in 60 languages, reaching more than 1 billion people across the world. The Assembly featured prominently in the messages the Department delivered, which were shared by way of social media, United Nations News, a dedicated multilingual website and press releases. With regard to its efforts to support the Office of the President of the General Assembly, the Department continued to provide a spokesperson, arrange media interviews, monitor media coverage of the President’s activities and facilitate connections with civil society, academia and celebrities.

14. In an interactive segment, five delegations and Co-Chairs asked questions about the efforts of the Department to reduce misinformation; its work in the field; self-evaluation; engaging with public, including through the Model United Nations; and providing information on the work of the Organization in an accessible and understandable format. In the field, the Department continued to work with its 60 United Nations information centres and with the communications officers of resident coordinators to connect with local communities. There were ongoing efforts to educate the organizers of the Model United Nations Conferences about consensus-based multilateralism and the structure of the Organization, including by publishing a book and holding training workshops with the organizers. With regard to self-evaluation, under the new global communications strategy, each campaign had its own performance indicators, which were analysed and acted upon.

15. In a subsequent debate, 21 delegation made statements, including on behalf of four groups, focusing on the role and authority of the General Assembly. Delegations welcomed the efforts by the Department of Global Communications in countering false and deliberately misleading information online, particularly in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in increasing the visibility of the Assembly through many platforms while maintaining multilingualism. Speakers recognized that the complexity of the global challenges had amplified the need to strengthen the central role and authority of the Assembly, and to reinvigorate multilateralism, by enhancing its intergovernmental, inclusive and democratic nature. Delegations reiterated the need for greater synergy and coherence in the work of the various principal organs, including by rationalizing agendas in consultation with the sponsoring States. Considering the importance of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, delegations reiterated the importance of achieving tangible progress in the alignment of the agendas of the Assembly, its Main Committees and the Economic and Social Council.

16. With regard to rationalizing side events and high-level activities during the high-level week, many delegations wished to ensure the implementation of paragraph 19 (b) of resolution [75/325](#), in which the General Assembly encouraged the limitation of the number of side events held in parallel with or in the margins of the general debate, as well as other high-level sessions, including by exploring further improvements and the possibility of setting up a non-binding guideline to achieve this. Delegations set out concrete proposals for reducing the overall number of events,

including that all delegations would proactively raise the issue with their capitals to build understanding of the current volume of events and the impact it had on the primacy of the general debate, manage expectations ahead of September and encourage a focus on collaboration. They further suggested that the President would benefit from articulating the theme for the upcoming high-level week immediately following her or his appointment in June. That would enable delegations to undertake early consultations across regional, thematic and other groups to identify similar topics and areas for collaboration, with a view to combining events.

17. One group reiterated the importance of the Security Council reporting to the General Assembly, as well as the need for more analytical annual reports and special subject-oriented reports on issues of current international concern. Another group stated that the best way to enhance the role and authority of the Assembly was to improve its efficiency and effectiveness by focusing on current priorities, and suggested reducing the length and number of resolutions and other outcome documents and focusing on their operational aspects. The group urged that concrete steps be taken, collectively, towards more effective mandate delivery, while making better use of the resources available. Other speakers recalled examples of the biennialization or technical rollovers of resolutions during the pandemic and suggested that this approach be mainstreamed through revitalization.

18. Many delegations emphasized the importance of multilingualism as a fundamental value of the United Nations and called for the parity of all official languages in all activities of the Organization, including on its websites. One group called for integrating multilingualism into the workflow by creating multilingual content, rather than using computer-assisted translation to produce multilingual content from English. Another group stressed the need to consider multilingualism as one of the criteria for selecting panellists for and inviting speakers to the meetings of the General Assembly. Some delegations emphasized the importance of including other stakeholders in the work of the Assembly and its Main Committees, as well as improving such participation. One speaker proposed decreasing the carbon footprint of diplomacy and considering the impact of the Assembly on climate change.

C. Thematic debate on the working methods of the General Assembly

19. The Co-Chairs convened the thematic debate on the working methods of the General Assembly on 11 May 2022. In their opening remarks, the Co-Chairs invited the Working Group to reflect on the working methods of the Assembly and its Main Committees, as revitalization of the work of the Assembly was, at its core, a process aimed at improving the equity, efficiency and effectiveness of the Assembly, and the current resolution contained mandates which, if implemented with the support of the membership, could most directly meet these objectives. The Co-Chairs also announced that while paragraphs 25 to 50 of resolution [75/325](#) provided a series of mandates, the debate would focus on the mandates addressed to the Main Committees and the Presidency of the General Assembly, while the interactive dialogue between the permanent missions and the Secretariat, on 14 June, would address the issues aimed at improving the Secretariat's cooperation with the permanent missions, including the briefing requested in paragraph 28 of the resolution.

20. Subsequently, the representatives of the Bureaux of the Main Committees and the Chef de Cabinet of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the President in his capacity as Chair of the General Committee, reflected on experiences in their respective Committees. The briefings by the Bureaux of the Main Committees have been published as part of the present report in accordance with paragraph 31 of resolution [75/325](#) (see annex II).

21. The Chef de Cabinet reported that, as was the case during the seventy-fifth session, the General Committee had kept its traditional role in the current session, dealing essentially with the agenda of the General Assembly and the assignment of items to the Main Committees. The President of the General Assembly first met with the General Committee-elect informally before the start of the session to give the President an opportunity to engage with the incoming members on the upcoming session. Since the start of the session, the President had thus far convened the General Committee for two meetings: one formal, on 15 September 2021, to adopt the agenda for the session; and one informal, on 14 December 2021, to summarize the work of the Assembly during the main part of the seventy-sixth session by acknowledging the work of the Main Committees and the key achievements of the Assembly plenary from September to December 2021. The President also briefed the General Committee on the work of the Assembly during the resumed part of the seventy-sixth session on his mandates for high-level events and negotiation processes, as well as initiatives to hold thematic debates on issues of importance to the international community, in order to implement the priorities of his “Presidency of Hope”.

22. Following the briefing, the Office of the President circulated a draft timeline of the high-level events, upcoming elections and mandated events during the remaining part of the seventy-sixth session. In looking to revitalize the role of the General Committee, the Chef de Cabinet reported one innovation at the current session to appoint five Vice-Presidents to assist with leading consultations on “Our Common Agenda”. That appointment was welcomed by Member States. During the remainder of the seventy-sixth session, the President had intended to continue to explore ways for the General Committee to support revitalization efforts. However, the Chef de Cabinet recalled that efforts to rationalize the agenda, biennialize and triennialize items and reduce overlaps and duplication, regarding which the Ad Hoc Working Group had called on the General Committee to play an active role, must come from Member States. It would be a collective effort, but ultimately, it was the proponents of agenda items and annual resolutions who had to make that decision. Moreover, the General Committee could benefit from greater engagement from its membership, including at the level of the permanent representatives. Finally, the Chef de Cabinet reiterated his call to Member States, on behalf of the President of the General Assembly, to continue to build on recent improvements to the methods of work and to the larger process of revitalizing the Assembly in order to transform the entire United Nations and ensure a better world.

23. During the debate, many delegations welcomed the briefings on the working methods and lessons learned by the Bureaux of the Main Committees and the Chef de Cabinet. One group of States reiterated the need to focus on agreed priorities as set out in the 2030 Agenda, and on the declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations (resolution [75/1](#)) that the Organization was attempting to achieve “Our Common Agenda”. The group called for working towards a modern United Nations that delivered on its core mandate, that opened up to its citizens and other external stakeholders and that promoted gender equality and gender balance. The same group referred to the overburdened agenda of the General Assembly and its Main Committees, recalled that during the pandemic delegations had to rationalize the number of meetings, resolutions and informal consultations, and thus proposed to retain the valuable best practices of the past two years when returning to normal. Another group reiterated the exceptional nature of the working methods in the context of the pandemic, as well as the importance of maintaining strict compliance with and adherence to the existing rules of procedure of the Assembly, while welcoming the fact that the Assembly had managed to adapt its working methods to ensure continuous functioning, including through the use of virtual platforms. Overall, delegations reiterated their preference for in-person

meetings and intergovernmental negotiations, if the precautionary measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 were respected.

24. Many speakers reiterated the need to address the periodicity of the agenda items and resolutions, in consultation with Member States. Delegations reiterated proposals concerning the streamlining of the agenda, including moving away from annual resolutions; covering any new initiatives dealing with an emerging or new challenge by default with a one-off resolution; including sunset clauses in all recurring existing and new resolutions; and consolidating agenda items and clustering topics at longer intervals. Some delegations also suggested extending certain innovations required by the COVID-19 pandemic to improve operations into the future, such as holding virtual and hybrid meetings, which would cut down on the cost of travel and reduce the environmental impact. Delegations looked forward to hearing the briefing from the Secretariat on 14 June 2022 on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, including the use of information and communications technologies, with a view to ensuring better preparedness in exceptional circumstances, in accordance with paragraph 27 (b) of resolution [75/325](#).

III. Conclusion

25. In accordance with its mandate, the Working Group endeavoured to identify key issues of concern and possible consensus, to examine the current status of implementation of those issues, and either to take action or to indicate possible further action to be taken. On 25 August 2022, the Co-Chairs circulated a letter that contained their recommendations for the seventy-seventh session based on the discussions held at the current session.

Annex I

Updated inventory chart of General Assembly resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, issued pursuant to resolution [75/325](#)

Explanatory note by the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly (seventy-sixth session)

1. In accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution [75/325](#), in which the Assembly decided that the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly should continue its review of the inventory of Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted to the Assembly at its seventy-fifth session ([A/75/973](#)) and, as a result, continue to update the inventory to be attached to the reports of the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh sessions, the Co-Chairs, assisted by the Secretariat, have prepared the updated inventory chart for consideration by Member States.
2. The present inventory chart has been updated to reflect the progress achieved since the adoption of resolution [75/325](#).
3. The Co-Chairs, assisted by the Secretariat, obtained updated information, where possible, from relevant entities responsible for implementation.
4. The updated inventory chart retains the following two-part structure, which was also utilized in the report submitted at the seventy-third session:
 - (a) The first part contains unimplemented provisions, in order to focus on their follow-up;
 - (b) The second part contains implemented provisions, both those that required one-time action and those to be implemented on an ongoing basis, in order to keep track of previous achievements and provide the means to compare with and learn from past experience.
5. The inventory chart does not have a definite character and may be amended at any time by Member States through the Ad Hoc Working Group. Furthermore, it is not intended to, and does not, have any legal effect. It should serve only as a tool to facilitate discussions on the follow-up to the implementation of the previous related resolutions.

Part I

Provisions requiring follow-up

Cluster I: role and authority of the General Assembly

<i>No.</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Text of provision</i>	<i>Implementing entity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
C. Provisions related to the annual report of the Security Council (see also part II)				
1.	60/286 , annex, para. 7 <i>Also in:</i> 59/313 , para. 2 (d); and 58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 2	Invites the Security Council to submit periodically, in accordance with Articles 15 and 24 of the Charter, special subject-oriented reports to the General Assembly for its consideration on issues of current international concern.	Member States (Security Council)	Since the adoption of resolution 60/286 no special subject-oriented reports have been formally submitted to the General Assembly. The special subjects, however, are to some extent covered by the monthly assessments by the President of the Security Council.

Cluster II: working methods

<i>No.</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Text of provision</i>	<i>Implementing entity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
F. Provisions related to documentation: resolutions (see also part II)				
2.	60/286 , annex, para. 23 <i>Also in:</i> 58/126 , annex, sect. B, para. 5	Encourages Member States to submit draft resolutions in a more concise, focused and action-oriented form.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by the Member States, bearing in mind the sovereign right of Member States to submit proposals in the context of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Part II

Provisions that have been implemented or are being implemented on an ongoing basis

Cluster I: role and authority of the General Assembly

No.	Resolution	Text of provision	Implementing entity	Comments
A. General provisions related to the role and authority of the General Assembly				
3.	72/313 , para. 6 <i>Also in:</i> 75/325 , para. 9; 73/341 , para. 7; 71/323 , para. 6; 70/305 , para. 6; 69/321 , para. 6; 68/307 , para. 6; 66/294 , para. 4; 65/315 , para. 4; 64/301 , para. 4; 60/286 , annex, para. 1; and 59/313 , para. 2 (b)	Reaffirms the role and authority of the General Assembly, including on questions relating to international peace and security, in accordance with Articles 10 to 14 and 35 of the Charter of the United Nations, where appropriate, using the procedures set forth in rules 7 to 10 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, which enable swift and urgent action by the Assembly, bearing in mind that the Security Council has primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security in accordance with Article 24 of the Charter.	Member States	Ongoing provision. The General Assembly has a number of items on its agenda that fall under the heading “Maintenance of international peace and security”. Since this provision was first adopted, the tenth emergency special session held its 30th and 31st plenary meetings on 15 December 2006; its 32nd to 36th plenary meetings on 15 and 16 January 2009; its 37th plenary meeting on 21 December 2017; and its 38th plenary meeting on 13 June 2018. The eleventh emergency special session held its 1st to 6th plenary meetings from 28 February to 2 March 2022 and its 7th to 9th meetings on 22 and 23 March 2022.
4.	75/325 , para. 8 <i>Also in:</i> 73/341 , para. 18; 72/313 , para. 10; 71/323 , para. 10; 70/305 , para. 10; and 69/321 , para. 10	Reiterates its decision to hold annually an interactive and comprehensive dialogue between the Permanent Missions and the Secretariat as mandated in resolution 71/323 of 8 September 2017, during the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group, and strongly emphasizes the importance of the follow-up on issues raised during the dialogue aimed at improving the work of the Secretariat in its interaction with Permanent Missions, including the circulation of these follow-up measures to Permanent Missions.	Ad Hoc Working Group	On 15 March 2016, the President of the General Assembly convened an informal meeting to consider ways and means to further enhance the cooperation between permanent missions and the Secretariat, which included briefings from senior managers. A summary of the meeting was transmitted to the Secretary-General and all Member States. At the first thematic meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-first session, on 15 March 2017, senior Secretariat officials briefed the membership on the follow-up actions taken by the Secretariat pursuant to the informal meeting of the General Assembly of 15 March 2016. The meeting included an interactive question-and-answer segment to provide an opportunity for dialogue. In response to the call for a continuation

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				<p>of the interactive dialogue, on 15 May 2017 the Co-Chairs convened a separate informal meeting dedicated to the interaction between permanent missions and the Secretariat.</p> <p>Subsequently, the membership was informed of the establishment of a focal point in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management as the contact person for Member States to express their concerns and/or address any other queries they might have.</p> <p>During the seventy-second session, on 5 April 2018, the Working Group convened an interactive dialogue between permanent missions and the Secretariat. A summary of the dialogue was circulated by the President of the General Assembly to all Member States.</p> <p>During the seventy-third session, on 9 April 2019, the Working Group convened an interactive dialogue, which was webcast and the summary of which was circulated by the President of the General Assembly to all Member States (letter dated 18 April 2019).</p> <p>During the seventy-fourth session, the interactive dialogue was cancelled as a result of the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and given the fact that periodic briefings on business continuity were provided by the Secretariat in other formats.</p> <p>During the seventy-fifth session, on 25 March 2021, the Working Group convened an interactive dialogue, which was webcast and the summary of which was circulated by the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group to all Member States (letter dated 4 June 2021).</p> <p>During the seventy-sixth session, the interactive dialogue was held on 14 June 2022.</p>

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5.	75/325 , para. 27 <i>Also in:</i> 74/303 , para. 4	Notes the important role of information and communications technologies in carrying out the work of the United Nations, including the General Assembly, on an exceptional basis, during the COVID-19 pandemic, and: (a) Recognizes the use of information and communications technologies in holding interactive inclusive thematic debates during the COVID-19 pandemic, and encourages the President of the General Assembly to be mindful of the proper use of such technologies to ensure full and equal participation of Member States when organizing such events; (b) Requests the Secretariat to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, including the use of information and communications technologies, with a view to ensuring better preparedness in exceptional circumstances.	Secretariat	A briefing was provided on 25 March 2021 in accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution 74/303 as part of the interactive dialogue between the permanent missions and the Secretariat (see the eighth preambular paragraph of resolution 75/325). A briefing was provided during the seventy-sixth session as part of the interactive dialogue between the permanent missions and the Secretariat on 14 June 2022.
6.	72/313 , para. 11 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 11	Reiterates its decision to hold thematic dialogues periodically during the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group and to review this arrangement at the seventy-third session of the General Assembly.	Ad Hoc Working Group	Ongoing provision.
7.	72/313 , para. 12 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 12	Invites Member States to submit, through the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group, and prior to the holding of the interactive and comprehensive dialogue, specific issues on which action by the Secretariat might be needed, and requests the Secretariat to provide comprehensive answers within a reasonable amount of time on the possible actions,	Ad Hoc Working Group	Ongoing provision.

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		and impediments, if any, to solve the issues raised.		
8.	72/313, para. 13 Also in: 71/323, para. 13	Welcomes, in this regard, the active participation by the Secretariat during the seventy-second session, and in particular notes with appreciation the establishment of a “one stop shop” as a single entry point for requesting meetings services, while encouraging the Secretariat to make similar arrangements for other services provided.	Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	<p>In a note verbale dated 19 March 2018 addressed to all the permanent missions, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management announced the official launch of gMeets, also known as the “one stop shop” portal, which is a single-entry point to submit requests for meeting services at Headquarters through an easy-to-use self-service web interface. The “one stop shop” application permits clients to select from a range of meeting services, including conference room allocation; interpretation; nameplate, podium sign and room set-up; publishing material in the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i>; audiovisual services; webcast services; and access and security-related services and loaning of technological equipment. Background information and cost estimates are readily made available to facilitate informed decisions by requesters.</p> <p>On 9 April 2019, the Ad Hoc Working Group was briefed on the latest improvements, including a new self-service module in gMeets, a single-entry point for requesting meeting services, which was successfully used to request bilateral meeting booths during the second United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation in Buenos Aires, the first time that the “one stop shop” was used outside of United Nations Headquarters.</p> <p>The Ad Hoc Working Group is briefed as part of an overall update regarding the e-services provided to delegations, usually as part of the interactive dialogue with the permanent missions.</p>

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B. Provisions related to the election of the President of the General Assembly and members of the General Committee				
9.	71/323 , para. 43 <i>Also in:</i> 70/305 , para. 30; 69/321 , para. 29; 68/307 , para. 22; and 67/297 , para. 22	Requests the Ad Hoc Working Group to prepare long-term arrangements concerning the election of the Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees of the General Assembly with the aim of establishing a predictable, transparent and fair mechanism, in consultation with regional groups, and that it submit them to the Assembly no later than at the seventy-second session, and in this regard invites Member States to present proposals and begin at an early stage to devote attention to the matter of concluding a future arrangement, which would come into effect at the seventy-fourth session of the Assembly, with the annex to resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014 containing the guidelines on the election of the Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees to be considered in this context.	Ad Hoc Working Group, regional groups	At its seventy-second session, on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Working Group, the General Assembly decided to establish the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the seventy-fourth to eighty-third sessions (resolution 72/313 , para. 48), as contained in the annex to the resolution.
10.	72/313 , para. 50 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 44	Continues to encourage Member States to seek gender balance in the distribution of the Chairs and bureau members of the Main Committees as well as the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly, where applicable.	Member States	Ongoing provision.
11.	70/305 , para. 31 <i>Also in:</i> 69/321 , para. 30	Encourages Member States to seek gender balance in the distribution of Chairs of the Main Committees and in the position of the President of the General Assembly.	Member States	Ongoing provision.

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12.	72/313 , para. 48	Decides to establish the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the forthcoming 10 sessions of the General Assembly, namely from the seventy-fourth to the eighty-third session, as contained in the annex to the present resolution.	General Assembly, regional groups	Ongoing provision to be implemented from the seventy-fourth to the eighty-third session.
13.	72/313 , para. 49	Also decides to prepare arrangements concerning the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the following sessions no later than at its eighty-second session.	Ad Hoc Working Group, regional groups	To be implemented no later than the eighty-second session of the General Assembly.
14.	68/307 , para. 21	Decides to reiterate the interim arrangement adopted in General Assembly decision 68/505 of 1 October 2013 recommending the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the forthcoming five sessions, namely from the sixty-ninth to seventy-third sessions, as well as the guidelines on the election of the Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees contained in the annex to the present resolution.	General Assembly, regional groups	Implemented. In its decision 68/505 of 1 October 2013, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, decided to approve an interim arrangement concerning the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the forthcoming five sessions of the Assembly. The elections for the Chairs of the Main Committees for the sixty-ninth to seventy-third sessions were conducted in accordance with this decision. Concerning the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), the General Assembly furthermore adopted decision 69/524 of 5 December 2014, entitled “Rotation of the post of Rapporteur of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventieth to seventy-third sessions of the General Assembly”.
15.	58/126 , annex, sect. B, para. 9	In accordance with paragraph 2 (a) and (c) of resolution 56/509 , the General Assembly elects the President of the Assembly, the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly, and the Chairs of the Main Committees at least three months before the opening of the session in	Member States	Ongoing provision. Provision implemented as from the fifty-eighth session. This provision as well as rules 30 and 99 (a) apply to the election of the President of the General Assembly and the Vice-Presidents.

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		which they will serve. In order to foster better advance planning and preparation of the work of the Main Committees, the full Bureaux of the Main Committees shall similarly be elected three months in advance of the next session.		
C. Provisions related to the annual report of the Security Council (see also part I)				
16.	72/313 , para. 17 <i>Also in:</i> 69/321 , para. 13; 68/307 , para. 11; 67/297 , para. 10; 66/294 , para. 11; 65/315 , para. 10; 64/301 , para. 9; 60/286 , annex, para. 4; and 58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 3	Commends improvements in the quality of the annual report of the Security Council to the General Assembly, including as presented in the note by the President of the Security Council, and welcomes the willingness of the Council to continue to consider other suggestions concerning improvements to the annual report.	Security Council	<p>Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The report of the Security Council is being improved in a gradual manner. See the notes by the President of the Security Council contained in documents S/2015/944 and S/2017/507.</p> <p>Further to the measures contained in the notes by the President of the Security Council of 26 July 2010 (S/2010/507) and 5 June 2012 (S/2012/402), presidents may consider organizing interactive informal exchanges of views with the wider membership prior to the adoption of the report.</p> <p>In the 1990s the report was changed to reflect changes in the working methods of the Security Council. Since 2000, further changes have been introduced; inter alia, the introductory part has been added. Since then, the Security Council has focused more on the introduction to the report. In 2006, information on special political missions was added to the report.</p>
17.	60/286 , annex, para. 5 <i>Also in:</i> 58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 4; and 51/241 , annex, para. 12	In carrying out the assessment of the debate on the annual report of the Security Council called for in paragraph 12 of the annex to resolution 51/241 , the President shall inform the General Assembly of his decision regarding the need for further consideration of the report of the Council, including in respect of the	President of the General Assembly	<p>Implemented on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>The President of the General Assembly provides opening remarks and a closing assessment of the debate. At the sixty-ninth session, the President of the General Assembly, subsequent to the debate, transmitted to Member States a list of proposals concerning the analytical nature, the presentation of the report and practices, expressed during the debate.</p>

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		convening of informal consultations, on the need for, and content of, any action by the Assembly based on the debate, as well as on any matters to be brought to the attention of the Council.		See also the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2015/944), which, inter alia, stated that the report to be presented to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session would cover the period from 1 August 2015 to 31 December 2016. Thereafter, the period of coverage for all future reports would be from 1 January to 31 December.
18.	60/286 , annex, para. 6 <i>Also in:</i> 59/313 , para. 2(e)	Invites the Security Council to update the General Assembly on a regular basis on the steps it has taken or is contemplating with respect to improving its reporting to the Assembly.	Member States, Security Council	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Information on the steps taken by the Security Council is provided during the meetings with the President of the General Assembly, as well as included in the monthly assessments by the Presidents of the Security Council. See also the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2015/944).
19.	59/313 , para. 2 (c) <i>Also in:</i> 59/313 , para. 2 (f)	To consider the annual reports as well as special reports of the Security Council, in accordance with Article 15, paragraph 1, and Article 24, paragraph 3, of the Charter, through substantive and interactive debates.	General Assembly	See above.
20.	51/241 , annex, para. 11	The agenda item entitled “Report of the Security Council” shall continue to be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly.	General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
21.	51/241 , annex, para. 14	The monthly forecast of the programme of work of the Security Council shall be circulated for the information of members of the General Assembly.	Security Council	Implemented on an ongoing basis. The programme of work is uploaded on the website of the Security Council.
22.	51/241 , annex, para. 13	The agenda item shall not be closed but shall remain open to enable further discussion as necessary during the year, bearing in mind, inter alia, the submission of additional reports as and when necessary.	Member States (General Assembly)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Since the sixty-second session, the agenda item entitled “Report of the Security Council” has remained open at every session.

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23.	75/325 , para. 22 <i>Also in:</i> 73/341 , para. 17	Requests the President of the General Assembly to continue scheduling the plenary meetings of the Assembly on the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization and on the report of the Security Council in close coordination with the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council, so that discussions of these important reports are not conducted in a perfunctory manner.	President of the General Assembly, President of the Security Council	See S/2019/997 . At the plenary meetings on the report of the Security Council during the previous session, 30 delegations made statements (see A/75/PV.78 and A/75/PV.79), compared with two delegations who spoke at the session immediately before the adoption of resolution 73/341 (see A/72/PV.114).

D. Provisions related to the annual report of the Economic and Social Council

24.	60/286 , annex, para. 8 <i>Also in:</i> 51/241 , annex, para. 15	Invites the Economic and Social Council to continue to prepare its report to the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution 50/227 , striving to make it more concise and action-oriented by highlighting the critical areas requiring action by the Assembly and, as appropriate, by making specific recommendations for consideration by the Member States.	Member States (Economic and Social Council)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
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E. Provisions related to the annual report of the International Court of Justice

25.	51/241 , annex, para. 16	The report of the International Court of Justice shall continue to be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly. The Assembly shall continue to support the role of the International Court of Justice as the principal judicial organ of the Organization, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations. The Assembly shall also continue to encourage the progressive development and	General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Since the fifty-second session, the report has continued to be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly.
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		codification of international law.		
F. Provisions related to public relations activities				
26.	75/325 , para. 3 <i>Also in:</i> 74/303 , para. 2; 73/341 , para. 3; 72/313 , para. 2; 71/323 , para. 2; 70/305 , para. 2; 69/321 , para. 2; 68/307 , para. 2; and 67/297 , para. 16	Requests the Secretariat to continue updating regularly and equally the multilingual web page devoted to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly in all six official languages and its substantive content within existing resources in a cost-effective manner, including through the use of existing capabilities such as automation of translation, while ensuring the accuracy of translation.	Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, Department of Global Communications	Implemented. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management periodically provides updated content, in all six official languages, to the Department of Global Communications for uploading to the United Nations website.
27.	75/325 , para. 24 <i>Also in:</i> 73/341 , para. 20; 72/313 , para. 18; 71/323 , para. 18; 70/305 , para. 14; 69/321 , para. 14; and 68/307 , para. 12	Requests the Department of Global Communications of the Secretariat to continue to take appropriate measures to further enhance public awareness of the role and activities of the Assembly throughout its session in all six official languages, including on as many platforms as possible, requests the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly to continue to make efforts to ensure that multilingualism is not undermined by the measures taken in response to the liquidity situation and the COVID-19 pandemic, and requests the Secretariat to continue to explore cost-neutral options to that effect.	Secretariat, Department of Global Communications	The Department of Global Communications provides extensive coverage of the work of the General Assembly, its Main Committees and all major subsidiary bodies through print, online, audio, photo and video news media and social media platforms, in the six official languages, as well as Kiswahili and Portuguese.
28.	67/297 , para. 11 <i>Also in:</i> 66/294 , para. 22; 65/315 , para. 18; 64/301 , para. 20; 63/309 , para. 8; 60/286 , annex, para. 14; and	Encourages the Secretariat, including the Department of Public Information, to continue its efforts to raise the visibility of the General Assembly and to enhance world public and media awareness of its work, and in this regard recalls	Secretariat, Department of Global Communications	The Department of Global Communications provides comprehensive press releases, in English and French, of all meetings of the General Assembly, its Main Committees and its subsidiary bodies, which are also included in the daily media alert, and statements

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	58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 8	paragraph 10 of its resolution 67/124 B of 18 December 2012, in which it noted the efforts of the Department to continue to publicize the work and decisions of the General Assembly and requested the Department to continue to enhance its working relationship with the Office of the President of the General Assembly.		<p>made by Member States are made available to the press.</p> <p>The annual press kit on the incoming President of the General Assembly is produced in digital format in the six official languages, as well as a number of non-official languages.</p> <p>United Nations Video provides gavel-to-gavel live feeds to broadcasters worldwide of the meetings of the General Assembly, as well as related press conferences. This coverage is made available on the United Nations webcast platform.</p> <p>Through its weekly briefing programme for the non-governmental community, the Department spotlights issues that are before the General Assembly.</p> <p>The global network of United Nations Information Centres provides communications support to the President of the General Assembly during his/her official missions to the countries in which they operate. The centres also carry out public information activities to enhance awareness of the General Assembly's work.</p> <p>A staff member at the Professional level is regularly seconded by the Department to provide communications support for the President of the General Assembly.</p> <p>In addition, the Committee on Information continues to consider ways and means to enhance the visibility of the work of the General Assembly, including through the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group.</p>
29.	66/294 , para. 14 <i>Also in:</i> 60/286 , annex, para. 15	Urges the Secretariat to continue its efforts to raise the visibility of the General Assembly, reaffirms paragraph 15 of resolution 60/286 , and decides that the announcements about the work of the principal organs	Secretariat	Implemented on an ongoing basis. Pursuant to resolutions 60/286 and 66/294 the items in the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> have been rearranged, including with announcements about the work of the principal organs of the United Nations appearing in the order stipulated in Article 7 of the

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		of the United Nations should appear in the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> in the order stipulated in Article 7 of the Charter.		Charter. In an effort to raise the visibility of the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management periodically briefs the media on the programme of work of the General Assembly. See also the activities of the Department of Global Communications above.
30.	60/286 , annex, para. 16	Encourages the Presidents of the General Assembly to increase their public visibility, including through enhanced contacts with representatives of the media and civil society, thus promoting the activities of the Assembly, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue the practice of providing to the Office of the President of the Assembly a Spokesperson for the President of the Assembly and an assistant to the Spokesperson.	President of the General Assembly, Secretary-General	<p>Ongoing provision. Since the sixtieth session, for example, the Presidents of the General Assembly, together with the Chairs of the Main Committees, have periodically briefed representatives of civil society on the programme of work of the Assembly at its current session (see also A/61/483, p. 20, and A/62/608, p. 15).</p> <p>Presidents of the General Assembly have also regularly convened press conferences for the purpose of briefing the media.</p> <p>A staff member at the Professional level is regularly seconded by the Department of Global Communications to serve as the Spokesperson for the President of the General Assembly, in addition to providing support to the President and his/her Office by other means.</p>

G. Provisions related to the General Assembly cooperation with civil society and others

31.	71/323 , para. 14 <i>Also in:</i> 70/305 , para. 11; 69/321 , para. 11; 68/307 , para. 9; and 60/286 , annex, para. 12	Reaffirms the importance and benefit of continuing interaction between the General Assembly and international or regional forums and organizations dealing with global matters of concern to the international community, as well as with civil society, where appropriate, and encourages the exploration of appropriate actions or measures, while fully respecting the intergovernmental nature of the Assembly, in conformity with its relevant rules of procedure.	General Assembly	<p>Ongoing provision. For example, informal interactive hearings with civil society take place within the framework of the preparations for high-level meetings of the General Assembly, in accordance with the respectively applicable resolutions on modalities. The General Assembly also periodically hears briefings by the current Chair of the Group of 20 on its recent activities.</p> <p>Since the sixtieth session, the Presidents of the General Assembly, together with the Chairs of the Main Committees, have periodically briefed representatives of civil society on the programme of work of the Assembly at its current session (A/61/483, p. 20, and A/62/608, p. 15). Such interaction is also provided for through the</p>
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				interactive thematic debates convened by the President of the General Assembly at every session. On 17 November 2021, the President of the seventy-sixth session organized a town hall meeting with civil society organizations, in coordination with the Civil Society Unit of the Department of Global Communications.
32.	60/286 , annex, para. 13	Encourages, where appropriate, continued cooperation between the General Assembly and national and regional parliaments, particularly through the Inter-Parliamentary Union.	General Assembly	Provision has been implemented on an ongoing basis. Numerous meetings have been held between the President of the General Assembly and visiting parliamentarians. The Inter-Parliamentary Union also participates as an observer in the General Assembly.
H. Provisions related to the organization of work				
33.	72/313 , para. 51 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 45	Decides to continue to consider, within the Ad Hoc Working Group, the potential concept and scope of guidelines on how to conduct the election campaigns by Member States, with a view to improving the standards of transparency and equity.	Ad Hoc Working Group	At its seventy-second session, the Ad Hoc Working Group decided to continue to consider, within the Working Group, the potential concept and scope of guidelines on how to conduct the election campaigns by Member States, with a view to improving the standards of transparency and equity. Consideration continued during the seventy-third session.
34.	55/285 , annex, para. 19 <i>Also in:</i> 51/241 , annex, para. 28	In order to implement fully paragraph 28 of the annex to resolution 51/241 , the President of the General Assembly is encouraged to make greater use of facilitators, where appropriate.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
35.	51/241 , annex, para. 27	The General Assembly is the highest political body with universal membership of the Organization. Consideration of agenda items directly in plenary meetings shall be reserved for urgent issues or issues of major political importance, bearing in mind paragraphs 1 and 2 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 48/264 .	General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.

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36.	51/241 , annex, para. 28	The President of the General Assembly, with a view to ensuring that there is a systematic and transparent process for participation by delegations in discussions on action to be taken on items considered directly in plenary meetings, shall assess the debate in plenary meetings.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Usually, the President of the General Assembly provides an assessment of the debates in plenary meetings whenever items considered are of particular importance or special interest to Member States.
37.	51/241 , annex, para. 29	The Secretariat shall ensure, in consultation with the President, that priority is accorded to the availability of a meeting room and services to facilitate these consultations.	Secretary-General	Provision is being implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat.
38.	72/313 , para. 39	Calls upon all officers chairing or facilitating intergovernmental processes to seek to conduct informal negotiations during regular working hours, in order to allow for the active and constructive participation of all Permanent Missions in the work of the United Nations.	Officers chairing or facilitating intergovernmental processes	Ongoing provision.

I. Provisions related to interactive/thematic debates

39.	75/325 , para. 20 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , para. 14; 71/323 , para. 15; 70/305 , para. 12; 69/321 , para. 12; 68/307 , para. 10; 67/297 , para. 7; 66/294 , para. 7; 65/315 , para. 6; 64/301 , para. 5; 60/286 , annex, para. 3; 59/313 , paras. 3 (a) and 12; and 58/126 , annex, sect. B, para. 3	Recognizes the value of holding interactive inclusive thematic debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community, calls for the rationalizing of such debates to ensure high-level attendance, calls upon the President of the General Assembly to be mindful of the regular agenda of the Assembly when organizing such debates, and urges Member States to be mindful of existing mandates when considering new mandates for meetings of the Assembly and, in this regard, to refrain from mandating recurring high-level and commemorative meetings where possible.	President of the General Assembly, Member States	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The Presidents of the General Assembly regularly make a preliminary announcement of their intention to convene interactive thematic debates, including in their acceptance speech when elected. Subsequently, they inform Member States by letter of the format and agenda of forthcoming thematic debates whose outcomes are posted on the website of the President of the Assembly. For a list of thematic debates convened during each session, please refer to the websites of the Presidents of the General Assembly.
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40.	72/313 , para. 16 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 16	Requests the President of the General Assembly to limit high-level meetings to current issues of critical importance to the international community, with the interest of the wider membership in mind and with a focus on the most vulnerable, while encouraging the allocation of events of a strictly sectoral or thematic nature to the six Main Committees.	President of the General Assembly	Implemented on an ongoing basis.
41.	72/313 , para. 45 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 39	Requests the President of the General Assembly, in order to enhance transparency, to continue to attach the list of speakers at high-level thematic debates organized by the President to the summary of those events.	President of the General Assembly	Ongoing provision.

J. Provisions related to the cooperation between the main organs

42.	72/313 , para. 8 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 8; 70/305 , para. 8; 69/321 , para. 8; 68/307 , para. 8; 66/294 , para. 10; 65/315 , para. 9; 64/301 , paras. 7 and 8; 60/286 , annex, para. 2; 58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 6; 55/285 , annex, para. 21; and 51/241 , annex, para. 43	Reaffirms that the relationship between the principal organs of the United Nations is mutually reinforcing and complementary, in accordance with and with full respect for their respective functions, authority, powers and competencies as enshrined in the Charter, and in this regard stresses the importance of further ensuring increased cooperation, coordination and the exchange of information among the Presidents of the principal organs and also with the Secretariat, in particular the Secretary-General.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. In its resolution 72/313 , the General Assembly invited the Presidents of the General Assembly to maintain the practice of holding monthly meetings with the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council in order to ensure cooperation, coordination and exchange of information on cross-cutting issues related to the work of the Organization (para. 91). These meetings are held on a regular basis.
43.	58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 5	The President of the General Assembly should continue to be briefed regularly by the President of the Security Council on the work of the Council. The President of the Assembly may wish to	President of the Security Council, President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council are meeting at monthly intervals.

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		inform Member States about the substantive issues raised during these meetings.		
K. Provisions related to the implementation and follow-up of resolutions				
44.	75/325 , para. 6 <i>Also in:</i> 74/303 , para. 5; 73/341 , para. 5; 72/313 , para. 4; 71/323 , para. 4; 70/305 , para. 4; 69/321 , para. 4; 68/307 , para. 4; 67/297 , para. 3; 66/294 , para. 3; 65/315 , para. 3; and 64/301 , para. 3	Further decides that the Ad Hoc Working Group shall continue its review of the inventory of General Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted at the seventy-fifth session (A/75/973) and, as a result, continue to update the inventory to be attached to the reports to be submitted at the seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh sessions of the Assembly, including the separate indication of relevant provisions that were not implemented, with reasons therefor.	General Assembly (Ad Hoc Working Group)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
45.	75/325 , para. 7 <i>Also in:</i> 73/341 , para. 6; 72/313 , para. 5; 71/323 , para. 5; 70/305 , para. 5; 69/321 , para. 5; 68/307 , para. 5; 67/297 , para. 3; 66/294 , para. 3; 65/315 , para. 3; and 64/301 , para. 3	Requests the Secretary-General to submit an update on the provisions of the General Assembly resolutions on revitalization addressed to the Secretariat for implementation that have not been implemented, with an indication of the constraints and reasons behind any lack of implementation, for further consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh sessions.	Secretary-General	The report of the Secretary-General will be issued during the seventy-seventh session.
46.	72/313 , para. 19 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 19; 70/305 , para. 15; and 69/321 , para. 15	Requests the Secretary-General, under relevant agenda items, to bring to the attention of Member States constraints that have prevented the Secretary-General from implementing those provisions of General Assembly resolutions that are addressed to the Secretariat.	Secretary-General	Ongoing provision. The reports of the Secretary-General issued pursuant to intergovernmental mandates reflect on all aspects of their implementation.

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47.	59/313 , para. 1	Stresses the need to demonstrate political will to ensure the effective implementation of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly.	Member States	Ongoing provision. Provision does not contain a request for specific action.
48.	58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 9	Member States and the Secretariat should consider initiatives that might be taken for better monitoring of the follow-up of resolutions of the General Assembly, such as the provision of timely inputs for reports of the Secretary-General and giving effect to proposals that would advance the follow-up of major United Nations conferences and summits.	Member States, Secretary-General	Communications from the Secretary-General have been sent to Member States on an ongoing basis to ask for pertinent information.

Cluster II: working methods

<i>No.</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Text of provision</i>	<i>Implementing entity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
A. General provisions related to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly				
49.	72/313 , para. 47	Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session a report on the possible alternative dates for the beginning of the regular session of the Assembly and the financial and logistical implications thereof, as well as on potential benefits and shortcomings of various options, based on the premise that any such change will not have an effect on the beginning of the general debate in September.	Secretary-General	The report of the Secretary-General entitled “Opening of the regular sessions of the General Assembly” (A/73/723) was issued before the first meeting of the Working Group. The General Assembly took note of the report in its resolution 73/341 (para. 38).

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50.	<p>75/325, paras. 46 and 48</p> <p><i>Also in:</i></p> <p>73/341, para. 31; 72/313, paras. 61–62; and 71/323, paras. 54–55</p>	<p>Reiterates the need to produce the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> in all six official languages in strict compliance with rule 55 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and in that regard emphasizes the importance of the extension of the information in the <i>Journal</i> published in the six official languages, reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group, on a yearly basis, on the progress achieved in this regard, and requests the Secretariat to continue to explore cost-neutral options to that effect.</p> <p>Recognizes the need to have open access to the archive of past statements, and requests the Secretariat to ensure open access, by the end of the seventy-sixth session, to all documents uploaded to PaperSmart and, further, to ensure its replacement with the eStatements module of the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i>.</p>	Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	<p>During the seventy-second session, Member States reviewed the revised format, production and editing of the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> as part of the deliberations of the Working Group.</p> <p>By resolution 71/323, the General Assembly decided that during the calendar year 2018, official meetings of the day, forthcoming official meetings and summaries of official meetings shall be published in the <i>Journal</i> in all six official languages; and all other meetings and information shall be published in the languages currently used from January to August.</p> <p>By resolution 72/313, the General Assembly emphasized the importance of the extension of the information in the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> published in the six official languages, reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group, on a yearly basis, on the progress achieved in this regard, and requested the Secretariat to continue to explore cost-neutral options to that effect.</p> <p>A briefing was provided to the Ad Hoc Working Group on 9 April 2019 (see the letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 18 April 2019).</p> <p>A briefing was not provided at the seventy-fourth session as a result of the cancellation of the interactive dialogue between the Secretariat and the permanent missions owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Secretariat continued to make efforts to implement the mandate.</p> <p>A briefing was provided on 25 March 2021.</p> <p>A briefing was provided on 14 June 2022.</p>

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51.	72/313 , para. 55	Takes note of the introduction of real-time updates with respect to the cancellation and postponement of meetings, and requests the continuation of this practice with further improvements, in particular with the introduction of the possibility of subscribing to relevant agenda items with automatic notifications to subscribers on their status.	Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Ongoing provision. A briefing was provided to the Ad Hoc Working Group on 9 April 2019 (see the letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 18 April 2019).
52.	60/286 , annex, para. 24 <i>Also in:</i> 75/325 , para. 50; and 59/313 , para. 14	Requests the Secretary-General to issue the rules of procedure of the General Assembly in a consolidated version in all official languages, in print and online.	Secretary-General	The consolidated version of the rules of procedure (A/520/Rev.20) is available both in print and online. As of the nineteenth revision, the digital version has been enhanced with intra-document hyperlinks to facilitate navigating from one reference to a rule to another.
53.	60/286 , annex, para. 24	Requests the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat to make precedents and past practice available in the public domain with respect to rules and practices of the intergovernmental bodies of the Organization.	Secretary-General, Office of Legal Affairs	Implemented.
54.	72/313 , paras. 58–59 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , paras. 51–52; 70/305 , para. 33; and 68/307 , para. 24	Takes note with appreciation of the changes to the format, production and editing of the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> , and requests the Secretariat to continue the improvement of the <i>Journal</i> in accordance with requirements provided in paragraph 51 of resolution 71/323 and to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-third session on the outcomes of that improvement. Affirms the principle that the <i>Journal</i> shall provide an overview of all meetings taking place at the United Nations, and requests that meetings be listed under the established categories in contiguous order and that all	Secretariat, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	On 28 March 2017, the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management presented innovative proposals in accordance with resolution 70/305 (see the letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 3 April 2017). Subsequently, during the seventy-first session, the Co-Chairs established a Group of Friends of the <i>Journal</i> , which convened two meetings. Consultations continued during the negotiation of the draft resolution of the Ad Hoc Working Group, the outcome of which is reflected in paragraphs 51 to 55 of resolution 71/323 . As from 1 January 2018, the <i>Journal</i> is published, both in print and in a streamlined digital version, in accordance with paragraph 51 of resolution 71/323 , in which the General Assembly took note with appreciation

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		meetings organized by States be included, provided that information has been submitted to the <i>Journal</i> unit in due time, and clarifies that the existence of web pages for sessions of bodies should not preclude the announcement of side events.		<p>of the cost-neutral proposals on the possible changes to the format, production and editing of the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i>, including the streamlining and digitalization of its content with a user-friendly interface, presented by the Under-Secretary General for General Assembly and Conference Management at the second thematic meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group, and in this regard decided that during the calendar year 2018, official meetings of the day, forthcoming official meetings and summaries of official meetings shall be published in the <i>Journal</i> in all six official languages.</p> <p>At the seventy-second session, the General Assembly took note of the possibility for Member States to publish their side events under a dedicated section of the digital version of the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> (resolution 72/313, para. 41).</p> <p>A briefing was provided to the Ad Hoc Working Group on 9 April 2019 (see the letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 18 April 2019).</p>
55.	72/313, para. 60 Also in: 71/323, para. 53	Calls upon all relevant intergovernmental bodies to continue to review the need for and content of the <i>Journal</i> summaries of their meetings and other announcements, and to take the steps necessary with a view to ensuring a more streamlined format for the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> .	Main Committees, General Assembly subsidiary bodies, Economic and Social Council, Security Council	Ongoing provision.

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56.	72/313 , para. 34 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 32	Also recalls rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and calls for strict adherence by each speaker to the time limits in the Assembly, where applicable, bearing in mind that all speakers shall get the same opportunity to deliver their statements within the allocated time limit, as set out in the rules of procedure of the Assembly.	Member States	Ongoing provision.
57.	72/313 , para. 35 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 33	Reiterates its invitation to the Chairs of meetings of the General Assembly and United Nations conferences, especially when there is very limited time available for debate, to consider recommending the “all protocol observed” principle, whereby participants are encouraged to refrain from listing standard protocol expressions during their statements.	President of the General Assembly, presiding officers, Member States	Ongoing provision.
58.	71/323 , para. 46	Decides to amend rule 92 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly by deleting its second sentence.	Secretary-General	Implemented (see A/520/Rev.19).
B. Provisions related to the organization of meetings: plenary, General Committee, Main Committees				
59.	72/313 , para. 53	Notes the practice implemented during the secret vote-counting procedure, whereby no use of mobile phones or other electronic communication devices is permitted in the room where counting is being conducted, thus ensuring the confidentiality of elections and the integrity of secret ballots, and requests the continuation of this practice.	Secretariat, Member States (tellers)	Ongoing provision.

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60.	71/323 , para. 47	Further decides that the names of candidates for election by the General Assembly or by the Main Committees shall be communicated to the Secretariat, where possible, at least 48 hours prior to an election unless otherwise required by specific rules governing the elections concerned, and that those names shall be printed on the ballot papers, while additional space shall be provided on the ballot paper for inscribing other names, where applicable.	Member States, Secretariat	Implemented. In its resolution 72/313 , the General Assembly welcomed the efficient implementation of paragraphs 47 and 48 of resolution 71/323 relating to the conduct of elections in the General Assembly and the Main Committees (para. 52).
61.	71/323 , para. 48	Decides that on the day of election in the General Assembly or in the Main Committees the campaign materials distributed in the General Assembly Hall or in the Committee meeting room shall be limited to a single page of information regarding the candidates, with a view to preserving the decorum of the Assembly.	Member States	Ongoing provision. In its resolution 72/313 , the General Assembly welcomed the efficient implementation of paragraphs 47 and 48 of resolution 71/323 relating to the conduct of elections in the General Assembly and the Main Committees (para. 52).
62.	71/323 , para. 42 <i>Also in:</i> 70/305 , para. 29	Also decides that, with due consideration given to accessibility issues, in all plenary meetings of the General Assembly, including plenary meetings of high-level events, the seating arrangement of Member States shall follow English alphabetical order, beginning with the name of the country selected by lot each year and avoiding distinctions between Member States as to the rank of the head of delegation.	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Implemented on an ongoing basis.
63.	73/341 , paras. 33–34 and 36–37 <i>Also in:</i> 75/325 , para. 49	33. Decides that all meetings of the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs should make provisions for accessible seating for representatives	Secretariat, Member States (General Assembly and other principal organs of the	Ongoing provision. Language in the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> was updated during the seventy-sixth session. In accordance with paragraph 49 of resolution 75/325 , the Secretariat will

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		<p>with disabilities through the following process:</p> <p>(a) Upon a request by a delegation for accessible seating, the seating order in a given meeting room is changed in such a way as to allow the requesting delegation to move to the closest accessible seat from the one it occupies in accordance with the order established for each session of the Assembly, and the seating order for the rest of the delegations is moved by one seat;</p> <p>(b) Should there be more than one request for accessible seating, the delegations requesting such seats will move to the accessible seats which are closest to their respective seats, which they occupy in accordance with the order established for each session of the Assembly, and the seating order for the rest of the delegations is moved by the corresponding number of seats, omitting the ones newly occupied by the requesting delegations.</p> <p>34. Requests, in this regard, the Secretariat to inform the Member States as soon as possible of any changes to the seating plans of the conference rooms.</p> <p>36. Invites other principal organs of the United Nations and their subsidiary organs to make similar accommodations, as provided in paragraphs 33 and 34 above, for their meetings.</p> <p>37. Requests the Secretariat to bring this decision to the</p>	United Nations and their subsidiary organs)	brief the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly on the progress reached so far and on ways to improve the accessibility of the United Nations Headquarters premises for persons with disabilities.

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		attention of any State, organization or entity that seeks to organize a meeting to be held at the United Nations, and encourages such State, organization or entity to make arrangements for accessible seating in the manner mentioned in paragraphs 33 and 34.		
64.	75/325 , para. 19 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , para. 44; 71/323 , para. 38; 70/305 , para. 26; 69/321 , para. 27; 68/307 , para. 18; 67/297 , para. 18; 66/294 , para. 20; and 65/315 , para. 16	<p>Underlines the urgent need to preserve the primacy, significance and established practice of the general debate of the General Assembly, and:</p> <p>(a) Stresses the need to limit the number of high-level events held in the margins of the general debate to those of key significance that require immediate attention from Heads of State and Government, and calls upon the President of the General Assembly, Member States, in close coordination with the Secretary-General and heads of other relevant United Nations bodies, to be very mindful of these aspects when planning the events of the high-level week in September and to be guided by the existing mandates agreed upon by Member States;</p> <p>(b) Encourages Member States and the United Nations system to singly and collectively limit the number of side events held in parallel with or in the margins of the general debate, as well as other high-level sessions, including by consulting one another to identify side events on similar topics in an effort to minimize overlap and</p>	President of the General Assembly, Main Committee Chairs, Member States, Secretary-General	<p>Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-second session appointed the Permanent Representative of Ghana to lead the informal consultations on the General Assembly draft decision on the high-level meetings of the Assembly in September 2019 (seventy-fourth session). At the 110th plenary meeting of its seventy-second session, on 6 August 2018, the Assembly decided to transmit the draft decision to the Assembly at its seventy-third session for action (see decision 72/559). At the 52nd plenary meeting of its seventy-third session, on 13 December 2018, the Assembly, on the proposal of its President, adopted the draft decision, as orally revised (see decision 73/522).</p> <p>The Secretariat takes an active role in providing advice, as requested, in the consultations on modalities for high-level plenary meetings, high-level thematic debates and other events scheduled near the general debate, to ensure optimum scheduling and utilization. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management also regularly briefs Member States on arrangements for the forthcoming general debate and other high-level meetings convened in its vicinity.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Executive Office of the Secretary-General has adopted an internal mechanism to ensure the coordination of initiatives emanating from departments and offices of the</p>

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		informing the Secretariat of the details of planned side events;		Secretariat and agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations.
		(c) Requests the Secretariat to upload information on the side events, when indicated by the organizers, in the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> ;		The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management regularly briefs senior staff in other departments on lessons learned and best practices regarding the organization and scheduling of high-level meetings.
		(d) Invites Member States to continue discussions on efforts to limit the number of side events held in parallel with or in the margins of the general debate and other high-level sessions, with a view to taking stock and exploring further improvements, as necessary, during the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly.		
65.	70/305 , para. 19 <i>Also in:</i> 69/321 , para. 21; 68/307 , para. 17; and 67/297 , para. 17	Welcomes the holding of elections for non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council about six months before the elected members assume their responsibilities, welcomes the note by the President of the Security Council in which the elected Security Council members are invited to observe some of its meetings and activities as from 1 October immediately preceding their term of membership, and also welcomes such efforts to afford elected members appropriate opportunities to prepare for their tenure in the Security Council.	General Assembly	To be implemented on an ongoing basis. Implemented for the first time at the seventieth session (election of members of the Economic and Social Council on 14 June 2016; election of non-permanent members of the Security Council on 28 June 2016). In its resolution 72/313 , the General Assembly welcomed efforts to afford elected members of the Security Council appropriate opportunities to prepare for their tenure, and also welcomed the note by the President of the Security Council in which the elected Council members were invited to observe some of its meetings and activities as from 1 October immediately preceding their term of membership (para. 26).

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66.	72/313 , para. 9 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 9; 70/305 , para. 9; 69/321 , para. 9; 66/294 , para. 9; and 65/315 , para. 8	Recalls the practice of holding periodic informal briefings by the Secretary-General on his priorities, travels and most recent activities, including his participation in international meetings and events organized outside the United Nations, and invites the Secretary-General to continue this practice.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The Secretary-General periodically briefs Member States in informal plenary meetings of the General Assembly on his priorities, travels and most recent activities. During the seventy-sixth session, for instance, the Secretary-General briefed the Assembly on his priorities for 2022 on 19 January 2022 and on his report on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration on 16 February 2022, provided an interim oral update to the Assembly on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic on 8 April 2022 and briefed the Assembly on recommendations contained in his report entitled “Our Common Agenda” (A/75/982) on 4 August 2022.
67.	72/313 , para. 33 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 31; 70/305 , para. 24; and 69/321 , para. 25	Recalls rules 153 and 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and encourages the Chairs of the Main Committees and the Secretary-General to ensure observance of these rules, within their respective mandates.	Main Committee Chairs, Secretary-General	Ongoing provision.
68.	59/313 , para. 11	Strongly urges all officers presiding over meetings of the General Assembly to start such meetings on time.	Secretary-General, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat. Periodically, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management provides presiding officers with statistics on the financial impact of the implementation of this provision (A/61/483 , p. 19, and A/62/608). In its resolution 72/313 , the General Assembly urged all presiding officers and Member States to strictly adhere to the scheduled starting time of meetings of the General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies (para. 38).

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69.	58/316 , annex, para. 1 (b)	With effect from the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, the meetings of the plenary Assembly shall normally be held on Mondays and Thursdays.	Secretary-General, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Implemented on an ongoing basis, as far as possible.
70.	58/126 , annex, sect. B, para. 2	The work of the Main Committees of the General Assembly might benefit if it is scheduled over two substantive periods during the session. With a view to enabling the Assembly to consider changes in this regard, with effect from the sixtieth session of the Assembly, the Secretary-General is requested to present, by 1 February 2004, various options for consideration by the General Committee, taking into account the requirements of the relevant intergovernmental bodies and the different locations of their meetings and the budget cycle.	Secretary-General	One-time action. In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled "Options for the rescheduling of the Main Committees of the General Assembly" (A/58/CRP.3), which the General Assembly considered at its fifty-eighth session (A/61/483 , p. 12, and A/62/608 , p. 7).

C. Provisions related to the general debate

71.	71/323 , para. 41 <i>Also in:</i> 70/305 , para. 28	Decides that, with sufficient time before the opening of each regular or special session of the General Assembly, the Secretariat, in particular its protocol and security services, shall hold discussions with all Member States on all aspects related to the organization of the high-level segment of the general debate and any other activities that may have special organizational requirements.	Secretariat (Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, Department of Safety and Security)	Implemented on an ongoing basis. The Secretariat regularly briefs Member States on the organizational aspects of the general debate. It also issues an information note in advance of the annual high-level segment.
72.	72/313 , para. 46 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 40; 70/305 , para. 27;	Encourages the scheduling of future high-level meetings during the first half of the year, from within existing resources, taking into	Secretary-General, Department for General Assembly and	High-level thematic debates and high-level debates organized by the President of the General Assembly are normally scheduled during the

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	69/321, para. 28; 68/307, para. 19; 57/301, para. 2; and 51/241, annex, paras. 19– 20 (a)	account the calendar of conferences and without prejudice to the current practice of convening one high-level meeting in September at the beginning of each session of the Assembly.	Conference Management	first half of the year (that is, during the resumed part of the session).
73.	72/313, para. 40 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323, para. 34	Decides to continue to consider ways to rationalize the number of side events held during the high-level segment of the general debate, bearing in mind the need to enhance its decorum and significance, and encourages the scheduling of side events at United Nations Headquarters outside of the hours when the general debate is being held.	Ad Hoc Working Group, Member States	Ongoing provision.
74.	51/241, annex, para. 20 (b)–(e)	The preparation of the list of speakers for the general debate shall be based on the following principles: (b) Member States shall be invited to indicate three preferences for speaking times; (c) Member States wishing to organize or participate in group meetings during the general debate period shall be encouraged to coordinate their responses to the request for preferences and to indicate this transparently in their responses; (d) The Secretariat shall be requested to prepare a list of speakers based on existing traditions and expressions of preference to best accommodate Members' needs; (e) The list of speakers for each day shall be completed and no speakers will be rolled over to the next day,	Secretary-General, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat. The preparation of the list is based on the expressions of preference, traditions and other criteria (such as written request by a Member State, level of the representation, previous speaker slot, gender balance and geographical diversity).

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		notwithstanding the implications for hours of work.		
75.	72/313 , para. 15	Recommends, in this regard, unless decided otherwise, that no other agenda items should be opened during the dates allocated for the general debate.	General Assembly, Secretary-General, Member States	Ongoing provision.

D. Provisions related to the conduct of business: time limits on speeches

76.	59/313 , para. 10	Decides that time limits on speeches in the plenary Assembly and in the Main Committees shall be applied in accordance with rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.	Member States, Secretary-General, President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat, the President of the General Assembly and Member States, bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.
77.	59/313 , para. 13	Invites Member States that are aligned with statements already made by the chair of a group of Member States, where possible, to focus additional interventions that they make in their national capacity on points that have not already been adequately addressed in the statements of the group in question, bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by the Member States bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.
78.	51/241 , annex, para. 22	Outside the general debate there shall be a 15-minute time limit in plenary meetings and in the Main Committees.	Member States	Ongoing provision. Provision to be applied by Member States bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.

E. Provisions related to modern technologies

79.	75/325 , para. 47 <i>Also in:</i> 73/341 , para. 32; 72/313 , para. 54; 71/323 , para. 49; 70/305 , para. 32; 69/321 , para. 31;	Requests the Secretariat to continue to improve, harmonize and unify e-services provided to Member States under e-deleGATE with a view to creating a full-fledged delegates' online workplace	Member States, Secretariat	Ongoing provision. Delegate-facing services for the plenary and the six Main Committees have been centralized through the e-deleGATE portal. This includes e-Speakers, e-Sponsorship, e-list of participants and CandiWeb. The portal provides easy access to the pre-
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	68/307, para. 20; 67/297, paras. 20–21; 66/294, paras. 15 and 23; and 64/301, para. 19	in all six official languages in order to save costs, reduce the environmental impact and improve the distribution of documents.		<p>session, in-session and post-session documents of those bodies.</p> <p>The e-deleGATE portal also provides access to official correspondence of the United Nations addressed to the Member States. The portal is also being used to share letters of the President of the General Assembly, while keeping a historical record.</p> <p>In the Main Committees, delegations are increasingly making use of the possibility of circulating their statements electronically and reading out shorter remarks. As of the seventy-sixth session, all proposals are submitted electronically through the e-deleGATE platform.</p> <p>Following the adoption of resolution 75/325, the Secretariat has started the planning to make static text on e-deleGATE available in all six official languages in 2023.</p> <p>At the seventy-sixth session, a model was designed to record the data of intergovernmental meetings of the General Assembly, its subsidiaries and other intergovernmental bodies. This data-oriented approach enables the Secretariat to automatically update or issue compilations earlier and to provide new services.</p>
80.	72/313, para. 36	Requests the Secretariat to ensure the availability through the e-deleGATE portal of provisional lists of speakers at United Nations meetings and conferences not later than by the end of the business day preceding the relevant meeting or conference.	Secretariat	<p>Ongoing provision. The provisional lists of speakers for meetings of the General Assembly, its Main Committees and subsidiaries, and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiaries that utilize the e-deleGATE platform are usually circulated via email announcements no later than the day before.</p> <p>As indicated during an interactive dialogue at the seventy-sixth session, efforts are under way to share certain lists of speakers with delegations, without requiring delegates to approach the Secretariat in conference rooms.</p>

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81.	72/313 , para. 42 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 36	Decides that, in addition to the general debate and the thematic meetings, the interactive and comprehensive dialogue between the Permanent Missions and the Secretariat held within the Ad Hoc Working Group, as outlined in paragraph 10 of resolution 71/323 , shall be webcast.	Department of Global Communications	Ongoing provision.
82.	71/323 , para. 35	Requests the Secretariat to provide a tool to allow Member States and the United Nations system to upload and publish information about side events organized by them at United Nations Headquarters throughout the year.	Secretariat	In its resolution 72/313 , the General Assembly took note of the possibility for Member States to publish their side events under a dedicated section of the digital version of the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> (para. 41).
83.	71/323 , para. 50	Requests the Secretariat to explore ways to provide real-time updates with respect to the cancellation and postponement of meetings, as currently provided on the screens at United Nations Headquarters, through a user-friendly application for electronic devices, and to present possible options to the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-second session of the General Assembly.	Secretariat	Implemented.
84.	70/305 , para. 18 <i>Also in:</i> 69/321 , para. 20	Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to include, in his report to be submitted at the seventy-first session of the General Assembly under the agenda item entitled “Pattern of conferences”, information regarding the basis for the current practice whereby Member States bear the additional costs of using United Nations Headquarters conference services during business hours.	Secretary-General	Implemented (see A/71/116 , para. 19).

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85.	66/294, para. 24 <i>Also in:</i> 65/315, para. 19; 64/301, para. 21; 63/309, para. 9; 60/286, annex, para. 28; 59/313, para. 15; and 55/285, annex, para. 24 (a)	Decides that the Ad Hoc Working Group shall remain apprised of options for more time-effective, efficient and secure balloting, reiterating the need to ascertain the credibility, reliability and confidentiality of the balloting process, and requests the Secretariat to submit an update in case of any new technological developments, on the understanding that the adoption of any new balloting system in the future will require a decision of the plenary of the General Assembly.	Secretariat, General Assembly (Ad Hoc Working Group)	The Ad Hoc Working Group receives periodic updates from the Secretariat in case of any new technological developments. During the seventy-third session, the Ad Hoc Working Group was briefed by the Office of Information and Communications Technology in the course of informal consultations.
86.	63/309, para. 7	Calls upon Member States to respond to the annual review of the Meetings and Publishing Division of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management on the distribution of printed documents to Missions, bearing in mind the cost savings, as well as the reduced environmental impact, which may accrue from this exercise, in order to improve the quality and distribution of those documents.	Member States	Ongoing provision. Member States have been responding favourably to the annual review of the Meetings and Publishing Division, resulting in decreased requests for hard copies of parliamentary documents and an increase in the number of requests for e-subscription to digital copies of documents.
87.	55/285, annex, para. 24 (b)–(c)	Taking into account the general support in this regard, the Secretary-General is requested to submit proposals to the General Assembly for its consideration: (b) Wiring of the main conference rooms at Headquarters to provide members of delegations and the Secretariat with access to the Official Document System and other databases of the Organization, as well as to the Internet, together with electronic access to	Secretary-General	Implemented. The Official Document System is now fully operational. Furthermore, the eStatements section of the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> , which replaced the former PaperSmart portal, provides electronic access to the texts of statements of Member States. In addition to the Official Document System, the <i>Journal</i> as well as relevant websites provide electronic access to reports and parliamentary documents in all official languages.

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		<p>texts of statements and reports and, in the case of reports, simultaneous access to texts in all official languages;</p> <p>(c) Other areas of the work of the Assembly in which the use of modern technology and information technology would contribute to enhancing efficiency in its working methods.</p>		
88.	51/241 , annex, para. 45	<p>The Secretary-General is requested to pursue an information technology plan with a range of options to provide all permanent missions to the United Nations and the wider public with online access to documents and relevant United Nations information. Unless the General Assembly decides otherwise, hard copies of documents shall continue to be distributed to permanent missions in accordance with their needs. While welcoming the progress made by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics of the Economic and Social Council, further efforts in this direction could be pursued within a specified time frame to harmonize and improve United Nations information systems. All countries, in particular developing countries, shall be assisted in making full use of this potential access. Adequate provision should be made for training delegates. Facilities for such access by delegations within the United Nations premises shall also be expanded as much as possible. Availability of information in this manner should be ensured in all official languages of the United Nations.</p>	Secretary-General	<p>Implemented. The Official Document System is fully operational and accessible. In addition to distribution via electronic means, hard copies continue to be distributed to permanent missions as requested.</p> <p>Regarding the reference to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics of the Economic and Social Council, the last time the Council had before it a report on the matter was in 2011. At that time, the Council took note of the report, but no proposal was submitted to it for consideration. The last time the item was on the agenda was in 2012. No documentation or proposal was submitted to the Economic and Social Council for consideration.</p>

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89.	51/241 , annex, para. 46	The Secretary-General is encouraged to include information on the impact of technological improvements in his report on the implementation of mandates, by means of comparing outputs with objectives.	Secretary-General	See comments for provisions 87 and 88 above.

F. Provisions related to documentation: resolutions (see also part I)

90.	66/294 , para. 21 <i>Also in:</i> 65/315 , para. 17	Encourages Member States, United Nations bodies and the Secretariat to continue to consult on the consolidation of documentation in order to avoid duplication of work, to exercise the fullest possible discipline in striving for concise resolutions, reports and other documentation, inter alia, by referring to previous documents rather than repeating actual content, and to focus on key themes.	Member States, Secretariat	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. This issue is frequently examined in a number of intergovernmental bodies.
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G. Provisions related to documentation: consolidation of reports

91.	60/286 , annex, para. 29 <i>Also in:</i> 59/313 , para. 16; 58/316 , annex, para. 6 (c); and 58/126 , annex, sect. B, para. 7	Requests the Secretary-General to implement further the measures set out in paragraph 20 of resolution 57/300 on the consolidation of reports and in paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution 58/316 on documentation.	Secretary-General	<p>In response to the provision formulated in resolution 57/300, the Secretariat issued a note entitled “Control and limitation of documentation” (A/58/CRP.7).</p> <p>Since the adoption of the resolution, a number of reports, where appropriate, have been consolidated (A/61/483, p. 21, and A/62/608).</p> <p>The Main Committees regularly examine the issue of consolidation of documentation, particularly when considering their working methods in the context of the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.</p>
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92.	59/313 , para. 16 <i>Also in:</i> 58/316 , annex, para. 6	In the light of its decision in section B, paragraph 7, of the annex to resolution 58/126 that the heavy volume of documentation that is submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration should be reduced, the Secretary-General is requested: (a) To update the note by the Secretariat, entitled “Control and limitation of documentation” (A/58/CRP.7) in the light of the provisions of the present resolution; (b) To submit the updated version of the note by the Secretariat for the consideration of the General Committee, meeting in open-ended consultations, so that it may make recommendations to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session.	Secretary-General	In response to the provision formulated in resolution 57/300 , the Secretariat issued a note entitled “Control and limitation of documentation” (A/58/CRP.7). The note has not been updated as the proposed update lacked the endorsement of Member States.
93.	55/285 , annex, para. 16	In preparing the annual memorandum concerning the implementation of the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, the secretariat of the Assembly, in consultation with the substantive departments of the Secretariat, should look for synergies and integration of reports.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat. The annual memorandum concerning the implementation of the resolutions contains a paragraph on the need for possible integration of reports.
H. Provisions related to the preparation and issuance of reports				
94.	66/294 , para. 21 <i>Also in:</i> 59/313 , para. 18; and 49/221 B, para. 6 (c)	Calls upon Member States, United Nations bodies and the Secretariat to observe existing submission deadlines so as to allow for the timely processing of documents to be examined by intergovernmental bodies.	Member States, Secretariat	Ongoing provision. In response to this request, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management has entered into a compact with the Secretary-General which provides for zero tolerance of late submission of documents (A/61/483 and A/62/608).

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95.	55/285 , annex, para. 18	The Secretary-General is requested to make further suggestions as to how to speed up the preparation of reports and to rationalize the scheduling of meetings. The Secretary-General shall keep the President of the General Assembly and the General Committee informed on this issue on a regular basis throughout the sessions of the Assembly.	Secretary-General	The Secretary-General continues to make recommendations in his memorandums on organization of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items (see, for example, the most recent memorandum, A/BUR/77/1).
96.	59/313 , para. 17	Encourages Member States, when seeking additional information, to request that they be provided with the information either orally or, if in writing, in the form of information sheets, annexes, tables and the like, and encourages the wider use of this practice.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by the Member States.
97.	55/285 , annex, para. 17	Member States and entities of the United Nations system should make a serious effort to submit their replies and inputs to requests for information or views pursuant to resolutions of the General Assembly within the prescribed deadlines.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by the Member States.
I. Provisions related to the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization				
98.	55/285 , annex, para. 14 <i>Also in:</i> 51/241 , annex, para. 7	As regards implementation of paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 51/241 , the President of the General Assembly, after consideration by the Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, shall inform the Assembly of his assessment of the debate on the report in order for the Assembly to determine the need for further action.	President of the General Assembly	According to practice, the Secretary-General introduces his report at the beginning of the general debate. Consequently, the President of the General Assembly presents his/her assessment at the conclusion of the general debate. Any additional assessment by the President is provided after plenary meetings of the General Assembly.

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99.	51/241 , annex, para. 4	The introduction to the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization should be in the nature of an executive summary highlighting main issues.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented by the Secretariat. The introduction to the report on the work of the Organization is presented in the form of an executive summary highlighting the main issues.
100.	51/241 , annex, para. 5 <i>Also in:</i> 55/285 , annex, para. 13	The main body of the report shall be comprehensive, informative and analytical in a way that will allow Member States to examine and assess, inter alia, through the debate on the report, the extent to which mandates given by the General Assembly have been fulfilled, as well as to set priorities in the context of the major political, economic and social, administrative and financial issues on its agenda.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented by the Secretariat on an ongoing basis.
101.	51/241 , annex, para. 6 <i>Also in:</i> 55/285 , annex, para. 13	The Secretary-General shall incorporate a forward-looking section in his report on the work of the Organization. It shall describe the specific goals for the Secretariat in the year ahead in the context of the workplan for the Organization in the coming year, taking into account the medium-term plan and the fact that the responsibility for establishing priorities rests with the Member States.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat.
102.	51/241 , annex, para. 9 <i>Also in:</i> 55/285 , annex, para. 13	The report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization shall, inter alia, contain an analytical and concise annex elaborating the costs by major programmes and activities of all bodies of the United Nations system, located both in and outside New York, according to their mandates, so as to improve Member	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat.

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		States' overview of system-wide issues.		
103.	51/241 , annex, para. 3	The report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization should be available not later than 30 days prior to the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly in all official languages of the Organization so as to permit due consideration.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat. During the seventy-sixth session the report was issued on 19 July 2021.
104.	51/241 , annex, para. 7	The report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization shall be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly immediately after the general debate.	Secretary-General, Member States (General Assembly)	Provision implemented by the Secretariat on an ongoing basis. The report is considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly immediately after the general debate.
105.	51/241 , annex, para. 10	The Secretary-General is requested to introduce the report orally at an appropriate time under the agenda item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization".	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General introduces his report orally under the agenda item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization".
106.	75/325 , para. 22 <i>Also in:</i> 73/341 , para. 17	Requests the President of the General Assembly to continue scheduling the plenary meetings of the Assembly on the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization and on the report of the Security Council in close coordination with the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council, so that discussions of these important reports are not conducted in a perfunctory manner.	President of the General Assembly, Secretary-General	During the seventy-fourth session, the plenary meetings on the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization were convened on 22 and 23 January 2020, instead of immediately after the general debate per paragraph 7 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 51/241 (see A/74/PV.54 , A/74/PV.55 and A/74/PV.56). At the 54th plenary meeting, on 22 January 2020, the Secretary-General made a statement, in the course of which he outlined his priorities for 2020. Subsequently, the formal plenary meeting was suspended for an informal question-and-answer segment (see the letters from the President of the General Assembly dated 6 and 14 January 2020). During the seventy-fifth session, the plenary meetings on the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization were convened on 28 and 29 January 2021 (see A/75/PV.51 , A/75/PV.51 (Resumption 1) and

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				<p>A/75/PV.52). At the 51st plenary meeting, on 28 January 2021, the Secretary-General made a statement, in the course of which he outlined his priorities for 2021. Subsequently, the formal plenary meeting was suspended for an informal question-and-answer segment (see the letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 22 January 2021).</p> <p>During the seventy-sixth session, the plenary meetings on the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization were convened on 21 and 24 January 2022 (see A/76/PV.56, A/76/PV.56 (Resumption 1) and A/76/PV.57). At the 56th plenary meeting, on 21 January 2022, the Secretary-General made a statement, in the course of which he outlined his priorities for 2022. Subsequently, the formal plenary meeting was suspended for an informal question-and-answer segment (see the letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 11 January 2022).</p>
J. Provisions related to the agenda of the General Assembly				
107.	75/325 , para. 40 <i>Also in:</i> 73/341 , para. 29; 72/313 , para. 27; 71/323 , para. 26; 70/305 , para. 20; 69/321 , para. 22; 68/307 , para. 16; 67/297 , para. 15; 66/294 , para. 18; 65/315 , para. 14; 64/301 , para. 18; and 63/309 , para. 6	Reaffirms the respective mandates of the Main Committees of the General Assembly, and on that basis, calls upon those Committees to continue their consideration, in consultation with all relevant bodies, of addressing gaps, overlaps and duplication in their respective agendas as they relate to the 2030 Agenda as a whole and, in this regard, invites the Bureaux of the relevant Main Committees of the Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies to facilitate the consideration of the alignment principles by their respective intergovernmental bodies and to present concrete proposals for the consideration of Member States.	Member States (General Assembly), Main Committees	<p>Ongoing provision. At the seventieth session, the Second Committee undertook a process of informal consultations on the revitalization of the work of the Second Committee. Separately, the President of the seventieth session of the General Assembly appointed a group of facilitators to find agreement, in consultation with Member States, on strategically aligning the agenda of future sessions of the General Assembly with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals. At the seventy-fourth session, the Second Committee undertook a process of informal consultations on the revitalization of the work of the Second Committee. Also at the seventy-fourth session, the Assembly adopted decision 74/537 B of 11 August 2020, entitled “Revitalization of the work of the Second Committee”.</p>

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108.	75/325 , para. 32 <i>Also in:</i> 73/341 , para. 28; 72/313 , para. 29; 71/323 , para. 28; and 70/305 , para. 22	Notes the pilot analysis on Sustainable Development Goal 2 carried out during the seventy-fifth session to examine in depth the coverage of Goal 2 (zero hunger) and the mapping developed during the seventy-third session of the Assembly, along with the pilot analysis, which remain relevant reference documents for the consideration of Member States during the seventy-eighth session of the Assembly.	Member States	<p>The President of the seventieth session of the General Assembly appointed a group of facilitators to find agreement, in consultation with Member States, on strategically aligning the agenda of future sessions of the Assembly with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-first session appointed two co-facilitators whose report, which includes recommendations for consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-first session, was circulated in a letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 17 July 2017.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-second session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Belgium and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-third session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Timor-Leste and Czechia to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-fourth session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Botswana and Montenegro to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-fifth session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Bangladesh and Slovenia to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process and convened the informal meeting of the General Committee to discuss the alignment process (see provisions 109 and 139).</p>

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109.	75/325 , para. 44 <i>Also in:</i> 74/303 , para. 6; 73/341 , para. 27; 72/313 , para. 31; and 71/323 , para. 30	Requests the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session to draw lessons learned from the implementation of the provisions contained in paragraphs 13 to 18 and 32 to 44 of the present resolution on the revitalization of the work of the Assembly and identify further proposals on alignment, and, in the interim, requests the Ad Hoc Working Group, during both the seventy-sixth and the seventy-seventh sessions, to hold one or two dedicated meetings, as required, on the progress of the implementation of the aforementioned provisions.	President of the General Assembly, Member States, Ad Hoc Working Group	<p>The Presidents of the seventy-second and seventy-third sessions each convened a meeting of the General Committee for an exchange of views to identify next steps aimed at addressing gaps and duplication in the agenda of the General Assembly as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-second session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Belgium and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-third session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Timor-Leste and Czechia to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-fourth session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Botswana and Montenegro to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process.</p> <p>The President of the seventy-fifth session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Bangladesh and Slovenia to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process and convened the informal meeting of the General Committee to discuss the alignment process (see provisions 108 and 139).</p>
110.	73/341 , para. 23	Stresses the desirability of the General Assembly further streamlining its agenda and dedicating more time for dialogue as well as the review of the implementation of the resolutions it adopts.	Member States (General Assembly)	Ongoing provision.

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111.	58/316 , annex, para. 2 (a) and (d)	<p>(a) Pursuant to paragraph 4 of section B of the annex to resolution 58/126, the agenda of the General Assembly shall be organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002–2005 (or in the strategic framework, as appropriate), with an additional heading for “Organizational, administrative and other matters”;</p> <p>(d) The provisions of the present section shall be reviewed by the General Assembly at its sixty-first session with a view to making further improvements, as appropriate.</p>	Secretary-General, Member States (General Assembly)	<p>One-time action. As from the fifty-ninth session, the agenda of the General Assembly has been organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002–2005 and, subsequently, in accordance with the strategic framework for the period 2006–2007, with an additional heading I, entitled “Organizational, administrative and other matters” (A/61/483, p. 13, and A/62/608).</p> <p>During the sixty-first session no revision was made by the General Assembly.</p>
112.	58/316 , annex, para. 4	Provisions related to allocation of agenda items (for details see resolution 58/316 , annex, para. 4).	Member States, Secretary-General	One-time action. The provisions of this paragraph have been implemented as from the fifty-ninth session and reflected in the agenda of each session (A/62/608 , and resolution 58/316 , annex, para. 4).
113.	55/285 , annex, paras. 3–9	Provisions related to clustering of agenda items concerning cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations (for details see resolution 55/285 , annex, paras. 3–9).	Member States, Secretary-General	One-time action. Provisions implemented as requested and reflected in the agenda of each session.
114.	55/285 , annex, paras. 10–11	Provisions related to biennialization of agenda items (for details see resolution 55/285 , annex, paras. 10–11).	Member States, Secretary-General	One-time action. The provisions have been implemented as requested.
115.	55/285 , annex, para. 12	The following item shall be considered by the Third Committee, starting at the fifty-sixth session: “Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly”.	Member States, Secretary-General	One-time action. The provision has been implemented as requested.

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116.	58/126 , annex, sect. B, para. 4	With a view to better conceptualization of the content of the agenda of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General is requested to submit to the Assembly, for its consideration by 1 March 2004, an illustrative agenda of the Assembly, based on all the agenda items of the fifty-eighth session, organized around the priorities of the Organization for the period 2002–2005. The General Committee shall hold open-ended discussions on the illustrative agenda before making recommendations on the matter to the Assembly for its decision by 1 July 2004.	Secretary-General, General Committee	One-time action. In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled “Illustrative agenda of the General Assembly” (A/58/CRP.4), which the Assembly considered at its fifty-eighth session (A/61/483 , p. 12). See also comments for provision 111 above.
117.	58/126 , annex, sect. B, para. 5	The President of the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session, in consultation with the Secretary-General, and following consultations with concerned Member States, is requested to make proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items of the customary agenda of the Assembly for the consideration of the General Committee by 1 April 2004. The General Committee shall hold open-ended discussions on the proposals before making recommendations on the matter to the Assembly for its decision by 1 July 2004.	President of the General Assembly	One-time action. Subsequent to the adoption of resolution 58/126 , the Secretariat circulated a note entitled “Analysis of the agenda of the General Assembly” (A/58/CRP.6), which was considered by the General Committee in open-ended informal consultations.

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118.	55/285 , annex, para. 2 <i>Also in:</i> 51/241 , annex, para. 24	The rationalization and streamlining of the agenda of the General Assembly should continue in order to enable the Assembly to focus its work on priority issues. Any change or suggestion concerning the agenda is made with the understanding that Member States may at any time propose any issue or item for the attention and consideration of the Assembly.	Member States (General Assembly)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
119.	51/241 , annex, para. 23	Bearing in mind rule 81 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the requirements for reopening debate on an agenda item which the Assembly had decided was completed will continue to be as at present and should be made clear to delegations through a statement from the President of the Assembly. A delegation wishing to reopen debate on an agenda item should send a written request to the President of the Assembly. The President will then undertake soundings to ascertain whether the request enjoys wide support. In the light of these soundings, the President shall announce in the <i>Journal of the United Nations</i> the date of the meeting of the Assembly to consider the question of reopening debate on the item, bearing in mind the requirements of rule 81.	Member States (General Assembly), President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.

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120.	51/241 , annex, para. 25	As a general rule, agenda items that could be considered in the Main Committees shall be referred to the Main Committees rather than the General Assembly in plenary meetings.	General Assembly, Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
K. Provisions related to practices and working methods of the Main Committees of the General Assembly				
121.	72/313 , para. 23 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 22	Requests the continuation of the established practice of holding handover meetings of the outgoing and incoming bureaux to exchange views on outcomes and the upcoming agenda, and of presenting a report by the Chairs of the Main Committees to their successors on best practices and lessons learned.	Main Committee Chairs	Ongoing provision.
122.	72/313 , para. 25 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 24	Calls for the continuation of the practice of periodical meetings between the six Chairs of the Main Committees during the session of the General Assembly to share best practices and increase the coherence and complementarity of the work of the Main Committees.	Main Committee Chairs	Ongoing provision.
123.	69/321 , para. 16 <i>Also in:</i> 68/307 , para. 13; 60/286 , annex, para. 25; and 59/313 , para. 8	Appreciates the briefings by the Chairs of the Main Committees of the General Assembly to the Ad Hoc Working Group about the working methods of their respective Committees during the sixty-ninth session of the Assembly, and in this regard encourages the Main Committees: (a) To ensure adequate coordination in their work while avoiding overlap and duplication; (b) To hold elections for the bureaux of the Main	Main Committees	Main Committees periodically hold informal meetings on their working methods. E-deleGATE provides a tool for Main Committees to facilitate their work. In the past, some of the Main Committees explored ways and possibilities of enhancing their cooperation. For instance, during the sixtieth and sixty-first sessions there were joint meetings of the Bureaux of the Second and Third Committees.

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		<p>Committees at least three months before the opening of each session, and preferably up to six months in advance of the session, and calls upon the regional groups to proceed with relevant nominations in a timely manner and in accordance with the interim arrangement set out in Assembly decision 68/505 of 1 October 2013;</p> <p>(c) To benefit from their respective intranet and other online services to facilitate the smooth organization and timely conclusion of their work;</p> <p>(d) To further enhance sharing of information on the work and activities of the Main Committees within each Main Committee;</p> <p>(e) To further improve the management of the negotiation process for Assembly resolutions.</p>		
124.	<p>75/325, paras. 29 and 31</p> <p><i>Also in:</i></p> <p>73/341, para. 26;</p> <p>72/313, para. 22;</p> <p>71/323, para. 21;</p> <p>70/305, para. 17;</p> <p>69/321, para. 19;</p> <p>68/307, para. 14;</p> <p>67/297, para. 13;</p> <p>66/294, para. 19;</p> <p>and 65/315, para. 15</p>	<p>Requests each Main Committee to further discuss its working methods, and in this regard invites the Chairs of the Main Committees to continue briefing the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-sixth session on any best practices and lessons learned with a view to improving working methods, and to coordinate their briefings through, inter alia, possible identification of commonalities in the working methods and the lessons learned. Requests each Main Committee to submit to the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-sixth session a written update on progress achieved so far in the efforts aimed at improving the working methods of the Committees, taking into account recommendations of</p>	<p>Main Committees, Main Committee Chairs, Ad Hoc Working Group, Secretariat</p>	<p>Implemented on an ongoing basis. Briefings were provided to the Ad Hoc Working Group by the Main Committee Chairs from the sixty-fifth to the seventy-fifth session. Briefings were provided on 11 May 2022 and written updates are included in annex II to the present report.</p>

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		the Ad Hoc Working Group as appropriate, and encourages the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-sixth session to appoint two focal points who would work closely with the Chairs and Bureaux of the Main Committees, the President of the General Assembly and the Secretariat to assist the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group in elaborating practical proposals for consideration by the Working Group for the implementation of paragraphs 29 and 30 of the present resolution and of reports submitted by the Main Committees.		
125.	69/321 , para. 17 <i>Also in:</i> 59/313 , para. 9	Calls upon outgoing Chairs of the Main Committees to brief incoming Chairs on best practices and lessons learned from previous sessions of the Main Committees and to provide their written observations and lessons learned to their immediate successors, and encourages the incoming Chairs and bureaux of the Main Committees to consult with Member States shortly after their election on how the work will be conducted during the upcoming session of their Committee.	Main Committees	Provision is implemented by the Main Committees on an ongoing basis. The observations and lessons learned are presented during the informal meetings between incoming and outgoing Bureaux of the respective Committees.
126.	58/316 , annex, para. 3 (a) <i>Also in:</i> 59/313 , para. 7; and 51/241 , annex, para. 26	Main Committees shall give specific attention to the rationalization of their future agendas by the biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items, and make recommendations to the plenary Assembly for its decision by 1 April 2005.	Main Committees	In response to this request, the Main Committees at the fifty-ninth and sixtieth sessions made recommendations to the General Assembly.

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127.	58/316 , annex, para. 3 (b) <i>Also in:</i> 51/241 , annex, para. 30	Main Committees shall adopt a provisional programme of work at the end of the session for the next session to help them better to plan, prepare and organize and, in this context, review the related documentation requirements.	Main Committees	Implemented as from the fifty-ninth session (information on the programme of work of the Fifth Committee is usually not available owing to the time frame of the Committee's work) (A/61/483 , p. 14, and A/62/608).
128.	58/316 , annex, para. 3 (c)	The practice of interactive debates and panel discussions shall be utilized or expanded, as appropriate, by all Main Committees so as to enhance informal, in-depth discussions and to bring together experts from various fields without prejudicing the progress of the substantive work of the Main Committees.	Main Committees	Provision is being implemented on an ongoing basis. The Committees make extensive use of interactive debates and panels, for example, panel meetings are of particular importance for the work of the Second Committee.
129.	58/316 , annex, para. 3 (d) <i>Also in:</i> 51/241 , annex, para. 53	The practice of "question time" shall be introduced, as appropriate, in all Main Committees to enable a dynamic and candid exchange with heads of departments and offices, representatives of the Secretary-General and special rapporteurs.	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. As from the fifty-ninth session, the Main Committees introduced "question time", which has significant importance for their work.
130.	58/316 , annex, para. 3 (e)	The websites of the Main Committees shall be enhanced and thereafter regularly updated and their content maintained by the secretariats of the Main Committees.	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The websites of the Main Committees continue to be enhanced and regularly updated by the respective secretariats (A/61/483 , p. 15, and A/62/608).
131.	58/316 , annex, para. 3 (f)	The bureaux-elect of the Main Committees shall meet immediately after their election in order to discuss the organization and division of their work.	Main Committees	Ongoing provision. Provision implemented as from the fifty-eighth session.
132.	58/316 , annex, para. 3 (g)	With a view to ensuring the continuity and the effective organization of their work, the incoming bureaux of the Main Committees shall, no later than two weeks after their election, meet with the outgoing bureaux in order to	Main Committees	Implemented by most of the Main Committees as from the fifty-eighth session.

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		consult on and review issues relating to the efficient functioning of the Main Committees.		
133.	58/316 , annex, para. 3 (h) <i>Also in:</i> 51/241 , annex, para. 30	Prior to the opening of each session, informal briefings of each Main Committee shall be convened to discuss the organization of work.	Main Committees	Implemented as from the fifty-ninth session.
134.	58/126 , annex, sect. B, para. 8	The Main Committees of the General Assembly are bound by the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, although they have different practices and working methods. With a view to identifying best practices and working methods, and recognizing the ongoing efforts of the Main Committees to streamline their work, the Secretary-General, drawing on the experience of previous Chairs of the Main Committees, is requested to submit a historical and analytical note on the practices and working methods of the Main Committees for the consideration of the General Committee by 1 April 2004. The General Committee shall hold open-ended discussions on the note before making recommendations on the matter to the Assembly for its decision by 1 July 2004.	Secretary-General	In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled “Historical and analytical note on the practices and working methods of the Main Committees” (A/58/CRP.5), which was considered by the General Committee in open-ended informal consultations (A/61/483 , p. 13, and A/62/608).

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135.	51/241 , annex, para. 51	There shall be a more detailed and structured examination in the Main Committees of the relevant reports of the Board of Auditors, the Joint Inspection Unit and the Office of Internal Oversight Services in relation to the substantive work of these Committees.	Main Committees	The reports are examined in the Main Committees on an ad hoc basis, if necessary.
136.	51/241 , annex, para. 31	The Main Committees shall meet in substantive session only after the end of the general debate.	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
137.	51/241 , annex, para. 36	The First Committee and the Fourth Committee shall not meet simultaneously and may consider meeting in a sequential manner during the regular session of the General Assembly. This arrangement shall not apply if it affects their respective identities, programmes of work and effective consideration of their agendas.	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The secretaries of the First and Fourth Committees undertake consultation for the purpose of avoiding simultaneous meetings.

L. Provisions related to the General Committee

138.	72/313 , para. 24 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 23	Requests the President-elect of the General Assembly to continue with the practice of meeting informally with the incoming members of the General Committee before the beginning of the regular session in order to review the proposed programme of work of the Main Committees, with a view to increasing their efficiency, improving complementarity and avoiding overlap of meetings of the Main Committees to the extent possible, in order to allow for wider participation by Member States.	President-elect	Ongoing provision. The President-elect of the seventy-sixth session convened a meeting with the incoming members of the General Committee in advance of the opening of the seventy-sixth session for an informal exchange of views.
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139.	75/325 , para. 41 <i>Also in:</i> 73/341 , para. 13; 72/313 , para. 30; and 71/323 , para. 29	Requests the General Committee, while exercising its functions under rule 40 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and within its mandate, to also consider discussing gaps, overlaps and duplication and make recommendations to Member States for consideration.	General Committee	Ongoing provision. During the seventy-third session, the President convened informal meetings of the General Committee on 5 December 2018 to exchange views on the programme of work with respect to addressing gaps and duplication in the agenda of the General Assembly as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in accordance with Assembly resolution 72/313 , in particular paragraphs 29, 30 and 31; and on 17 April 2019 to discuss (a) improving the methods of work of the General Assembly as well as its Main Committees and (b) enhancing the role of the General Committee in further improving methods of work. During the seventy-fifth session the President convened an informal meeting of the General Committee on 9 December 2020 to discuss the priorities and mandates for the resumed part of the session of the General Assembly and the alignment process.
140.	72/313 , para. 43 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 37	Recalls its resolutions 1898 (XVIII) of 11 November 1963, 2837 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971, 45/45 of 28 November 1990, 51/241 of 31 July 1997, 58/126 of 19 December 2003 and 58/316 , and reiterates its call to the President of the General Assembly to continue to make full use of the General Committee throughout the session, with a view to reviewing the programme of work of the Assembly and its Main Committees, in line with rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.	President of the General Assembly	Ongoing provision.

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141.	60/286 , annex, para. 27 <i>Also in:</i> 58/316 , annex, para. 5 (b)	Reiterates its call for the effective implementation of rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.	General Committee	Since the adoption of resolution 58/316 , the General Committee has met throughout the session of the General Assembly.
142.	51/241 , annex, para. 33	The General Committee shall use its authority and competence, taking into account rule 43 of the rules of procedure, by allowing Member States that are not represented on the General Committee to participate in its discussions. The process of decision-making will continue to be as at present.	General Committee	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
143.	58/316 , annex, para. 5 (a)	The work of the General Committee shall be carried out in accordance with section VI of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.	General Committee	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
144.	58/316 , annex, para. 5 (b)	The General Committee shall continue to meet throughout the session and to play the leading role in advising the General Assembly on the efficient organization, coordination and management of its work.	General Committee	<p>Since the adoption of resolution 58/316, the General Committee has met throughout the session of the General Assembly and played its leading role in advising the Assembly in the organization of its work.</p> <p>During the seventy-fourth session, the General Committee held frequent consultations. In the light of the rapidly evolving developments relating to COVID-19, the General Assembly had been carrying out its work through novel means to guarantee business continuity and mitigate the spread of the disease. On the proposal of its President contained in his letter dated 24 March 2020, the Assembly adopted under a silence procedure decision 74/544 of 27 March 2020, entitled “Procedure for taking decisions of the General Assembly during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic”, the provisions of which were subsequently expanded to include Main Committees in decision 74/555 of 15 May 2020. The procedure outlined in both decisions was</p>

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				<p>subsequently extended by decisions 74/558 of 18 June 2020 and 74/561 of 21 July 2020, thus enabling the Assembly to take essential decisions by means of silence procedure between March and August 2020, after consultation with the General Committee, when a plenary meeting was not practicable as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>During the seventy-fifth and seventy-sixth sessions, the General Committee continued to meet on various issues, including business continuity.</p>
145.	58/316, annex, para. 5 (c)	To ensure the effective implementation of rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee shall meet regularly throughout the session with the bureaux of the Main Committees to review the progress of the work of the Main Committees and to make recommendations for furthering such progress.	General Committee	Since the adoption of the provision, the General Committee has met throughout the sessions of the General Assembly to ensure the effective implementation of rule 42 of the rules of procedure. The Main Committee Chairs have regularly briefed the General Committee on the work of their Committees.
146.	58/316, annex, para. 5 (d)	In July of each year, the General Committee shall conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the General Assembly, on the basis of a report to be submitted by the Secretary-General, and submit recommendations on the matter to the forthcoming Assembly. The report of the Secretary-General shall include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session.	General Committee	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis. In response to this request, the Secretary-General annually submits reports to the General Assembly, including the requested information on the status of documentation.
147.	58/316, annex, para. 5 (f)	On the basis of proposals from the President of the General Assembly, and in the light of the positive experience during the fifty-eighth session, the General Committee shall be encouraged, as appropriate, to continue to schedule	General Committee	At the fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions, the General Committee held a number of informal briefings on topical issues. Owing to the rising number of thematic debates, the practice of informal briefings in the General Committee has been limited to avoid duplication.

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		informal briefings on topical issues.		
148.	58/316 , annex, para. 5 (h)	The General Committee shall continue to consider ways and means to further improve its working methods to increase its efficiency and effectiveness in all aspects, and make recommendations on the matter to the General Assembly for its decision by 1 April 2005.	General Committee	The General Committee continues to consider ways and means of improving its working methods. No recommendation has been made in that regard since the adoption of this provision.
149.	58/126 , annex, sect. B, para. 1	The General Committee shall meet throughout the session and further improve its working methods to increase its efficiency and effectiveness. It will play the leading role in advising the General Assembly on the efficient organization, coordination and management of its work. In this connection, the Assembly will also consider proposals to reform the General Committee.	General Committee	The General Assembly, at its fifty-eighth session, adopted resolution 58/316 , by which, inter alia, it decided on a number of measures with regard to the reform of the General Committee.
150.	55/285 , annex, para. 20	In order to enhance the capacity of the General Committee to assist the President of the General Assembly in the conduct of the business of the Assembly and to improve continuity between its different sessions, at the outset of each session, each Vice-President of the Assembly shall designate a liaison person for the duration of the session. This designation may be made informally, without any amendment to rule 39 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, by means of a letter to its President.	General Committee	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.

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151.	51/241 , annex, para. 34	The General Committee may, each year, prior to the closure of the session, prepare suggestions based on its experience for the consideration of the incoming General Committee.	General Committee	Suggestions have been made on an ongoing basis during informal meetings between the incoming and outgoing General Committees.
152.	51/241 , annex, para. 35	The General Committee is requested to consider and recommend to the General Assembly methods and procedures for streamlining and rationalizing the Committee's work. The General Committee shall, in this context, in relation to each agenda item proposed, consider its rejection or its inclusion in the provisional agenda, taking into account previous recommendations of the General Committee and previous relevant decisions of the Assembly.	General Committee	Provisions to be implemented by the General Committee.

M. Other matters

153.	73/341 , para. 21 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , para. 63	Takes note of the proposals provided by the Secretariat for addressing the cost of the use of the Delegates' Dining Room and other venues at United Nations Headquarters in New York by delegations, and decides to continue the consideration of this issue during its seventy-fourth session.	Department of Operational Support	<p>During the seventy-third session, the Department of Operational Support briefed the Ad Hoc Working Group on 9 April 2019 on the issue and presented three possible options for consideration (see supplementary information annexed to the letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 18 April 2019). Additional information was provided in the course of informal consultations.</p> <p>A briefing was not provided at the seventy-fourth session owing to the cancellation of the interactive dialogue between the Secretariat and the permanent missions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>A briefing was provided at the seventy-fifth session on 25 March 2021.</p>
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154.	72/313 , para. 64	Requests the Secretariat to provide, in an electronic version only, a list containing the names of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly and officers of the Main Committees, as well as members of the Security Council, members of the Economic and Social Council and Member States and observers of the United Nations.	Secretariat	The electronic lists containing the names of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly and officers of the Main Committees, as well as members of the Security Council, members of the Economic and Social Council and Member States and observers of the United Nations have been made available on the websites of the relevant bodies. In 2019, a new module was added to the e-deleGATE portal to enable searches for the names of Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly and officers of the Main Committees of the General Assembly as well as members of the Economic and Social Council.
155.	73/341 , para. 19	Requests the Secretariat to circulate in advance to the Permanent Missions all new or updated administrative instructions and other documents that have an impact on Member States with respect to the delivery of standard administrative services.	Secretariat	The provision is implemented on an ongoing basis.

Cluster III: selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads

<i>No.</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Text of provision</i>	<i>Implementing entity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
A. General provisions related to the selection of the Secretary-General				
156.	72/313 , para. 66 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 57; 70/305 , para. 37; 69/321 , para. 34; 68/307 , para. 26; 60/286 , annex, para. 17; and 51/241 , annex, para. 57	Reiterates that the process of selecting and appointing the Secretary-General differs from the process used with regard to the executive heads of the organizations of the United Nations system, given the roles of the Security Council and the General Assembly in accordance with Article 97 of the Charter, and emphasizes in particular that the process of selection of the Secretary-General is guided by the principles of transparency and		Ongoing provision.

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		inclusiveness, building on the best practices and the participation of all Member States.		
157.	72/313 , paras. 67–68 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 58; 70/305 , para. 40; 69/321 , para. 39; and 60/286 , annex, para. 22	Stresses, in particular, the need to ensure the appointment of the best possible candidate for the post of Secretary-General, who embodies the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity and who demonstrates a firm commitment to the purposes and principles of the United Nations, proven leadership and managerial abilities, extensive experience in international relations and strong diplomatic, communication and multilingual skills. Also stresses that, in the course of the identification and appointment of the best candidate for the post of Secretary-General, due regard shall continue to be given to regional rotation and to gender balance.		Ongoing provision.
158.	73/341 , para. 41	Encourages future Presidents of the General Assembly to actively contribute to the implementation of provisions guiding the selection and appointment of the ninth Secretary-General, as contained in all relevant resolutions, in particular resolutions 69/321 and 70/305 , and stresses the need for the selection and appointment process of the Secretary-General and other executive heads to be guided by the principles of transparency and inclusiveness.	Presidents of the General Assembly	Ongoing provision.

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159.	75/325 , para. 57 <i>Also in:</i> 73/341 , para. 43	Also decides to further assess during the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly the selection and appointment process of the Secretary-General, to consolidate the advances gained in the relevant Assembly resolutions and to explore possible steps to improve future processes, including the collaboration between the Assembly and the Security Council, consistent with Article 97 of the Charter.	Ad Hoc Working Group, Member States	The informal dialogue with a candidate for the position of Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres, of Portugal, was held on 7 May 2021 pursuant to resolution 69/321 and subsequent related resolutions. The format of the dialogue was communicated by the President of the General Assembly to all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations in New York in his letter dated 26 April 2021. The vision statement of the incumbent Secretary-General for the next term beginning on 1 January 2022 was circulated by the President of the General Assembly in his letter dated 25 March 2021.
160.	75/325 , para. 59 <i>Also in:</i> 73/341 , para. 44	Reiterates the possibility of providing the process of selection and appointment of the Secretary-General with provisional timelines in accordance with paragraph 72 of its resolution 72/313 , and decides to further discuss this issue during its seventy-seventh session in the Ad Hoc Working Group.	Ad Hoc Working Group, Member States	The Working Group considered the issue during the seventy-fourth and seventy-fifth sessions. To be further discussed during the seventy-seventh session.

B. Provisions related to the selection process

161.	75/235 , para. 52 <i>Also in:</i> 73/341 , para. 40; 72/313 , para. 69; 71/323 , para. 59; 70/305 , para. 41; 69/321 , para. 32; 68/307 , para. 25; 67/297 , para. 23; 66/294 , para. 25; 65/315 , para. 20; and 64/301 , para. 14	Reaffirms its commitment to continue, in the Ad Hoc Working Group, in accordance with the provisions of Article 97 of the Charter, its thorough consideration of the issues under the third thematic cluster of the Working Group, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, including the examination of innovative ways to improve the process of selecting and appointing the Secretary-General and other executive heads in all its aspects, and recalls all relevant resolutions, including resolutions 11 (I) of 24 January 1946, 46/77 of	Ad Hoc Working Group, Member States	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The Ad Hoc Working Group has devoted a thematic meeting in each of its recent sessions to this issue. At the seventieth session, the Co-Chairs also convened a dedicated informal brainstorming session on, inter alia, the possibility of modifying the term of office to a single, non-renewable term and of recommending more than one candidate for consideration by the General Assembly. In accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution 75/325 , the theme “Selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads” will be considered by the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-seventh session.
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		12 December 1991, 47/233 of 17 August 1993, 48/264 of 29 July 1994, 51/241 of 31 July 1997, 52/163 of 15 December 1997, 55/14 of 3 November 2000, 55/285 of 7 September 2001, 56/509 of 8 July 2002, 57/300 of 20 December 2002, 57/301 of 13 March 2003, 58/126 of 19 December 2003, 58/316 of 1 July 2004, 59/313 of 12 September 2005, 60/286 of 8 September 2006, 61/292 of 2 August 2007, 62/276 of 15 September 2008, 63/309 of 14 September 2009, 64/301 of 13 September 2010, 65/315 of 12 September 2011, 66/294 of 17 September 2012, 67/297 of 29 August 2013, 68/307 of 10 September 2014, 69/321 of 11 September 2015, 70/305 of 13 September 2016, 71/323 of 8 September 2017, 72/313 of 17 September 2018 and 73/341 of 12 September 2019, reaffirming the applicable procedures set out in the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in particular rule 141, and acknowledging existing relevant practices of the Assembly.		
162.	72/313 , para. 70 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 60; 70/305 , para. 42; and 69/321 , para. 33	Calls upon the President of the General Assembly to monitor and review the Assembly's implementation of these resolutions.	President of the General Assembly	Ongoing provision.
163.	69/321 , para. 35 <i>Also in:</i> 75/325 , paras. 55–56; 60/286 , annex, para. 19; and	Requests the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council to start the process of soliciting candidates for the position of Secretary-General through a joint letter addressed to all Member States, containing a description of the entire	President of the General Assembly, President of the Security Council	A joint letter by the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council dated 15 December 2015 was sent to all Member States (see A/70/623-S/2015/988). A joint letter by the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council dated

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	51/241 , annex, para. 60	process and inviting candidates to be presented in a timely manner.		<p>5 February 2021 was sent to all Member States (see A/75/780-S/2021/179).</p> <p>In its resolution 75/325, the General Assembly recommended that the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council, in future joint letters on the selection and appointment process of the Secretary-General, encourage Member States to publicize the call for nominations, including with civil society and other stakeholders with the aim of identifying potential candidates (para. 55), and decided that, in order to be circulated in a joint letter by the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council pursuant to the process established in resolution 69/321, nominations of candidates must be submitted by at least one Member State, in accordance with the ongoing practice (para. 56).</p>
164.	69/321 , para. 36	Also requests the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council to jointly circulate to all Member States on an ongoing basis the names of individuals that have been submitted for consideration as candidates for the position of Secretary-General together with accompanying documents, including curricula vitae.	President of the General Assembly, President of the Security Council	The President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council jointly circulated the names of the individuals that were submitted for consideration as candidates during the seventieth, seventy-first sessions and seventy-fifth sessions.
165.	70/305 , para. 38 <i>Also in:</i> 69/321 , para. 37	Notes that the selection and appointment of the next Secretary-General is expected to take place in 2016, and as a result requests, without prejudice to the role of the principal organs as enshrined in Article 97 of the Charter, the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session to actively support this process in accordance with the role accorded to him by relevant resolutions, including the present resolution.	Presidents of the seventieth and seventy-first sessions of the General Assembly	Implemented by the Presidents of the seventieth and seventy-first sessions of the General Assembly.

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166.	75/325 , para. 68 <i>Also in:</i> 70/305 , para. 39; 69/321 , para. 38; 68/307 , para. 28; 66/294 , para. 26; 60/286 , annex, para. 18; and 51/241 , annex, paras. 56 and 59	Notes that there is yet to be a woman Secretary-General, and invites Member States to bear this in mind in the future, when nominating candidates for the position of Secretary-General.	Member States (General Assembly, Security Council)	Ongoing provision.
167.	69/321 , para. 42 <i>Also in:</i> 75/325 , para. 58; and 60/286 , annex, para. 20	Decides, without prejudice to the role of the principal organs as enshrined in Article 97 of the Charter, to conduct informal dialogues or meetings with candidates for the position of Secretary-General, without any prejudice to any candidate who does not participate, thus contributing to the transparency and inclusivity of the process.	General Assembly, President of the General Assembly	<p>The Presidents of the seventieth and seventy-first sessions of the General Assembly organized informal dialogues with all candidates submitted for consideration as the ninth Secretary-General.</p> <p>In its resolution 72/313, the General Assembly recalled that informal dialogues and meetings with candidates for the post of Secretary-General, as provided for in paragraph 42 of its resolution 69/321, are an important part of the selection and appointment process, and encouraged the President of the General Assembly to further improve, in close consultation with Member States, the modalities of these dialogues in order to increase their efficiency and interactivity with Member States (para. 71).</p> <p>The informal dialogue with a candidate for the position of Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres, of Portugal, was held on 7 May 2021 pursuant to resolution 69/321 and subsequent related resolutions. The format of the dialogue was communicated by the President to all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations in New York in his letter dated 26 April 2021.</p> <p>In its resolution 75/325, the General Assembly noted with appreciation the presentation of a vision statement by the incumbent Secretary-General, and the informal dialogue with Member</p>

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				States and observers of the General Assembly on its content, including the engagement of civil society in line with the letter dated 26 April 2021 from the President of the General Assembly, and encouraged the continuation of such practices (para. 58).
C. Provisions related to the appointment and duration of the term				
168.	73/341 , para. 45 <i>Also in:</i> 75/325 , para. 60	Decides that the Secretary-General-designate shall take an oath of office before the General Assembly during a swearing-in ceremony, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution.	Secretary-General-designate	Ongoing provision. During the seventy-fifth session, on 18 June 2021, the Secretary-General-designate took an oath of office before the General Assembly during a swearing-in ceremony, as detailed in the annex to its resolution 73/341 (see A/75/PV.82).
169.	60/286 , annex, para. 21 <i>Also in:</i> 51/241 , annex, para. 61	Recalls paragraph 61 of its resolution 51/241 , in which it is stated that, in order to ensure a smooth and efficient transition, the Secretary-General should be appointed as early as possible, preferably no later than one month before the date on which the term of the incumbent expires.	General Assembly, Security Council	The provision is being implemented to the extent possible. Resolution 71/4 , by which the General Assembly appointed António Guterres Secretary-General of the United Nations for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2017 and ending on 31 December 2021, was adopted on 13 October 2016. Resolution 75/286 , by which the Assembly appointed António Guterres Secretary-General of the United Nations for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2022 and ending on 31 December 2026, was adopted on 18 June 2021.
170.	51/241 , annex, para. 58	The duration of the term or terms of appointment, including the option of a single term, shall be considered before the appointment of the next Secretary-General.	Member States	Member States decide on the duration of the term on a case-by-case basis, on the recommendation of the Security Council. At the seventieth session, the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group convened an informal brainstorming session on, inter alia, the possibility of modifying the term of office to a single, non-renewable term, and of recommending more than one candidate for consideration by the General Assembly. The Working Group continued to discuss the issue at the subsequent sessions.

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D. Miscellaneous/other				
171.	75/325 , para. 69 <i>Also in:</i> 73/341 , para. 50; 72/313 , para. 80; 71/323 , para. 65; and 69/321 , para. 40	Requests the Office of Human Resources of the Secretariat to continue with the practice of providing a briefing to the Ad Hoc Working Group, during the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly, on the gender and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization, as well as with a breakdown showing those originating from the States that are permanent members of the Security Council.	Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance	<p>At the sixty-ninth session, the Ad Hoc Working Group, on 22 March 2016, was briefed by the Acting Director of the Strategic Planning and Staffing Division of the Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Management, on the gender balance and regional origin of executive heads and the Senior Management Group of the United Nations.</p> <p>During the seventy-third session, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources briefed the Working Group on the gender balance and regional origin of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group.</p> <p>During the seventy-fourth session, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources briefed the Working Group on the gender and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization.</p> <p>During the seventy-fifth session, the Director of the Global Strategy and Policy Division, Office of Human Resources, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, briefed the Working Group on the gender and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization.</p> <p>During the seventy-seventh session, a briefing by the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance will be provided.</p>
172.	73/341 , para. 46 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , para. 75; 71/323 , para. 61; and 70/305 , para. 43	Welcomes again the ongoing efforts of the Secretary-General towards achieving equal and fair distribution in terms of the gender and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management	Secretary-General	<p>Implemented on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>In its resolution 72/313, the General Assembly took note of the call by the Secretariat to all Member States encouraging the nomination of candidates to supplement the Secretary-General's search to ensure a wide pool of candidates for</p>

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		<p>Group of the Organization, while securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, in accordance with Article 101 of the Charter and its resolutions 46/232 of 2 March 1992, 51/241, and 71/263 of 23 December 2016, commends in particular the fact that gender parity was achieved in the Senior Management Group, and requests that further effective measures be taken in this regard.</p>		<p>positions at the senior level (para. 76).</p> <p>In its resolutions 73/341 and 75/325, the General Assembly welcomed the fact that gender parity had already been reached in the Senior Management Group, and commended the Secretary-General's commitment to reach gender parity and to recruit staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible across the United Nations Organization.</p>
173.	<p>72/313, para. 77</p> <p><i>Also in:</i></p> <p>71/323, para. 62;</p> <p>70/305, para. 44;</p> <p>and 69/321, para. 43</p>	<p>Recalls its resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, in particular paragraph 2 thereof, in which it notes that the Secretary-General will appoint the Deputy Secretary-General following consultations with Member States, stresses that the process of appointments to senior posts by the Secretary-General within the Organization should be inclusive and transparent, in accordance with relevant rules of procedure and as set out in the Charter, and in this context calls upon the Secretary-General to announce such vacancies well in advance.</p>	Secretary-General	<p>Ongoing provision.</p> <p>In its resolution 73/341, the General Assembly supported the request of the Secretary-General for Member States to submit the names and résumés of nationals who might be considered for positions of executive heads and senior management of the Secretariat (para. 47).</p>
174.	<p>75/325, para. 67</p> <p><i>Also in:</i></p> <p>73/341, para. 49;</p> <p>72/313, para. 78;</p> <p>71/323, para. 63; and</p> <p>70/305, para. 45</p>	<p>Reiterates the need to ensure equal and fair distribution based on gender balance and as wide a geographical basis as possible, while also being diverse from a multilingual perspective, and in this regard recalls its resolutions 46/232 and 51/241, adopted without a vote, which contain the principles that the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity are the paramount considerations in the recruitment and performance of international civil servants, and that candidates' independence should be considered.</p>	Secretary-General	Ongoing provision.

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175.	75/325 , para. 66 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , para. 79; and 71/323 , para. 64	Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General that he continue his ongoing efforts to ensure the attainment of equitable geographical distribution in the Secretariat and to ensure as wide a geographical distribution of staff as possible in all departments and offices and at all levels, including at the Director and higher levels, of the Secretariat.	Secretary-General	Ongoing provision.
176.	72/313 , para. 81	Invites the specialized agencies, funds and programmes to maintain updated information regarding the past and present executive heads on their official websites in order to strengthen transparency, as well as accessibility of the historical record.	Specialized agencies, funds and programmes	The Secretariat informed the heads of the specialized agencies, funds and programmes about the invitation by the Assembly. A number of them responded that this provision had already been implemented.
177.	72/313 , para. 82	Requests the Secretariat to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-third session on the issue of candidacies of senior United Nations officials currently holding office, in order to enhance transparency and equity of the appointment process.	Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance	During the seventy-third session, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources briefed the Working Group.

Cluster IV: strengthening the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly

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A. Provisions related to the competencies of the President of the General Assembly				
178.	70/305 , para. 57	Decides that the President-elect of the General Assembly shall take an oath of office of his or her own, as detailed in annex I to the present resolution, at the moment of handing over the gavel in the final plenary meeting of the preceding session, and decides that the text of the oath shall be annexed to the rules of procedure of the Assembly.	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	<p>Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The oath of office was first taken by the President-elect of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly at the 118th plenary meeting of the seventieth session of the Assembly, on 13 September 2016.</p> <p>The rules of procedure have been reissued (A/520/Rev.19) and include the oath of office under annex X.</p> <p>In its resolution 71/323, the General Assembly welcomed the taking of the oath of office and the observation of the code of ethics by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as contained in annexes X and XI to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, thus contributing to increased transparency and accountability of the Office (para. 67).</p>
179.	70/305 , para. 58	Also decides that the President of the General Assembly shall observe a code of ethics, as detailed in annex II to the present resolution, and further decides that the text of the code of ethics for the President of the Assembly shall be annexed to the rules of procedure of the Assembly.	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	<p>Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>The rules of procedure have been reissued (A/520/Rev.20) and include the code of ethics for the President of the General Assembly under annex XI.</p>
180.	72/313 , para. 85 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 69; 70/305 , para. 49; 69/321 , para. 46; 68/307 , para. 31; 67/297 , para. 27; 66/294 , para. 29; 65/315 , para. 24; 64/301 , para. 13; and 63/309 , para. 4	Encourages the President of the General Assembly to continue the practice of periodically briefing Member States on his or her activities, including official travel.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.

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181.	70/305 , para. 51 <i>Also in:</i> 69/321 , para. 48; and 68/307 , para. 33	Encourages exchanges between the President-elect of the General Assembly and the Council of Presidents of the General Assembly so that Presidents-elect may benefit from the experiences of former Presidents in terms of best practices and lessons learned.	President of the General Assembly	Provision is implemented on an ongoing basis.
182.	72/313 , para. 90	Highly commends the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session for introducing the morning dialogues, envisaged as informal discussions among Permanent Representatives on the substantive and practical aspects of work of the Assembly, and strongly encourages the continuation of the valuable practice of regular meetings between the President and the Permanent Representatives.	President of the General Assembly, Member States	The President of the seventy-second session introduced the practice of regular morning dialogues with the Permanent Representatives. This practice has continued through the seventy-fifth session.
183.	73/341 , para. 60 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313 , para. 87; 71/323 , para. 71; 70/305 , para. 52; 69/321 , para. 49; 67/297 , para. 32; 66/294 , para. 36; 65/315 , para. 28; 64/301 , para. 17; and 60/286 , annex, para. 9	Emphasizes the importance of a handover report for the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly in accordance with resolution 69/321 and other relevant mandates contained in resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the Assembly.	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Implemented on an ongoing basis. The President of the seventy-second session shared with all Member States, in a letter dated 17 September 2018, the handover summary received from his predecessor, which was prepared on the basis of a standardized format developed by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management and with the Department's technical assistance. The President of the seventy-third session continued the practice and shared with all Member States, in a letter dated 16 September 2019, the handover report to the President-elect. The President of the seventy-fourth session shared with all Member States, in a letter dated 15 September 2020, the handover report to the President-elect. The President of the seventy-fifth session shared with all Member States, in a letter dated 14 September 2021, the handover report to the President-elect.

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184.	75/325 , para. 80 <i>Also in:</i> 73/341 , para. 59	Requests the Secretariat to issue, during the seventy-seventh session, within existing resources, in coordination with the Office of the President of the General Assembly, a compendium of best practices of past Presidents that could serve to contribute to strengthening the institutional memory of the Office.	Secretariat, in coordination with the Office of the President of the General Assembly	An update will be provided at the seventy-seventh session.
185.	72/313 , para. 101 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 84; 70/305 , para. 69; 69/321 , para. 56; 68/307 , para. 40; and 67/297 , para. 29	Requests the President of the General Assembly, in cooperation with the Secretariat, to report to the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-third session of the Assembly on the implementation of all mandates accorded to her under the present resolution and previous relevant resolutions.	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Ongoing provision. The Presidents of the General Assembly have been reporting to the Working Group.
186.	58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 7	In June of each year, the President-elect of the General Assembly, after taking into account the views provided by Member States and following consultations with the incumbent President and the Secretary-General, will suggest an issue, or issues, of global concern upon which Member States will be invited to comment during the general debate at the forthcoming session of the Assembly. The views provided by Member States should also be summarized and circulated to Member States. Such suggestions regarding the issue(s) for comment will be without prejudice to the sovereign right of Member States to solely and entirely determine the content of their general debate statements.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The President-elect of the seventy-fourth session proposed the following theme: “Galvanizing multilateral efforts for poverty eradication, quality education, climate action and inclusion”. The President-elect of the seventy-fifth session proposed the following theme: “The future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism – confronting COVID-19 through effective multilateral action”. The President-elect of the seventy-sixth session proposed the following theme: “Building resilience through hope – to recover from COVID-19, rebuild sustainably, respond to the needs of the planet, respect the rights of people, and revitalize the United Nations”.

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187.	71/323 , para. 73	Decides, in full respect of the established principle of geographical rotation and its resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, to conduct informal interactive dialogues with candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, thus contributing to the transparency and inclusivity of the process, and calls upon candidates to present to the Assembly their vision statements.	General Assembly	<p>Ongoing provision. In its resolution 72/313, the General Assembly strongly welcomed the organization of informal dialogues with candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, as well as the circulation of vision statements, as outlined in paragraph 73 of resolution 71/323 (para. 88).</p> <p>The President of the General Assembly at the seventy-third session convened an informal interactive dialogue with the candidate for the position of President of the General Assembly at the seventy-fourth session, on 13 May 2019.</p> <p>The President of the General Assembly at the seventy-fourth session convened an informal interactive dialogue virtually with the candidate for the position of President of the General Assembly at the seventy-fifth session, on 15 May 2020.</p> <p>The President of the General Assembly at the seventy-fifth session convened interactive dialogues with the two candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly at the seventy-sixth session, on 6 May 2021.</p>
188.	72/313 , para. 89	Requests the Ad Hoc Working Group to establish, in close consultation with the President of the General Assembly, the guidelines for the informal interactive dialogue with candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, including the question of participants, duration and format.	Ad Hoc Working Group	<p>In its resolution 73/341, the General Assembly called upon the President of the General Assembly to organize the informal interactive dialogue of the Member States with the candidate(s) for the position of President of the General Assembly pursuant to resolution 71/323 as a question and answer session with targeted and relevant questions, that would serve as a follow-up to the vision statement of the candidate(s) and draw on the plans and priorities of each candidate for his or her term, and emphasized the need to provide enough time so that all participants would have the opportunity to put forward questions (para. 61). For the dates on which the interactive dialogues were held, see provision 187.</p>

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B. Provisions related to the financial, logistic and technical support for the President of the General Assembly				
189.	72/313 , para. 96 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 79; 70/305 , para. 64; 69/321 , para. 54; and 68/307 , para. 38	Requests the Secretary-General to submit, in the context of the proposed programme budget for 2020, proposals to review the budget allocation of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, in accordance with existing procedures, including rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, and taking into account the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the issue, and in this connection looks forward to considering such proposals during the main part of its seventy-fourth session.	Secretary-General	<p>Pursuant to resolution 70/305, the Secretary-General, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, submitted the following proposals: (a) one new general temporary assistance position at the P-5 level to manage the continuity and transfer of knowledge between Presidents and sessions and assist in the preparation of the President's end-of-presidency report and in the handover for the President and/or the Office; and (b) additional general temporary assistance resources corresponding to an overlap period of one month for each of the four positions (2 D-2, 1 D-1 and 1 P-5) to maximize the use of the transition period for incoming Presidents on an annual basis (see A/72/6 (Sect. 1), paras. 1.8–1.26). At the end of the main part of the seventy-second session, the General Assembly decided against the establishment of the requested P-5 position but approved the additional general temporary assistance resources corresponding to an overlap period of one month to maximize the use of the transition period for incoming Presidents (see resolution 72/263).</p> <p>Pursuant to resolution 72/313 and in accordance with the recommendation in the report of the task force on the functioning of the Office of the President, the Secretary-General again included in the context of the proposed programme budget for 2020 the establishment of one additional P-5 position to support the Office of the President in managing the continuity and transfer of knowledge between Presidents and sessions, as well as to assist in the preparation of the President's end-of-presidency report and in the handover briefing for the President and/or the Office (see A/74/6 (Sect.1), para. 1.7). At the end of the main part of the seventy-fourth session, the General Assembly decided not to approve the proposed establishment of the requested P-5</p>

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				position and decided to maintain the transitional period of one month (see resolution 74/262 , para. 36).
190.	72/313 , para. 83 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 66; and 70/305 , para. 46	Commends the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session for strengthening the transparency and inclusivity of his Office, including through continuing the practices outlined in paragraph 66 of resolution 71/323 , and for voluntarily presenting the summary of his personal financial disclosure, and requests future Presidents of the Assembly to follow these good practices.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Detailed information on finances, official travel, staffing and activities of the Office of the President of the General Assembly are made available on the website of the President.
191.	70/305 , para. 53	Requests the President of the General Assembly to preserve the records and institutional memory during her or his term of office by using existing United Nations record-keeping and archiving facilities, taking into account existing record-keeping standards and practices of the Organization.	President of the General Assembly	To be implemented on an ongoing basis.
192.	71/323 , para. 72 <i>Also in:</i> 70/305 , para. 54	Supports the efforts made thus far in archiving and record-keeping by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, with the assistance of the Archives and Records Management Section of the Department of Management of the Secretariat, and stresses the need to continue to consider methods to effectively preserve the institutional memory of the Office.	Secretary-General	To be implemented on an ongoing basis upon receipt of relevant documentation from the Office of the President of the General Assembly.

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193.	75/325 , para. 79 <i>Also in:</i> 73/341 , para. 58	Requests the Secretary-General to take the measures necessary to preserve and further strengthen the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the General Assembly revitalization process, through utilizing existing United Nations record-keeping and archiving facilities, in particular in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management and the Department of Global Communications of the Secretariat.	Secretariat	To be implemented on an ongoing basis.
194.	70/305 , para. 59	Requests the Ethics Office of the Secretariat and the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management to provide an induction briefing to all Presidents of the General Assembly and members of the Office of the President of the General Assembly prior to the assumption of their duties.	Ethics Office, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Implemented on an ongoing basis. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management organized a two-day induction programme for the President-elect of the seventy-first session and his team, which took place on 7 and 8 September 2016 and included briefings on conference management support; the rules of procedure of the General Assembly; the programme of work of the seventy-first session; ethics, accountability and oversight; best practices in digital records management; communications and media; budget, finance, human resources and administrative matters; and an overview of the protocol services available to the President of the General Assembly. Induction briefings were provided for the Presidents-elect of the seventy-third, seventy-fourth and seventy-fifth sessions and their teams in September 2018, 2019 and 2020.
195.	72/313 , para. 94 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 77; and 70/305 , para. 61	Recalls its request to the Secretary-General and its invitation to the heads of specialized agencies, funds and programmes, upon request by the President of the General	Secretary-General, heads of specialized agencies, funds and programmes	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis.

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		Assembly, to consider seconding staff to work in the Office of the President of the General Assembly on a more systematic basis.		
196.	70/305 , para. 62	Decides that Presidents of the General Assembly shall provide financial disclosures upon assumption and completion of their duties, in line with the existing United Nations financial disclosure programme.	President of the General Assembly	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis.
197.	70/305 , para. 65	Also requests the Secretary-General to make non-staff programme budget resources available to Presidents of the General Assembly from the date of their election.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. In its resolution 72/313 , the General Assembly took note of the practice of making non-staff programme budget resources available to Presidents of the General Assembly from the date of their election (para. 97).
198.	72/313 , para. 100 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 83; and 70/305 , para. 67	Reiterates its call for non-in-kind contributions to be channelled through the trust fund, and welcomes steps taken in this regard by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session.	President of the General Assembly, Ethics Office	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis. In its resolution 72/313 , the General Assembly welcomed the continuation of the practice of vetting all contributions from sources other than Member States through the Ethics Office, and urged adherence to this practice (para. 99).
199.	73/341 , para. 62 <i>Also in:</i> 70/305 , para. 68	Encourages the Office of the President of the General Assembly to expedite the posting of all relevant documents, including the President's speeches, letters, travels, activities, decisions and press releases, on the relevant websites of the United Nations.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
200.	72/313 , para. 98 <i>Also in:</i> 71/323 , para. 81; 70/305 , para. 66; 69/321 , para. 55; 68/307 , para. 39;	Stresses the importance of the contributions of Member States to the trust fund in support of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, and in this regard notes with appreciation the contributions that have been made to the fund and	Member States	Since the adoption of resolution 66/294 , a number of contributions have been made to the trust fund in support of the Office of the President of the General Assembly. Furthermore, each incoming President of the Assembly is briefed about the fund and its modalities.

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	67/297, para. 28; 66/294, para. 33; and 64/301, para. 12	encourages Member States to continue to contribute to the fund and to allow for unspent contributions from previous sessions to be made available for succeeding terms.		Since the seventy-first session, the Presidents have published information concerning contributions made to the trust fund on their websites.
201.	73/341, para. 52 <i>Also in:</i> 72/313, para. 92; 71/323, para. 74; 70/305, para. 55; 69/321, para. 50; and 68/307, para. 34	Invites Member States to equally consider women as candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, and encourages Presidents-elect to continue to strive for both gender and geographical balance within the Office of the President of the General Assembly.	Member States	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis.
202.	75/325, paras. 76–78 <i>Also in:</i> 73/341, para. 56; 72/313, para. 93; 71/323, para. 75; 70/305, para. 56; 69/321, para. 51; 68/307, para. 35; 67/297, para. 30; 66/294, para. 34; and 65/315, para. 26	76. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide to the President of the General Assembly, within existing resources, adequate administrative, technical, logistical and protocol-related support necessary to effectively execute his or her mandates as president of a principal organ of the United Nations. 78. Requests the Secretariat to provide to the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly a written update with recommendations, and a briefing on the functioning of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, as a follow-up to the report of the Task Force convened by the Secretary-General in November 2015 and circulated in the annex to the letter dated 11 March 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly, taking into consideration its previous relevant resolutions.	Secretary-General	Ongoing provision. The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management briefed the Working Group at the seventy-fourth session on 9 June 2020 and at the seventy-fifth session on 11 March 2021. A briefing and a written update will be provided at the seventy-seventh session.

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203.	66/294 , para. 35 <i>Also in:</i> 65/315 , para. 27; 64/301 , para. 11; and 59/313 , para. 3 (d)	Requests the Secretary-General to further endeavour to ensure, within agreed resources, that the President of the General Assembly is provided with proper protocol and security services and adequate office space, with a view to enabling the President of the Assembly to carry out his or her functions in a manner commensurate with the dignity and stature of the Office.	Secretary-General	The Department of Safety and Security continues to provide close protection coverage for the President of the General Assembly from within existing resources, and the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management continues to provide protocol services to the Office of the President of the General Assembly. In addition, new office space has been made available to the Office in the renovated Conference Building.
204.	71/323 , para. 76 <i>Also in:</i> 70/305 , para. 60; 69/321 , para. 52; 68/307 , para. 36; 67/297 , paras. 31–32; 66/294 , para. 36; 65/315 , para. 28; 63/309 , para. 5; and 60/286 , annex, para. 9	Emphasizes the need to ensure, from within agreed resources, that the Office of the President of the General Assembly is allocated dedicated Secretariat staff, with responsibility to, in an efficient and capable manner, coordinate the transition between Presidents, manage interactions between the President and the Secretary-General and preserve institutional memory, welcomes the provision by Member States of staff from their respective Permanent Missions to be seconded to the Office of the President, and encourages the continuation of this existing good practice.	Secretariat, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management provides technical, procedural and substantive support to the Office of the President of the General Assembly throughout the year and briefs Presidents-elect and their teams on the work of the forthcoming session. As from 2016, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management organizes an induction programme each year. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management also serves as focal point for the institutional memory of the work and practices of the General Assembly within the Secretariat.
205.	59/313 , para. 3 (b)	Decides to strengthen the role and leadership of the President of the General Assembly by: (b) Augmenting the resources available to the Office of the President of the General Assembly from within existing resources, subject to consideration by the Assembly of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007, to provide for two further additional posts at	Secretary-General	Provision implemented as from the sixtieth session (A/61/483 , p. 18).

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		management and senior levels to be filled on an annual basis following consultations with the incoming President, beginning at the sixtieth session of the Assembly.		
206.	58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 10	The resources available to the Office of the President of the General Assembly in personnel and other support shall be augmented from within existing resources, bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 22 of the annex to resolution 55/285 . Five additional posts shall be made available to supplement current support, of which three shall be filled on an annual basis, following consultations with the incoming President, beginning at the fifty-ninth session of the Assembly.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented as from the fifty-ninth session (A/61/483 , p. 11, and A/62/608).
207.	55/285 , annex, para. 22 <i>Also in:</i> 51/241 , annex, para. 44	Additional measures are required to implement paragraph 44 of the annex to resolution 51/241 , in particular in the area of substantive support for the President of the General Assembly. Therefore, adequate support should be made available to the Office of the President in the substantive areas of its work. To this end, the Secretary-General is requested to take appropriate measures and to submit proposals to the relevant committees for their consideration during the fifty-sixth session of the Assembly.	Secretary-General	Implemented on an ongoing basis. See also other relevant provisions.

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208.	59/313 , para. 3 (c)	Decides to strengthen the role and leadership of the President of the General Assembly by: (c) Making available to the President of the General Assembly adequate office and conference space with a view to enabling the President to carry out his/her functions in a manner commensurate with the dignity and stature of the Office.	Secretary-General	As from the sixty-eighth session, new office space has been made available to the Office of the President of the General Assembly in the renovated Conference Building.
209.	60/286 , annex, para. 11 <i>Also in:</i> 58/126 , annex, sect. A, para. 11	Requests the Secretary-General to continue to make the necessary arrangements for the provision of transitional office accommodation and other support to the President-elect of the General Assembly, in accordance with resolution 58/126 .	Secretary-General	As from the fifty-ninth session, transitional office space and other support has been provided to the Presidents-elect (A/61/483 , p. 11, and A/62/608 , p. 6).

Annex II

Written updates on progress achieved thus far in the efforts aimed at improving the working methods of the Main Committees of the General Assembly pursuant to resolution 75/325

1. In accordance with paragraph 31 of General Assembly resolution 75/325, in which the Assembly requested “each Main Committee to submit to the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-sixth session a written update on progress achieved so far in the efforts aimed at improving the working methods of the Committees, taking into account recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group as appropriate”, and the letter by the Co-Chairs in that connection dated 17 August 2022, the written updates submitted by the Chairs of the Main Committees and the Secretary of the Third Committee through the Co-Chairs of the Working Group are reproduced in the present annex.

I. Update submitted by the Chair of the First Committee (seventy-sixth session)

2. Despite the continuing restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the First Committee was able to craft a programme of work during the seventy-sixth session that included all three traditional segments – that is, a general debate, thematic discussions and an action phase – and achieve its goals of contributing meaningfully to the General Assembly in the field of disarmament and international security. A total of 16 agenda items and 36 sub-items were allocated to the Committee, which held 18 in-person meetings (3 more meetings than in the seventy-fifth session) and 3 virtual meetings.

3. The Committee continued to adopt temporary measures in response to the pandemic, such as time limits for statements being strictly observed (microphones were automatically silenced once the time limit was achieved); a compendium of statements on specific thematic clusters reflecting positions of delegations that could not be delivered in person; and statements in explanation of vote and in the exercise of right of reply being shortened substantially.

4. In response to feedback from States requesting a return to the Committee’s established working methods, the traditional thematic discussions suspended in 2020 resumed in 2021. Given the time constraints, the Committee agreed that statements be presented in-person, in written form or as pre-recorded statements. During the current session, given the limited number of in-person meetings available for the work of the Committee, statements were made on combined thematic clusters rather than the seven individual clusters. Owing to the limitations on conference room availability, the Secretariat arranged for virtual conference rooms for informal consultations.

5. In finalizing arrangements for the current session, the Bureau considered an options paper prepared by the Secretariat on possible best- and worst-case scenarios depending on the fluidity of the pandemic. By the end of August, it was clear that States preferred to build on rather than return to the experience at the seventy-fifth session, as most delegates had been vaccinated. States also expressed a preference for more meetings, one conference room for the action phase of the First Committee, and to have more than one representative in the room. Between 30 August and 30 September 2021 (the date of the organizational meeting of the Committee), the Bureau met five times on options for the Committee’s programme of work, finally deciding on 22 September to include the thematic discussions in its programme of work and to give priority to social distancing in its decision on conference rooms.

6. Over the years, significant efforts have been made to rationalize the work of the Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee), concentrating on

rearranging its agenda and improving its organization of work. Past decisions of the General Assembly in this regard include resolutions 42/42N of 30 November 1987, 48/87 of 16 December 1993, 49/85 of 15 December 1994, 57/300 of 20 December 2002, 58/41 of 8 December 2003, 58/126 of 19 December 2003, 58/316 of 1 July 2004 and 59/95 of 3 December 2004 and decision 52/416 B of 8 September 1998.

7. In the years just prior to the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly (2005 World Summit), several major initiatives were undertaken by the Assembly and the First Committee to specifically address their respective working methods. The general perception at the time was that the Assembly, the chief deliberative, representative and policy-making organ of the United Nations, was underperforming, its agenda was opaque, its working methods were antiquated and its public image was staid. For the First Committee, the concern was that the vacuum in multilateral arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation would have been filled by the Security Council and ad hoc arrangements and thus it was imperative for the United Nations to have an effective and relevant Assembly and First Committee, with minimal overlap between the Charter bodies.

8. In asking the Secretary-General, in its resolution 58/126, to submit an agenda of the Assembly organized around the priorities of the Organization, the General Assembly acknowledged that it would be advantageous for the Assembly to have a shorter agenda to ensure the fullest discussion of all issues so that its decisions might have greater impact. With respect to the First Committee, the decision was taken to biennialize and triennialize some of the items on its agenda and to merge items. At the same time, Member States were encouraged to reduce the number of draft resolutions they submitted annually and to avoid the introduction of “routine” draft resolutions. It was also suggested in the Committee that “routine” or “procedural” draft resolutions could be adopted as decisions of the First Committee proposed by the Chair in consultation with Member States. These early attempts to streamline the agenda of the First Committee later encountered political resistance from Member States, leading to a burgeoning agenda of the Committee.

9. There has certainly been better advance planning and preparation of the work of the First Committee with the full Bureau elected three months in advance of the next session of the General Assembly in accordance with resolution 58/126. Since the forty-ninth session of the Assembly, the election of the Chair of the First Committee proceeded by rotation between regional groups. A practice emerged that the regional group from which the Rapporteur came would chair the Committee the following year. However, this practice has not been consistent. Indeed, there has been a trend since the sixty-fifth session that the regional group from which the Chair came assumed the post of Rapporteur the following year.

10. Over the years, the working methods of the First Committee continue to be influenced by decisions taken by the wider General Assembly plenary (for example, decision 68/505 of 1 October 2013 on the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees of the General Assembly and resolution 68/307 and the annex thereto on guidelines on the election of the chairs and rapporteurs of the Main Committees of the General Assembly) and the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly. In accordance with decision 52/416 B of 8 September 1998, the work of the First Committee does not exceed five weeks, and in view of resolutions 58/316 and 59/95, the Committee’s current programme of work is divided into three distinct stages: general debate; thematic discussions; and consideration of and action on proposals. At its forty-eighth session, in an attempt to restructure and reorganize the annual agenda of the First Committee, the General Assembly had decided already to adopt a thematic approach by clustering items presented by Member States into the following 10 broad topic areas for more detailed and focused discussion: nuclear weapons; other weapons of mass destruction;

conventional weapons; regional disarmament and security; confidence-building measures, including transparency in armaments; outer space (disarmament aspects); disarmament machinery; other disarmament measures; international security; and related matters of disarmament and international security (see resolution 48/87). A decade later, at the fifty-ninth session, the Chair of the Committee reported to the President of the Assembly, in a letter dated 5 November 2004, the initiative of the Committee to order the items and sub-items allocated to it in seven clusters: nuclear weapons; other weapons of mass destruction; outer space (disarmament aspects); conventional weapons; regional disarmament and security; other disarmament measures and international security; and disarmament machinery.

11. In more recent years, the discussions on the working methods of the Committee have been focused and specific. Member States called for an early warning as to the drafts for which programme budget implications would be issued. They also asked that oral statements be distributed at least a day in advance and for closer communication and coordination among the respective Secretariat offices involved in the programme budget implication process. The discussions on financial implications, however, can run into political rather technical difficulties, with some delegations expressing the view that programme budget implications should not influence substantive proposals and that while the Committee should bear in mind the availability of funds, this should not determine disarmament and international security programmes and mandates.

12. On the subject of panel discussions (introduced in 2004) and briefings, while some delegations viewed them as important and informative, many others thought that they were not as effective nor as interactive as intended. This was attributed to repetitive topics and panellists presenting standard reports on the work of their respective organizations. Some considered that the composition of panels could be more balanced and diversified and include former heads of United Nations system organizations and experts from civil society, including academia. Further, the themes of panels should be relevant, interesting, up-to-date and diverse.

13. With respect to time management, it was agreed that non-adherence to time limits was detrimental to managing the work of the Committee. Calls were made for the firm enforcement of time limits. It was suggested that general statements be discontinued during the action phase or reserved exclusively for the introduction or revisions of draft proposals. Support was also expressed for the biennial, triennial or even quadrennial consideration of proposals that contained only technical updates. In view of the time management discussions, a buzzer system has been in use for more than five years to alert States that their time limit had been reached. The introduction of the e-deleGATE portal, including e-speakers and e-sponsorship, has been a welcome development.

Figure
General debate statistics

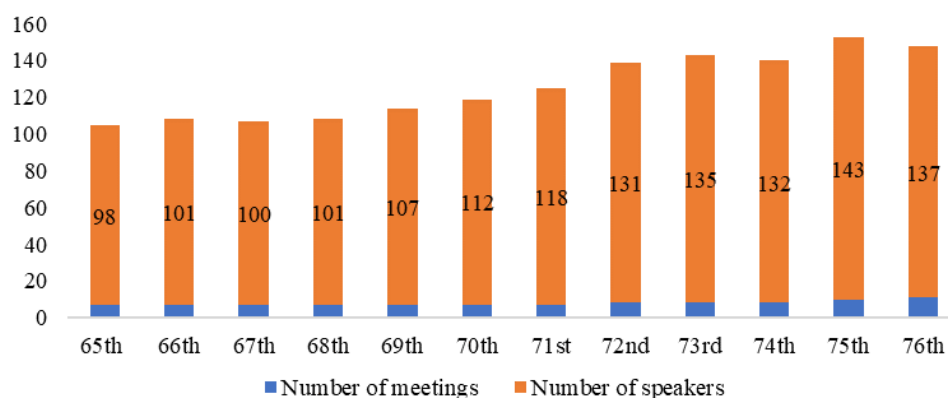


Table
Voting patterns in the First Committee

<i>Session</i>	<i>65th</i>	<i>66th</i>	<i>67th</i>	<i>68th</i>	<i>69th</i>	<i>70th</i>	<i>71st</i>	<i>72nd</i>	<i>73rd</i>	<i>74th</i>	<i>75th</i>	<i>76th</i>
With a vote (separate votes)	25	21	25	32	31	29	35 (29)	30 (27)	39 (50)	40 (58)	40 [80]	37 [66]
Without a vote	33	31	34	21	32	28	34	28	29	19	31	24

II. Update submitted by the Chair of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (seventy-sixth session)

14. The written input on the working methods of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) is presented to the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly, further to the briefing on 11 May 2022 and pursuant to Assembly resolution [75/325](#).

15. The written input consists of three parts: a summary of the methods of work of the Fourth Committee before the COVID-19 pandemic; the innovative arrangements implemented during the seventy-fifth and seventy-sixth sessions, owing to the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic; and a summary of the informal meeting of the Committee on its working methods held on 22 April 2022.

A. Summary of methods of work before the COVID-19 pandemic

16. As background, until 1993, when the General Assembly had seven Main Committees, the Special Political Committee was listed in United Nations documents and publications chronologically between the First and Second Committee. After the merger of the Special Political and the Fourth Committee pursuant to Assembly resolution [47/233](#) of 17 August 1993, the Committee was named the “Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)” and took the chronological place of the Special Political Committee, following the First Committee. Therefore, in some publications such as the Journal, the order of the Committees is: First, Fourth, Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth.

1. Organization of work

17. Meetings of the Fourth Committee were held exclusively in-person, mainly in Conference Room 4.

18. Traditionally, the session started with six meetings, at which the Committee considered the five decolonialization items and heard statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories and petitioners (e.g. during the seventieth and seventy-first sessions). The meeting number for this topic was raised to seven meetings in 2017 and 2018 (at the seventy-second and seventy-third sessions) and eight meetings in 2019 (at the seventy-fourth session).

19. Other yearly topics of the Fourth Committee included “International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space” (three to four meetings), “Questions relating to information” (three meetings), “Effects of atomic radiation” (one meeting), “Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects” (four meetings), “Comprehensive review of special political missions” (one meeting), “United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East” (two meetings), “Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories” (three meetings) and a final meeting for taking action on

the last two topics as well as to discuss “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly” and “Programme planning”.

20. Moreover, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee had one biennial item, “Assistance in mine action” (one meeting), and one triennial item, “University for Peace” (one meeting).

21. At the sixty-eighth session, as mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution [67/123](#), the agenda item entitled “Comprehensive review of special political missions” was added to the agenda of the Committee. No new item has been added to the agenda of the Fourth Committee since then.

22. Outside the main part of the session of the General Assembly, the Committee usually holds two formal meetings during the resumed session, one to take action on related substantive proposals based on the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and one on the election of the incoming Bureau, as well as one informal meeting with an interactive dialogue with high-level representatives of the Secretariat regarding special political missions.

2. General debates and action on draft proposals

23. Before the pandemic, the Committee considered its agenda items in the following pattern with certain exceptions: a general debate per agenda item followed by action on proposals under the respective item.

24. Exceptions were the decolonization items, which the Committee considered in a clustered manner, meaning with a joint general debate followed by joint action on all draft proposals submitted under these items. The Committee also heard the representatives of non-self-governing territories and petitioners during this period.

25. Further, the Committee held separate general debates on the agenda items concerning the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and Israeli practices, but took action on the draft proposals submitted under both items usually at the same meeting.

26. Draft proposals had different origins. Some draft resolutions were submitted as Chair’s texts, others by Member States individually or by a group. Some proposals were contained in the annual reports of subsidiary bodies, such as the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, the Committee on Information or the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

27. There was an established pattern by which the Committee adopted proposals on some issues by consensus and others by vote.

3. Introductory statements and interactive dialogues

28. Another exception to the pattern of general debate followed by action on proposals was the Committee’s practice of having introductory statements by officials of subsidiary bodies and interactive dialogues with high-level representatives of the Secretariat and heads of agencies before beginning the general debates on certain agenda items, in accordance with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution [58/316](#).

29. These agenda items include “Questions relating to information”, “Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects”, “Comprehensive review of special political missions”, “Effects of atomic radiation” and the agenda items “United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East” and “Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories”, which had a question-and-answer period.

4. Alternating meetings between First and Fourth Committees

30. In accordance with General Assembly resolution [51/241](#), the First and Fourth Committees alternated on a weekly basis in holding their meetings either in the morning or in the afternoon. The secretariats of the two Committees coordinated in preparing the draft programme of work for each session. The Committee was believed to benefit from this practice, given that it allowed active coverage of the two Committees by smaller delegations. However, owing to the expanding workload of the Committee, some overlap of meetings between the two Committees had become unavoidable.

5. Joint panel discussion, First and Fourth Committees

31. In keeping with efforts towards closer coordination and cooperation among Main Committees in identifying and addressing cross-cutting issues, while respecting the division of responsibilities, the First and Fourth Committees had held, biennially, a joint panel discussion since the seventieth session on possible challenges to space security and sustainability (at the seventieth, seventy-second and seventy-fourth sessions).

6. Time management

32. Regarding the time limitations for interventions before the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee was guided and conducted its work regarding explanations of vote and rights of reply in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401 (document [A/520/Rev.19](#), annex V). Time limits regarding points of order followed the decision by the General Committee taken at its first meeting at the respective session (i.e. for the seventy-fifth session, on 20 September 2019). For time limits for speakers, the Committee referred to paragraph 4 of resolution [49/221 B](#), in which the Assembly requested the Chairs of the relevant organs and subsidiary bodies of the Assembly to propose to Member States, at the beginning of each session, the adoption of time limits for speakers. Hence, the time limits were as follows:

- (a) Statements in the joint general debate on various agenda items: 15 minutes for statements on behalf of groups and 10 minutes for national statements;
- (b) Statements in explanations of vote: 10 minutes;
- (c) The first intervention in the exercise of the right of reply for any delegation on any item at a given meeting was 10 minutes, and the second intervention 5 minutes;
- (d) Points of order: 5 minutes;
- (e) Statements by petitioners were restricted to four minutes (microphones being automatically cut off after the time limit had expired).

7. Hearing of petitioners

33. The Fourth Committee had the aforementioned practice to hear representatives of NSGTs and petitioners in-person under the decolonialization item with the number of petitioners steadily growing (compare 16 in 2002 to 130 petitioners in 2019).

8. Composition of the Bureau

34. The election of the Chair of the Committee was conducted pursuant to the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees of the General Assembly as contained in the annex to Assembly resolutions [68/307](#) and [72/313](#).

35. Following an initiative in the seventy-fourth session, but only realized at its seventy-fifth session, and in order to establish a predictable and transparent procedure

for the election of the Rapporteur, the Committee adopted the following oral draft decision:

“The Committee decides, in accordance with paragraph 4 of the annex to General Assembly resolution [68/307](#), that the Rapporteur of the Fourth Committee shall be elected from the regional group that held the chairmanship of the Committee at the previous session, and requests that the regional group concerned nominate a candidate for the post of Rapporteur of the Committee accordingly” (see [A/C.4/75/SR.1](#)).

36. It has been proven useful to have a meeting between the outgoing and the incoming Bureaux shortly after the election of the new Bureau, following the provisions of resolution [71/323](#) and subsequent resolutions.

9. Webcast

37. Finally, as decided by the General Assembly in resolution [66/246](#), all formal meetings of the Fourth Committee were webcast, serving public transparency and establishing a useful reference source.

B. Innovative arrangements implemented owing to the restrictions of the coronavirus disease pandemic

38. Following is a description of the innovative organizational arrangements of the seventy-fifth and the current sessions to facilitate the Committee’s work, which were exceptionally adopted, without setting a precedent, and implemented to respond to the challenges by the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. Organization of work

39. The agenda allocation for the Fourth Committee remained unchanged compared to the years before the pandemic. However, to follow applicable social distancing rules, the General Assembly and the six Main Committees could only hold in-person meetings in the General Assembly Hall and the combined conference rooms 1, 2 and 3. Moreover, the United Nations Secretariat provided platforms for virtual informal meetings.

40. Following the example of the previous session, the organization of work of the Fourth Committee during this session was the result of extensive consultations and coordination between the incoming Chair, Bureau members-designate, Member States, observers and the Committee secretariat, which were needed in view of the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

41. The balance between in-person meetings, the joint general debate and an informal as well as a virtual meeting for introductory statements in view of the limited conference room availability for in-person meetings during the main part of the session was struck by the Bureau on the basis of experience at the previous session.

42. At the seventy-fifth session, owing to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee had held for the first time, on an exceptional basis and without setting a precedent, a joint general debate on all its agenda items, and held some meetings as virtual or hybrid meetings. The Committee followed this approach at the current session as well, on an exceptional basis and without setting a precedent in view of the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic (see details below).

2. Joint meeting of incoming/outgoing Bureaux

43. The Bureau has observed the practice of a joint meeting between the incoming and outgoing Bureaux for a proper turnover following the provisions of resolution [71/323](#) and subsequent resolutions. Owing to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, it had been held in a virtual format.

3. Joint general debate and action on draft proposals

44. Owing to the limited number of meetings allocated to it during the pandemic, the Committee held a consolidated joint general debate on all substantive agenda items before it, during the course of which it heard 131 statements (including 12 by groups), of which 34 were made by women delegates. In addition, 25 written statements were submitted to the Committee secretariat, which were uploaded to the Fourth Committee's space on e-deleGATE and posted on the Committee's public website.

45. As during the seventy-fifth session, action on draft proposals submitted under all agenda items was taken in a consolidated manner at the end of the session on a rolling basis in accordance with the numbering of agenda items, over the course of two meetings, held on 9 and 11 November 2021. The Committee adopted 38 draft proposals, 12 of which were adopted by a vote. A checklist of draft proposals contained in the Committee's reports to the plenary and the record of the plenary's action on 9 December 2021 is contained in document [A/C.4/76/INF/3/Rev.1](#).

46. The Committee resumed its consideration of agenda item 56, "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations on all their aspects", adopting a resolution in its 17th meeting, held on 20 April 2022.

4. Introductory statements and interactive dialogues

47. The Committee continued to hear introductory statements from officers of its subsidiary bodies and senior Secretariat officials and engaged in an interactive dialogue with the latter in a combination of in-person formal and virtual informal meetings. The innovative working arrangement of virtual meetings from the previous session was continued by holding a hybrid meeting (on 15 October 2021) and a fully virtual format on the Zoom platform (on 18 October 2021), prior to the start of the joint general debate.

5. Time limits

48. In view of its heavy agenda and the reduction in the number of meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee had approved the following time limits, on an exceptional basis, for its seventy-fifth session for the sake of effective time management and for the seventy-sixth session, also on an exceptional basis, as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic was ongoing. One innovation necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic was that strict compliance with time limits for statements had been enforced for Member States and that a time limit for the introduction of draft proposals had been agreed at the organizational meeting of the Committee, as follows:

- (a) Statements in the joint general debate: 10 minutes for national statements and 15 minutes for statements on behalf of groups;
- (b) Statements in explanations of vote: 5 minutes;
- (c) The first intervention in the exercise of the right of reply for any delegation at a given meeting was 5 minutes, and the second intervention 3 minutes;
- (d) Points of order: 3 minutes;
- (e) Statements in introduction of draft proposals by main sponsors: 3 minutes (this was new, as there was previously no time limit);
- (f) Statements by petitioners were restricted to 4 minutes, as before the COVID-19 pandemic (microphones being automatically cut off after the time limit had expired).

6. Petitioners

49. During the seventy-fifth session, no non-self-governing territories representatives and petitioners could be heard under the decolonization items owing to the restrictions on in-person meetings. At the seventy-sixth session, although the COVID-19 pandemic was ongoing, the Committee was able to return to its annual interaction with the representatives and petitioners of the non-self-governing territories on its agenda under the decolonization cluster. Owing to logistical and technical challenges, this interaction was innovatively adjusted to the risk-mitigation and social distancing requirements in place.

50. Accordingly, and as petitioners were not allowed access to the General Assembly Hall nor its gallery, the petitioners hearings were held in conference rooms 1, 2 and 3. Another conference room served as a temporary “holding area” in which petitioners could wait for their turn to be escorted into conference room 2, where they addressed the Committee from a seat at the back of the room. Petitioners were asked to vacate their seats after addressing the Committee. The seats were then sanitized before the next batch of petitioners were escorted to these seats from conference room 4 by secretariat staff.

51. The Committee heard a total of 70 petitioners and four representatives of 5 non-self-governing territories under the decolonization items during its seventy-sixth session.

7. Delegation size

52. As part of the COVID-19 risk mitigating measures, only four representatives per delegation were allowed to take a seat in the General Assembly Hall, and two in conference rooms 1, 2 and 3. Observers were requested to limit their delegation to one representative only. Delegates were requested to proceed to their national seats immediately upon entering the Hall, or conference rooms 1, 2 and 3. Seating charts for both venues were drafted to ensure adequate physical distancing and transmitted to delegations via e-deleGATE in order to assist delegations in advance. Once seated, delegates were requested to remain in their seats for the duration of the meeting. All statements were delivered by delegations from their national seats.

8. Electronic functionalities

53. The Fourth Committee successfully utilized a number of virtual platforms during its seventy-fifth and seventy-sixth sessions, including Microsoft Teams (for Bureau meetings), Cisco WebEx (for informal consultations on draft proposals by main sponsors) and Zoom (for informal meetings of the Committee during the seventy-sixth session) in order to conduct its work. The Committee held one hybrid informal meeting and one virtual informal meeting.

54. The Committee also continued to successfully utilize the electronic functionalities offered via the e-deleGATE platform, as well as eStatements, to post the full versions of their statements delivered during the session.

9. Webcast

55. Finally, the Committee continued, as decided by the General Assembly in its resolution [66/246](#), to webcast its formal meetings during the seventy-fifth and seventy-sixth sessions, which was particularly useful for those delegations who were unable to attend the in-person meetings.

C. Informal meeting on its working methods

56. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee continued to examine ways to revitalize its work, as requested by relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 75/325. In that regard, the Bureau decided to convene, for the first time, an informal meeting dedicated to the discussion of its working methods on 22 April 2022.

57. While the objective of the meeting was not to take any decision, it proved to be a good way to commence the process of discussing and revitalizing the working methods of the Fourth Committee with a transparent and interactive discussion.

58. Delegations were encouraged to take the opportunity to reflect on any best practices and lessons learned with a view to improving the working methods of the Fourth Committee. The Member States conveyed their views on many of the working methods exceptionally adopted at its seventy-sixth session, as the session took place in the contest of the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

59. While the Committee must still continue its consideration on these working methods, it is important to take this opportunity to share the feedback on some of these aspects while underlining that the following working methods still require further consideration by the Committee:

- (a) Ensuring strict compliance with the time limits for statements;
- (b) Maintaining the important in-person meetings but taking advantage of possibilities for virtual participation for certain meetings, including virtual briefings by senior United Nations officials in the interactive dialogues of the Committee;
- (c) Avoiding simultaneous formal and informal meetings between different committees and commissions, following the alternating pattern of the First and Fourth Committees;
- (d) Publication of the list of speakers before meetings.

60. There was no common position on the assessment of the joint general debate for several agenda items. While some delegations welcomed this modality, others expressed their preference for the previous pattern of work of the Fourth Committee. The importance of holding debates on specific items, such as decolonization, was highlighted.

61. A concern was expressed with respect to restricting the time available for statements made in the exercise of the right of reply, and a preference was expressed to maintain the time limitations in line with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

62. Other recommendations by delegations were as follows:

- (a) To have a repository of the working methods of the Committee and information about the subsidiary bodies related to its work;
- (b) To achieve earlier availability and enhance accessibility of relevant reports and other documents of subsidiary bodies that report to the Committee through online platforms;
- (c) To ensure effective multilingual communication equally in all the official languages of the United Nations in the meetings of the Committee.

63. Furthermore, reference was made to the importance of a balanced approach in the consideration of concrete proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items on the agenda of the General Assembly. Member States rights to present new agenda items and resolutions were also mentioned.

64. Overall, the informal meeting dedicated to the discussion of its working methods was welcomed by delegations as a way to address the evolution of the practice of the Committee and to ensure that delegations have the opportunity to reflect on how to improve its important work. The Chair highlighted the relevance of taking full advantage of the agenda item on “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly” in future sessions of the Committee.

III. Update submitted by the Chair of the Second Committee (seventy-sixth session)

65. I welcome this opportunity to update the ad hoc working group on the progress made in relation to the working methods of the Second Committee. The review of the Committee’s working methods is indeed an ongoing process, building on General Assembly decisions 75/548 B and 74/537 B, adopted in July 2021 and August 2020 respectively, as an outcome of discussions of the Committee during the resumed seventy-fifth and seventy-fourth sessions.

66. I would like to underscore the key role of the Second Committee in facilitating political guidance and commitments by the General Assembly on questions related to the dimensions of sustainable development; macroeconomic policy and economic growth; financing for development and different means of implementation; global partnerships; and operational activities for development. Deliberations held and agreements reached in the Committee are essential to supporting the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and other landmark agreements under the United Nations umbrella. It is therefore crucial to maintain a well-functioning Second Committee to ensure that we deliver on our promises and to achieve our common ambitions.

Decisions 75/548 B and 74/537 B

67. Through the adoption of decisions 75/548 B and 74/537 B, the Assembly agreed on a number of measures to revitalize the work of the Committee. These included:

- (a) Adoption of a theme for the Committee’s general debate;
- (b) Wider use of joint consideration of items in the Committee’s general discussions;
- (c) Restriction of Committee-organized side events to a maximum of three;
- (d) Request to focus reports of the Secretary-General, *inter alia*, on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and their interlinkages and to include actionable recommendations.

68. With regard to draft resolutions, the Assembly:

- (a) Invited proposers of draft resolutions to share the proposed drafts early in an editable format with tracked changes, and with references to the sources of new language;
- (b) Agreed on some streamlining, renaming and adjustments in periodicity of draft resolutions and on a time limit for the introduction of draft resolutions in plenary.

69. For the most part, these measures were implemented during the seventy-sixth session, building also on the experiences of the seventy-fifth session. At the same time, owing to the continued restrictions on in-person meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee agreed on a number of special measures that were implemented during the seventy-sixth session. It was agreed that those measures would not set a precedent for future sessions.

70. The special measures included:

(a) Limiting in-person meetings: during the session, the Committee held 10 in-person meetings, which included an organizational meeting, 4 meetings to hear the general debate of the Committee, a joint meeting with the Economic and Social Council and 4 meetings for the adoption of draft resolutions;

(b) The meetings for general discussions of agenda items were held as informal virtual meetings on a remote simultaneous interpretation platform;

(c) In addition to the usual joint consideration of the agenda items on macroeconomic policy and financing for development, there were joint general discussions of the agenda items on “Information and communications technologies for sustainable development” and “Globalization and interdependence”; “Eradication of poverty and other development issues”, and “Agriculture development, food security and nutrition” and their sub-items; and finally, “Groups of countries in special situations” and its sub-items, with the item entitled “Towards global partnerships”. As a result, all general discussions were concluded in 11 meetings, compared to 15 in 2019;

(d) The time limits for statements in the general debate and for general discussions of individual items were shortened by one minute and pre-recorded video statements were permitted;

(e) Only one side event (a virtual event on the theme “Energy transition for sustainable development and climate action”) was organized by the Committee on 19 October;

(f) The dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions was held as an informal virtual meeting on 18 October;

(g) With regard to the texts of draft resolutions, it was exceptionally agreed that changes introduced should be limited and should comprise one cross-cutting preambular paragraph on recognizing the impact of COVID-19 on economic and development aspects; no more than one preambular paragraph for substantive COVID-19 related aspects; and up to two operative paragraphs, including but not limited to COVID-19 related aspects of the resolution, identifying action-oriented solutions and ways forward to deal with the challenges related to the theme of the resolution. Technical or factual updates critical to the resolution were also introduced;

(h) All substantive negotiations were limited only to the new paragraphs tabled by the proponents of the draft proposals;

(i) Informal consultations on draft resolutions were limited as a rule to three rounds per draft and were organized in a consolidated calendar on a virtual platform, avoiding parallel negotiations and negotiations outside of United Nations working hours to the extent possible;

(j) Introduction of draft resolutions was limited to written form;

(k) Member States were strongly encouraged by the Bureau, and respected the request, not to introduce new draft resolutions, given the constraints.

71. Building on the incremental improvements in the Committee’s working methods since the seventieth session and General Assembly decisions 74/537 and 75/548 B, other measures that were applied included:

(a) The holding of an informal virtual pre-session briefing on the substantive and organizational preparations for the session;

(b) Early identification of, and Bureau briefings to, facilitators/co-facilitators of draft resolutions;

(c) Continuation of the practice introduced during the seventy-third session of establishing a comprehensive calendar of informal consultations by facilitators/co-facilitators on all draft resolutions, available on the e-deleGATE platform and continually updated in real time;

(d) Strict implementation of time limits during in-person and virtual meetings and clear communication and implementation of submission deadlines;

(e) Full use of the e-deleGATE platform, including its e-Speakers, e-Sponsorship and e-Submission modules, to make available updated information on a daily basis.

72. In addition, as Chair, I conducted outreach to groups and individual delegations in advance of and during the session. The Bureau introduced useful practices, such as the circulation of agreed minutes of Bureau meetings and common cover messages, and the sharing of procedural notes for the Chair. The practice of electing the Rapporteur of the Committee from the delegation that provided the Chair of the previous session has provided important continuity to the work of the Bureau. At the seventy-sixth session, on a pilot basis, the Secretariat prepared one-page informal summaries of the reports of the Secretary-General, a practice which was welcomed by some delegations.

73. These measures, taken together with the hard work, commitment and constructive engagement of Second Committee delegates, resulted in the Committee concluding its work one day ahead of the mandated recess date, namely on 23 November 2021.

74. While applauding our commendable collective achievement, it is worth noting that there remain challenges for the Committee to address.

75. Many delegations noted that negotiations on draft texts remain at times challenging, in part owing to their large number. In this regard, it is worth highlighting the importance of efforts to ensure that the Committee's traditional practice of adopting the vast majority of proposals before it by consensus is preserved.

76. Regarding further discussions on working methods, through the adoption of General Assembly decision 76/546, it was decided that the Second Committee Bureau would convene up to two informal meetings to discuss the Committee's working methods in early 2022, and the Assembly requested the Bureau of the Second Committee to update the conference room paper on Second Committee working methods following those discussions. The informal meeting was held on 7 April, following which the Bureau finalized the conference paper circulated to delegations in A/C.2/76/CRP.4.¹

77. Moving forward, I believe there are many opportunities ahead for the next Bureau of the Committee when it meets again in the fall. After having encountered many restrictions that prevented us from considering draft resolutions in full, I hope that at the seventy-seventh session those restrictions will no longer be needed. As an encouraging sign, delegations have recently been able to negotiate, in full, outcome documents for the various Economic and Social Council subsidiary bodies and the upcoming High-level Political Forum. Let us thus work towards a fresh start for the Committee at the seventy-seventh session, at which we can discuss all resolutions in their entirety and update them with most recent political guidance, in line with the mandate of the main committees of the General Assembly. The Assembly must make its voice heard as the world experiences overlapping crises that undermine progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. The Committee must provide evidence-based, innovative policy recommendations on the major issues on its agenda, reflecting the challenges we face today.

¹ Available on the website of the Committee.

IV. Update submitted by the Secretary of the Third Committee

78. The Third Committee held a total of 45 meetings, 16 in-person meetings and 29 virtual informal meetings to hold interactive dialogues with special mandate holders and other experts and concluded one day ahead of schedule. The number of meetings was similar to that in 2020 (44) but significantly below the pre-pandemic average of 54 meetings since the sixty-seventh session, mainly owing to the holding of a single general debate instead of the general discussions of individual items or clusters. A total of 230 informal consultations were held, a number similar to the pre-pandemic average of 235 since the sixty-seventh session.

79. For the second year, the Bureau, in consultation with the membership, proposed revised modalities for the work of the Committee during the session, taking into account the health and safety guidelines implemented at Headquarters. The lessons learned from these temporary and extraordinary measures could be considered in further rationalizing the work of the Committee.

80. A single general debate of the Committee was held through six formal meetings, with in-person, virtual or pre-recorded video statements, in lieu of separate general discussions on each agenda item or cluster of items. There was an option to submit longer versions of the statements in writing.

81. Statements made during the general discussion were limited to six minutes for individual delegations and eight minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States. Previously, groups had as much as 12 minutes in the general discussions of items prior to 2020, and, considering the increasing number of group statements in the Committee, the time limits for groups during these discussions could continue to be rationalized with a view to further improving time management.

82. The interactive dialogues with special mandate holders and other experts and United Nations officials took place through virtual informal meetings using the Zoom platform with remote simultaneous interpretation. The modalities of these dialogues remained consistent with the practice of the Committee. The Committee heard and interacted with a total of 65 special rapporteurs, independent experts and chairs of working groups of the Human Rights Council, as well as introductions of reports by and dialogues with Secretariat officials. A total of 1,184 statements were made in the interactive dialogues that ensued, which is the highest number ever in the Committee and significantly more than the average of 504 statements since the sixty-seventh session. The increase in participation can, at least partly, be attributed to the virtual format of the meetings. In 2008, the Committee heard approximately 25 special rapporteurs and other special mandate holders reporting to it. That number has more than doubled, while the number of meetings allocated to the Committee remains unchanged, posing a challenge to the ever tightening eight-week schedule.

83. Each special procedure mandate holder was given a total of one hour for their presentation and interactive dialogue with the Committee. Owing to the large number of requests for the floor during the dialogues, the default time was three minutes per intervention; however, this was reduced to one minute if necessary. While the variable time limit lacks predictability, it is the only solution to ensure that all those requesting the floor can speak. The shorter time limits could also promote greater interactivity with direct comments or questions instead of prepared statements.

84. For the first time, two combined briefings by special rapporteurs and other experts were held, in consultation with the presenters and ensuring thematic coherence. These combined briefings with a single interactive dialogue enhanced the quality of the discussions and increased the efficiency of the Committee's work.

Prepared statements should continue to be discouraged in the interactive dialogues in favour of questions and unscripted comments directed at the presenters.

85. The Committee adopted 63 proposals, comprising 62 draft resolutions and one draft decision on its programme of work for the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly. A total of 18 draft resolutions were adopted by recorded votes, which was one less than the previous year. Only two amendments were considered, with both rejected. Three draft resolutions resulted in the issuance of programme budget implications statements. Action on draft proposals occurred through in-person formal meetings.

86. Generally, the number of resolutions adopted by the Committee in recent years has varied, reaching a high of 71 resolutions at the sixty-eighth session and a low of 50 resolutions at the seventieth and seventy-fifth sessions. Increasing the periodicity of reports and draft resolutions was one of the key recommendations of the Bureau at the seventy-fourth and seventy-fifth sessions. The Bureau also continued to strongly discourage the introduction of draft proposals unless it was in respect of a new draft resolution and encouraged main sponsors to make only a single short statement prior to action on the draft. None of the 62 draft resolutions were formally introduced.

87. In terms of its agenda, 15 items (including 14 sub-items) were allocated to the Committee; all items are considered annually. The submission of some reports and draft resolutions have been progressively biennialized over the past few years, and the Bureau recommends that the Committee proceed further in this direction. At the seventy-fourth session, the consideration of the draft resolution on the “Rights of the child” was biennialized. Since the sixty-eighth session, two sub-items have been biennialized or triennialized.

88. Some agenda items are traditionally clustered – for example the human rights sub-items (a) to (d) – and other items are considered jointly. Despite the clustering or joint consideration of items, delegations may still make separate statements under each item or sub-item if so desired.

89. The intense and tight programme requires strict adherence to the agreed resolution deadlines and to the speaking time limits, with automatic microphone cut-offs.

90. As regards the e-deleGATE portal, the Committee continued to utilize the e-sponsor, e-submissions, e-speakers and e-list of participants modules. The online calendar in e-deleGATE also proved beneficial.

91. The conference room paper describing the methods of work, originally prepared by the Bureau of the Committee at the sixty-fifth session, has been updated since the seventy-third session and constitutes a reference paper providing detailed information on the working methods of the Committee. The Bureau, at the current session, updated the content of the document which has been shared with the membership (document A/C.3/76/CRP.3).² Since the seventy-fifth session, the conference room paper has contained an annex highlighting key recommendations relating to working methods and best practices.

92. The Third Committee will continue to examine ways to revitalize its work, as requested by relevant General Assembly resolutions. The Bureau, during the resumed part of the session, meets to consider ways to improve the working methods of the Committee, including through the recommendations agreed upon in the conference room paper on lessons learned and best practices.

² Available on the website of the Third Committee.

V. Update submitted by the Chair of the Fifth Committee (seventy-sixth session)

A. General ongoing efforts

93. The Fifth Committee continued efforts to identify best practices and lessons learned, and to consider innovative and practical ideas from delegations.

B. Measures to ensure business continuity

94. Based on the practice of the last two sessions, several measures were utilized at the main and first part of the seventy-sixth resumed session given the continued limitations affecting the work of the Committee due to the COVID-19 situation:

(a) Official formal meetings were limited and were held in person for the general debates on organizational matters, for the introduction of a limited number of items and for taking action on draft resolutions and decisions;

(b) The introduction of the remaining items, the related statements of the Secretariat and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and those of the delegations, were all carried out through electronic circulation and publication on the Fifth Committee's website;

(c) Informal consultations were held virtually, with efforts by the Bureau to enable and support conditions for the holding of physical meetings during the final phase of the negotiations;

(d) The Committee managed its programme of work in a flexible manner to find the right sequence to handle complex items in order to conclude the negotiations as early as possible and to provide the Secretariat with sufficient time to prepare the necessary documentation for action.

95. These measures helped to ensure business continuity under challenging circumstances, eventually resulting in the adoption of the required time-bound outcomes, including the resolutions on the regular budget, programme planning, scales of assessment and other important decisions in good time.

96. For the second resumed session, the Fifth Committee generally reverted to the full in-person engagements. The Committee continued to consider the knowledge, insight and experience gained, which can be utilized, where appropriate, to carry out the work of the Committee. This experience, and the related lessons learned, includes the use of a virtual format in some cases for informal-informal consultations, the extensive use of online platforms, a reduction in the volume of printed documentation, electronic circulation of statements and advance circulation of compiled draft resolutions.

C. Collaboration between the Main Committees

97. The collaboration between the Main Committees of the General Assembly is of great importance for the efficient and effective work of the Fifth Committee. Timely decisions on draft resolutions with programme budget implications allow the Fifth Committee to properly consider the items in question. In this regard, it is important for the plenary and Main Committees to fully comply with rule 153 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 13 (d) of decision 34/401, under which a minimum period of 48 hours is required before action is taken on a proposal so as to allow the Secretary-General to prepare the programme budget implications of proposals before the Assembly. During the seventy-sixth main session, collaboration was also important in dealing with the programme planning items, which are allocated to all Main Committees, as well as the plenary of the General Assembly. This collaboration

and cooperation, under the leadership of the President of the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly, has been critical in the work of the Fifth Committee.

D. Consensus-based decision-making

98. As recognized, the work of the Fifth Committee has critical importance for the effective functioning of the Organization, as decisions taken in this Committee provide the United Nations with the administrative and budgetary framework to deliver on the ground. Therefore, it is of vital importance to preserve the consensus-based decision-making practice for taking decisions in the Fifth Committee. In carrying out its work, the Committee continued to place emphasis on ensuring inclusive negotiations, a more efficient use of time allocated for work, and collegiality and team spirit to create the necessary framework for building consensus.

E. Volume and periodicity of reports

99. Given the large number of agenda items allocated to the Fifth Committee and the related high volume of reports, some of which are deferred from previous sessions, the agenda of the Committee often becomes packed, which sometimes, owing to the limited time available for sessions and specificities of the negotiations in the Committee, does not allow for a proper consideration of all issues contained in the programme of work. Hence, in order to ensure that adequate time is provided to each item, the biennialization of some items without direct and immediate budgetary and administrative implications could be considered as a way forward to reduce the overload in the programme of work of the Fifth Committee's sessions.

F. Timeliness of documentation and supplementary information

100. Another specific aspect underlying the work of the Fifth Committee is that almost all agenda items involve two or more reports, given the need for each report with administrative and budget implications to be accompanied by a report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. Consequently, timely provision of these reports in all United Nations official languages and of the supplementary information from the Secretariat is highly important for the work of the Fifth Committee, and for that purpose coordinated efforts with the Secretariat, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and other entities are required. Work must continue towards streamlining the written procedures for questions and responses and to use the time allocated for work more efficiently within the established working hours. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [74/262](#), the Fifth Committee has before it the written responses provided by the Secretariat to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. This continues to be used towards eliminating duplication and minimizing the volume of questions raised in the Fifth Committee.

G. Statistics

101. During its main session, the Committee considered 197 reports, requested a total of 1,764 questions to be answered in writing and recommended 16 draft resolutions and 15 draft decisions that were subsequently adopted by the General Assembly. During the first resumed session, in March, 72 reports were considered, 239 questions were requested to be answered in writing and 4 draft resolutions and 1 draft decision were recommended and subsequently adopted by the General Assembly.

102. The European Union, Group of 77 and China, Canada, Australia and New Zealand and the delegations of the United States and the United Kingdom have provided their views on the issue of improving the working methods of the Committee, which are contained in the enclosure below.

Enclosure**Comments provided by several delegations on the issue of improving the working methods of the Fifth Committee****Canada, Australia and New Zealand**

1. Outside United Nations standard working hours (10 a.m.–6 p.m.), coordinators are trialling virtual meetings, and there is broad agreement that this is a sensible way forward to avoid unreasonable demands on delegates, including United Nations “sleepovers”.
2. Several delegations, including Canada, Australia and New Zealand, have made proposals to the Committee Chair on limiting negotiating hours from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. unless absolutely necessary in the final days of a session.
3. United Nations Headquarters in New York appears ill-equipped and ill-resourced to provide hybrid meetings, and this must be looked at in the context of ongoing surges in COVID-19 cases among delegations and for pandemic future-proofing as well as for changing ways of working. We understand that the renovations of the United Nations Office at Geneva include meeting rooms with hybrid facilities as standard.
4. The biennialization of some items without direct and immediate budgetary and administrative implications may be sensible in some cases to reduce overloaded agendas, but in others it may just postpone a circular discussion rather than help resolve the contentious issues. In addition, we would not want to work at odds with the annual budget and the benefits of shorter feedback cycles.
5. Cross-regional working groups on long outstanding items, meeting between Committee sessions, should be encouraged to help break deadlocks ahead of the items being formally negotiated.
6. Strong leadership by the Chair, including Chair’s texts reflecting broadest possible agreement, when necessary, can greatly assist in bringing matters to a close in a timely manner and have been much appreciated.
7. There is a Fifth Committee manual under development which includes a chapter on working methods to clarify and improve procedures.
8. Canada, Australia and New Zealand would welcome a dedicated Fifth Committee session to discuss proposals for improving working methods with all delegations.

European Union

9. The member States of the European Union appreciate the efforts by the Chair of the Fifth Committee to take stock and describe the current working methods of the Committee during the seventy-sixth session. We share many of the observations and recognize the effort of many to improve the working methods on an ongoing basis. Further to selected remarks within the present enclosure, the member States of the European Union would like to make additional observations to complement the scope of the Chair’s letter (see comments at the end of the enclosure). We would like to express our strong commitment to supporting the current and future Chairs of the Committee in their attempts to further improve the working methods of the Committee.
10. The member States of the European Union have a strong inclination to point out that the main issues with Committee working methods are unrelated to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, the extension of working hours to weekends and nights and the decision-making processes under severe time pressure were already prevalent before the COVID-19 pandemic. We would like to point out that these factors

severely hamper the transparency and inclusivity of the Committee. Late-hour engagements, weekend meetings or short-notice proposals essentially exclude many delegations from the negotiation process. They also put an unnecessary burden on the families of delegates and cause reputational damage by putting the soundness of decisions into question. To name an example, closing a main session on 24 December at 4 a.m. in the morning shows the inefficiencies and consequences of these issues.

11. The member States of the European Union would like to point out that we attach great value to the principle of consensus-based decision-making in the Fifth Committee. We feel that, in order to achieve consensual results in the future, the Committee should make every effort not to re-open decisions or mandates set out by other UN bodies. The Fifth Committee is tasked with a unique responsibility to provide adequate resources for all established mandates. The member States would like to point out that in our view it is a regrettable trend by which we observe more and more decisions being voted upon, because individual delegations challenge broad consensual agreements out of national considerations.

12. The member States of the European Union remain steadfast supporters of the annual budget reform. For this reform to achieve its full potential, we must further strengthen the principle of delegation of authority within the Organization and commit to a higher degree of independence and managerial authority by the Secretary-General. The format and length of budget documents warrant a specific and focused debate, which has been ongoing for several years. The member States of the European Union are convinced that adding ever more detailed information into the reports will not lead to a smoother budget process, but rather the opposite. As this discussion will be part of the review of the annual budget, which will be taken up by the Committee in the next main session, we will only make some cursory remarks on this issue at the end of the present enclosure.

13. The member States of the European Union continue to make a great effort to reduce the overall number of questions during our deliberations. The most effective way to achieve this is by a detailed study of the reports of the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and use of the supplementary information from the Advisory Committee. We also emphasize the great importance of oral question and answer sessions and argue that every effort should be made to settle as many open questions as possible during such sessions. For this to become possible, both Secretariat and Member States must show further commitment and preparation. It would also be necessary to increase the exchange between the Fifth Committee and the Advisory Committee in order to reduce misunderstandings and waste of time. This is evident, as a significant number of the questions raised by Fifth Committee delegates relate to recommendations made by the Advisory Committee. It therefore could be more efficient – and we would like to explore this possibility – to have question and answer sessions with the Chair or Vice-Chairs of the Advisory Committee present, as is currently the case when we consider recommendations by the Board of Auditors or the Joint Inspection Unit on specific agenda items.

General considerations in addition to the comments above

14. The member States of the European Union welcome meetings on organizational matters related to the work of the Fifth Committee held in the past and call for additional informal meetings on the revitalization of the General Assembly to discuss the improvement of working methods.

15. We would encourage the Bureau of the Fifth Committee to produce an informal paper on the working methods of the Committee to be updated annually (as per good

practice identified in other Committees), which could describe current practices and suggestions put forward by delegations to improve working methods.

16. Further, in that informal paper, we would like to see a comparison of the number of resolutions and decisions adopted compared with previous sessions and the number of votes called for during a session, with an assessment of their outcome.

17. We also encourage every incoming Bureau to continue to meet with the outgoing Bureau to consult on and review issues relating to the efficient functioning of the Committee.

18. We welcome the publication of the list of speakers before the beginning of any formal meeting.

Digital working methods

19. We welcome the usage of e-deleGATE, as an important repository of information, together with the website of the secretariat of the Fifth Committee, and we recommend having regular evaluations of that platform in order to improve it and keep it in line with technological advancement and changes in our working methods.

20. We welcome the recognition of lessons learned from the digital transition during the COVID-19 pandemic in the Chair's letter. We strongly encourage the Committee to capitalize on the digital tools available, when appropriate, to improve the working methods of the Committee. More specifically, we wish to maintain the important in-person meetings but take advantage of possibilities for virtual participation for certain meetings, including virtual briefings by senior United Nations officials in the interactive dialogues of the Committee.

21. The member States of the European Union therefore wish to formalize the consensual understanding that the default format for meetings outside of regular business hours should be virtual, unless specific circumstances lead the facilitator to request otherwise, to avoid unnecessary detrimental impact on the work-life balance of delegates.

22. We also encourage the Bureau to provide in the above-mentioned informal paper the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic in terms of working arrangements to prepare for future contingencies.

Volume of work, timeliness, calendar

23. Further to the comments made in the text, the member States of the European Union encourage a much-needed reflection on how to improve the Committee's working hours. We need to use the time within the regular programme of work more efficiently, and the Committee should avoid an excessive amount of meetings in pre-mornings, over lunch and after-hours, as well as weekends and at night.

24. We therefore also encourage a review of the calendar of the main session and the second resumed session, which are recurrently extended every session.

25. We would also like to further explore the possibility of organizing joint briefings by the Secretariat on thematic clusters to allow for more time efficiency and avoid repetition (for example payments to troop- and police-contributing countries, management of liquidity, financial situation and status of assessed contributions).

26. We encourage simultaneous distribution of reports of the Secretary-General in all official languages. We also call for a more efficient introduction of reports by introducing more reports in the same slot, including using a virtual format when appropriate.

27. The discussion on the volume and periodicity of reports suggests the biennialization of some items, without direct and immediate budgetary and

administrative implications. We think this proposal is worth considering in a specific meeting to better understand which items could indeed be biennialized or triennialized.

28. We encourage reaffirming time limits on statements (in a national capacity and on behalf of a group) and their strict implementation, and we encourage starting and ending plenary meetings on time for better planning.

29. Further to the comments made above on the presentation and length of reports by the Secretary-General, we would like to consider providing stronger (non-binding) guidance on page or word limits for reports of the Secretary-General.

30. We recognize the challenges posed to ensuring multilingualism in our informal discussions, especially in virtual meetings and after hours, and encourage further efforts in that regard.

31. We welcome the Chair's encouragement towards a timelier provision of reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in accordance with rule 153 and emphasize a general need to address the late submission of documentation, which remains a perennial problem for the Committee that has a negative impact on its ability to conclude deliberations in a timely manner and limits the possibility to properly debate issues at hand. We encourage the Bureau to organize discussions regarding the problem and aiming at addressing its causes.

32. In addition to the comments made above, we emphasize the need to reduce the number of questions submitted by the Committee for written answers and encourage further progress in that regard. Numbers from the current session should be highlighted and statistics tracked over time.

33. We also recommend considering early, more comprehensive and easier access (via e-deleGATE) of the Committee to the questions asked by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and answers given to the Advisory Committee by the Secretariat, with a view to limiting redundancy in the process and using in full the assistance of the Advisory Committee as the advisory body to the Fifth Committee.

Informal consultations

34. Informal consultations could start with an informal exchange on the relevant report of the Secretary-General and a clear identification by the Secretariat of where the challenges lie, before delegations move to questions and answers (limiting the number of questions submitted in writing and allowing for substantive negotiations to begin earlier).

35. We encourage the recognition of the important work of facilitators to lead text-based informal consultations on draft resolutions, their timely appointment as early as possible at the beginning of the session, and the provision of training opportunities and guidelines on how the facilitator role can be played in an active way with the aim of leading the negotiation process to a successful outcome.

36. We also encourage reviewing the processes of informal consultations (for example language readings page by page, standardization of skeletal documents) on the basis of best practices.

37. The member States of the European Union would also like to encourage maximum adherence, by all groups and delegations, to deadlines set by the facilitator vis-à-vis the Committee and the Secretariat.

Relationship with other entities

38. We reiterate the importance of achieving greater coherence and coordination in the work of the Fifth Committee with other Main Committees, including on the anticipation of programme budget implications.

39. We also encourage an increased engagement between the Fifth Committee and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. A broad number of the questions raised by the Fifth Committee relates to recommendations made by the Advisory Committee, so it would be helpful to re-introduce the practice of holding question and answer sessions with, or in the presence of, the Advisory Committee, as stated in the comments above.

40. Simultaneous formal and informal meetings between different Committees, subsidiary organs and other relevant entities, especially those that address issues close to the purview of the Fifth Committee, such as the Committee for Programme and Coordination, should be avoided.

United Kingdom

41. Circulating Rev.1 documents ahead of sessions has meant that we use Committee time more effectively for discussions on substance.

42. Regular engagement between the Fifth Committee and the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on ensuring the timeliness of reports.

43. Encouraging the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to streamline/reduce the number of written questions they ask.

United States

44. The Committee would have benefited from an interactive meeting/discussion on the working methods.

Group of 77 and China

45. While the Group recognizes the importance to gain more efficiency in the way to conduct the labours of the Committee, setting a limit in the number of pages for the reports to be considered or even limiting the number of supplementary information requested from the Secretariat should be avoided. Those kind of fixed rules might prove to be counterproductive for the technical analyses conducted by Fifth Committee experts, which quite often require additional data to gain more clarity about the process under examination.

46. We would like to note the importance of allocating the programmes at an early stage without recommendations from the Committee for Programme and Coordination, whenever that is the case, to the relevant Main Committees responsible for the mandates that gave rise to those programmes. This proves to be indispensable for the proper consideration of the agenda item entitled "Programme planning" by the Fifth Committee, and thus, the discussions on the proposed programme budget.

47. The Group emphasizes the need for an uninterrupted consideration of the proposals related to the peacekeeping operation budgets during the second resumed session of the Committee. We should avoid, by all means, protracting these discussions and jeopardizing the mission-by-mission approach, which ensures a more realistic examination of the budget to be allocated to each mission, instead of proposing overall budgetary reductions, which could be misleading and inaccurate.

VI. Update submitted by the Chair of the Sixth Committee (seventy-sixth session)

48. The input provides an overview of the ways in which the Sixth Committee, during the seventy-sixth session has carried out its functions, taking into account, as appropriate, the relevant parts of General Assembly resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, especially resolution [75/325](#), and best practices and lessons learned from the recent developments with a view to further improving working methods.

49. In leading the work of the Committee, the Chair and Bureau members proceeded from the understanding that the consideration of working methods is essential for effective, efficient and transparent conduct of the work of the Main Committees of the General Assembly in accordance with their mandate and purpose and have, therefore, assigned priority to continuing the Committee's attention to enhancement of its working methods, working with the secretariat, in consultation with Member States, building on earlier efforts and in accordance with relevant Assembly resolutions on the revitalization of the Assembly.

50. The past two years posed particularly complex challenges to the Sixth Committee, as they did to other United Nations bodies, owing to the unprecedented effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic. The Bureau, with support from the Secretariat, undertook appropriate measures – on the understanding that they will not constitute a precedent for future sessions – in order to enhance business continuity and adapt to the special circumstances, while acting in accordance with guidelines by the United Nations medical service and the leadership of the President of the General Assembly. Luckily, this session was marked by a positive trend and fewer restrictions.

51. Despite these challenges, during the main part of the seventy-sixth session, the Committee continued to be disciplined in undertaking the items allocated to it by the General Assembly and completing its programme of work by the target date of 19 November 2021 fixed by the General Committee for the completion of the work of the Sixth Committee, while working within the conference management and Secretariat resources made available to the Committee.

52. The Bureau of the Committee started coordinating early, before the beginning of the seventy-sixth session, bearing in mind the prevailing special circumstances, and benefitted from a joint meeting with the Bureau of the Committee at the previous session.

53. In keeping with this annual practice of holding joint meetings between the outgoing and the incoming Bureaux of the Committee, I, as the Chair of the Committee, convened on 5 August 2022 a meeting of the Bureau of the Committee for the seventy-sixth session with the Bureau-elect of the Committee for the seventy-seventh session, chaired by Pedro Comissário Afonso. The meeting was an excellent opportunity to share experiences and liaison with the incoming Bureau. In it, the outgoing Bureau presented a quick overview of the ways in which the Committee has carried out its functions and the best practices and lessons learned that they thought may be of interest to the incoming Bureau. I assured the Chair-elect that I would remain at his disposal for any further questions or inquiries.

54. The programme of work was adopted on 6 October 2021 on the basis of the draft that had been adopted by the Committee during the seventy-fifth session.

55. The Committee held 29 meetings in person for the debate on agenda items and introduction of, and taking of action on, draft resolutions and draft decisions.

56. In view of the limited conference services available to the Committee, the working groups meetings and informal consultations were accommodated within the

overall meetings allocated to the Committee and, on an exceptional basis, were held online with remote simultaneous interpretation (for working group meetings) and without interpretation (for informal consultations).

57. The Committee adopted 19 draft resolutions and 10 draft decisions. The Committee was successful in adhering to its tradition of adopting resolutions by consensus. During the seventy-sixth session, all resolutions were adopted without a vote.

58. The Sixth Committee undertook the consideration of its working methods under the agenda item entitled “Revitalization of the General Assembly”. It held the debate on the item before the end of the session, on 10 November 2021, to provide opportunity for enhanced deliberation. Accordingly, the Committee adopted a draft programme of work for the upcoming seventy-seventh session.

59. With respect to the improvement of working methods, the Bureau has once again considered the paper entitled “Lessons learned on the working methods of the Sixth Committee”, which is an updated version of the paper that was originally prepared during the sixty-eighth session and has since contained proposals and recommendations to improve the Committee’s working methods, including 21 recommendations “for the Bureau to consider” and 19 recommendations “for the Secretariat to consider”.

60. The following are highlights from the Committee’s practice during this session in accordance with this paper and some observations thereupon.

61. The Bureau attempted to avoid overlap with other forums or the General Assembly plenary meetings related to legal matters such as the considerations of the reports of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, the International Court of Justice and that of the International Criminal Court, so as not to overburden the legal experts covering the Sixth Committee, especially those from small delegations who have limited resources.

62. The Bureau continued a number of innovative practices that were introduced during the previous sessions, especially the seventy-fifth session. These include imposing a deadline for inscriptions on the list of speakers. This is practiced in the other Main Committees and allows for the distribution of the list of speakers ahead of time.

63. Finally, a time limit was set for statements by individual delegations and on behalf of groups, and delegations’ speaking time slots were strictly observed, a practice also followed by other Main Committees which allows for adhering to the allotted time frame.

64. It is worth mentioning that these were issues about which the Sixth Committee had held back for some time, given the unique and important nature of its work, which has an effect on international law. However, with increased flexibility and deliberations and commitment to enhancing the working methods, delegations have been able to agree on taking these previously unattainable steps.

65. The Committee employed the e-Delegate platform effectively to distribute draft resolutions, enable co-sponsorship of draft resolutions, provide for inscription on the lists of speakers and facilitate communication among delegates. The Committee’s own web site was also fully utilized and offered rich, real-time information thanks to prompt efforts by the secretariat.

66. In accordance with paragraph 29 of General Assembly resolution [75/325](#), in which the Assembly “invites the Chairs of the Main Committees to continue briefing the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-sixth session on any best practices and lessons learned with a view to improving working methods”, I, in my capacity as Chair of the Sixth Committee, delivered an oral briefing before the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly during the thematic debate on “Working methods” held on 11 May 2022.

67. Finally, I would be remiss not to commend my co-members of the Bureau for their diligent efforts. In addition, none of our work would have been possible without the commendable support of the Secretary of the Committee and the rest of the Secretariat, including the team in the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management.
