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SIXTH COMMITTEE

## ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Note by the Secretariat

1. In order to assist the Sixth Committee in the organization of its work, the Secretariat finds it appropriate, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 1898 (XVIII) of 11 November 1963 and 32/71 of 9 December 1977 and of rule 99 (b) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to draw the Sixth Committee's attention to the following.

## I. ITEMS ALLOCATED TO THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1988, the General Assembly decided to allocate to the Sixth Committee 14 items. The titles of these items and their numbers are reproduced in the letter dated 23 September 1988 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/43/1).

II. DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO THE ITEMS ALLOCATED TO  
THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

3. The following table lists the documents of the forty-third session of the General Assembly relating to the items allocated to the Sixth Committee.\* It includes references to the reports of commissions or committees and the reports which are to be submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to resolutions or decisions of preceding sessions of the General Assembly, as well as to the documents circulated under the agenda items allocated to the Sixth Committee, in accordance with requests of Member States. The items are arranged in the order in which they appear in the letter dated 23 September 1988 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/43/1).

\* The figure in brackets after the title of each item indicates its number on the agenda of the forty-third session.

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Consideration of the draft articles on most-favoured-nation clauses [125]

Report of the Secretary-General (A/43/526)

Issued

Observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States [126]

Report of the Secretary-General (A/43/528)

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Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [127]

Report of the Secretary-General (A/43/532)

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Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order [128]

Report of the Secretary-General (A/43/529)

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Letter dated 15 August 1988 from the representative of the Philippines addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/538)

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Peaceful settlement of disputes between States [129]

Report of the Secretary-General (A/43/530)

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Letters dated 22 and 24 December 1987, 4 January, 1, 12, 16, 19 and 26 February, 4 March, 12 April and 5 and 20 July 1988 from the representative of Thailand addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/64-S/19378, A/43/68-S/19385, A/43/76-S/19401, A/43/117-S/19472, A/43/140-S/19504, A/43/155-S/19512, A/43/160-S/19522, A/43/174-S/19545, A/43/205-S/19586, A/43/306-S/19777, A/43/444-S/19988 and A/43/472-S/20040)

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Letters dated 28 and 30 December 1987, 6, 7, 12, 19 and 26 January, 8, 10, 13, 18, 19, 25 and 29 February, 1, 22 and 25 March and 29 April 1988 from the representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/69-S/19389, A/43/74-S/19395, A/43/80-S/19407, A/43/83-S/19414, A/43/87-S/19426, A/43/93-S/19438, A/43/110-S/19457, A/43/128-S/19481, A/43/137-S/19498, A/43/151-S/19505, A/43/158-S/19520 and Corr.1, A/43/159-S/19521 and Corr.1, A/43/167-S/19539, A/43/180-S/19556, A/43/225-S/19645, A/43/234-S/19667, A/43/256-S/19688 and A/43/343-S/19851)

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Letters dated 8 and 12 July 1988 from the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/455-S/19997 and A/43/458-S/20009)

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Letters dated 5 and 11 January, 10 February, 2, 9, 10, 25 and 29 March, 12, 18, 27 and 28 April, 2, 11, 12 and 25 May, 2, 9, 15, 27 and 28 June, 14 July, 3, 8 and 25 August and 1 and 7 September 1988 from the representative of Pakistan addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/81-S/19411, A/43/82-S/19412, A/43/84-S/19422, A/43/136-S/19497, A/43/204-S/19689, A/43/269-S/19716, A/43/270-S/19717, A/43/299-S/19766, A/43/300-S/29767, A/43/301-S/19768, A/43/315-S/19795, A/43/335-S/19843, A/43/342-S/19850, A/43/349-S/19859, A/43/359-S/19879, A/43/364-S/19890, A/43/378-S/19905, A/43/391-S/19925, A/43/400-S/19932, A/43/409-S/19941 and Corr.1, A/43/412-S/19945, A/43/428-S/19963, A/43/440-S/19984, A/43/465-S/20019, A/43/503-S/20087, A/43/515-S/20101, A/43/577-S/20160, A/43/585-S/20167 and A/43/598-S/20280 and Corr.1)

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Letters dated 29 January, 12, 16 and 22 February, 16, 21, 25 and 30 March, 6 and 14 April, 2, 17, 19 and 27 May, 8, 18 and 25 July 1988 from the representative of Viet Nam addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/113-S/19463, A/43/139-S/19501, A/43/154-S/19511, A/43/162-S/19523, A/43/221-S/19634, A/43/229-S/19662, A/43/255-S/19685, A/43/266-S/19712, A/43/292-S/19746, A/43/307-S/19778, A/43/346-S/19856, A/43/365-S/19891, A/43/371-S/19894, A/43/381-S/19910, A/43/454-S/19994, A/43/470-S/20032 and A/43/481-S/20056)

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Letters dated 10, 17 and 26 February, 1, 2 and 16 March, 6, 7 and 19 April, 28 June, 6, 7 and 21 July and 8 August 1988 from the representative of Afghanistan addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/134-S/19494, A/43/156-S/19517, A/43/175-S/19546, A/43/187-S/19566, A/43/190-S/19575, A/43/224-S/19640, A/43/290-S/19744, A/43/291-S/19745, A/43/293-S/19750, A/43/294-S/19751, A/43/322-S/19812, A/43/431-S/19969, A/43/447-S/19990, A/43/451-S/19996, A/43/474-S/20044 and A/43/511-S/20098)

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Letter dated 19 May 1988 from the representatives of Afghanistan and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/374)

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Letters dated 25 February, 15, 25 and 28 March, 5 April and 13 May 1988 from the representative of China addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/168-S/19540, A/43/218-S/19625, A/43/250-S/19683, A/43/259-S/19694, A/43/285-S/19739 and A/43/363-S/19887)

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Letters dated 9 March and 5 July 1988 from the representative of Panama addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/209-S/19597 and A/43/446)

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Letters dated 30 March and 6 June 1988 from the representative of Jordan addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/273-S/19720 and A/43/393-S/19930)

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Letter dated 21 April 1988 from the representative of Bolivia addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/332)

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Letter dated 31 May 1988 from the representative of Kuwait addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/384-S/19915)

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Letter dated 28 July 1988 from the representative of Antigua and Barbuda addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/480)

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Letters dated 15, 18 and 19 August and 19 September 1988 from the representative of Democratic Kampuchea addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/537-S/20125, A/43/546-S/20135, A/43/550-S/20138 and A/43/621-S/20195)

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Draft Code of Crimes against the Peace and Security of Mankind [130]

Report of the Secretary-General (A/43/525)

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Letter dated 19 September 1988 from the representative of Democratic Kampuchea addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/621-S/20195)

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-first session [131]

Report of the Commission, Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/43/17)

Issued

Observations and proposals received from Governments on the draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes: Report of the Secretary-General (A/43/405 and Add.1 and 2)

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Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [132]

Report of the Secretary-General (A/43/527)

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Letter dated 29 August 1988 from the representative of the Federal Republic of Germany addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/574)

Issued

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries [133]

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee, Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 43 (A/43/43)

Issued

Letters dated 5 and 11 January, 10 February, 2, 9, 10, 25 and 29 March, 12, 18, 27 and 28 April, 2, 11, 12 and 25 May, 2, 9, 15, 27 and 28 June, 14 July, 3, 8 and 25 August and 1 and 7 September 1988 from the representative of Pakistan addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/81-S/19411, A/43/82-S/? 412, A/43/84-S/19422, A/43/136-S/19497, A/43/204-S/19689, A/43/269-S/19716, A/43/270-S/19717, A/43/299-S/19766, A/43/300-S/29767, A/43/301-S/19768, A/43/315-S/19795, A/43/335-S/19843, A/43/342-S/19850, A/43/349-S/19859, A/43/359-S/19879, A/43/364-S/19890, A/43/378-S/19905, A/43/391-S/19925, A/43/400-S/19932, A/43/409-S/19941 and Corr.1, A/43/412-S/19945, A/43/428-S/19964, A/43/440-S/19984, A/43/465-S/20019, A/43/503-S/20087, A/43/515-S/20101, A/43/577-S/20160, A/43/585-S/20167 and A/43/598-S/20280 and Corr.1)

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Letters dated 10, 17 and 26 February, 1, 2 and 16 March, 6, 7 and 19 April, 28 June, 6, 7 and 21 July and 8 August 1988 from the representative of Afghanistan addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/134-S/19494, A/43/156-S/19517, A/43/175-S/19546, A/43/187-S/19566, A/43/190-S/19575, A/43/224-S/19640, A/43/290-S/19744, A/43/291-S/19745, A/43/293-S/19750, A/43/294-S/19751, A/43/322-S/19812, A/43/431-S/19969, A/43/447-S/19990, A/43/451-S/19996, A/43/474-S/20044 and A/43/511-S/20098)

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fortieth session [134]

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Report of the Commission, Official Records of the  
General Assembly, Forty-third Session,  
Supplement No. 10 (A/43/10)

Last week September -  
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Draft articles adopted by the International Law  
Commission on topics considered at its fortieth  
session: Note by the Secretary-General (A/43/539)

Issued

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the  
United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of  
the Organization [135]

Report of the Special Committee, Official Records of the  
General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 33  
(A/43/33)

Issued

Letter dated 9 March 1988 from the representative of  
Panama addressed to the Secretary-General  
(A/43/209-S/19597)

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Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between  
States [136]

Letters dated 22 and 24 December 1987, 4 January, 1, 12,  
16, 19 and 26 February, 4 March, 12 April and 5 and  
20 July 1988 from the representative of Thailand  
addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/64-S/19378,  
A/43/68-S/19385, A/43/76-S/19401, A/43/117-S/19472,  
A/43/140-S/19504, A/43/155-S/19512, A/43/160-S/19522,  
A/43/174-S/19545, A/43/205-S/19586, A/43/306-S/19777,  
A/43/444-S/19988 and A/43/472-S/20040)

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Letters dated 28 and 30 December 1987, 6, 7, 12, 19 and  
26 January, 8, 10, 13, 18, 19, 25 and 29 February, 1, 22  
and 25 March, 29 April and 31 May 1988 from the  
representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic  
addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/69-S/19389,  
A/43/74-S/19395, A/43/80-S/19407, A/43/83-S/19414,  
A/43/87-S/19426, A/43/93-S/19438, A/43/110-S/19457,  
A/43/128-S/19481, A/43/137-S/19498, A/43/151-S/19505,  
A/43/158-S/19520 and Corr.1, A/43/159-S/19521 and Corr.1,  
A/43/167-S/19539, A/43/180-S/19556, A/43/225-S/19645,  
A/43/234-S/19667, A/43/256-S/19688, A/43/343-S/19851  
and A/43/389-S/19921)

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Letters dated 8 and 12 July 1988 from the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/455-S/19997 and A/43/458-S/20009)

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Letters dated 5 and 11 January, 10 February, 2, 9, 10, 25 and 29 March, 12, 18, 27 and 28 April, 2, 11, 12 and 25 May, 2, 9, 15, 27 and 28 June, 14 July, 3, 8 and 25 August and 1 and 7 September 1988 from the representative of Pakistan addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/81-S/19411, A/43/82-S/19412, A/43/84-S/19422, A/43/136-S/19497, A/43/204-S/19689, A/43/269-S/19716, A/43/270-S/19717, A/43/299-S/19766, A/43/300-S/19767, A/43/301-S/19768, A/43/315-S/19795, A/43/335-S/19843, A/43/342-S/19850, A/43/349-S/19859, A/43/359-S/19879, A/43/364-S/19890, A/43/378-S/19905, A/43/391-S/19925, A/43/400-S/19932, A/43/409-S/19941 and Corr.1, A/43/412-S/19945, A/43/428-S/19964, A/43/440-S/19984, A/43/465-S/20019, A/43/503-S/20087, A/43/515-S/20101, A/43/577-S/20160, A/43/585-S/20167 and A/43/598-S/20280 and Corr.1)

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Letter dated 26 January 1988 from the representative of the Federal Republic of Germany addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/111-S/19458)

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Letters dated 29 January, 12, 16 and 22 February, 16, 21, 25 and 30 March, 6 and 14 April, 2, 17 and 27 May, 8, 18 and 25 July 1988 from the representative of Viet Nam addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/113-S/19463, A/43/139-S/19501, A/43/154-S/19511, A/43/162-S/19523, A/43/221-S/19634, A/43/229-S/19662, A/43/255-S/19685, A/43/266-S/19712, A/43/292-S/19746, A/43/307-S/19778, A/43/346-S/19856, A/43/355-S/19891, A/43/381-S/19910, A/43/454-S/19994, A/43/470-S/20032 and A/43/481-S/20056)

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Letter dated 9 February 1988 from the representative of Paraguay addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/133-S/19493)

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Letters dated 10, 17 and 26 February, 1, 2 and 16 March, 6, 7 and 19 April, 28 June, 6, 7 and 21 July and 8 August 1988 from the representative of Afghanistan addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/134-S/19494, A/43/156-S/19517, A/43/175-S/19546, A/43/187-S/19566, A/43/190-S/19575, A/43/224-S/19640, A/43/290-S/19744, A/43/291-S/19745, A/43/293-S/19750, A/43/294-S/19751, A/43/322-S/19812, A/43/431-S/19969, A/43/447-S/19990, A/43/451-S/19996, A/43/474-S/20044 and A/43/511-S/20098)	Issued
Letter dated 19 May 1988 from the representatives of Afghanistan and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/374)	Issued
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Letter dated 7 March 1988 from the representative of Yugoslavia addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/206-S/19587)	Issued
Letter dated 9 March 1988 from the Representative of Panama addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/209-S/19597)	Issued
Letter dated 11 March 1988 from the representative of Czechoslovakia addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/214)	Issued
Letters dated 30 March and 6 June 1988 from the representative of Jordan addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/273-S/19720 and A/43/393-S/19930)	Issued
Letter dated 21 April 1988 from the representative of Bolivia addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/332)	Issued
Letter dated 17 May 1988 from the representatives of Algeria and Morocco addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/366)	Issued
Letter dated 31 May 1988 from the representative of Kuwait addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/384-S/19915)	Issued

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Letter dated 9 June 1988 from the representative of Trinidad and Tobago addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/399)	Issued
Letter dated 20 July 1988 from the representative of Mongolia addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/473-S/20043)	Issued
Letter dated 28 July 1988 from the representative of Antigua and Barbuda addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/480)	Issued
Letters dated 15, 18 and 19 August and 19 September 1988 from the representative of Democratic Kampuchea addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/537-S/20125, A/43/546-S/20135, A/43/550-S/20138 and A/43/621-S/20195)	Issued
Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [137]	
Report of the Committee, <u>Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 26</u> (A/43/26)	October 1988
Letter dated 14 March 1988 from the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/215-S/19616)	Issued
Letter dated 14 March 1988 from the representative of Algeria addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/217-S/19623)	Issued
Letters dated 30 March and 6 June 1988 from the representative of Jordan addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/273-S/19720 and A/43/393-S/19930)	Issued
Letter dated 19 April 1988 from the representative of Kuwait addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/319-S/19806)	Issued
Draft Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment [138]	

No documents of the forty-third session relating to this item have been circulated.

III. DATE FOR CONCLUDING THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE, ORDER AND APPROXIMATE DATES OF CONSIDERATIONS OF ITEMS

4. Rule 99 (b) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that:

"Each Main Committee, taking into account the closing date for the session fixed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the General Committee, shall adopt its own priorities and meet as may be necessary to complete the consideration of the items referred to it. It shall at the beginning of the session adopt a programme of work indicating, if possible, a target date for the conclusion of its work, the approximate dates of consideration of items and the number of meetings to be allocated to each item."

5. It is to be mentioned that the General Committee, at its 1st meeting, on 21 September 1988, decided to recommend that no closing date for the forty-third session should be set and that every effort should be made to curtail the duration of the session. Under the circumstances, it appears advisable that the Sixth Committee should arrange its schedule of meetings in such a way that it will conclude its work not later than Friday, 25 November 1988.

6. Taking into account the pattern followed by the Committee in the order of consideration of items at recent sessions of the General Assembly and without prejudice, of course, to appropriate adjustments which might be required if the Assembly decides on the curtailment of the duration of the forty-third session, the Sixth Committee may wish to consider, for the purpose of adopting its programme of work, the following timetable drawn on the basis of previous programmes of work adopted by the Committee, which indicates approximate dates of consideration of agenda items referred to it.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Approximate dates of consideration</u>
Election of the Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and Organization of Work	23 September
Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-first session [131]	26-30 September*
Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [132]	3-7 October

\* To be resumed later, as appropriate, for consideration of the results of the work of the working group provided for in General Assembly resolution 42/153 of 7 December 1987.

Approximate dates of  
consideration

Item

Report of the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries [133]	10-13 October
Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [135]	14-20 October
Peaceful Settlement of Disputes between States [129]	
Observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States [126]	21-24 October
Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [127]	25-26 October
Consideration of the draft articles on most-favoured-nation clauses [125]	27-28 October
Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fortieth session [134]	31 October-11 November
Draft Code of Crimes against the Peace and Security of Mankind [130]	
Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order [128]	14-15 November
Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States [136]	16-17 November
Draft Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment [138]	18 November
Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [137]	21-22 November
Reserve	23 and 25 November

#### IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES OR WORKING GROUPS AND HOLDING OF CONSULTATIONS

7. It appears that, as in the past, the Sixth Committee will have to consider the establishment of sub-committees and working groups of limited size but representative of its membership, for the purpose of facilitating the work. In this connection, it should be borne in mind that the General Assembly took the following decisions or recommendations which are relevant for these purposes:

(a) On agenda item 125, it is to be recalled that the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to invite Member States to comment on the most appropriate procedure for completing the work on most-favoured-nation clauses and on the forum for future discussion, bearing in mind the suggestions and proposals made in the Sixth Committee, including the suggestion to establish a working group of the Sixth Committee after one of the existing working groups accomplished its mandate (resolution 40/65 of 11 December 1985).

(b) On agenda item 131, it is to be recalled that the General Assembly decided to consider, at its forty-third session, the draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes, with a view to its adoption at that session, and to create to that end, in the framework of the Sixth Committee, a working group that would meet for a maximum period of two weeks at the beginning of the session, in order to consider the observations and proposals made by States (resolution 42/153 of 7 December 1987).

During the meeting of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) held in New York from 11 to 22 April 1988, a number of representatives observed that it would help Governments, in constituting their delegations to the Sixth Committee of the forty-third session of the General Assembly, at which the above-mentioned working group is expected to be convened, to know the period during which the working group is most likely to meet so that they could make arrangements for their experts to be available in New York for that specific period. In response, the Legal Counsel of the United Nations stated that, based on its estimation of when the relevant item would probably be taken up by the Sixth Committee at the forty-third session, it was the intention of the Secretariat to suggest, for the consideration of the Committee, the period of 26 September to 7 October 1988 for the convening of the working group, and added that it depended, of course, entirely upon the Sixth Committee itself to make the final decision. Later, the content of the reply of the Legal Counsel was conveyed to Member States by a note verbale (LA/TL 133(4-9)) dated 6 July 1988.

(c) Regarding agenda item 134, it is to be recalled that the General Assembly recommended the continuation of efforts to improve the ways in which the report of the International Law Commission was considered in the Sixth Committee, with a view to providing effective guidance for the Commission in its work, and to that end decided that the Sixth Committee should hold consultations at the commencement of the forty-third session of the General Assembly including, *inter alia*, consultations on the question of establishing a working group, the character and mandate of which were to be determined, to meet during the debate on the report of the International Law Commission in order to allow for a concentrated discussion on

one or more of the topics on the agenda of the Commission (resolution 42/156 of 7 December 1987).

(d) On agenda item 136, it is to be recalled that the General Assembly decided to continue and to complete at its forty-third session the task of identifying and clarifying the elements of good-neighbourliness and to begin the elaboration of a suitable international document on the development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States within the framework of a sub-committee on good-neighbourliness (resolution 42/158 of 7 December 1987).

(e) With respect to agenda item 138, the General Assembly decided that a working group of the Sixth Committee would be established at the beginning of the forty-third session in order to complete the elaboration of the draft Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment during that session (decision 42/426 of 7 December 1987).

8. Should the Sixth Committee decide to establish sub-committees or working groups or to hold consultations on an item on its agenda, it should be borne in mind that such sub-committees, working groups or consultations would be using the conference services provided for the Committee. Therefore, it is important that in principle the planning of meetings of these sub-committees, working groups or consultations should be held instead of plenary meetings of the Committee, rather than in addition to them.

#### V. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS WITH FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. According to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, "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." It is therefore imperative that the Main Committees allow sufficient time for the preparation of the estimates of expenditures by the Secretariat and for their consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and by the Fifth Committee. Under the circumstances, if Friday, 25 November 1988 is accepted as the concluding date for the work of the Sixth Committee (see para. 5 above), Wednesday, 23 November 1988 would have to be considered as the mandatory deadline for submission to the Fifth Committee of draft resolutions with financial implications.

#### VI. CONFERENCE RESOURCES AVAILABLE

10. The available conference facilities will, in principle, enable the Committee to hold an average of seven plenary meetings per week; normally, morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and afternoon meetings will be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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