

AGENDA COMMITTEE

ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE SEVENTH SESSION

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The considerations affecting the Committee's recommendations regarding the order in which agenda items should be commenced (whether the initial stage is in plenary or in committee) include the length of time during which the key documents have been available to Members, the desirability of arranging related items so that members of delegations and of the secretariat attending the session for particular subjects may be released as soon as possible, and particular questions which affect specific items.

The Secretary-General draws attention to the following such particular questions in connection with the items listed :

Item 3 (E/830) : Material for this item incorporating the replies to be received from Governments will not be available until the later part of the session.

Items 16, 48 : The I.R.O. have requested that these items should be dealt with in time to leave an appropriate interval before the commencement of the next session of the Preparatory Commission of the I.R.O., which immediately follows the Council.

Item 18 : The Mexican Government have requested that this item be placed among the last items to be considered. The Mexican Government states that it will transmit its comments on the draft conventions on Freedom of Information before 20th July, in view of the fact that it has adopted a procedure of consultation with the interested parties whose collaboration will be necessary to the implementation of the conventions.

Items 20, 22 : Having regard to the date of the International Labour Conference at San Francisco (June - July 1948) the appropriate documents will not have been available to Governments for an adequate length of time before the later part of the session.

Item 21 : The French Delegation have informed the Secretary-General that Madame Lefauchaux, the Chairman of the Commission on the Status of Women, must leave for Indochina on 24th July, and request that this item be put at the top of the list.

Item 23 (i) : The President of the Council has received a cable from the Chairman of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs asking that the report of the Commission should be placed as the first item on the agenda, in order to avoid delay in the signature of the Protocol relating to non-synthetic drugs.

As regards the report which the Secretary-General was instructed to present to the Council regarding a Commission of Inquiry

to study the effects of chewing the coca leaf, the Secretary-General has not yet received answers from the Governments concerned. The Report will therefore be submitted in the later part of the session.

Item 23 (ii) : In document E/821, the Chairman of the Permanent Central Opium Board requests that Part (ii) of item 23 be postponed to the next session of the Council, as the Board wish to give further consideration to the question.

Item 24 : The Executive Board of the ICEF is meeting in Geneva on 15th July.

Item 25 : There are strong administrative reasons for taking this item early in the session.

Items 26, 27, 28, 29 : These four items are closely inter-related. The Secretary-General's Coordination Committee, at its May session, found that in order to discharge its responsibilities fully for the seventh session of the Council, particularly in connection with matters arising out of reports of specialized agencies, it would be necessary to have another meeting before the seventh session. This meeting is taking place on 15th and 16th July in Lake Success, and the documents should be available to Members in the early days of the session.

Also, it should be pointed out that these items require for effective handling the assistance of an exceptionally large number of representatives of specialised agencies.

In order to enable effective arrangements to be made the Secretary-General strongly recommends that considerations of these items should commence on Monday 2nd August, and that every effort should be made to complete them within the next ten or twelve days.

Item 30 : Arrangements have been made for negotiations to take place between the Committee on Negotiations with Inter-Governmental Agencies and the Preparatory Commission of the International Refugee Organisation on 21st July, and with the Interim Commission of the International Maritime Consultative Organisation on (provisionally) 10th August.

2. In order to facilitate the work of the Committee, after taking all relevant considerations into account the Secretary-General suggests the following list of items as a working basis for the Committee :

1. Adoption of the agenda.
21. Report of the second session of the Commission on the Status of Women (parts of the Report left for consideration by the Council at its seventh session).
23. (1) Report of the third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.
46. Report of the Council to the General Assembly.

34. Report of the Secretary-General on Records of the Council.
14. Report of the third session of the Population Commission.
15. Report of the third session of the Social Commission.
12. Report of the second session of the Transport and Communications Commission.
40. Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Trade and Employment Conference.
41. Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Maritime Conference.
7. Report of the Economic Commission for Europe.
8. Report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.
9. Report of the Economic Commission for Latin America.
10. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the factors bearing upon the establishment of an Economic Commission for the Middle East.
5. Report of the third session of the Economic and Employment Commission.
11. United Nations Scientific Conference on the conservation and utilization of resources.
50. Economic Conference on the Amazon Basin countries.
Item proposed by the delegation of Peru.
25. Reports on the United Nations Appeal for Children.
19. Draft Convention on the Crime of Genocide.
16. Report of the Secretary-General on the progress and prospect of repatriation, resettlement and immigration of refugees and displaced persons, including a specific account of the situation of children removed from their country of origin during the course of the war.
48. Action for the solution of legal difficulties arising from the absence, due to war events or persecution, of persons whose death cannot be conclusively established.
(Item proposed by the Preparatory Commission of the I.R.O.).
13. Report of the third session of the Statistical Commission.
4. Report of the Secretary-General on the question of the establishment of research laboratories of the United Nations.
18. Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information.

33. Report of the Secretary-General on international facilities for the promotion of training in public administration.
43. Question of plan for the use of the Central Library at Geneva by the United Nations and specialized agencies.
35. Translation of the classics.
 2. Survey of forced labour and measures for its abolition
Item proposed by the American Federation of Labor, postponed from the sixth session.
42. Draft Rules for the calling of international conferences.
45. Revision of Rules of Procedure of the Council.
47. Procedure for consideration of the financial implications of the decisions of the Council.

(Above three should be taken earlier if sent directly to a Committee to be established on rules of procedure before being considered in plenary).
6. Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization on progress in the co-ordination of studies of suitable measures to bring about an increase in food production.
37. Election of one-third of members of Functional Commissions: Economic and Employment, Transport and Communications, Fiscal, Statistical, Population, Social, Human Rights and Status of Women.

(Above item may be taken earlier if delegations are ready)
26. Relations with and co-ordination of specialized agencies.
27. Reports of specialized agencies.
28. (1) Report of the Secretary-General on organization of the Economic and Social Departments of the Secretariat and on work programmes of Commissions of the Council
(ii) Report of the Secretary-General concerning the form and character of the reports of Commissions and other subsidiary organs.
29. Draft calendar of meetings and conferences in 1949.
24. Report of the Executive Board of the International Children's Emergency Fund.
44. Report of the Secretary-General and of UNESCO on teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations in the schools of Member States.
30. Reports of the Committee on Negotiations with specialized agencies.

32. Report of the Secretary-General on implementation by ICAO of General Assembly Resolutions Nos.39 (I) and 5 (I) concerning Franco Spain.
31. Reports of the Council NGO Committee.
20. Trade Union Rights (Freedom of Association).
49. Infringements of trade union rights.
Item proposed by the World Federation of Trade Unions
22. Principle of equal pay for equal work for men and women workers.
17. Report of the third session of the Commission on Human Rights.
3. Implementation of economic and social recommendations.
Item postponed from the sixth session
36. Confirmation of members of Commissions.
38. Question of the election of three members of the Economic Board for Palestine.
39. Election of members of the Agenda Committee.