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## Fifty-sixth session 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 are listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/C.2/56/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/56/100).

##### 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/56/250) 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.2/56/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 those consultations. In accordance with the established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the 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 together with documentation under other agenda items, as well as under item 12. The list of documents contains further information on this procedure (see para. 3 above).

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

8. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of Friday, 7 December 2001, for the conclusion of its work.

## Annex

### Proposed programme of work of the Second Committee

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*Item to be considered*

*Document title and symbol*

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#### **Week of 24-28 September**

*Wednesday, 26 September*

3 p.m.

Election of the Bureau and organization of work

Organization of work of the Second Committee  
(A/C.2/56/L.1 and Add.1)

#### **Week of 1-5 October**

*Monday, 1 October*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

General debate

*Tuesday, 2 October*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

General debate (continued)

1 p.m.

*Deadline for list of speakers in general debate*

*Wednesday, 3 October*

10 a.m.

General debate (concluded)

3 p.m.

*Item 95 (c)* Macroeconomic policy questions: science and technology for development

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the coordinating role of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development  
(A/56/96-E/2001/87)

*Thursday, 4 October*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*Item 95 (c)* (concluded)

<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
<i>Friday, 5 October</i>	
10 a.m.	
<i>Item 100</i> International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues	Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/167)
3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
<b>Week of 8-12 October</b>	
<i>Monday, 8 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
6 p.m.	
<i>Deadline for submission of proposals under item 95 (c)</i>	
<i>Tuesday, 9 October</i>	
10 a.m.	
Informal consultations	
6 p.m.	
<i>Deadline for submission of proposals under item 100</i>	
<i>Wednesday, 10 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
<i>Thursday, 11 October</i>	
10-11.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Item 95</i> Macroeconomic policy questions	
<i>(b)</i> International financial system and development	Report of the Secretary-General on the international financial architecture and development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (A/56/173 and Add.1 and 2)

<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
(d) External debt crisis and development	Report of the Secretary-General on the external debt crisis and debt-servicing problems of developing countries, including those resulting from global financial instability (A/56/262)

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.

*Panel "State of the world economy"*

*Friday, 12 October*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

<i>Item 103</i>	Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)	Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/229)
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6 p.m.

*Deadline for submission of proposals under item 95 (b) and (d)*

#### **Week of 15-19 October**

*Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development*

*Monday, 15 October*

6 p.m.

*Deadline for submission of proposals under item 103*

*Tuesday, 16 October*

12-1 p.m.

Observance of World Food Day

*Wednesday, 17 October*

Observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

*Friday, 19 October*

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

*Panel "Human Genome"*

<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
<b>Week of 22-26 October</b>	
<i>Monday, 22 October</i>	
10 a.m.	
<i>Item 95 (a)</i> Macroeconomic policy questions: trade and development	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-sixth executive session (A/56/15 (Part I))
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-seventh executive session (A/56/15 (Part II))
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-eighth executive session (A/56/15 (Part III))
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-ninth executive session (A/56/15 (Part IV))
	Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries
	Report of the Secretary-General on unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries
	Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development
3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
<i>Tuesday, 23 October</i>	
10 a.m.	
Informal consultations	
6 p.m.	
<i>Deadline for submission of proposals under item 95 (a)</i>	

*Item to be considered**Document title and symbol**Thursday, 25 October*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*Item 97* Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system (A/56/221)

(a) Women in development

Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/321)

(b) Human resources development

Report of the Secretary-General on advancing human resources development in developing countries (A/56/162)

(c) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnerships

Report of the Secretary-General

Conference room papers on responding to globalization: facilitating the integration of developing countries into the world economy (HLD/CRP.1-3)

(d) 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

No advance documentation is expected

*Friday, 26 October*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*Item 97 (a), (b), (c) and (d) (concluded)*

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*Item to be considered*


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*Document title and symbol*


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**Week of 29 October-2 November***Monday, 29 October*

10 a.m.

*Item 98* Environment and sustainable development

Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (A/56/115-E/2001/92)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the International Year of Freshwater, 2003 (A/56/189)

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

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (A/56/25, Supplement No. 25)

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (A/56/19, Supplement No. 19)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparation for the 2002 summit on the ten-year review of progress achieved in the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

3-4.30 p.m.

*Item 98 (a)* (continued)

4.30-6 p.m.

*Panel "Regional perspectives on the World Summit on Sustainable Development"*

6 p.m.

*Deadline for submission of proposals under item 97 (a), (b), (c) and (d)**Tuesday, 30 October*

10 a.m.

*Item 98 (a)* (concluded)



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

3 p.m.

*Item 98* Environment and sustainable development

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the international strategy for disaster reduction (A/56/68 and Corr.1-3)

(b) International strategy for disaster reduction

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon (A/56/76-E/2001/54)

(c) 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 (A/56/175)

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (A/56/126)

(e) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/170)

(g) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

Report of the Secretary-General on concrete action being taken for the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

*Wednesday, 31 October*

10-11.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*Item 98 (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g)*  
(continued)

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.

*Panel "Implementing Agenda 21 in a globalizing world — risks and opportunities"*

*Thursday, 1 November*

10 a.m.

*Panel "Globalization and the State"*

<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
3 p.m.	
<i>Item 98 (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g)</i> (concluded)	
6 p.m.	
<i>Deadline for submission of proposals</i> <i>under item 98 (a)</i>	
<i>Friday, 2 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
<i>Panel "Changes and trends in public</i> <i>administration"</i>	
3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
6 p.m.	
<i>Deadline for submission of proposals</i> <i>under item 98 (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g)</i>	
<b>Week of 5-9 November</b>	
<i>Monday, 5 November</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Item 96</i> Sectoral policy questions	
(a) Business and development	Report of the Secretary-General on business and development
	Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and illegal transfer of funds and repatriation of such funds to their countries of origin
(b) Industrial development cooperation	Report of the Secretary-General on the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1993-2002) (A/56/139)
<i>Panel "Issues for Doha"</i>	
<i>Tuesday, 6 November</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Item 99</i> Operational activities for development	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (A/56/174)

<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system	<p>Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the multi-year funding frameworks (MYFF) and evaluation of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) (A/56/70-E/2001/58)</p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for the year 1999 (A/56/70/Add.1-E/2001/58/Add.1)</p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for the year 1999 (A/56/70/Add.2-E/2001/58/Add.2)</p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities undertaken by the United Nations system (A/56/320)</p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities undertaken by the United Nations system (A/56/320/Add.1)</p>
(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries	<p>Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/56/39, Supplement No. 39)</p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community (A/56/134)</p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community (A/56/134/Add.1)</p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation and on economic and technical cooperation among developing countries</p>

*Panel "Globalization and poverty"*

6 p.m.

*Deadline for submission of proposals under item 96 (a) and (b)*

<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
<i>Wednesday, 7 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
<i>United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities</i>	
3 p.m.	
<i>Panel "Impact evaluation of operational activities in capacity-building and poverty eradication" (tentative)</i>	
<i>Thursday, 8 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
<i>United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities</i>	
3 p.m.	
<i>Item 99 (continued)</i>	
<i>Friday, 9 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
<i>Item 99 (concluded)</i>	
3 p.m.	
<i>Item 106</i> Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries	
(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries	Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/56/297)
(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries	Report of the Secretary-General on resources for the Office of the Special Coordinator for Least Developed, Landlocked and Small Island Developing Countries
<b>Week of 12-16 November</b>	
<i>Monday, 12 November</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Item 105</i> Globalization and interdependence	Report of the Secretary-General

<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
6 p.m.	
<i>Deadline for submission of proposals under items 99 (a) and (b) and 106 (a) and (b)</i>	
<i>Tuesday, 13 November</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
6 p.m.	
<i>Deadline for submission of proposals under item 105</i>	
<i>Wednesday, 14 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
Informal consultations	
3 p.m.	
<i>Item 107</i> High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development	Report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development
<i>Thursday, 15 November</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Item 107 (concluded)</i>	
<i>Friday, 16 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
<i>Item 101</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 (A/56/90-E/2001/17)
3 p.m.	
<i>Item 104</i> Training and research	Report of the Secretary-General on UNITAR

<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
6 p.m.	
<i>Deadline for submission of proposals under item 107</i>	
<b>Week of 19-23 November</b>	
<i>Monday, 19 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/56/3, Supplement No. 3)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of UNFPA on the United Nations Population Award
	Report of the Secretary-General on the five-year assessment of the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/225 on public administration and development (A/56/127-E/2001/101)
6 p.m.	
<i>Deadline for submission of proposals under items 101 and 116</i>	
<i>Tuesday, 20 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
<i>Item 12</i> (concluded)	
3 p.m.	
<i>Item 102</i> Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic	Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its eighteenth session (A/56/8, Supplement No. 8)
<i>Wednesday, 21 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
<i>Item 98 (f)</i> Environment and sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of the Conference of the Parties

<i>Item to be considered</i>	<i>Document title and symbol</i>
3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
6 p.m.	
<i>Deadline for submission of proposals under item 12</i>	
<i>Thursday, 22 November</i>	
<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	
<i>Friday, 23 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
Informal consultations	
6 p.m.	
<i>Deadline for submission of proposals under items 102 and 98 (f)</i>	
<b>Week of 26-30 November</b>	
<i>Monday, 26 November</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
<i>Tuesday, 27 November</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
<i>Wednesday, 28 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
Informal consultations	
<i>Thursday, 29 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
Informal consultations	
<i>Friday, 30 November</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	

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**Week of 3-7 December**

*Monday, 3 December*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Informal consultations

*Thursday, 6 December*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Informal consultations

*Friday, 7 December*

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**Conclusion of the work of the Second  
Committee**

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