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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 22 September 1989, the General Assembly decided to allocate to the Sixth Committee 11 items. The titles of these items and their numbers are reproduced in the letter dated 22 September 1989 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/44/1).

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

3. The following table lists the documents of the forty-fourth 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 22 September 1989 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/44/1).

* The figure in brackets after the title of each item indicates its number on the agenda of the forty-fourth session. The listing of documents has been done on the basis of communications and reports available as at 18 September 1989.

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United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study,
Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (140)

Report of the Secretary-General

November 1989

Letter dated 19 July 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/409-S/20743)

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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:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General;

(b) Convening, under the auspices of the United Nations, of
an international conference to define terrorism and to
differentiate it from the struggle of peoples for
national liberation (141)

Report of the Secretary-General (A/44/456)

29 September

Note by the Secretary-General (A/44/398-S/20736)

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Letter dated 15 June 1989 from the representatives of
Czechoslovakia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General (A/44/328)

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Letter dated 10 July 1989 from the President of the
Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization
addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/398-S/20736)

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Letter dated 1 August 1989 from the Permanent
Representative of Japan to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/436-S/20767)

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Letter dated 8 August 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General (A/44/447-S/20775)

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Letter dated 19 July 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations
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Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order (142)

Report of the Secretary-General (A/44/455)

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Peaceful settlement of disputes between States (143)

Report of the Secretary-General (A/44/460)

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Letters dated 22 December 1988 and 31 March 1989 from the Permanent Representative and the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/57-S/20353 and A/44/204-S/20556)

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Letter dated 13 January 1989 from the Permanent Representatives of Thailand and Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/80-S/20397)

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Letters dated 5 April, 27 July 1989 and 8 September 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/214-S/20572, A/44/419-S/20753 and A/44/512-S/20838)

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Letters dated 9, 10, 11, 18, 24 and 26 January, 21 February, 6, 8, 10 and 14 March, 6, 10, 27 and 28 April, 1, 4, 8 and 16 May and 5 July 1989 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/73-S/20381, A/44/75-S/20388, A/44/77-S/20389, A/44/85-S/20408, A/44/92-S/20418, A/44/97-S/20426, A/44/136-S/20475, A/44/137-S/20476, A/44/162-S/20504, A/44/168-S/20511, A/44/170-S/20513, A/44/172-S/20514, A/44/173-S/20518, A/44/213-S/20571, A/44/219-S/20583, A/44/257-S/20610, A/44/258-S/20612, A/44/263-S/20613, A/44/265-S/20616, A/44/270-S/20621, A/44/283-S/20638 and A/44/369-S/20717)

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Letters dated 17 January and 8 March 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/84-S/20407 and A/44/167-S/20510)

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Letters dated 23 January, 2 February, 20 March, 8 April, 4 and 16 May, 7 June, 5 July, 10, 22 and 31 August 1989 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/91-S/20417, A/44/112-S/20446, A/44/184-S/20538, A/44/218-S/20581, A/44/267-S/20618, A/44/281-S/20636, A/44/307-S/20678, A/44/370-S/20718, A/44/452-S/20781, A/44/472-S/20804 and A/44/496-S/20825)

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Letters dated 22 February and 25 July 1989 from the Permanent Representative and the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/138-S/20477 and Corr.1 and A/44/415-S/20749)

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Letter dated 8 March 1989 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/171)

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Letters dated 13 and 22 March, 3 and 23 May, 7 June, 5 and 12 July, 21 and 22 August 1989 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/175-S/20526, A/44/189-S/20545, A/44/269-S/20620, A/44/294-S/20654, A/44/308-S/20680, A/44/368-S/20716, A/44/390-S/20730, A/44/473-S/20805 and A/44/476-S/20806)

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Letter dated 24 April 1989 from the Permanent Representative of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/238 and Corr.1)

Issued

Letter dated 12 July 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/395-E/1989/128)

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Letter dated 24 July 1989 from the Permanent Representatives of Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/413-S/20746)

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Letters dated 26 and 31 July 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/417-S/20751 and A/44/429-S/20761)

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- Letter dated 31 July 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/428-S/20760) Issued
- Letter dated 19 July 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/409-S/20743) Issued
- Draft Code of Crimes against the Peace and Security of Mankind (144)
- Report of the Secretary-General (A/44/465) Issued
- Letters dated 9, 10, and 11 January and 10 February 1989 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/73-S/20381, A/44/75-S/20388, A/44/77-S/20389, A/44/123-S/20460) Issued
- Letter dated 19 July 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/409-S/20743) Issued
- Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-second session (145)
- Report of the Commission, Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/44/17) Issued
- Report of the Secretary-General (A/44/453)
- Letter dated 19 July 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/409-S/20743) Issued
- Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries (146)
- Report of the Ad Hoc Committee, Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 43 (A/44/43) Issued
- Letters dated 23 January, 2 February, 20 March, 8 April, 4 and 16 May, 7 June, 5 July, 10, 22 and 31 August 1989 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of

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the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/91-S/20417, A/44/112-S/20446, A/44/184-S/20538, A/44/218-S/20581, A/44/267-S/20618, A/44/281-S/20636, A/44/307-S/20678, A/44/370-S/20718, A/44/452-S/20781, A/44/472-S/20804, A/44/496-S/20825)

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Letters dated 13 and 22 March, 3 and 23 May, 7 June, 5 and 12 July, 21 and 22 August 1989 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/175-S/20526, A/44/189-S/20545, A/44/269-S/20620, A/44/294-S/20654, A/44/308-S/20680, A/44/368-S/20716, A/44/390-S/20730, A/44/473-S/20805, A/44/476-S/20806)

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Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-first session (147)

Report of the Commission, Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/44/10)

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Draft articles adopted by the International Law Commission on topics considered at its forty-first session: note by the Secretary-General (A/44/475)

Letter dated 19 July 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/409-S/20743)

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Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (148)

Report of the Special Committee, Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/44/33)

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Letter dated 19 July 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/409-S/20743)

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Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (149)

Report of the Committee, Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 26 (A/44/26)

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Letter dated 19 July 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/409-S/20743)

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International criminal responsibility of individuals and entities engaged in illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs across national frontiers and other transnational criminal activities: establishment of an international criminal court with jurisdiction over such crimes (152)

Letter dated 21 August 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/195)

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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 20 September 1989, decided to recommend that no closing date for the forty-fourth 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 Thursday, 30 November 1989.

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-fourth 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	22 September 1989
Organization of work	25 September 1989
Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-second session (item 143)	26-28 September 1989
Working group to be created by the Sixth Committee pursuant to the recommendation of the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries to settle outstanding issues relating to the above-mentioned draft international convention (meeting in parallel, but not simultaneously with the Sixth Committee)	26 September-10 October 1989
Report of the Special Committee on the Charter) of the United Nations and on the Strengthening) of the Role of the Organization (item 146))	29 September-11 October 1989
Peaceful settlement of disputes between States) (item 141))	
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 (item 139)	

<u>Item</u>	<u>Approximate dates of consideration</u>
(a) Report of the Secretary-General;	
(b) Convening, under the auspices of the United Nations, of an international conference to define terrorism and to differentiate it from the struggle of peoples for national liberation	12-19 October 1989
Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order (item 140)	20-24 October 1989
Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-first session (item 145)	25 October-9 November 1989
Draft Code of Crimes against the Peace and Security of Mankind (item 142)	
International criminal responsibility of individuals and entities engaged in illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs across national frontiers and other transnational criminal activities: establishment of an international criminal court with jurisdiction over such crimes (item 152)	10-15 November 1989
Report of the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries (item 144)	16-21 November 1989
United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (item 138)	22 November 1989
Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (item 147)	24-28 November 1989
Reserve	29-30 November 1989

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 or 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 and its subsidiary bodies took the following decisions or recommendations which are relevant for these purposes:

(a) With respect to agenda item 146, the Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries recommended, at its 1989 session, in paragraph 11 of its report, 1/ "that the Sixth Committee should entrust a working group at the forty-fourth session with the task of settling outstanding issues, thus producing a draft convention to submit to the General Assembly at that session. The Working Group should meet for a maximum period of two weeks at the beginning of the session". As a result of informal open-ended consultations held on 11 September 1989, under the chairmanship of the Legal Counsel, on organizational aspects of such a working group, there was a general agreement that:

- (i) As recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee, an open-ended working group be established by the Sixth Committee at the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly;
- (ii) The mandate of the working group be defined, taking into account paragraph 11 of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee set out above;
- (iii) The working group should meet simultaneously but not in parallel with the Sixth Committee for two weeks from 26 September to 10 October 1989, as was recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee. Towards the end of the second week the Chairmen of the Sixth Committee and of the Working Group should consult in order to determine whether or not the working group will be able to complete its mandate.

(b) Regarding agenda item 147, 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 is considered in the Sixth Committee, with a view to providing effective guidance for the Commission in its work. The General Assembly also decided that the Sixth Committee, in structuring its debate on the report of the International Law Commission, should bear in mind the possibilities of reserving time for informal exchanges of views on matters relating to the International Law Commission (resolution 43/169 of 9 December 1988).

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 Thursday, 30 November 1989, is accepted as the concluding date for the work of the Sixth Committee (see para. 5 above), Wednesday, 22 November 1989, 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 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

11. In order to avoid difficulties in the organization of services for the meetings of regional groups of the Committee, it is suggested that all requests for such meetings be channelled to the Planning and Meetings Services Section through the Secretary of the Committee.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session,
Supplement No. 43 (A/44/43).
