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Ways and means of improving the working methods and enhancing the efficiency of the Special Committee

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1. General principle

The Special Committee should set a good example for other bodies of the United Nations in improving its working methods and enhancing its efficiency.

2. Session of the Special Committee

The Special Committee should continue its practice of holding its session, to the extent possible, later in the first half of any given year.

3. Conference services

The Special Committee should make best use of the allocated conference services. For that purpose, it should, *inter alia*, meet punctually and reorganize its work programme with flexibility.

4. Submission of proposals

(a) Delegations wishing to submit a proposal are encouraged to do so at least one month in advance and in the form of an action-oriented text;

(b) Delegations wishing to submit a proposal should bear in mind the need for the Special Committee to avoid duplication and repetition of the discussions of other forums.

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5. Consideration of proposals

(a) The Special Committee should set clear priorities in the consideration of proposals;

(b) Delegations that submitted a proposal are encouraged, after holding a fairly comprehensive exchange of views on the topic within the Special Committee, to ask the Committee to decide whether it intends to continue the discussion on the topic, taking into consideration that usefulness of the discussions and the possibility of reaching a definitive result in the future.

6. Duration of the Special Committee

At the end of each session, the Special Committee should undertake a review to determine whether the duration of that session was appropriate.

7. Preparation and adoption of the report

The Special Committee should prepare and adopt its report to the General Assembly in the same manner as the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210.

8. Medium- and long-term programme

The Special Committee should elaborate a medium- and long-term programme of the Committee.

9. New proposal

When a new proposal is to be introduced, the Special Committee should conduct a preliminary evaluation of its necessity and appropriateness.

10. Periodic review

The Special Committee should review the ways and means of improving its working methods and enhancing its efficiency every year.
