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Second Committee**

## **Organization of work of the Second Committee**

### **Note by the Secretariat**

#### **Allocation of items**

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee will be listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/C.2/55/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/55/100).

#### **Programme of work**

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/55/250) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

#### **List of documents**

3. Attention is drawn to the list of documents submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee (A/C.2/55/L.1/Add.1). The draft programme of work should be read in conjunction with the list of documents in order to obtain a full picture of the scope of the Committee's work programme.

#### **Length of statements**

4. The Second Committee, in the past, decided to limit statements on all agenda items, with the exception of the general debate, to 7 minutes, and to limit statements during the general debate to 15 minutes.

#### **Conference facilities and meetings arrangements**

5. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an average of eight formal meetings a week

have been scheduled for the Second Committee. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In this connection, the Assembly decided to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

#### **Informal consultations**

6. In view of the financial measures affecting conference services, and as indicated in the programme of work, some of the formal meetings allocated to the Second Committee will be utilized for informal consultations under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chairmen of the Committee so as to ensure full servicing of these consultations. In accordance with the established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the draft proposals and for adopting them *ad referendum*. All drafting will be done at the informal consultations (without interpretation or other services) and will be conducted by the appointed coordinators.

#### **Report of the Economic and Social Council**

7. The Second Committee is reminded that, in accordance with a decision of the General Assembly, chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council are to be considered in company with documentation under other agenda items, as well as under item 12. The list of documentation contains further information on this procedure (see para. 3 above).

#### **Conclusion of the work of the Committee**

8. Bearing in mind the allocation of the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of Friday, 1 December 2000 for the conclusion of its work.

## Annex

### Proposed programme of work of the Second Committee

<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
<b>Week of 18-22 September</b>	
<i>Wednesday, 20 September</i>	
3 p.m.	
Election of the Bureau and organization of work	Organization of work of the Second Committee (A/C.2/55/L.1 and L.1/Add.1)
<b>Week of 2-6 October</b>	
<i>Monday, 2 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
General debate	
<i>Tuesday, 3 October</i>	
10 a.m.	
General debate (continued)	
1 p.m.	
<i>Deadline for list of speakers on general debate</i>	
<i>Thursday, 5 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
General debate (concluded)	
<i>Friday, 6 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Item 92</i> Macroeconomic policy questions	
(d) Science and technology for development	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the coordination of mechanisms on the Commission on Science and Technology for Development within the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (A/55/96-E/2000/84)
(e) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries	Report of the Secretary-General on financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries and addenda (A/55/187 and Add.1 and 2)

<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
<b>Week of 9-13 October</b>	
<i>Monday, 9 October</i>	
10 a.m.	
<i>Item 92 (d) and (e) (concluded)</i>	
3 p.m.	
<i>Item 96</i> Operational activities for development	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (see also item 107) (A/55/271)
<i>Tuesday, 10 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Item 96 (concluded)</i>	
1 p.m.	
<i>Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 92 (d) and (e)</i>	
<i>Wednesday, 11 October</i>	
United Nations Environment Programme International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction	
6 p.m.	
<i>Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 96</i>	
<i>Thursday, 12 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Item 94</i> Sustainable development and international economic cooperation	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of preparations for the International Year of Mountains, 2002 (A/55/218)
	Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system

<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade	Report of the Secretary-General containing a draft text of an international development strategy for the first decade of the new millennium (A/55/89-E/2000/80)  Report of the Secretary-General containing an update on the implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (A/55/209)
(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy	Report of the Secretary-General on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (A/55/188)
(c) Cultural development	Report of the Secretary-General on culture and development (A/55/339)
(d) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership	Report of the Secretary-General on renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/55/314)
(e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)	Report of the Secretary-General on coordinated implementation by the United Nations system of the Habitat Agenda (A/55/83-E/2000/62)  Report of the Commission on Human Settlements acting as preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of Habitat II on its first substantive session (8-12 May 2000) (A/55/121)

*Friday, 13 October*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*Item 94 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e)*  
(continued)

<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
<b>Week of 16-20 October</b>	
<i>Monday, 16 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Item 94 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e)</i> (concluded)	
<i>Tuesday, 17 October</i>	
10 a.m.	
<i>Item 98</i> Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources	Report of the Secretary-General on economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (A/55/84-E/2000/16)
3 p.m.	
<i>Item 102</i> Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries	Report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparations for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/55/222)
6 p.m.	
<i>Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 94 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e)</i>	
<i>Wednesday, 18 October</i>	
10 a.m.-12 p.m.	
<i>Item 95</i> Environment and sustainable development	Report of the Secretary-General on the conservation and sustainable development of Central African forest ecosystems (A/55/95)
	Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon (A/55/99-E/2000/86)
	Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing complementarities among international instruments related to environment and sustainable development (A/55/357)

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(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of ensuring effective preparations for the 10-year review of Agenda 21 (A/55/120)

Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken in the United Nations system to accelerate progress in the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (A/55/78-E/2000/56)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on activities contributing to the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Global Environment Facility on the implementation of Agenda 21 (A/55/94)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting reports of the secretariats of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Report of the sixth special session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (A/55/25, Supplement No. 25)

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council concerning the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development and the report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development (A/55/3, Supplement No. 3)

3 p.m.

*Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 98*

12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Observance of World Food Day

<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
3 p.m.	
Economic and Social Council (resumed session)	
<i>Thursday, 19 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Item 95 (a)</i> (concluded)	
<i>Item 95</i> Environment and sustainable development	
(b) Convention on Biological Diversity	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (A/55/211)
(c) Water supply and sanitation	Note by the Secretary-General on progress made in providing safe water supply and sanitation for all during the 1990s (E/CN.17/2000/13) (A/55/65-E/2000/19)
(d) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States	Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; and promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area (A/55/185)
(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (A/55/331)
(f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005	Report of the Secretary-General on promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 (A/55/91)
(g) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind	Oral report of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
<i>Friday, 20 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Item 95 (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g)</i> (concluded)	



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**Week of 23-27 October**

*Monday, 23 October*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*Item 93* Sectoral policy questions

(a) Industrial development  
cooperation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of UNIDO on industrialization for development, including international cooperation

(b) Business and development

Report of the Secretary-General on the prevention of corrupt practices and illegal transfer of funds

6 p.m.

*Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 95 (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g)*

*Tuesday, 24 October*

10 a.m.

*Item 100* Globalization and interdependence

Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the high-level panel of experts on information and communication technology (A/55/75-E/2000/55)

3 p.m.

*Item 99* Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

6 p.m.

*Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 93 (a) and (b)*

*Wednesday, 25 October*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*Item 99* (concluded)

3 p.m.

*Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 100*

<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
<i>Thursday, 26 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Item 92</i> Macroeconomic policy questions	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours (A/55/320)
(a) Trade and development	Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development and on the developments in the multilateral trading system
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-third executive session (A/55/15, Supplement No. 15, Part I)
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-fourth executive session (A/55/15, Supplement No. 15, Part II)
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its resumed twenty-fourth executive session (A/55/15, Supplement No. 15, Part III)
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its forty-seventh session (A/55/15, Supplement No. 15, Part IV)
(b) Commodities	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (A/55/332)
(c) External debt crisis and development	Report of the Secretary-General on the external debt crisis and development
6 p.m.	
<i>Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 99</i>	
<i>Friday, 27 October</i>	
3 p.m.	
<i>Item 92 (a), (b) and (c) (concluded)</i>	

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*Item to be considered**Document title and symbol*

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**Week of 30 October-3 November***Monday, 30 October*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Preparatory Committee for high-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development (resumed session)

6 p.m.

*Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 92 (a), (b) and (c)*

*Tuesday, 31 October*

10 a.m.

Informal consultations

3 p.m.

*Item 97* Training and research

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations University (A/55/31)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Staff College in Turin

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/55/14, Supplement No. 14)

Report of the Council of the United Nations University (A/55/31, Supplement No. 31)

*Wednesday, 1 November*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

3 p.m.

*Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 97*

<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
<i>Thursday, 2 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities	
3 p.m.	
<i>Item 101</i> High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development	Report of the Secretary-General on high-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development (A/55/315)
<i>Friday, 3 November</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Item 101</i> (concluded)	
<b>Week of 6-10 November</b>	
<i>Monday, 6 November</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Financing for Development “hearings”</i>	
6 p.m.	
<i>Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 101</i>	
<i>Tuesday, 7 November</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Financing for Development “hearings”</i>	
<i>Wednesday, 8 November</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Item 12</i> Report of the Economic and Social Council	Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/55/3, Supplement No. 3)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award
<i>Thursday, 9 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
<i>Item 12</i> (concluded)	

<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
<i>Friday, 10 November</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
6 p.m.	
	<i>Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 12</i>
<b>Week of 13-17 November</b>	
<i>Monday through Friday</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
<b>Week of 20-24 November</b>	
<i>Monday through Wednesday and Friday</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
<b>Week of 27 November-1 December</b>	
<i>Monday through Thursday</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
<i>Friday, 1 December</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
	<b>Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee</b>