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Letter dated 5 October 1978 from the Chairman of the Committee  
on Conferences to the President of the General Assembly

At its last meeting, the Committee on Conferences considered and adopted the revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 1979, which will shortly be submitted to the General Assembly for its approval. Following the discussion, the Committee requested me to draw your attention and, through you, the attention of the Chairmen of the Main Committees of the Assembly, to the implications of the serious situation resulting, on the one hand, from the heavy meeting schedule foreseen and, on the other, from construction work at Headquarters in three large conference rooms (including the General Assembly hall) during 1979.

A similar tight situation exists at the United Nations Office at Geneva where, owing to a number of special conferences in addition to the regular meeting programme, the conference room capacity has already been reached for most of 1979.

Given these constraints, the Committee on Conferences appeals to all delegations, and in particular to the Chairmen of the Main Committees of the General Assembly, to satisfy themselves, prior to considering any draft resolution, that for meetings proposed as additions to the calendar of conferences in certain periods of 1979 sufficient conference room facilities will be available. Such a precautionary measure could contribute to avoiding conflicts in accommodating room requirements of various United Nations bodies.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the Chairmen of the Main Committees of the General Assembly and have it circulated as a document of the Assembly under agenda item 107.

(Signed) Michael G. OKEYO  
Chairman of the  
Committee on Conferences