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### PROGRAMME PLANNING

Letter dated 12 October 1988 from the President of the General  
Assembly to the Chairman of the Third Committee

I have the honour to enclose herewith, for appropriate action by your Committee, a letter addressed to you by the Chairman of the Fifth Committee relating to item 115 of the agenda, entitled "Programme planning".

(Signed) Dante CAPUTO

Annex

[Original: English]

LETTER DATED 12 OCTOBER 1988 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FIFTH  
COMMITTEE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 23 September 1988 addressed to me by the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/43/7), by which he informed me that at the 3rd plenary meeting of the forty-third session, held on 23 September 1988, the General Assembly had decided to allocate agenda item 115, "Programme planning", among others, to the Fifth Committee.

By its resolution 36/228, section I, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (CPC) on the work of its twenty-first session (A/36/38, chap. VII). One of such recommendations is contained in paragraph 471 of the CPC report, which states that:

"Each chapter of the proposed medium-term plan should be submitted to the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly before the plan as a whole is adopted by the Assembly in plenary meeting."

At its current session, the General Assembly has before it, in document A/43/6 and Corr.1, proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 (extended to 1991) as well as the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-eighth session (A/43/16 (Part I)).

The annex to this letter indicates, for each chapter of the proposed revisions, the relevant Main Committee(s).

In addition, in paragraph 67 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its resumed twenty-eighth session (A/43/16 (Part II)), which forms part of the documentation for agenda item 115, the Committee recommended that in continuing work on the introduction to the new medium-term plan, the Secretary-General should take fully into account the views of Member States expressed at the Committee's twenty-eighth session and that the General Assembly should seek further comments of Member States through discussion in its Main Committees. To this end, the Secretary-General's note (A/43/329) together with the report of the Committee should be made available to all relevant United Nations bodies.

Furthermore, I would like also to draw your attention to the recommendation of CPC contained in paragraph 72 of the above-mentioned report regarding the Secretary-General's proposal for a new programme structure of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. After its consideration of this question, the Committee agreed that the information available was not sufficient to enable it to reach a substantive conclusion. The Committee therefore recommended that the General Assembly at its forty-third session should consider with particular attention the question of the structure of the medium-term plan in light of the discussion conducted in the Committee.

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In order to permit the Fifth Committee to take fully into account the views which the Member States may wish to express in the Third Committee on the relevant chapters of the revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 (extended to 1991) and on the Secretary-General's note containing the draft introduction to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, it would be appreciated if such views were to be communicated to the Fifth Committee no later than the first week of November 1988.

(Signed) Michael George OKEYO  
Chairman of the Fifth Committee  
of the General Assembly

Appendix

Annex

CHAPTERS OF THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR  
THE PERIOD 1984-1989 (EXTENDED TO 1991) (A/43/6 AND Corr.1) AND  
APPROPRIATE MAIN COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>To be referred to:</u>
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Chapters 10 to 20	Second Committee
Chapter 21	Second and Third Committees
Chapters 22, 23 and 24	Second Committee
Chapter 31	Second and Third Committees

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