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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS

Memorandum by the Secretary-General

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to place before the General Committee, for its consideration, the following observations and proposals in connection with the report to be made to the General Assembly by the General Committee regarding the organization of the thirty-eighth regular session, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items.
2. By its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.14, annex VI), the General Assembly adopted a number of provisions aimed at rationalizing the procedures and organization of the Assembly. Many of these provisions, such as those relating to the time-limit for explanations of vote (para. 6), the right of reply (paras. 8 to 10) and the balloting procedure (para. 16), were already implemented at the thirty-fourth to thirty-seventh sessions and are therefore not referred to in the present document.
3. The General Committee may wish however to draw the General Assembly's attention to those provisions which have not yet been or have been only partly implemented; those provisions have been reproduced below under the relevant headings.

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. General Committee

4. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the General Committee's attention to paragraphs 1 and 2 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.14, annex VI), which read as follows:

"1. The General Committee should, at the outset of each session, consider how the work of the session can best be rationalized.

"2. The General Committee should also meet periodically throughout the session to review the progress of work and to make recommendations to the General Assembly on the general programme of the session and on measures aimed at improving its work."

B. Schedule of meetings

5. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 3 of its decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

"3. Both plenary and committee meetings should begin at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. and, in order to expedite the work of the General Assembly, all meetings should begin promptly at the scheduled time."

C. General debate

6. Taking into consideration the number of delegations already inscribed on the list of speakers the Secretary-General suggests that the general debate should begin on Monday, 26 September and end on Friday, 14 October 1983.

7. In accordance with the established practice, the Secretary-General also suggests that the list of speakers wishing to take part in the general debate should be closed on Wednesday, 28 September, at 6 p.m.

D. Explanations of vote

8. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 7 of its decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

"7. When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee."

E. Closing date of the session

9. In accordance with the provisions of rule 2 of the rules of procedure and in the light of the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly that the General Assembly should meet for a period of 13 weeks (A/520/Rev.14, annex V, para. 4), the Secretary-General wishes to suggest that the closing date of the thirty-eighth session should be Tuesday, 20 December 1983.

F. Records of the Main Committees

10. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the General Committee's attention to the fact that under rule 58 of the rules of procedure the First Committee shall be provided with verbatim records. That rule also stipulates that no organ of the General Assembly shall have both verbatim and summary records. As previously, the General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the verbatim records should be the official records of the First Committee and the summary records should remain the official records of all other Main Committees. In accordance with the recommendation of the Special Committee (ibid., para. 108 (b)), the General Committee may wish to recommend that the General Assembly should maintain for the thirty-eighth session the practice whereby the Special Political Committee may obtain, on specific request, transcriptions of the debates of some of its meetings, or portions thereof. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 10 (e) of its resolution 2538 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, which reads as follows:

"Speeches or statements by representatives, by the Secretary-General or his representatives, or by persons presenting reports on behalf of committees or other bodies, may be reproduced in extenso in summary records or in official documents only if they serve as bases for discussion, provided that the relevant decision is taken by the body concerned after a statement of the financial implications has been submitted in accordance with regulation 13.1 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations."

In this connection, the General Committee may also wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the practice not to reproduce in extenso statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the thirty-eighth session.

G. Seating arrangements

11. In accordance with the established practice, the Secretary-General has caused lots to be drawn for the purpose of choosing the Member to occupy the first desk on the Assembly floor from which the alphabetical seating order will begin. The name drawn was Afghanistan. Consequently, the delegation of that country will sit at the first desk at the right of the President and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

H. Election of the Chairmen of the Main Committees

12. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 18 and 19 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.14, annex VI), which read as follows:

"18. Before the conclusion of a session of the General Assembly, regional groups should agree on the distribution of chairmanships among them for the following session.

"19. Candidates for the chairmanships of the Main Committees should be nominated as soon as possible."

I. Concluding statements

13. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 17 of its decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

"17. To save time at the end of the session, the practice of making concluding statements in the General Assembly and its Main Committees should be dispensed with except for statements by the presiding officers."

J. Questions related to the programme budget

14. The Secretary-General would like to draw the attention of the General Committee to rule 153 of the rules of procedure which reads as follows:

"No resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General. No resolution in respect of which expenditures are anticipated by the Secretary-General shall be voted by the General Assembly until the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) has had an opportunity of stating the effect of the proposal upon the budget estimates of the United Nations."

In this connection, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 12 of its decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

"12. It is imperative that Main Committees should allow sufficient time for the preparation of the estimate of expenditures by the Secretariat and for its consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee and that they should take this requirement into account when they adopt their programme of work."

The General Committee may also wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to regulation 4.9 of the Regulations Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (resolution 37/234, annex), which reads as follows:

"Regulation 4.9. No Council, Commission or other competent body shall take a decision involving either a change in the programme budget approved by the General Assembly or the possible requirement of expenditure unless it has received and taken account of a report from the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the proposal."

15. The General Committee may also wish to recall paragraph 13 of decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.14, annex VI), which reads as follows:

"13. Furthermore:

(a) A mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications;

(b) The Fifth Committee should, as a general practice, consider accepting without debate the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financial implications of draft resolutions up to a prescribed limit, namely, \$25,000 on any one item;

(c) Firm deadlines should be set for the early submission of the reports of subsidiary bodies which require consideration by the Fifth Committee;

(d) A minimum period of 48 hours should be allowed between the submission and the voting of a proposal involving expenditure in order to allow the Secretary-General to prepare and present the related statement of administrative and financial implications."

K. Documentation

16. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 28 of its decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

"28. The General Assembly, including its Main Committees, should merely take note of those reports of the Secretary-General or subsidiary organs which do not require a decision by the Assembly and should neither debate nor adopt resolutions on them, unless specifically requested to do so by the Secretary-General or the organ concerned."

17. The Secretary-General feels obliged to emphasize once again that the increase in documentation has been one of the most critical issues with which Member States and the Secretariat are confronted. In this connection, the General Committee may wish to recommend that the General Assembly should urge all Member States and subsidiary organs to exercise maximum restraint in requesting circulation of material as official documents of the Assembly.

L. Resolutions

18. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 32 of its decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

"32. Whenever possible, resolutions requesting the discussion of a question at a subsequent session should not call for the inclusion of a separate new item and such discussion should be held under the item under which the resolution was adopted."

M. Special conferences

19. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 6 of the Committee on Conferences, adopted by the Assembly in paragraph (b) of its decision 34/405, which reads as follows:

"The Committee, taking into account difficulties encountered in ensuring adequate preparation of meetings, including timely distribution of documentation, as well as the ability of Member States to participate fully, recommends that the General Assembly should instruct the Main Committees to review the number of special conferences of the United Nations already proposed and scheduled in their respective fields of activity prior to deciding upon the scheduling of new and additional special conferences, thus bearing in mind the relevant portions of General Assembly resolution 33/55."

N. Meetings of subsidiary organs

20. In accordance with paragraph 34 of General Assembly decision 34/401 (ibid.), no subsidiary organ of the Assembly should be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly, unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to a letter dated 15 September 1983 (A/38/414) in which the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences informed the President of the General Assembly that, in view of special circumstances, the Committee had recommended that the following subsidiary organs should be authorized to meet during the thirty-eighth session:

- (a) Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean;
- (b) Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa;
- (c) Committee on Relations with the Host Country;
- (d) Group of Experts on the Supply of Oil and Oil Products to South Africa;
- (e) Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development;
- (f) International Civil Service Commission;
- (g) Meeting of permanent representatives to the United Nations of the oil-producing and oil-exporting countries committed to the oil embargo against South Africa;
- (h) Special Committee against Apartheid;
- (i) United Nations Council for Namibia;
- (j) Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

O. Question of smoking in conference rooms

21. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to a letter dated 2 May 1983 in which Dr. H. Mahler, Director General of the World Health Organization, referred to that organization's fight to stem the rising tide of tobacco smoking which, in its view, had caused widespread illness and rising medical costs. In that letter, the Director General suggested that smoking should not be permitted at any United Nations meeting in New York and Geneva and other United Nations centres. He concluded by saying:

"I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to take any concrete measures which would give effect to the implementation of this suggestion."

In the course of preliminary consultations on this subject with the regional groups, several views were expressed but no consensus was reached. It was suggested during these consultations that an appeal to refrain from smoking in conference rooms might be considered as an experimental measure for a period of one year. The idea of a ban on smoking in small conference rooms (such as rooms 5 to 10 and A to E) and a possible restriction of smoking to the sides and rear of large conference rooms (such as rooms 1 to 4) was also expressed. The General Committee may wish to consider whether to make any recommendations in this regard.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

22. All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the thirty-eighth session have been communicated to Member States in the following documents:

- (a) Provisional agenda of the thirty-eighth session (A/38/150);
- (b) Supplementary list (A/38/200).

The items proposed for inclusion are listed in the draft agenda, which appears in paragraph 26 below.

23. With regard to item 12 of the draft agenda (Report of the Economic and Social Council), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to General Assembly resolution 37/225, entitled "New international human order: moral aspects of development". In paragraph 3 of that resolution the General Assembly decided "to take up this question at its thirty-eighth session on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council". The question was therefore included in the draft agenda under item 12. In this connection, the Permanent Representative of the Philippines, in a letter dated 12 August 1983 (A/38/360), requested that the question be inscribed again as a separate subitem of item 78 of the draft agenda (Development and international economic co-operation).

24. In connection with item 17 (f) of the draft agenda (Appointment of the members of the Peace Observation Commission), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the General Committee's attention to the fact that by its decision 36/323 the General Assembly appointed 12 States as members of the Peace Observation Commission for 1982 and 1983. In this regard it should be noted that in paragraph 314 of the report on the work of its twenty-second session 1/ the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination recommended that the mandate of the Peace Observation Commission should be terminated and, in consequence, the reference to it in paragraph 1.8 (i) should be deleted from the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989. At its thirty-seventh session, the General Assembly adopted the medium-term plan as revised by the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-second session (resolution 37/234, sect. I). However, since resolution 37/234 contains no specific reference to the Peace Observation Commission, it would be desirable to ascertain conclusively whether the General Assembly intended formally to abolish that organ.

25. In view of the large number of items on the draft agenda, the Secretary-General wishes to recall the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly that Member States should examine the agenda with a view to eliminating items which have lost their urgency or relevance, are not ripe for consideration or could be dealt with and even disposed of equally well by subsidiary organs of the General Assembly, and to referring specific items to other United Nations organs or to specialized agencies, taking into account the nature of the question (A/520/Rev.14, annex V, paras. 19 and 22). In this connection, the General Committee may wish to consider:

- (a) The grouping of related items under a single heading;
- (b) The staggering of more items over two or more years.

26. Subject to the recommendations of the General Committee regarding paragraphs 23 to 25 above, the draft agenda of the thirty-eighth session would consist of the following items: 2/

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/37/38).

2/ Abbreviations used in the present document:

(P.): item on the provisional agenda (A/38/150);

(S.): item on the supplementary list (A/38/200).

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 - (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council.
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 - (a) Election of fifteen members of the Industrial Development Board;

3/ See para. 23.

- (b) Election of nineteen members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;
 - (c) Election of twelve members of the World Food Council;
 - (d) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;
 - (e) Election of the members of the Board of Governors of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries.
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- (a) Appointment of six members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
 - (b) Appointment of six members of the Committee on Contributions;
 - (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;
 - (d) Confirmation of the appointment of three members of the Investments Committee;
 - (e) Appointment of two members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;
 - (f) Appointment of the members of the Peace Observation Commission; 4/
 - (g) Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme;
 - (h) Appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia;
 - (i) Confirmation of the appointment of the Executive Director of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries.
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5/ The inclusion of this item in the draft agenda of the thirty-eighth session is subject to any decision that the General Assembly may take at the last meeting of its thirty-seventh session, to be held on 19 September 1983.

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(e) United Nations Volunteers programme;

(f) United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries: report of the Secretary-General;

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- (b) United Nations University: report of the Council of the United Nations University;
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81. Special economic and disaster relief assistance (P.81):
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 - (b) Special programmes of economic assistance;
 - (c) Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region: report of the Secretary-General.
82. Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General (P.82).
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84. International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace: report of the Secretary-General (P.84).
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86. Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights: report of the Secretary-General (P.86).
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- (b) Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (c) Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid: report of the Secretary-General.
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90. World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: report of the Secretary-General (P.90).
91. United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace (P.91):
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 - (b) Preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women;
 - (c) International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women: report of the Secretary-General;
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92. Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women (P.92):
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96. International Covenants on Human Rights (P.96):
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98. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (P.98):
 - (a) Report of the High Commissioner;
 - (b) Assistance to refugees in Africa: report of the Secretary-General.
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120. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East (P.120):
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123. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Secretary-General (P.123).
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130. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries (P.130).
131. Review of the multilateral treaty-making process (P.131).
132. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its thirty-fifth session (P.132).
133. Convention on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations: report of the Secretary-General (P.133).
134. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (P.134).
135. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (P.135).
136. Draft Declaration on Social and Legal Principles relating to the Protection and Welfare of Children, with Special Reference to Foster Placement and Adoption Nationally and Internationally: report of the Secretary-General (P.136).
137. Draft Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment: report of the Secretary-General (P.137).

138. Draft standard rules of procedure for United Nations conferences: report of the Secretary-General (P.138).
139. Consequences of the prolongation of the armed conflict between Iran and Iraq (S.1).
140. Implementation of the conclusions of the Second Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and establishment of a preparatory committee for the Third Review Conference (S.2).
141. Question of Antarctica (S.3).
142. Conclusion of a treaty on the prohibition of the use of force in outer space and from space against the Earth (S.4).

IV. ALLOCATION OF ITEMS

27. The allocation of items described in paragraph 37 below is based on the pattern adopted by the General Assembly for those items in previous years. However, the Secretary-General trusts that delegations will consider allotting items in a manner which will best enhance the effectiveness and the impact of the Assembly's work. In this connection, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.14, annex VI), which reads as follows:

"4. Substantive items should normally be discussed initially in a Main Committee and therefore, items previously allocated to plenary meetings should henceforth be referred to a Main Committee unless there are compelling circumstances requiring their continued consideration in plenary meeting."

28. The following items of the draft agenda have not been considered previously by the General Assembly:

140. Implementation of the conclusions of the Second Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and establishment of a preparatory committee for the Third Review Conference (S.2).

141. Question of Antarctica (S.3).

142. Conclusion of a treaty on the prohibition of the use of force in outer space and from space against the Earth (S.4).

The sponsors of the requests for the inclusion of items 140 and 141 have suggested that they should be allocated as follows:

Item 140 First Committee

Item 141 Plenary meetings

29. In connection with item 12 of the draft agenda (Report of the Economic and Social Council), the Secretary-General proposes that, as in previous years, the various parts of the report should be assigned to the Main Committees in accordance with their respective fields of competence or to plenary meetings. Bearing that consideration in mind, the Secretary-General recommends the following allocation for the various parts of the report: 7/

Chapter I Plenary meetings, Second,
Third, Fourth and Fifth
Committees

Chapter II Second and Third Committees

7/ A/38/3 (Parts I and II); to be issued subsequently as Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/38/3).

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(a) Substantive aspects	Second and Third Committees
(b) Administrative and budgetary aspects ...	Fifth Committee
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(a) Substantive aspects	Second Committee
(b) Administrative and budgetary aspects ...	Fifth Committee

Chapter V

(a) Substantive aspects	Third Committee
(b) Administrative and budgetary aspects ...	Fifth Committee

Chapter VI

Section A	Second, Third and Fifth Committees
Section B	Plenary meetings, Second and Fifth Committees
Section C	Fifth Committee
Section D	Second and Fifth Committees
Section E	Plenary, Second and Fourth Committees

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Section F	Fifth Committee
Chapter VII	Third Committee
Chapter VIII	Plenary meetings, Second, Third and Fifth Committees
Chapter IX	
Sections A to C	Plenary meetings
Section D	Third and Fifth Committees
Section E	Third Committee
Sections F and G	Second Committee
Section H	Second and Fifth Committees
Sections I and J	Third Committee
Sections K and L	Fifth Committee

Under resolution 36/166, adopted on the recommendation of the Third Committee, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at its thirty-eighth session a report on the exchange of information on banned hazardous chemicals and unsafe pharmaceutical products. In view of the subject-matter and of the fact that at its thirty-seventh session the Assembly adopted a closely connected resolution (resolution 37/137) on the recommendation of the Second Committee, the General Committee may wish to recommend that the above-mentioned report (A/38/190-E/1983/67) should be referred to the Second Committee.

30. With regard to item 18 of the draft agenda (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples), the General Committee may wish to consider referring to the Fourth Committee, as was done at previous sessions, all the chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/38/23) relating to specific Territories. This would again enable the General Assembly to deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.

31. In connection with item 32 of the draft agenda (Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa), the Secretary-General wishes to remind the General Committee that at its thirty-seventh session the General Assembly decided to consider this item directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that the representatives of the Organization of African Unity and of national liberation movements recognized by that organization would be permitted to participate in the discussion in plenary meeting and that organizations and individuals having a special interest in the question would be permitted to be heard by the Special Political Committee (see A/37/PV.4).

32. With regard to item 36 of the draft agenda (Question of Namibia), the General Committee will recall that at its thirty-seventh session the General Assembly decided to consider this item directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that hearings of the organizations concerned would be held in the Fourth Committee (see A/37/PV.4).

33. In connection with item 41 of the draft agenda (Question of Cyprus), the General Committee will recall that at its thirty-seventh session the General Assembly decided to consider this item directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that it would, when considering the item, invite the Special Political Committee to meet for the purpose of affording representatives of the Cypriot communities an opportunity to take the floor in the Committee in order to express their views, and that the Assembly would then resume its consideration of the item, taking into account the report of the Special Political Committee (see A/37/PV.116).

34. With regard to item 62 of the draft agenda (General and complete disarmament), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that some portions of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/38/346), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 14, deal with the subject-matter of this item. The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the relevant paragraphs of the report should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with the consideration of item 62.

35. In connection with item 78 (j) of the draft agenda (Effective mobilization and integration of women in development), the Secretary-General wishes to recall that in paragraph 1 of its resolution 36/127 the General Assembly recommended, in the light of paragraphs 80 to 82 of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations, that documents concerning the integration of women in development should be made available to the Third Committee under the relevant agenda item.

36. With regard to item 114 of the draft agenda (Joint Inspection Unit), the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly, as was done at the thirty-seventh session, that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee on the understanding that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit dealing with subject-matters assigned to other Main Committees would be referred also to those Committees.

37. Subject to changes that may be made by the General Committee in the light of paragraphs 27 to 36 above, the allocation of the items of the draft agenda, as based on previous practice, would be the following: 8/

8/ For the abbreviations used in the allocation of items, see footnote 2.

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3. Credentials of representatives to the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly (P.3):
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 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (P.4).
5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (P.5).
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8. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (P.8).
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12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (P.12):
 - (a) Report of the Council (chapters I, VI (sections B and E), VIII and IX (sections A to C)); 9/
 - (b) Reports of the Secretary-General.

9/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees as follows:

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| (a) Chapter VI (section E) | Second and Fourth Committees |
| (b) Chapter VI (section B) | Second and Fifth Committees |
| (c) Chapter VIII | Second, Third and Fifth
Committees |
| (d) Chapter I | Second, Third, Fourth and
Fifth Committees. |

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14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.14). 10/
15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (P.15):
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 - (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council.
16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs (P.16):
 - (a) Election of fifteen members of the Industrial Development Board;
 - (b) Election of nineteen members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;
 - (c) Election of twelve members of the World Food Council;
 - (d) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;
 - (e) Election of the members of the Board of Governors of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries.
17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (P.17): 11/
 - (f) Appointment of the members of the Peace Observation Commission; 12/
 - (g) Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme;
 - (h) Appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia;
 - (i) Confirmation of the appointment of the Executive Director of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries.
18. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.18): 13/

10/ See para. 34.

11/ For subitems (a) to (e), see "Fifth Committee", item 15.

12/ See para. 24.

13/ See para. 30.

(a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

(b) Report of the Secretary-General.

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (P.19).
20. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin: report of the Secretary-General (P.20).
21. Thirty-five years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: international co-operation for the promotion and observance of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights (P.21).
22. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference: report of the Secretary-General (P.22).
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27. Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States: report of the Secretary-General (P.27).
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32. Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa (P.32): 14/

14/ See para. 31.

- (a) Report of the Special Committee against Apartheid;
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33. Question of Palestine (P.33):
- (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;
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 - (c) Reports of the Secretary-General.
34. The situation in the Middle East: reports of the Secretary-General (P.34).
35. United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (P.35).
36. Question of Namibia (P.36): 15/
- (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
 - (b) Report of the United Nations Council for Namibia;
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37. Question of peace, stability and co-operation in South-East Asia (P.37).
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39. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council (P.39).

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16/ See footnote 5.

40. Observance of the quincentenary of the discovery of America (P.40).
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42. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations (P.42). 16/
43. Consequences of the prolongation of the armed conflict between Iran and Iraq (S.1).

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 - (e) Disarmament Week: reports of the Secretary-General;
 - (f) Prohibition of the nuclear neutron weapon: report of the Committee on Disarmament;
 - (g) Implementation of the recommendations and decisions of the tenth special session:
 - (i) Report of the Disarmament Commission;
 - (ii) Report of the Committee on Disarmament;
 - (h) Prevention of nuclear war: report of the Committee on Disarmament;

- (i) Proposal for the establishment of an international satellite monitoring agency: report of the Secretary-General;
- (j) Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies: report of the Secretary-General.
- 9. United Nations Conference on Prohibitions or Restrictions of Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the Secretary-General (P.51).
- 10. Conclusion of an international convention on the strengthening of the security of non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the Committee on Disarmament (P.52).
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- 12. Israeli nuclear armament: report of the Secretary-General (P.54).
- 13. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the Committee on Disarmament (P.55).
- 14. Relationship between disarmament and development: report of the Secretary-General (P.56).
- 15. Immediate cessation and prohibition of nuclear-weapon tests: report of the Committee on Disarmament (P.57).
- 16. Reduction of military budgets (P.58):
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 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General.
- 17. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean (P.59).
- 18. World Disarmament Conference: report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference (P.60).
- 19. Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons (P.61):
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- 20. General and complete disarmament (P.62): 18/
 - (a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

18/ See para. 34.

- (b) Report of the Committee on Disarmament;
 - (c) Study on conventional disarmament: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (d) Non-stationing of nuclear weapons on the territories of States where there are no such weapons at present: report of the Committee on Disarmament;
 - (e) Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues: report of the Disarmament Commission;
 - (f) Prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons: report of the Committee on Disarmament;
 - (g) Prevention of an arms race in outer space and prohibition of anti-satellite systems: report of the Committee on Disarmament;
 - (h) Prohibition of the production of fissionable material for weapons purposes: report of the Committee on Disarmament;
 - (i) Measures to provide objective information on military capabilities: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (j) Institutional arrangements relating to the process of disarmament;
 - (i) Report of the Committee on Disarmament;
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21. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (P.63):
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 - (c) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons: report of the Committee on Disarmament;
 - (d) Consideration of guidelines for confidence-building measures: report of the Disarmament Commission;
 - (e) Regional disarmament: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (f) United Nations programme of fellowships on disarmament: report of the Secretary-General;
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 - (b) Implementation of the recommendations of the Second United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: report of the Secretary-General.
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 - (iii) Report of the Secretary-General;
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19/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees as follows:

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| (a) Chapter II | Third Committee |
| (b) Chapters III (section D), IV (sections A to E and G to O), VI (section D) and IX (section H) | Fifth Committee |
| (c) Chapter VI (section E) | Plenary meetings and Fourth Committee |
| (d) Chapter VI (section E) | Plenary meetings and Fifth Committee |
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- (d) Science and technology for development: report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development;
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- (f) Economic and technical co-operation among developing countries:
 - (i) Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries;
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- (f) United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries: report of the Secretary-General;
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5. World social situation (P.85):
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 - (b) National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress: reports of the Secretary-General;
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22/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Second, Fourth and Fifth Committees:

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| (b) Chapters V and IX (section D) | Fifth Committee |
| (c) Chapters IV (section F)
and VI (section A) | Second and Fifth Committees |
| (d) Chapter VIII | Plenary meetings and Second
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3. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Namibia and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.104).
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23/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Second, Third and Fifth Committees as follows:

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| (a) Chapter VI (section E) | Plenary meetings and Second Committee |
| (b) Chapter I | Plenary meetings and Second Third and Fifth Committees. |

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 - (d) Confirmation of the appointment of three members of the Investments Committee;
 - (e) Appointment of two members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal.

26/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Second, Third and Fourth Committees:

- (a) Chapters III (section D), IV (sections A to E and G to O), VI (section D) and IX (section H) Second Committee
- (b) Chapters V and IX (section D) Third Committee
- (c) Chapter VI (section B) Plenary meetings and Second Committee
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- (e) Chapter VIII Plenary meetings and Second and Third Committees
- (f) Chapter I Plenary meetings and Second, Third and Fourth Committees.

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27/ For subitems (f) to (i), see "Plenary meetings", item 17.

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