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PRELIMINARY LIST OF ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF  
THE THIRTY-FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Note by the Secretary-General

1. This document has been prepared in accordance with the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly, as set forth in paragraph 17 (a) of annex II to Assembly resolution 2837 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971.

2. The following documents relating to the agenda of the thirty-first session of the General Assembly will appear on the dates specified:

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3. The thirty-first session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 21 September 1976, at 3 p.m.

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Luxembourg.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Credentials of representatives to the thirty-first session of the General Assembly:
  - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President.
5. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers.
6. Election of the Vice-Presidents.
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.
8. Adoption of the agenda.
9. General debate.
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.
11. Report of the Security Council.
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council.
13. Report of the Trusteeship Council.
14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency.
15. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council.
16. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council.
17. Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
18. Election of fifteen members of the Industrial Development Board.
19. Election of nineteen members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme.
20. Election of twelve members of the World Food Council.
21. Election of twelve members of the Board of Governors of the United Nations Special Fund.

22. Election of the members of the International Law Commission.
23. Election of seventeen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.
24. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples /resolutions 3396 (XXX) to 3398 (XXX) of 21 November 1975, 3399 (XXX) and 3400 (XXX) of 26 November 1975, 3420 (XXX), 3421 (XXX) and 3424 (XXX) to 3433 (XXX) of 8 December 1975, 3458 A and B (XXX) of 10 December 1975, 3480 (XXX) to 3482 (XXX) of 11 December 1975 and 3485 (XXX) of 12 December 1975 and decisions of 8 and 11 December 1975/.
25. Admission of new Members to the United Nations.
26. Question of Palestine /resolutions 3375 (XXX) and 3376 (XXX) of 10 November 1975/
  - (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;
  - (b) Report of the Secretary-General.
27. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: report of the Secretary-General /resolution 3412 (XXX) of 28 November 1975/.
28. The situation in the Middle East /resolution 3414 (XXX) of 5 December 1975/.
29. Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea /resolutions 3067 (XXVIII) of 16 November 1973 and 3483 (XXX) of 12 December 1975/.
30. International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space /resolution 3388 (XXX) of 18 November 1975/.
31. Preparation of an international convention on principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space /resolution 3388 (XXX) of 18 November 1975/.
32. Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the Secretary-General /resolution 3389 (XXX) of 18 November 1975/.
33. Reduction of military budgets: report of the Secretary-General /resolution 3463 (XXX) of 11 December 1975/.

34. Incendiary and other specific conventional weapons which may be the subject of prohibitions or restrictions of use for humanitarian reasons: report of the Secretary-General /resolution 3464 (XXX) of 11 December 1975/.
35. Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament /resolution 3465 (XXX) of 11 December 1975/.
36. Urgent need for cessation of nuclear and thermonuclear tests and conclusion of a treaty designed to achieve a comprehensive test ban: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament /resolution 3466 (XXX) of 11 December 1975/.
37. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 3467 (XXX) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco) /resolution 3467 (XXX) of 11 December 1975/.
38. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean /resolution 3468 (XXX) of 11 December 1975/.
39. World Disarmament Conference: report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference /resolution 3469 (XXX) of 11 December 1975/.
40. Effective measures to implement the purposes and objectives of the Disarmament Decade /resolution 3470 (XXX) of 11 December 1975/.
41. Implementation of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa /resolution 3471 (XXX) of 11 December 1975/.
42. Comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects: report of the Secretary-General /resolutions 3472 A and B (XXX) of 11 December 1975/.
43. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East /resolution 3474 (XXX) of 11 December 1975/.
44. Convention on the prohibition of military or any other hostile use of environmental modification techniques: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament /resolution 3475 (XXX) of 11 December 1975/.
45. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia /resolutions 3476 A and B (XXX) of 11 December 1975/.
46. Conclusion of a treaty on the complete and general prohibition of nuclear weapon tests /resolution 3478 (XXX) of 11 December 1975/.
47. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament /resolution 3479 (XXX) of 11 December 1975/.

48. General and complete disarmament resolutions 3484 A to E (XXX) of 12 December 1975/:
- (a) Report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament;
  - (b) Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency;
  - (c) Report of the Secretary-General.
49. Strengthening of the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament: report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Review of the Role of the United Nations in the Field of Disarmament resolution 3484 B (XXX) of 12 December 1975/.
50. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation resolution 3410 (XXX) of 28 November 1975/.
51. Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa resolutions 3411 A to F (XXX) of 28 November 1975 and 3411 G (XXX) of 10 December 1975/:
- (a) Report of the Special Committee against Apartheid;
  - (b) Report of the Secretary-General.
52. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East resolutions 3419 A to D (XXX) of 8 December 1975/:
- (a) Report of the Commissioner-General;
  - (b) Report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;
  - (c) Report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine;
  - (d) Report of the Secretary-General.
53. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations resolution 3457 (XXX) of 10 December 1975/.
54. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories resolutions 3525 A to D (XXX) of 15 December 1975/.
55. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development resolution 3459 (XXX) of 11 December 1975/:
- (a) Report of the Conference on its fourth session;
  - (b) Report of the Trade and Development Board;
  - (c) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General.

56. United Nations Industrial Development Organization: report of the Industrial Development Board /resolution 3402 (XXX) and decision of 28 November 1975/.
57. United Nations Institute for Training and Research: report of the Executive Director /resolution 3403 (XXX) of 28 November 1975/.
58. Operational activities for development /resolutions 3404 (XXX) to 3408 (XXX) and decision of 28 November 1975/:
- (a) United Nations Development Programme;
  - (b) United Nations Capital Development Fund;
  - (c) Technical co-operation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General;
  - (d) United Nations Volunteers programme;
  - (e) United Nations Fund for Population Activities;
  - (f) United Nations Children's Fund;
  - (g) World Food Programme.
59. United Nations Environment Programme /resolutions 3434 (XXX) to 3438 (XXX) and decision of 9 December 1975/:
- (a) Report of the Governing Council;
  - (b) Report of the Secretary-General under General Assembly resolution 3435 (XXX);
  - (c) Report of the Executive Director under General Assembly resolution 3437 (XXX);
  - (d) Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (e) Election of the Executive Director.
60. Food problems: report of the World Food Council /decision of 15 December 1975/.
61. United Nations Special Fund /resolution 3460 (XXX) of 11 December 1975/:
- (a) Report of the Board of Governors;
  - (b) Confirmation of the appointment of the Executive Director.

62. United Nations University resolution 3439 (XXX) of 9 December 1975:
  - (a) Report of the Council of the United Nations University;
  - (b) Report of the Secretary-General.
63. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator: reports of the Secretary-General resolutions 3440 (XXX) and 3441 (XXX) of 9 December 1975.
64. Revision of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade resolutions 3487 (XXX) to 3490 (XXX) of 12 December 1975 and 3517 (XXX) of 15 December 1975.
65. Development and international economic co-operation: implementation of the decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its seventh special session: reports of the Secretary-General resolutions 3387 (XXX) of 13 November 1975 and 3504 (XXX) to 3507 (XXX) and 3515 (XXX) and decisions of 15 December 1975.
66. Economic co-operation among developing countries: report of the Secretary-General resolution 3442 (XXX) of 9 December 1975.
67. Technical co-operation among developing countries resolution 3461 (XXX) of 11 December 1975.
68. Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination resolutions 3377 (XXX) to 3381 (XXX) and decision of 15 December 1975:
  - (a) Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (b) Reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;
  - (c) Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (d) Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid.
69. Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to colonial and racist régimes in southern Africa resolution 3383 (XXX) of 10 November 1975.
70. Human rights and scientific and technological developments resolution 3384 (XXX) and decision of 10 November 1975.
71. World social situation: report of the Secretary-General resolution 2771 (XXVI) of 22 November 1971 and decision of 15 December 1975.
72. Policies and programmes relating to youth: reports of the Secretary-General resolutions 3022 (XXVII) and 3024 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 and 3141 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973 and decision of 15 December 1975.

73. Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment  
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74. United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace: report  
of the Secretary-General /resolutions 3518 (XXX) to 3524 (XXX) and decision  
of 15 December 1975/.
75. 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:  
report of the Secretary-General /resolution 3382 (XXX) of 10 November 1975/.
76. Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance /resolution 3267 (XXIX) of  
10 December 1974 and decision of 15 December 1975/.
77. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: report of the  
High Commissioner /resolutions 3274 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 and 3454 (XXX)  
to 3456 (XXX) of 9 December 1975/.
78. National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes  
for the purpose of social progress: report of the Secretary-General  
/resolution 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 and decision of 15 December 1975/.
79. Freedom of information /decision of 15 December 1975/:
  - (a) Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information;
  - (b) Draft Convention on Freedom of Information.
80. Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,  
the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional  
Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights:  
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and 3270 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 and decision of 15 December 1975/.
81. United Nations conference for an international convention on adoption law  
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82. Preservation and further development of cultural values /resolution  
3148 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973/.
83. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e  
of the Charter of the United Nations /resolution 3420 (XXX) of  
8 December 1975/:
  - (a) Report of the Secretary-General;
  - (b) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the  
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to  
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84. Question of Namibia /resolutions 3399 (XXX) and 3400 (XXX) of 26 November 1975/:
- (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
  - (b) Report of the United Nations Council for Namibia;
  - (c) United Nations Fund for Namibia: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (d) Appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia /decision of 26 November 1975/.
85. Question of Southern Rhodesia: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples /resolutions 3396 (XXX) and 3397 (XXX) of 21 November 1975/.
86. 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 Southern Rhodesia and Namibia and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples /resolution 3398 (XXX) of 21 November 1975/.
87. 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 /resolution 3421 (XXX) of 8 December 1975/:
- (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
  - (b) Reports of the Secretary-General.
88. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa: report of the Secretary-General /resolution 3422 (XXX) of 8 December 1975/.
89. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General /resolution 3423 (XXX) of 8 December 1975/.
90. Financial reports and accounts and reports of the Board of Auditors:
- (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;
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91. Programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977.
92. Medium-term plan:
- (a) Medium-term plan for the period 1978-1981 and revised plan for 1977;
  - (b) Implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit: report of the Secretary-General.
93. Financial emergency of the United Nations: report of the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations /resolution 3538 (XXX) of 17 December 1975/.
94. Review of the intergovernmental and expert machinery dealing with the formulation, review and approval of programmes and budgets /resolution 3392 (XXX) of 20 November 1975/.
95. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions /decisions of 15 December 1975/.
96. Joint Inspection Unit:
- (a) Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit /decision of 20 November 1975/;
  - (b) Question of the continuation of the Joint Inspection Unit /resolution 2924 B (XXVII) of 24 November 1972/.
97. Pattern of conferences: report of the Committee on Conferences /resolution 3491 (XXX) of 15 December 1975/.

98. United Nations accommodation:
- (a) Utilization of office accommodation in the United Nations system;
  - (b) Utilization of office accommodation and conference facilities at the Donaupark Centre in Vienna: report of the Secretary-General /resolution 3529 (XXX) of 16 December 1975/.
99. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions /resolutions 3371 A and B (XXX) of 30 October 1975/.
100. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary organs of the General Assembly:
- (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
  - (b) Committee on Contributions;
  - (c) Board of Auditors;
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  - (f) International Civil Service Commission;
  - (g) United Nations Staff Pension Committee.
101. Personnel questions /resolutions 3416 (XXX) and 3417 A and B (XXX) of 8 December 1975/:
- (a) Composition of the Secretariat: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (b) Other personnel questions: report of the Secretary-General.
102. Report of the International Civil Service Commission /resolutions 3418 A and B (XXX) of 8 December 1975/.
103. United Nations pension system: report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board /resolutions 3526 (XXX) to 3528 (XXX) and decision of 16 December 1975/.
104. Financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force: report of the Secretary-General /resolutions 3374 A to C (XXX) of 30 October, 28 November and 2 December 1975 and decisions of 28 November and 15 December 1975/.

105. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twenty-eighth session /resolution 3495 (XXX) of 15 December 1975/.
106. Conference of Plenipotentiaries on Succession of States in respect of Treaties: report of the Secretary-General /resolution 3496 (XXX) of 15 December 1975/.
107. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its ninth session /resolution 3494 (XXX) of 15 December 1975/.
108. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country /resolution 3498 (XXX) of 15 December 1975/.
109. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization /resolution 3499 (XXX) of 15 December 1975/.
110. Respect for human rights in armed conflicts: report of the Secretary-General /resolution 3500 (XXX) of 15 December 1975/.
111. Implementation by States of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961: report of the Secretary-General /resolution 3501 (XXX) of 15 December 1975/.
112. Measures to prevent international terrorism which endangers or takes innocent human lives or jeopardizes fundamental freedoms, and study of the underlying causes of those forms of terrorism and acts of violence which lie in misery, frustration, grievance and despair and which cause some people to sacrifice human lives, including their own, in an attempt to effect radical changes: report of the Ad Hoc Committee on International Terrorism /resolution 3034 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 and decision of 15 December 1975/.
113. Resolutions adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations /decision of 15 December 1975/:
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  - (b) Resolution relating to the application of the Convention in future activities of international organizations.
114. Consolidation and progressive evolution of the norms and principles of international economic development law /decision of 15 December 1975/.
115. Amendment to Article 22 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice (Seat of the Court) and consequential amendments to Articles 23 and 28 /decision of 21 September 1974/.