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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 forty-third regular session, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items.

2. Over the years, the General Assembly has adopted a number of provisions aimed at rationalizing the procedures and organization of the Assembly. These provisions are reproduced in the annexes to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/520/Rev.15, annexes I-VII). Although some of these provisions have already been implemented, many of them have not yet been or have been only partly implemented. Some of them have acquired an urgent character in view of the financial difficulties facing the United Nations and the efforts being undertaken in the process of renewal and reform of the Organization.

3. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions reproduced in annexes V, VI and VII of its rules of procedure, in particular to those provisions reproduced below under the relevant headings.

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. General Committee

4. The Secretary-General wishes to draw to the General Committee's attention:

(a) Paragraphs 1 and 2 of General Assembly decision 34/401 (ibid., 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 the work."

(b) Paragraph 4 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 39/88 B (ibid., annex VII), which reads as follows:

"4. The General Committee should play more fully its role under rule 42 of the rules of procedure and paragraphs 1 and 2 of General Assembly decision 34/401, reviewing periodically the work of the Assembly and making the necessary recommendations."

B. Rationalization of work

5. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, whereby the Assembly decided that the recommendations as agreed upon and as contained in the report of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations 1/ should be implemented by the Secretary-General and the relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations.

6. In this connection, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to recommendations 2, 3 and 7 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts: 2/

(a) The relevant provisions of recommendation 2 read as follows:

"The number of conferences and meetings can be significantly reduced and their duration shortened without affecting the substantive work of the Organization. To this end:

"...

"(b) The General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council should request their subsidiary bodies to review urgently their current agendas and schedules of meetings in order to reduce substantially their number, frequency and duration. In this context, the move towards biennialization of conferences and meetings, which has been initiated particularly in the economic and social fields, should be vigorously pursued;

"(c) As there continues to be large differences between planned and actual utilization of available conference resources by numerous United Nations bodies, these bodies should be requested to provide a more realistic assessment of their needs. The Committee on Conferences should, in co-operation with the bodies concerned, ensure that wastage of conference-service resources is minimized through a reduction in the projections of the length and, where appropriate, the frequency of meetings of those bodies that have consistently utilized a lower level of resources than planned;"

(b) The relevant provisions of recommendation 3 reads as follows:

"The procedures and methods of work of the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs, particularly its Main Committees, should be streamlined and

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49).

2/ Ibid., para. 21.

thereby made more effective. Many recommendations have been put forward to this effect. In this connection, the following points should be emphasized:

"(a) The high cost of holding meetings of the principal organs of the United Nations makes it imperative to utilize fully available services. The responsibility for this rests with the presiding officers of these organs, as well as the representatives of Member States;

"(b) The agenda of the General Assembly should be rationalized by grouping or merging, to the extent possible, related items and by setting an interval of two or more years for the discussion of certain items;

"(c) The possibility of holding the meetings of the Fourth Committee and the Special Political Committee in sequential order should be addressed;

"(d) The distribution of agenda items among the Main Committees of the General Assembly and between those Committees and the plenary meetings of the Assembly should be reviewed, in order to ensure the best possible use of the expertise of the Committees and of the time and resources available;

"(e) As a rule, the General Assembly should not create new subsidiary organs without discontinuing existing ones;

(c) Recommendation 7 reads as follows:

"Since the cost of processing and distrusting as official documents communications received from Member States is estimated at \$2 million per biennium, Member States should co-operate in significantly curtailing this practice. The provisions of General Assembly decision 34/401 should be strictly adhered to."

Furthermore, in connection with recommendation 3 (c) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts (see para. (b) above), the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly, that, as at recent sessions, the holding of concurrent meetings of the Special Political Committee and the Fourth Committee should be avoided, to the extent possible and with the necessary flexibility, during the forty-third session.

7. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the General Committee's attention to Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112 of 6 February 1987 whereby the Council decided to establish a Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields to carry out the in-depth study called for in recommendation 8 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts. The recommendations of the Council thereon are contained in decision 1988/182 of 29 July 1988.

8. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the measures he has already undertaken in pursuance of the goal of renewal and reform as reflected in his progress report on the implementation of General

Assembly resolution 41/213 (A/42/234). In this connection, the Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that measures introduced to reduce costs relating to overtime continue to be in effect. Therefore, the Committee may wish to remind Member States that, as a result of these curtailments, the Secretariat will not be able to provide all the services rendered prior to 1986.

C. 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.15, annex V, para. 4), the closing date of the forty-third session should be Tuesday, 20 December 1988. However, in view of the financial problems still being faced by the United Nations and in the context of the process of renewal and reform under way, and in the light of the concurrence expressed by the regional groups prior to the convening of the forty-third session, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that no closing date be decided upon at this time and that every effort be made to curtail to the maximum extent practicable the duration of the forty-third session.

D. Schedule of meetings

10. In the light of the decision taken at the recent sessions, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that, as a cost-saving measure, morning meetings should start at 10 a.m. promptly for all plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees during the forty-third session.

11. In view of the practice at recent sessions, the General Committee may wish to recommend that, in order to avoid the late start of meetings and as a cost-saving measure, the General Assembly should waive, as decided at the 3rd plenary meeting of its forty-second session, on 18 September 1987, the requirement of the presence of at least one third of the members to declare a plenary meeting open and permit the debate to proceed and one quarter of the members to declare a meeting of the Main Committee open and permit the debate to proceed. This recommendation would be made on the understanding that it does not involve any permanent change in the provisions of rules 67 and 108 of the rules of procedure pertaining to the opening of meetings (see A/42/PV.3).

12. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that delegations should be reminded of the utmost importance of punctuality in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations.

E. General debate

13. 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 1988.

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

15. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the decision taken by the Assembly at the 3rd plenary meeting of its forty-second session, namely that the practice of expressing congratulations in the General Assembly Hall after a speech had been delivered was prohibited (idem.).

F. Explanations of vote, right of reply and length of statements

16. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which read as follows:

"6. Explanations of vote should be limited to ten minutes.

"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.

"8. Delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item."

17. Furthermore, with a view to streamlining the procedures of the General Assembly and as another cost-saving measure, in connection with the length of statements the General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly, as it did at the forty-second session, to rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 22 of annex VI thereof for appropriate action in plenary meeting and the Main Committees.

G. Records of meetings

18. As at past sessions, verbatim records will continue to be provided, during the forty-third session, for the plenary meetings of the Assembly and meetings of the First Committee and summary records will be provided to the General Committee, the Credentials Committee and the Main Committees of the Assembly. In accordance with the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the

Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly (A/520/Rev.15, annex V, para. 108 (b)), the General Committee may wish to recommend that the General Assembly should maintain for the forty-third 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. These transcriptions, which would not be part of the official records of the Committee, would be provided as the required services became available. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 8 and 9 of its resolution 38/32 E of 25 November 1983, which read as follows:

"8. Decides that the practice of reproducing statements in extenso as separate documents shall be discontinued for all its subsidiary organs that are entitled to summary records;

"9. Decides further that any exceptions to this rule may be made by the body concerned only if the statements are to serve as bases for discussion and if, after hearing a statement of the relevant financial implications, the body decides that one or more statements in extenso may be included in the summary record, or reproduced as separate documents or as annexes to authorized documents;"

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 forty-third session.

H. Seating arrangements

19. In accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General has drawn lots for the purpose of choosing the Member State to occupy the first desk on the General Assembly floor from which the alphabetical seating order will begin. The name drawn was the Lao People's Democratic Republic. 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.

I. Election of the Chairmen of the Main Committees

20. 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.15, 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."

J. Concluding statements

21. 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."

K. Questions related to the programme budget

22. 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."

Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 6 of its resolution 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, which reads as follows:

"6. Decides that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly shall be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly."

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."

23. The General Committee may also wish to recall paragraph 13 of decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, 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 forty-eight 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."

If the General Committee decides to recommend the curtailment of the duration of the forty-third session, the mandatory deadline mentioned above should be adjusted accordingly.

L. Documentation

24. 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."

25. The Secretary-General feels obliged to emphasize once again that the provisions adopted by the General Assembly to control and limit documentation have not had as much effect as desired in decreasing the volume. In this connection, on the basis of previous related Assembly decisions, including the recommendations of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts mentioned in paragraph 5 above, and the relevant recommendations made by the Presidents of the General Assembly (A/40/377, appendix, paras. 12-16), the General Committee may wish to examine this question in depth with a view to proposing the adoption of stricter measures by the Assembly.

M. Resolutions

26. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 32 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), 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."

27. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to recommendation 3 (f) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

"(f) Efforts should be made to reduce the number of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. Resolutions should request reports of the Secretary-General only in cases where that would be indispensable for facilitating the implementation of these resolutions or the continued examination of the question."

28. In this connection, the Secretary-General would like to draw the attention of the General Committee to the relevant recommendations made by the Presidents of the General Assembly (A/40/377, appendix).

N. Special conferences

29. 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:

"(b) 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."

The General Committee may also wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 2 (d) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

"Until 1978, a number of resolutions had requested that only one major conference be scheduled annually. The decision of the General Assembly that no more than five special conferences should take place in a given year and that no more than one special conference should be convened at the same time should be strictly implemented."

30. In this connection, the General Committee may further wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the relevant provisions of recommendation 4 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

"The existing principle that United Nations bodies should meet at their respective established headquarters, as provided for in General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, should be strictly enforced. Whenever the Assembly accepts an invitation from the Government of a Member State to hold a conference or meeting away from established headquarters, the additional cost should be borne in full by that Government. The methods of budgeting these costs should be improved so as to ensure that all additional costs are accounted for."

O. Meetings of subsidiary organs

31. In accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 40/243, section I, 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 9 September 1988 (A/43/600) 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 forty-third session:

- (a) Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies;
- (b) Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa;
- (c) Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa;
- (d) Committee on Relations with the Host Country;
- (e) Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;
- (f) Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa;
- (g) Special Committee against Apartheid;
- (h) United Nations Council for Namibia;
- (i) Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;
- (j) World Food Council.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

32. All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the forty-third session have been communicated to Member States in the following documents:

- (a) Provisional agenda of the forty-third session (A/43/150);
- (b) Supplementary list (A/43/200);
- (c) Additional item (A/43/241).

The items proposed for inclusion are listed in the draft agenda, which appears in paragraph 34 below.

33. Bearing in mind the current financial crisis of the United Nations and the longer-term need to rationalize the General Assembly's procedures, and 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.15, annex V, paras. 19 and 22; see also *ibid.*, annex VII, paras. 1 and 2). The Secretary-General wishes also to recall subparagraph (b) of recommendation 3 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, quoted in paragraph 6 above, whereby the agenda of the General Assembly should be rationalized by grouping or merging, to the extent possible, related items and by setting an interval of two or more years for the discussion of certain items. In this connection, the General Committee may wish to consider:

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

34. Subject to the recommendations of the General Committee regarding paragraphs 32 and 33 above, the draft agenda of the forty-third session would consist of the following items: 3/

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of the German Democratic Republic (P.1).

3/ Abbreviations used in the present document:

- (P.): item on the provisional agenda (A/43/150);
- (S.): item on the supplementary list (A/43/200);
- (A.): additional item (A/43/241).

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).
3. Credentials of representatives to the forty-third session of the General Assembly (P.3):
 - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
 - (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).
6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (P.6).
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11. Report of the Security Council (P.11).
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (P.12):
13. Report of the International Court of Justice (P.13).
14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.14).
15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (P.15):
 - (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;
 - (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council.
16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections (P.16):
 - (a) Election of members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;
 - (b) Election of twelve members of the World Food Council;
 - (c) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;

- (d) Election of seventeen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;
 - (e) Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;
 - (f) Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme.
17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (P.17):
- (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
 - (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;
 - (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;
 - (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;
 - (e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;
 - (f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission;
 - (g) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Pension Committee;
 - (h) Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit;
 - (i) Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women;
 - (j) Appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia;
 - (k) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.
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20. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (P.20).
21. Right of peoples to peace (P.21).

22. The situation in Central America: threats to international peace and security and peace initiatives (P.22). 4/
23. The situation in Kampuchea (P.23).
24. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (P.24).
25. Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (P.25).
26. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (P.26).
27. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States (P.27).
28. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (P.28).
29. Question of Namibia (P.29).
30. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (P.30).
31. Zone of peace and co-operation of the South Atlantic (P.31).
32. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (P.32).
33. Judgment of the International Court of Justice of 27 June 1986 concerning military and paramilitary activities in and against Nicaragua: need for immediate compliance (P.33).
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35. Law of the sea (P.35).
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38. Fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (P.38).
39. Critical economic situation in Africa: United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990 (P.39).

4/ This item remains on the agenda of the forty-second session (see decision 42/460).

40. The situation in the Middle East (P.40).
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55. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia (P.55).

5/ This item remains on the agenda of the forty-second session (see decision 42/460). Its inclusion in the provisional agenda of the forty-third session is subject to any further action that the General Assembly may take on it at its forty-second session.

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 - (b) Prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons;
 - (c) Notification of nuclear tests;
 - (d) Conventional disarmament;
 - (e) Nuclear disarmament;
 - (f) Objective information on military matters;
 - (g) Implementation of General Assembly resolutions in the field of disarmament;
 - (h) Naval armaments and disarmament;
 - (i) Prohibition of the production of fissionable material for weapons purposes;

- (j) Review of the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament: report of the Disarmament Commission;
 - (k) Dumping of nuclear and industrial wastes in Africa. 6/
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- (a) Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly;
 - (b) Freeze on nuclear weapons;
 - (c) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;
 - (d) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia;
 - (e) World Disarmament Campaign;
 - (f) Implementation of General Assembly resolution 42/39 H on a nuclear-arms freeze;
 - (g) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme;
 - (h) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;
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67. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (P.67):
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 - (b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;
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 - (d) Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies;
 - (e) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

6/ This has been included as a sub-item of item 64 at the request of the sponsor (see A/43/142, annex).

- (f) Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Declaration of the 1980s as the Second Disarmament Decade;
 - (g) Climatic effects of nuclear war, including nuclear winter;
 - (h) Economic and social consequences of the armaments race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security;
 - (i) Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions of the tenth special session;
 - (j) Non-use of nuclear weapons and prevention of nuclear war;
 - (k) Cessation of the nuclear-arms race and nuclear disarmament: report of the Conference on Disarmament;
 - (l) Prevention of nuclear war;
 - (m) Disarmament Week;
 - (n) Implementation of the recommendations and decisions of the tenth special session.
68. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace (P.68).
69. Israeli nuclear armament (P.69).
70. Question of Antarctica (P.70).
71. Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region (P.71).
72. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (P.72):
- (a) Need for result-oriented political dialogue to improve the international situation;
 - (b) Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security.
73. Comprehensive system of international peace and security (P.73).
74. Effects of atomic radiation (P.74).
75. International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space (P.75).
76. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (P.76).

77. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories (P.77).
78. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects (P.78).
79. Questions relating to information (P.79).
80. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India (P.80).
81. Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations (P.81).
82. Development and international economic co-operation (P.82):
 - (a) International development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade;
 - (b) Trade and development;
 - (c) Food problems;
 - (d) New and renewable sources of energy;
 - (e) Development of the energy resources of developing countries;
 - (f) Long-term trends in social and economic development;
 - (g) Long-term strategy for sustainable and environmentally sound development.
83. External debt crisis and development (P.83).
84. Operational activities for development (P.84):
 - (a) Operational activities of the United Nations system;
 - (b) United Nations Development Programme;
 - (c) United Nations Population Fund;
 - (d) United Nations Children's Fund;
 - (e) World Food Programme.

85. Training and research (P.85):
 - (a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;
 - (b) United Nations University.
86. Special economic and disaster relief assistance (P.86):
 - (a) Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator;
 - (b) Special programmes of economic assistance.
87. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (P.87).
88. Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist and colonialist régime of South Africa (P.88).
89. Question of aging (P.89).
90. Policies and programmes involving youth (P.90).
91. Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination (P.91).
92. Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (P.92).
93. Crime prevention and criminal justice (P.93).
94. Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women (P.94).
95. Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women to the year 2000 (P.95):
 - (a) Implementation of the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation;
 - (b) Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;
 - (c) United Nations Development Fund for Women.
96. 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 (P.96).
97. Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (P.97).

98. Human rights and scientific and technological developments (P.98).
99. Question of a convention on the rights of the child (P.99).
100. International Covenants on Human Rights (P.100).
101. Reporting obligations of States parties to United Nations instruments on human rights (P.101).
102. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (P.102):
 - (a) International Conference on the Plight of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Southern Africa;
 - (b) Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa;
 - (c) Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons of Central America.
103. International campaign against traffic in drugs (P.103):
 - (a) Draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;
 - (b) International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking;
 - (c) International campaign against drug abuse and illicit trafficking.
104. Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (P.104):
 - (a) Respect for the right of everyone to own property alone as well as in association with others and its contribution to the economic and social development of Member States;
 - (b) Impact of property on the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
 - (c) Right to development;
 - (d) Development of public information activities in the field of human rights.
105. New international humanitarian order (P.105).
106. Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (P.106).
107. Families in the development process (P.107).

108. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations (P.108).
109. 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 (P.109).
110. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (P.110).
111. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (P.111).
112. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.112).
113. Question of East Timor (P.113).
114. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (P.114):
 - (a) United Nations;
 - (b) United Nations Development Programme;
 - (c) United Nations Children's Fund;
 - (d) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;
 - (e) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;
 - (f) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;
 - (g) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;
 - (h) United Nations Population Fund;
 - (i) United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation.
115. Programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 (P.115).
116. Programme planning (P.116).
117. Financial emergency of the United Nations (P.117):

118. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.118):
 - (a) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on administrative and budgetary co-ordination;
 - (b) Harmonization of the statutes, rules and practices of the administrative tribunals of the International Labour Organisation and of the United Nations.
119. Joint Inspection Unit (P.119).
120. Pattern of conferences (P.120).
121. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (P.121).
122. Personnel questions (P.122):
 - (a) Composition of the Secretariat;
 - (b) Respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations;
 - (c) Other personnel questions.
123. United Nations common system (P.123).
124. United Nations pension system (P.124).
125. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East (P.125):
 - (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;
 - (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.
126. Consideration of the draft articles on most-favoured-nation clauses (P.126).
127. Observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States (P.127).
128. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts: report of the Secretary-General (P.128).
129. Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order (P.129).

130. Peaceful settlement of disputes between States (P.130).
131. Draft Code of Crime against the Peace and Security of Mankind (P.131).
132. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-first session (P.132).
133. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives: report of the Secretary-General (P.133).
134. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries (P.134).
135. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fortieth session (P.135).
136. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (P.136).
137. Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States (P.137).
138. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (P.138). 4/
139. Draft Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment (P.139).
140. Verification in all its aspects (P.140).
141. Science and peace (P.141).
142. Implementation of the conclusions of the Third Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and establishment of a preparatory committee for the Fourth Review Conference (S.1).
143. Observer status for the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America in the General Assembly (S.2).
144. Responsibility of States for the protection of the environment and prevention of environmental pollution as a result of the accumulation of toxic and radioactive wastes, and strengthening of international co-operation for the purpose of resolving the problem (S.3).

145. Responsibility of States to ban nationalistic, chauvinistic, racist or anti-Semitic manifestations in their territory and to refrain from instigating or supporting such acts and manifestations in the territory of other States, and the involvement of Governments and the mass media in combating racist, anti-Semitic and nationalistic ideas and discord between peoples and in educating youth in the spirit of peaceful co-operation and international understanding: evaluation of the implementation of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples (S.4).
146. Liability for the illegal transfer and/or use of prohibited weapons and weapons or substances which cause unnecessary human suffering (S.5).
147. Fortieth anniversary of the establishment of the Government of the Republic of Korea (S.6).
148. Financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (S.7).
149. Declaration proclaiming climate as part of the common heritage of mankind (A.1).

IV. ALLOCATION OF ITEMS

35. The allocation of items described in paragraph 49 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.15, 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."

36. The following items of the draft agenda, including sub-item (k) of item 64 (General and complete disarmament), have not been considered previously by the General Assembly:

64. General and complete disarmament (P.64):

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(k) Dumping of nuclear and industrial wastes in Africa. 6/

141. Science and peace (P.141).

142. Implementation of the conclusions of the Third Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and establishment of a preparatory committee for the Fourth Review Conference (S.1).
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147. Fortieth anniversary of the establishment of the Government of the Republic of Korea (S.6).
149. Declaration proclaiming climate as part of the common heritage of mankind (A.1).

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

Item 64 (k)	First Committee
Item 141	Special Political Committee
Item 142	First Committee
Item 143	Plenary meetings
Item 144	First Committee
Item 145	Third Committee
Item 146	First Committee

Item 147	Plenary meetings
Item 149	Second Committee

37. 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, on the understanding that administrative, programme and budgetary aspects should be dealt with by the Fifth Committee. Bearing that consideration in mind, the Secretary-General recommends the following allocation for the various parts of the report: 7/

Chapter I	Matters calling for action by the General Assembly or brought to its attention	Plenary meetings, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees
Chapter II	General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments	Plenary meetings, Second and Third Committees
Chapter III	Questions considered without reference to a sessional committee	
Section A	Arrangements for the meeting of the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly on the Review and Appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990	Plenary meetings
Section B	In-depth study of the United Nations intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields:	
	(a) Report of the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields	Plenary meetings
	(b) Economic and Social Council	Second and Third Committees

7/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/43/3).

Section C	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination	Third Committee
Section D	International Covenants on Human Rights: (a) International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; (b) International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	Third Committee
Section E	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	Third Committee
Section F	International development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade	Second Committee
Section G	Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories	Second Committee
Section H	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	Third Committee
Chapter IV	Questions considered by the First (Economic) Committee	
Section A	United Nations University	Second Committee
Section B	International co-operation in tax matters	Second Committee
Section C	Public administration and finance	Second Committee
Section D	Cartography	Second Committee
Section E	Regional co-operation	Second and Fifth Committees
Section F	Transnational corporations	Second Committee
Section G	Food and agriculture	Second Committee
Section H	Trade and development	Second Committee
Section I	International co-operation on the environment ..	Second Committee
Section J	International co-operation in the field of human settlements	Second Committee
Section K	Development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy	Second Committee

Chapter V	Questions considered by the Second (Social) Committee	
Section A	Human rights	Third and Fifth Committees
Section B	Advancement of women	Third and Fifth Committees
Section C	Social development	Third and Fifth Committees
Section D	Narcotic drugs	Third and Fifth Committees
Chapter VI	Questions considered by the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee	
Section A	Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance	Second and Third Committees
Section B	Operational activities for development	Second Committee
Section C	International co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system	Plenary meetings, Second, Third and Fifth Committees
Section D	Programme questions	Fifth Committee
Section E	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations	Second and Fourth Committees
Chapter VII	Elections and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Council, confirmation of representatives on the functional commissions and nominations	Plenary meetings, Second, Third and Fifth Committees
Chapter VIII	Organizational and other matters	Second, Third and Fifth Committees

In this connection, the Secretary-General also wishes to draw the General Committee's attention to resolution 42/168 of 11 December 1987, whereby the General Assembly decided "to observe, at its forty-third session, the fortieth anniversary of the World Health Organization in a manner befitting its achievements and future role in international health". The Secretary-General suggests observing the anniversary at a plenary meeting. The General Committee may wish to recommend that this commemorative meeting should be held in the morning of Thursday, 27 October.

38. 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, chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/43/23) 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.

39. In connection with item 29 of the draft agenda (Question of Namibia), the General Committee will recall that at previous sessions 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.

40. With regard to item 34 of the draft agenda (Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)), the Secretary-General wishes to remind the General Committee that at previous sessions the General Assembly decided to consider this item directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Fourth Committee in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.

41. In connection with item 36 of the draft agenda (Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa), the Secretary-General wishes to remind the General Committee that at previous sessions 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.

42. With regard to item 38 of the draft agenda (Fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights), the General Committee will recall that, in paragraph 7 of resolution 42/131 of 7 December 1987, the General Assembly decided "to devote one plenary meeting during its forty-third session to the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration" which falls on Saturday, 10 December 1988 and further requested the Secretary-General to make the necessary preparations for the programme of that meeting. The General Committee may wish to recommend that this commemorative meeting should be held in the morning of Thursday, 8 December 1988.

43. With regard to item 47 of the draft agenda (Question of Cyprus), the General Committee will recall that at its forty-second session 8/ 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.

44. With regard to item 49 of the draft agenda (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations), in view of the fact that the General Assembly will have before it a report of the Secretary-General containing information of a rather technical nature on actions prescribed over the three-year period 1987-1989, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the Assembly that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee. The Assembly will also have before it the report of the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields, which was transmitted to the Assembly for its consideration by the Council. The Assembly may wish therefore also to deal with the item directly in plenary meeting. It is understood that such a decision would in no way prejudice the arrangements to be made for the future consideration of the item.

45. In connection with item 50 of the draft agenda (Current financial crisis of the United Nations), bearing in mind the many technical aspects to be reviewed in the context of this item, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that such a decision would in no way prejudice the arrangements to be made for the future consideration of the item.

46. With regard to item 64 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/43/488), 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 its consideration of item 64.

47. In connection with item 95 (c) of the draft agenda (United Nations Development Fund for Women), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 16 of the annex to resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984, which reads as follows:

8/ This item has not been discussed since the thirty-seventh session.

"16. Taking into account the advice of the Consultative Committee, the Administrator shall submit to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme an annual report on the operations, management and budget of the Fund. He shall submit a similar report to the General Assembly, to be referred to the Second Committee for consideration of its technical co-operation aspects and also to the Third Committee."

The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the report should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 84 of the draft agenda (Operational activities for development).

48. With regard to item 119 of the draft agenda (Joint Inspection Unit), the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly, as was done at previous sessions, 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.

49. Subject to changes that may be made by the General Committee in the light of paragraphs 35 to 48 above, the allocation of the items of the draft agenda, as based on previous practice, would be the following: 2/

2/ For the abbreviations used in the allocation of items, see footnote 3.

Plenary meetings

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of the German Democratic Republic (P.1).
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).
3. Credentials of representatives to the forty-third session of the General Assembly (P.3):
 - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
 - (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).
6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (P.6).
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (P.7).
8. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (P.8).
9. General debate (P.9).
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (P.10).
11. Report of the Security Council (P.11).
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters I, II, III (sections A and B (a)), VI (section C) and VII) (P.12). 10/

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

- (a) Chapter I Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees
- (b) Chapter II Second and Third Committees
- (c) Chapters VI (section C) and VII Second, Third and Fifth Committees

For further details, see para. 37.

13. Report of the International Court of Justice (P.13).
14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.14). 11/
15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (P.15):
 - (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;
 - (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council.
16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections (P.16):
 - (a) Election of members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;
 - (b) Election of twelve members of the World Food Council;
 - (c) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;
 - (d) Election of seventeen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;
 - (e) Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;
 - (f) Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme.
17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (P.17): 12/
 - (h) Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit;
 - (i) Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women;
 - (j) Appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia;
 - (k) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.
18. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.18): 13/

11/ See para. 46.

12/ For sub-items (a) to (g), see "Fifth Committee", item 15.

13/ See para. 38.

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (P.19).
20. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (P.20).
21. Right of peoples to peace (P.21).
22. The situation in Central America: threats to international peace and security and peace initiatives (P.22). 4/
23. The situation in Kampuchea (P.23).
24. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (P.24).
25. Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (P.25).
26. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (P.26).
27. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States (P.27).
28. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (P.28).
29. Question of Namibia (P.29) 14/
30. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (P.30).
31. Zone of peace and co-operation of the South Atlantic (P.31).
32. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (P.32).
33. Judgment of the International Court of Justice of 27 June 1986 concerning military and paramilitary activities in and against Nicaragua: need for immediate compliance (P.33).
34. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (P.34). 15/
35. Law of the sea (P.35).
36. Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa (P.36). 16/

14/ See para. 39.

15/ See para. 40.

16/ See para. 41.

37. Question of Palestine (P.37).
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39. Critical economic situation in Africa: United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990 (P.39).
40. The situation in the Middle East (P.40).
41. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations (P.41).
42. Question of peace, stability and co-operation in South-East Asia (P.42).
43. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (P.43).
44. Launching of global negotiations on international economic co-operation for development (P.44).
45. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council (P.45).
46. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security (P.46). 5/
47. Question of Cyprus (P.47). 18/
48. Consequences of the prolongation of the armed conflict between Iran and Iraq (P.48). 5/
49. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (P.49). 19/
50. Current financial crisis of the United Nations (P.50). 20/

17/ See para. 42.

18/ See para. 43. See also footnote 5.

19/ See para. 44.

20/ See para. 45. See also footnote 5.

First Committee

1. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 42/25 concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol I of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (P.51).
2. Cessation of all nuclear-test explosions (P.52).
3. Urgent need for a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty (P.53).
4. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (P.54).
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6. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (P.56).
7. Conclusion of effective international arrangements on the strengthening of the security of non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (P.57).
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9. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (P.59).
10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa (P.60).
11. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament (P.61).
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13. Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons (P.63).
14. General and complete disarmament (P.64): 21/
 - (a) Contribution of the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to the cause of arms limitation and disarmament;
 - (b) Prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons;

21/ See para. 46.

- (c) Notification of nuclear tests;
 - (d) Conventional disarmament;
 - (e) Nuclear disarmament;
 - (f) Objective information on military matters;
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