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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the First Committee

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to allocate item 120 to all the Main Committees for the purpose of discussing their working methods, as well as considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.
2. The First Committee considered the item at its 10th and 30th meetings, on 12 October and 3 November 2023, respectively.¹
3. At the 30th meeting, the Chair made a statement and introduced the provisional programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2024.
4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its provisional programme of work and timetable for 2024, as set out in the annex to the present report.

Recommendation of the First Committee

5. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Provisional programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2024

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, approves the provisional programme of work and timetable of the Committee for 2024, as set out in the annex to the report of the Committee.

¹ For an account of the Committee's discussion of the item, see [A/C.1/78/PV.10](#) and [A/C.1/78/PV.30](#).



Annex

Provisional programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2024

<i>Programme/meeting</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Number of meetings</i>
Meeting for the organization of work	Thursday, 3 October	1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items ^a	Monday, 7 October, to Wednesday, 16 October	8
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items	Tuesday, 8 October, at 6 p.m.	
Debate on the working methods of the First Committee and programme planning ^b	Thursday, 17 October	1
Thematic discussion on specific subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items, including:	Friday, 18 October to Tuesday, 29 October	14
(a) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, including on the follow-up to the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its previous sessions/presentation of reports		
(b) Panel discussions and exchanges with independent experts and other high-level officials		
Joint panel discussion of the First and Fourth Committees on possible challenges to space security and sustainability	Wednesday, 30 October	1
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions and decisions under all agenda items	Thursday, 17 October, at 12 noon	
Closure of the list of speakers for the thematic discussion	Wednesday, 16 October, at 6 p.m.	
Action on all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items	Friday, 1 November to Friday, 8 November	6

^a A rolling list of speakers will be opened approximately one month before the beginning of the session. Delegations are encouraged to limit their statements for the general debate to a maximum of eight minutes; statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 12 minutes. The list will give priority to high-level representatives and should be shared with the Committee on a regular basis so as to increase transparency. Wide participation by civil society is encouraged.

^b To be convened in accordance with General Assembly resolutions [77/254](#) and [77/335](#). Group statements are strongly encouraged and should be limited to six minutes.

<i>Week</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
30 September– 4 October				3 October afternoon	
7–11 October	7 October morning	8 October morning	9 October morning	10 October morning	11 October ^a
14–18 October	14 October afternoon	15 October afternoon	16 October morning and afternoon	17 October afternoon	18 October morning and afternoon
21–25 October	21 October morning	22 October morning and afternoon	23 October morning	24 October morning and afternoon	25 October morning and afternoon
28 October– 1 November	28 October morning and afternoon	29 October afternoon	30 October morning and afternoon ^b	31 October ^c	1 November afternoon
4–8 November	4 November morning	5 November morning	6 November morning	7 November morning	8 November morning ^d

Note: The Committee will exercise flexibility in the scheduling of the meetings during the last two weeks of the session without prejudice to the decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session.

^a Yom Kippur floating holiday (see resolutions 69/250, 70/9 and 77/255).

^b Joint panel discussion of the First and Fourth Committees (see resolutions 69/250, 70/9 and 77/255).

^c Diwali floating holiday (see resolutions 69/250, 70/9 and 77/255).

^d If necessary.