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

12 October 1988

I have the honour to annex to this letter, so that your Committee may adopt the appropriate measures, a letter addressed to you by the Chairman of the Fifth Committee relating to agenda item 115, entitled "Programme planning".

(Signed) Dante CAPUTO

ANNEX

Letter dated 12 October 1988 from the Chairman of the Fifth
Committee to the Chairman of the Second 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 third 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 A, section I, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-first session (A/36/38, chap. VII). One of the recommendations, which is contained in paragraph 471 of that report, 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, the 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 appendix to this letter indicates the Main Committee(s) to which relevant chapters of the proposed revisions will be referred.

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 under agenda item 115, the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination 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 note by the Secretary-General (A/43/329), together with the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, should be made available to all relevant United Nations bodies.

Furthermore, I should also like to draw your attention to the recommendations of the Committee contained in paragraph 72 of the above-mentioned report (A/43/16 (Part II)) regarding the proposal of the Secretary-General for a new programme structure of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. After its consideration of the 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 the light of the discussion conducted in the Committee.

In order to permit the Fifth Committee to take fully into account the views that Member States may wish to express in the Second Committee on the relevant chapters of the revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 (extended to 1991) and on the note by the Secretary-General containing the draft introduction to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, it would be appreciated if such views were communicated to the Fifth Committee not later than the first week of November 1988.

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

APPENDIX

Chapters of the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 (extended to 1991) (A/43/6 and Corr.1) to be referred to the appropriate Main Committees of the General Assembly

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Main Committee</u>
Introduction	All Main Committees
1 and 2	First, Special Political, Second and Third Committees
3	Sixth Committee
6 and 7	Third Committee
9	Special Political Committee
10 to 20	Second Committee
21	Second and Third Committees
22, 23 and 24	Second Committee
25	Second and Third Committees
