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Annotations

1. Election of officers

At its twenty-fifth session, the Committee for Programme and Coordination reaffirmed the decision made at its twenty-fourth session that the post of its Chair, as well as the other posts on the Bureau, should rotate annually among the regional groups, and decided on the following pattern of rotation for the post of the Chair: (a) African States; (b) Eastern European States; (c) Latin American and Caribbean States; (d) Western European and other States; and (e) Asia-Pacific States. The



Committee also decided that each year the post of Rapporteur should be occupied by a member of the regional group that occupied the post of the Chair the previous year.

At its sixty-fifth session, the Committee may wish to elect the Chair from the Eastern European States, in accordance with the agreed pattern of rotation among regional groups, and the Rapporteur from the Group of African States, the regional group that occupied the post of Chair during the previous session.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Pursuant to paragraph 2 (e) of Economic and Social Council resolution [1979/41](#) and paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution [34/50](#), the Committee submitted to the Council and the Assembly for their review the provisional agenda for its sixty-fifth session, together with the list of documentation requested.

In accordance with paragraph 6 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution [2008 \(LX\)](#), the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning the economic, social and human rights programmes of the United Nations system, including the reports dealing with the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, shall be examined by the Committee, which shall report thereon to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly. In its resolution [59/267](#), the Assembly invited the Committee, in performing its programmatic, coordination, monitoring and evaluation functions, as set out in its mandate, to consider relevant reports of the Unit. The Assembly, in its resolution [67/236](#), endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee contained in its report on its fifty-second session ([A/67/16](#)), including its recommendation that the Assembly urge the Unit to intensify its efforts to introduce to the Committee reports that are relevant to the function of the Committee, bearing in mind paragraphs 4 (d) and (e) of article 11 of the statute of the Unit. In that connection, the Committee will select, at its organizational meeting, under agenda item 2, the report or reports of the Unit that it will consider at its sixty-fourth session under agenda item 5.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions [70/8](#) and [72/9](#), attention is drawn to Secretary-General's bulletin [ST/SGB/2018/3](#), which contains the approved Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, effective as of 1 January 2018.

In its resolution [64/229](#), the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee and decided not to include the agenda item "Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination" in future sessions, and further decided to discuss related matters under the agenda item "Adoption of the agenda and organization of work" as and when needed.

In its resolution [77/267](#), the General Assembly decided to extend the length of sessions of the Committee to five weeks, starting from the sixty-third session of the Committee, and, recalling paragraph 12 of its resolution [31/93](#) of 14 December 1976, continued to encourage Member States to be represented at a high level of expertise and to ensure the continuity of their representation in the Committee, whose central role and overall responsibilities were recognized. The Assembly also decided that that the sessions of the Committee shall end no later than mid-June to ensure more time for substantial deliberation of the programmes and consultation with relevant United Nations bodies, starting from the sixty-fourth session of the Committee, in 2024.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly reaffirmed that there should be no exceptions to the rule that documents must be distributed in all official languages, emphasized the principle that all official documents must be distributed

simultaneously in all official languages before they were made available on United Nations websites, and reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that documents were available in accordance with the six-week rule for their distribution simultaneously in the six official languages.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the sixty-fifth session ([E/AC.51/2025/L.1](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit ([E/AC.51/2025/L.2](#))

3. Programme questions

(a) Proposed programme budget for 2026

In its resolution [72/266](#) A, entitled “Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations”, the General Assembly approved, inter alia, the proposed change from a biennial¹ to an annual budget period on a trial basis and decided that the proposed programme budget should consist of:

(a) Part I: the plan outline, which endorses the long-term priorities and the objectives of the Organization;

(b) Part II: the programme plan for programmes and subprogrammes and programme performance information;

(c) Part III: the post and non-post resource requirements for the programmes and subprogrammes.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly decided that parts I and II would be submitted through the Committee for Programme and Coordination and part III through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the consideration of the Assembly. The Assembly also decided that the plan outline shall be submitted every three years.

In its resolution [77/267](#), entitled “Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations: review of changes to the budgetary cycle”, the General Assembly decided to lift the trial period effective from 2023 and requested the Secretary-General to continue with the submission of the programme budget according to an annual cycle. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to conduct a comprehensive review on the annual cycle, including its financial, administrative and procedural impact, its impact on the implementation of mandates across sections of the programme budget and the workload and the associated costs, and to submit a report for consideration by the Assembly at the main part of its eighty-third session, in 2028.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly reaffirmed that no changes to the budget methodology, established budgetary procedures and practices or the financial regulations may be implemented without prior review and approval by the Assembly in accordance with established budgetary procedures and requested the Secretary-General to present any proposed changes to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations ([ST/SGB/2013/4](#) and [ST/SGB/2013/4/Amend.1](#)) and the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation ([ST/SGB/2018/3](#)) for the consideration of the Assembly.

¹ Background information on the mandate of the biennial programme budget process pursuant to General Assembly resolutions [58/269](#), [62/224](#), [67/236](#), [70/8](#) and [72/9](#) is provided in [E/AC.51/2020/1](#).

Also in the same resolution, the General Assembly reaffirmed that parts I and II of the proposed programme budget shall be submitted through the Committee for Programme and Coordination and part III through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the consideration of the Assembly. The Assembly recommended that the Committee for Programme and Coordination, in accordance with its mandate, provide recommendations on all programmes of the proposed programme budget and recalled that it shall consider the proposed programme plans in accordance with its terms of reference.

Also in its resolution [77/267](#), the General Assembly reiterated that the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee should examine the proposed programme budget in accordance with their respective mandates and, preserving the sequential nature of the review processes, submit their conclusions and recommendations to the Assembly for the final approval of the programme budget. It also requested the Secretary-General to assess a procedure to inform the Advisory Committee of possible resource implications that may result from the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, for the consideration of the Assembly, to address the sequential nature of the review process under the annual cycle.

The General Assembly also decided that the Fifth Committee would consider the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at the earliest opportunity during the main part of the sessions of the Assembly, under the agenda item entitled “Programme planning”, and no later than the first week of November. Also in the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure that all the Main Committees had access on their Committee Places of the e-deleGATE portal, for information purposes, before the start of the session, to the programmes of the proposed programme budget and the latest report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

In its resolution [79/247](#) on programme planning, the General Assembly took note with appreciation of the work of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and welcomed the Committee’s report.

It also reaffirmed the role of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as the main subsidiary organ of the Assembly and the Economic and Social Council for planning, programming and coordination, as well as in verifying that the programmes of activities of the Organization are implemented in line with the legislative mandates and that the full implementation of regulations and rules is ensured.

The General Assembly reiterated, in its resolution [79/247](#), that whenever the Committee for Programme and Coordination could not provide conclusions and recommendations on a given subprogramme or programme of the proposed programme budget, the plenary or the relevant Main Committee or Main Committees of the Assembly responsible for those mandates would consider the said subprogramme or programme at the very start of its session in order to provide any conclusions and recommendations to the Fifth Committee at the earliest opportunity, and no later than four weeks after the start of the session, for timely consideration by the Fifth Committee.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on the proposed programme plan for 2025 and programme performance for 2023, contained in chapter II, section A, of its report on the work of its sixty-fourth session ([A/79/16](#)), and requested the Secretary-General to ensure the timely implementation of the recommendations. The Assembly approved, on an exceptional basis and without creating a precedent, for programmes 3 and 20 of the proposed programme budget for 2025, a programme narrative that was composed solely of the list of mandates at the programme level and the objectives

approved by the Assembly in its resolution [71/6](#) and the deliverables for 2025 at the subprogramme level. It also approved, on an exceptional basis and without creating a precedent, for programmes 13 and 21 of the proposed programme budget for 2025, a programme narrative that was composed solely of the list of mandates at the programme level and the objectives approved by the Assembly in its resolution [76/236](#) and the deliverables for 2025 at the subprogramme level. It further approved, on an exceptional basis and without creating a precedent, for programmes 2, 10, 17, 25 and 26 of the proposed programme budget for 2025, a programme narrative that was composed solely of the list of mandates at the programme level and the objectives approved by the Assembly in its resolution [77/254](#) and the deliverables for 2025 at the subprogramme level. It approved, on an exceptional basis and without creating a precedent, for programmes 4, 11, 14, 23, 24 and 28 of the proposed programme budget for 2025, a programme narrative that is composed solely of the list of mandates at the programme level and the objectives approved by the Assembly in its resolution [78/244](#) and the deliverables for 2025 at the subprogramme level. It also approved the programme plan for programme 6, Legal affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2025, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General.

Documentation

Reports of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for 2026: part I: plan outline, and part II: programme plan for programmes and subprogrammes and programme performance information (in fascicle form) (in accordance with General Assembly resolutions [72/266 A](#), [77/267](#), [78/244](#) and [79/247](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (in accordance with General Assembly resolution [77/267](#))

(b) Evaluation

Strengthening the role of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives

In accordance with regulation 7.4 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, the Committee will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the evaluation role and the application of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives. In that regard, the attention of the Committee is drawn to the relevant sections of General Assembly resolutions [36/228 B](#), [37/234](#), [38/227 A and B](#), [42/215](#), [43/219](#), [44/194](#), [45/253](#), [51/219](#), [53/207](#), [55/234](#), [57/282](#), [59/275](#), [61/235](#), [64/229](#), [66/8](#), [68/20](#), [70/8](#), [72/9](#) and [76/236](#).

Triennial review

The Committee, at its sixty-fifth session, will undertake the triennial reviews of the implementation of recommendations made at its sixty-second session on the evaluation of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean: subprogramme 3 – Macroeconomic policies and growth.

Documentation

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives (A/80/_)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its sixty-second session on the evaluation of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean: subprogramme 3 – Macroeconomic policies and growth (E/AC.51/2025/_)

4. Coordination questions**(a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination**

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution [2008 \(LX\)](#), the Committee will have before it the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2024.

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2024 (E/2025/_)

(b) United Nations system support for Agenda 2063

In its resolution [60/257](#), the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee, contained in chapter IV, section B, of the report of the Committee on its forty-fifth session ([A/60/16](#) and [A/60/16/Corr.1](#)). In endorsing those conclusions and recommendations, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report annually on progress by the United Nations system in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).

In its resolution [76/236](#), the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee, contained in its report on the work of its sixty-first session, relating to United Nations system support for NEPAD. In endorsing those conclusions and recommendations, the Assembly reaffirmed Agenda 2063 as the framework for assessing United Nations support for Africa's development and agreed to the inclusion in the agenda of the Committee, beginning at its sixty-second session, of the item entitled "United Nations support for Agenda 2063" (see [A/76/16](#), chap. III, sect. B).

In its resolution [79/247](#), the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee, contained in its report on the work of its sixty-fourth session, relating to United Nations system support for Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want. In so doing, the Assembly took note with appreciation of the conclusions and recommendations contained in paragraph 56 of the report of the Secretary-General on the subject ([E/AC.51/2024/5](#)).

The General Assembly invited the International Telecommunication Union to accelerate digital transformation in Africa by promoting capacity development activities through projects distributed equitably across the various subregions of the continent. It welcomed the establishment of the African Union-United Nations high-level strategic dialogue on sustainable development to enhance strategic coordination between the United Nations and the African Union and requested the Secretary-General to submit in the next programme plan the responsibilities of programme 9 in supporting those new mechanisms. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to continue working on unleashing the potential of food systems, in particular

by exploring the interlinkages between food systems and energy, digitalization and climate adaptation.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want (E/AC.51/2025/_)

5. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit

Under agenda item 5, the Committee will consider the relevant report or reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, to be decided upon by the Committee during its organizational session, on 1 April 2025.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit ([E/AC.51/2025/L.2](#))

6. Provisional agenda for the sixty-sixth session

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution [1894 \(LVII\)](#), the Committee will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its sixty-sixth session, with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the Committee to consider those documents, their contribution to its work, their urgency and their relevance in the light of the current situation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional agenda and documentation for the sixty-sixth session of the Committee ([E/AC.51/2025/L.3](#))

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its sixty-fifth session

The report of the Committee on its sixty-fifth session will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its coordination and management meeting, to be held in July 2025, and to the General Assembly at its eightieth session.

Documentation

Draft report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its sixty-fifth session ([E/AC.51/2025/L.4](#) and addenda)

Annex

Members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for 2025

<i>Membership in 2025</i>	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina	2025
Armenia	2026
Belgium	2027
Botswana	2027
Brazil	2026
Bulgaria	2026
Cameroon	2026
China	2025
Costa Rica	2026
Côte d'Ivoire	2026
France	2027
Germany	2026
Haiti	2027
India	2026
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2026
Israel	2026
Italy	2026
Japan	2026
Kenya	2027
Liberia	2025
Mexico	2026
Morocco	2025
Pakistan	2026
Paraguay	2027
Philippines	2025
Poland	2026
Republic of Korea	2025
Russian Federation	2027

<i>Membership in 2025</i>	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Rwanda	2026
South Africa	2026
Tunisia	2025
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2026
United States of America	2026
Uruguay	2026
